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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN Report No. NINGERUM NO 1 / 65-66

Patrol Conducted by G.E. Luhrs Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Part NINGERUM Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 4 R.P. & N.G.C
1 Native Medical Orderly
1 Patrol Interpreter

Duration—From 27 / 7 /19 65 to 14 / 8 /19 65

Number of Days 19

Did Medical Assistant Accompany ? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Feb /1964

Medical June /19 65

Map Reference Border Sheet No 5 (1:100,000)

Objects of Patrol Census revision : Routine Administration

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Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

17 / 9 / 1965

L. C. Bursted
*District Commissioner*

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

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

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

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67-3-2

13th October, 1965.

District Commissioner,
Western District,
DARU.

Mingerum Patrol Report NO1/1965-66

1. Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a very interesting patrol report by Mr. LUHRS covered by your memorandum 67-10-1 of 28th September, 1965.

2. Your comments and those of Mr. Leslie have been noted. I am glad to note that Mr. Leslie has commented very fully on this report.

3. Mr. Luhrs has submitted a very informative and lengthy report, which shows that he is a conscientious officer very interested in native affairs work. His standard of reporting is high and I would advise him to continue submitting reports of this kind.

4. I am quite sure all field officers contacting these people are allaying their unfounded fears of "administration reprisals and retaliation".

5. I am also quite sure that with more administration contact these people will finally learn to settle in villages, take part in cash cropping and finally have their own councils.

6. The village constables' course will do a lot to teaching these men what is expected of them by the Administration.

7. Please find under separate cover 15 sunprint copies of the patrol map.

(T.G. Aitchison)
A/DIRECTOR.

67-3-2, (48)

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone
Our Reference 67-10-1
If calling ask for
Mr. IAH:LB

Department of District Administration,
Western District,
DARU.

28th September, 1965.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL NINGERUM 1/1965-66 - NINGERUM CENSUS DIVISION

Attached is a report of the above 19 day patrol by Mr. G.E. LUHRS, Cadet Patrol Officer. Abrupt termination owing to transfer was unfortunate.

2. The report - in effect an area study - is well covered by the Patrol Officer-in-Charge. My general comment is broadly the same as that on LUHR's last West AWIN patrol.

3. Specifically: The "border markers" mentioned are, I believe, merely astro-fix sites; if so, this will be made clear locally. The need for larger, and replacement flags has been separately raised. So also has motor cycle needs (bush Trailstar). I am recommending a Village Constable's course - usually effective provided it is adequately planned and short in duration. Our local Co-operative Assistant will investigate a NINGERUM Buyers' Society possibilities now that KIUNGA extension thereto is not proposed by the latter's shareholders. The people have certainly grasped the excuse potential of the border.

4. 15 copies of the attached map are required, please.

5. A good patrol with all aspects well observed and reported upon. Extracts have been passed to relevant Departments.

F. A. Benstead

(F.A.Benstead),
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Patrol Post,
NINGERUM.
Western District.
26th August '65.

DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION
31 AUG 1965
DARU
WESTERN DISTRICT T.P.N.G.

The District Commissioner,
Western District.,
DARU

NINGERUM PATROL REPORT
1/9-66

1. Please find herewith copies of the abovenumbered Patrol conducted into part of the NINGERUM Census Division by Mr G.E. Luhrs, Cadet Patrol Officer. Mr Luhrs has again presented a good Report and I feel that his Patrol contact is as good as his Report. However, this Report is below the standard of his previous effort.

2. POLITICAL SITUATION - BORDER MATTERS

Mr Luhrs reference to "fears of Administration reprisals", regarding border crossings is not correct. Those villages in the border areas have been discouraged from Border crossings, and are aware that they cross at their own risk. No "reprisals" have been taken or have been contemplated.

I concur with the remarks re a further distribution of Australian flags, and separate correspondence covers same.

3. NATIVE AFFAIRS

A greater effort will have to be made to encourage these people to move into permanent villages. This should also result from the introduction of cash cropping to the Census Divisions served from NINGERUM. However, till such time as there is a reason for such a movement little improvement can be expected.

4. CENSUS

The DECREASE of 2.30% as noted by Mr Luhrs must be considered. This decrease may balance out when figures for the whole Census Division are compiled.

5. EDUCATION

It has been noted that there has been an enthusiastic response to the establishment of a Primary 'T' School at NINGERUM, due to start in the new year. It is hoped that this establishment does not fall through because of lack of staff.

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6. VILLAGE OFFICALS

Mr Luhrs comments on Village Officals are common to many areas and I doubt if there will be a significant improvement in standards till better educated men are available in the villages, or till Local Government is introduced and established.

7. AGRICULTURE - LIVESTOCK

Till such time as DASF move into the area in an attempt to ascertain what crops may be suitable to the area no marked improvement can be expected.

Transport will be a major problem even when a suitable cash crop is found as produce prices will have to carry heavy Airfreight if a larger 'Strip is constructed at NINGERUM.

I agree with Mr Luhrs comments re improving the diet of these people and such improvement may result in food crop introduction in conjunction with the introduction of cash crops.

8. MEDICAL - HEALTH

The attitudes of these people towards Health is not unusual. There has been a noticable increase in numbers being treated at the NINGERUM Aid Post during recent months.

With more contact the traditional methods of treatment through sorcery will decrease and the outlook towards Health activities will improve.

Dental attention is not of prime importance, attention to this matter by future medical Patrols would suffice.

9. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Positive moves are required in this direction. Since the initial purpose of NINGERUM establishment has been achieved, viz., the creation of an Australian presence, the people of the area are looking towards the Administration for material benefit, other than the presence of the Administartion in their area.

Steps have been taken to establish a NINGERUM Club to serve various needs, initial moves will be the formation of a Station Canteen to be expanded into a Buyers Society after formation and successful operation. I am not in favour of an extension of KBS activities to the NINGERUM as a self contained estsblishment would better serve the area.

10. CONCLUSION

The replacement for Mr Luhrs will finish this Patrol

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after his arrival here. It is a pity Mr Luhrs was not able to carry out the whole Patrol, however the NINGERUM Patrol Programme is well up to date and the delay in completion will not affect Administration activity.

It is noted that Mr Luhrs has made a point of not merely reporting his observations but of also making various sound recommendations on different subjects.

For your attention please,

(D.S. Leslie)
Patrol Officer

cc
Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub district Office,
KIUNGA. WD

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PREAMBLE

NINGERUM Station
KIUNGA Sub-District
WESTERN District

NINGERUM Patrol Report No. 1 / 65-66

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|---|---|
| Patrol Conducted by: | G.E. Luhrs, Cadet Patrol Officer. |
| Area Patrolled: | Part NINGERUM Census Division. |
| Personnel Accompanying the patrol: | Four patrol police<br>One patrol interpreter<br>One native medical orderly - part only |
| Duration of Patrol: | 19 days<br>from 27-7-65 to 14-8-65<br>Nights camped out 18 |
| Last Patrols to the area: | D.D.A. May 1965<br>Medical June 1965<br>D.A.S.F. Nil |
| Objects of the patrol: | (i) Routine Administration<br>(ii) Census Revision |
| Map Reference: | Border sheet No. 5 (1:100,000) |

(G.E. Luhrs)
Cadet Patrol Officer

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Patrol Post,
NINGERUM,
Western District.

17th August, 1965.

The Officer in Charge,
Patrol Post,
NINGERUM.
Western District.

# NINGERUM CENSUS PATROL REPORT

## NINGERUM PATROL No. 1/65-66

## INTRODUCTION

The NINGERUM Census Division, which was formerly administered entirely from KAINGA, was placed under the jurisdiction of the Assistant District Commissioner, NINGERUM, in June last year when NINGERUM was opened as a patrol post. The obvious reason for the NINGERUM Census Division being placed under the jurisdiction of NINGERUM Patrol Post is that the census division lies adjacent to the station.

2. KAIUMGUIM Village, the furthermost village that I reached in the NINGERUM Census Division, is some seventeen hours walking time from the station.

3. In its present form, the NINGERUM Census Division is bounded to the west by the West Irian Border, to the south-west by the OK-BIRIM River and to the east and south-east by the OK-TEDI River. The northern boundary is the boundary between the NINGERUM and OLSOBIP Patrol Post ~~boundaries~~ areas. The only NINGERUM villages which are outside these boundaries are HAIDAUWOGAM and TAMARO villages which are on the left bank of the OK-TEDI River. In all, the NINGERUM Census Division encompasses an area of some three hundred and ninety square miles.

4. The topography of the census division falls into two basic catagories. The first catagory ~~xx~~ including all of that land south of HUKIM Village (map refers) is made up of low undulating ridges which make for easy and pleasant walking. The second catagory which includes all of that land north of HUKIM is made up of high ridges which get considerably higher and more difficult to cross as one approaches the mountain system to the north.

INTRODUCTION (Continued)

5. Likewise I noticed that the population differs as one moves from the south to the north of the census division in that the people who live in the southern reaches of the census division are more aware of the Administration and are more sophisticated than are there northern cousins. This however is due to the fact that the people who live in the south are closer to the station and have more contact with the Administration than do those people who live in the north. Also the villagers who live in the south have had a fair amount of contact with their more sophisticated neighbours, the YUNGUM people.

6. Unlike the YUNGUM population, the other border group in the NINGERUM Patrol Post area, the population of the NINGERUM Census Division is centred on the Australian side of the West Irian Border, there being only a matter of three or four NINGERUM villages in West Irian. The YUNGUMs on the other hand are mostly on the West Irian side of the border.

7. The existance and implications involved in sharing an International border have been pressed home to these people during the past two years, however there is still a considerable amount of movement, both ways, across the border. The custom of intermarrying across the border is still quite strong although the people are being very discreet about their marraige transactions across the border nowadays as they fear Administration retaliation for having any contact with peoples in West Irian.

8. During the past five years the NINGERUM Census Division has been visited by the following Administration patrols:

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| June 1960 | Census Patrol |
| November 1962 | Census Patrol |
| September 1963 | Medical Patrol |
| June 1963 | Census Patrol |
| November 1963 | Routine Administration Patrol |
| February 1964 | Election Patrol |
| May 1965 | D.D.A. Patrol |
| June 1965 | Medical Patrol |

In addition to the above there has been some unrecorded Administration movement throughout the census division.

9. This is the first census patrol of the NINGERUM Census Division to be conducted by an officer stationed at the Patrol Post at NINGERUM. Unfortunately due to the fact that I was recalled to the station during the patrol, because of my being transferred to OKSOBIP, the census revision of the entire division was not completed.

INTRODUCTION (Continued)

10. The objects of the patrol were:

(i) Routine Administration
(ii) Census Revision

11. The patrol also spent five days a t TARAKBITS village whilst I collected some information which I required in order to complete an Anthropological Assignment. Other anthropological data collected will be forwarded under separate cover at a later date.

12. The patrol was in the field for a total of nineteen days and camped out for eighteen nights. The entire duration of the patrol was spent in contact with the NINGERUM population.

13. I refer you now to the body of the report.

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# PATROL DIARY.

Teusday, 27th July, 1965.

1000 hrs departed NINGERUM Patrol Post over fair track to the Alice River crossing place. Arrived there at 1030 hrs. It took a half an hour to ferry the patrol safely across the river. Continued on to TIKAM village. Arrived same at 1105.

Village inspected on arrival. Found to be a disgraceful shambles.

1300 census revision and medical check of the village population commenced. Instructions to the villagers also issued.

1700 villagers in to sell food to the patrol. Same was duly purchased.

Slept TIKAM.

Wednesday, 28th July.

0735 villagers were once again assembled and the eight basic standing instructions were impressed upon them.

0820 departed TIKAM over fair track to WOMBON village. Arrived same at 0930.

Village inspection done on arrival. Found to be in excellent condition.

Morning spent holding discussions with menfolk of the village.

1300 census revision and medical check of the village population commenced. One case of a man deliberately concealing his wife from the patrol, because she was sick, was brought to my attention. The matter was immediately referred to the O-i-C NINGERUM for his attention. The woman was brought in from the bush and sent to NINGERUM to receive medical treatment.

1700 villagers in to sell food to the patrol. Same was duly purchased.

Slept WOMBON.

Thursday, 29th July.

0810 departed WOMBON over fair track to TENGKIM village. Arrived same at 0840.

Inspected the village on arrival and noticed that place had been cleaned a matter of a day or so prior to the patrol's arrival. This was later confirmed by the U.F.M.

PATROL DIARY Continued.

Pastor, who is stationed at TENGKIM.

Morning spent having discussions with the Pastor. Information gained during these talks was sent to the O-i-C NINGERUM under confidential cover.

1200 despatched Constable MISINANE and two carriers to NINGERUM.

1300 census and medical check of the village population commenced.

1615 villagers in to sell food to the patrol. Same was duly purchased.

1715 Constable MISINANE and carriers returned to TENGKIM ex NINGERUM.

Slept TENGKIM.

Friday, 30th July.

0800 Village Constable and Councillor came to the rest house and I had discussions with them re the Administration and other things which they desired to be enlightened about.

0935 departed TENGKIM village. Over excellent road - almost motor bike standard - to BIKIM. Arrived same at 1005.

Inspected the village on arrival. Found it to be satisfactory.

Had discussions with the Village Constable and some of the menfolk of the village during the morning. The main topic of the conversation was the pointlessness of building twenty nine - thirty one if those servicing the rest house and police barracks are counted - latrines if no one is going to use them.

1300 census revision and medical check of the village population commenced.

1600 villagers in to sell food to the patrol. Same duly purchased.

Slept BIKIM.

Saturday, 31st July.

0800 Village Constable in to the rest house to try and talk me into a shotgun.

0850 departed BIKIM over good track to

PATROL DIARY Continued.

MINIPON village. Arrived same at 0925.

Inspected village upon arrival. Some repairs to be done to houses and four of them to be relaced.

Councillor from WUWUNGO village in with a group of people involved in a sexual matter. Not all parties came with him and I referred the case to the O-i-C NINGERUM.

1400 census revision and medical check of the village population commenced.

1700 villagers in to sell food to the patrol. Same duly purchased.

Slept MINIPON.

Sunday, 1st August.

Patrol remained MINIPON.

Self worked on census figures to bring all copies of the census sheets up to date.

1715 villagers in to sell food to the patrol. Same duly purchased.

Slept MINIPON.

Monday, 2nd August.

0755 departed MINIPON over fair track to TARAKBITS village. Arrived same 0905.

Villagers were in the gardens during the day and I was unable to do the census.

Erected a di-pole aerial for the A510 radio during the morning.

Afternoon began gathering anthropolical data for an assignment.

1500 radio contact established with the Patrol Post NINGERUM.

1700 villagers in to ~~him~~ sell food to the patrol. Same duly purchased.

Slept TARAKBITS.

Tuesday, 3rd August.

Patrol remained TARAKBITS.

Continued collecting data for my anthropology assignment.

1300 radio contact established with NINGERUM. Instructed to return the medical orderly to the station.

1330 villagers from DETAU into TARAKBITS for the census. Commenced the census of TARAKBITS and DETAU at that time.

PATROL DIARY Continued.

1600 villagers into sell food to the patrol. Same duly purchased.

Slept TARKBITS.

Wednesday, 4th August.

0715 endeavcured to make radio contact with NINGERUM. The attempt was unsuccessful.

0800 Constable MIRA, the N.M.O., and five carriers departed TARAKBITS for NINGERUM.

Continued with the collection of anthropological data.

1300 established radio contact with the O-i-C NINGERUM. 1500 radio contact again established with NINGERUM.

1800 villagers in to sell food to the patrol. Same duly purchased.

Slept TARAKBITS.

Thursday, 5th August.

Patrol remained TARAKBITS.

Continued collecting anthropolical data for my assignment.

During the morning went out to the TARAKBITS airstrip and had a look atbsame. Report on my observations of this strip is contained in a later section of this report.

1300 radio contact established with NINGERUM.

1815 messengers from NINGERUM with mail.

1820 villagers in to sell food to ~~xxx~~ the patrol. Same duly purchased.

Slept TARAKBITS.

Friday, 6th August.

Patrol remained TARAKBITS.

Continued collecting anthropological data for my assignment.

1230 Constable ~~MIRA~~ MIRA and carriers returned from NINGERUM.

1300 and 1500 established radio contact with the O-i-C NINGERUM.

1700 villagers in to sell food to the patrol.

Slept TARAKBITS.

PATROL DIARY Continued.

Saturday, 7th August.

0730 addressed the menfolk of the village on one or two points which I considered they had not understood fully when I addressed the entire village.

0750 departed TARAKBITS over poor track to DETAU village. Arrived same 0905.

Inspected village on arrival. Some instructions were issued to various people in the village.

The ~~weather~~ weather closed in whilst I was at DETAU and so I decided to remain there over night.

Had some discussions with the menfolk of the village.

1700 villagers in with food to sell to the patrol. Same was duly purchased.

1730 sick line done.

Slept DETAU.

Sunday, 8th August.

0730 departed DETAU over poor track to BANKIM No. 2. Arrived same 0830.

Village inspection done on arrival.

Village Constable from DETAU in to BANKIM No. 2. with a woman who is desirous of entering into the bonds of matrimony with a policeman staioned at NINGERUM. Refered to the O-i-C NINGERUM.

This ~~xxxxxx~~ village had been censused by a previous patrol but the names had not been entered into the census book. I entered same into the book.

1150 departed BANKIM No. 2. over fair track to OGUN. Arrived same 1305.

Village inspection done on arrival.

Was unable to do the census of this village as the villagers were in the gardens. Postponed until the following morning.

1700 villagers in to sell food to the patrol. Same duly purchased.

Slept OGUN.

Monday. 9th August.

0730 commenced the census revision of OGUN village. A number of first appearances noted.

0945 departed OGUN over poor track to IRIMKWI village. Arrived same 1125. This includes 35 minutes to cross

PATROL DIARY Continued.

the OK-TARIM River.

Erected a di-pole aerial for the A510 radio.

Village inspection done. The village found to be a disgraceful mess. The people had done absolutely nothing towards carrying out any instructions that had been issued during the past three years.

Heavy rain prevented the census being done during the afternoon.

1500 radio contact established with NINGERUM.

1700 villagers in to sell food to the patrol. Same was duly purchased.

Slept IRIMKWI.

Teusday, 10th August.

0800 census revision of IRIMKWI village commenced.

0945 departed IRIMKWI village over fair track to the OK-TARIM River. Arrived same 1020. All safely across by 1200. Continued on poor track to AMBARE. The latter section of this track is quite good. Arrived AMBARE 1410.

Inspected village on arrival. Found it to be quite satisfactory.

Heavy rain fell during the afternoon so I decided to postpone the census until the following day.

1800 villagers in with food to sell to the patrol. Duly purchased.

1900 messenger from NINGERUM arrived with some medical supplies and mail.

Slept AMBARE.

Wednesday, 11th August.

Remained AMBARE.

Inclement weather continued so postponed the census until the afternoon.

Di-pole aerial erected during the morning.

1300 commenced the census of AMBARE village.

1500 radio contact established with NINGERUM. I was instructed to speed up my progress as I had been transferred to OLSOBIP.

Whilst going into a number of alleged deaths which were supposed to have happened last year I discovered that the stories which had been given to the A.D.C. NINGERUM last year were fabrications on the part of the Village Councillor who had his eye on the Village Constable's position. When I went into the matter the Councillor tried to bribe me and the police. He

PATROL DIARY Continued.

was duly taken into custody.

1800 villagers in to sell food to the patrol. Same was duly purchased.

Slept AMBARE.

Thursday, 12th August.

0730 departed AMBARE village over poor track to SAVAEBON village. Arrived same 0810.

Village inspection done on arrival. Some instructions were issued.

Census revision done. No complaints.

1030 departed SAVAEBON village over fair track to SAWANAM village. Arrived same 1205.

Village inspection done on arrival. Some instructions were issued.

Census revision done. No complaints.

1420 departed SAWANAM village over poor track to KAIUMGUIM. Arrived same at 1605.

Heavy rain prevented the census being done on arrival. However the village was inspected.

1545 villagers in to sell food to the patrol. Same was duly purchased.

Slept KAIUMGUIM.

Friday, 13th August.

Remained KAIUMGUIM because of inclement weather.

During the morning had a di-pole aerial erected.

Self worked on census figures.

1130 weather cleared enough to permit the census to be done.

1300 radio contact established with NINGERUM. Was instructed to return to NINGERUM the following day.

1700 villagers in to sell food to the patrol. Same was duly purchased.

Slept KAIUMGUIM.

PATROL DIARY Continued.

Saturday, 14th August.

0600 departed KAIUMGUIM for NINGERUM.
Arrived same at 2250.

Patrol stood down.

End of Diary

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## POLITICAL SITUATION AND BORDER MATTERS

The people of the Ningerum Census Division, whose villages lie adjacent to the West Irian Border, are reluctant to discuss any matters appertaining to the border and what lies beyond. They are well aware of the fact that the Administration frowns upon any movements across and consequently they are very close lipped about mentioning anything relating to border matters, especially to D.D.A. officers, as they fear Administration reprisals on them for having any knowledge of the 'other side'.

2. However, the missionaries at TARAKBITS and TENGKIM villages have disclosed to myself that people on both sides of the border move quite freely, into and out of Australian territory. The main attraction, for people living in West Irian coming into Australian territory, being the mission store at TARAKBITS. Australian currency and barter goods are used by West Irianese people to aquire the goods for sale in the TARAKBITS store. I stressed to the villagers that these movements across the border must cease and that and that any future movements, across the border, are to be reported, by the village officials, immediately they take place, to the O-i-C Ningerum.

3. I suggest that a further distribution of Australian flags be made, to our border villages, asthere are still a number of villages which do not have flags. All Indonesian villages are alleged to be flying Indonesian colours and many of the villagers consider that they are losing face by not having a flag of their own. I sighted the Indonesian flag at KOROMKIN from BANKIM No. 2 village which is one of our villages still without a flag.

4. It is to be hoped that the border survey between West Irian and Papua-New guinea can be completed as soon as possible, as the border markers placed along the border by the Department of Lands, in 1963, tend to be rather confusing. To illistrate this there are markers in TARAKBITS village, which is over a mile inside the Australian Border, at KOROMKIN village, which is inside Indonesian territory, and at IRIMKWI village, which is also some distance inside Australian territory.

5. To a certain extent the people, living in our border villages, are capitalising on the fact that there is another Administration on the 'other side'. They are using the excuse that it is not much use building decent villages and clearing decent tracks, because if they do soldiers from across the border will only come and burn them down. These apparent fears are, from what I can gather, quite baseless and are nothing more than excuses to get out of building and maintaining reasonable standards of housing. The Indonesian Administration has never shown any ill feeling towards these people and no such threats have been reported to the Administration at either Kiunga or Ningerum by villagers from this area.

6. I noticed that there was a reluctance, amongst the people, to disclose what persons were fluent in the Malay tongue. Hence Appendix 'J' may not be one hundred per cent correct.

POLITICAL SITUATION AND BORDER MATTERS (Continued)

7. The attitude of these people to such matters as the House of Assembly is not encouraging. In most instances the people had forgotten what the House of Assembly was and they struck me as being absolutely disinterested in it. Although great pains have been taken by myself and previous D.D.A. officers to explain the purposes of the House of Assembly, I feel that, the people still fail to grasp its significance and how they may gain both directly and indirectly from the existence of the House. There were no questions asked of me relating to the house although I endeavoured to stimulate discussions appertaining to it. This attitude towards the House of Assembly and other political matters should change noticeably when the distribution of Administration Radios to certain villages in this area has been completed.

8. With the distribution of radios to these peoples and after they have had time to hear about other parts of the Territory and what is going on in other parts, I think that our task of bringing political enlightenment to them will be much easier. After talking with people of the YUNGIM census division since they have had their radios distributed, I have noticed that they are far more interested in the Administrations work than they were reported to have been previously.

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## NATIVE AFFAIRS

At all times the people were very non committal and cautious about showing any feelings about the patrol. However the patrol was given respectful welcomes at most villages. KAIUM&UIM was the only village where the people showed an absolutely indifferent attitude towards the Administration's presence. Though on the other hand, when I passed through HUKIM village on the last day of the patrol I was given an exceedingly warm welcome. The villagers of this village came quite willingly and gave the patrol large gifts of food for the carrier line. The patrol reciprocated with gifts of tobacco.

2. The Ningerum people, on the whole, have been greatly impressed by the rapid development which has taken place on the station during the past twelve months and are prepared to see this development spread out from the station into their villages. They showed a great interest in such things as the school which the Department of Education is to open at Ningerum next year.. There is however, a certain element of the community which appears to have no interest or faith in the proposed school and the benifits which can be gained by sending children to it, as well as not appearing to appreciate any of the Administration's other activities. Fortunately though, this group is very much a minority and I do not doubt that they will change as the Administrations influence becomes more concrete amongst the people of the Ningerum census division.

3. One of the most common complaints that village officials brought to my notice was that the villagers were not living in the villages except when there was a patrol in the area, and consequently, the officials were unable to assemble the villagers in order that statutory road maintenance could be carried out. It was also the excuse used by village officials to explain the reasons why many instructions issued by previous D.D.A. officers were not complied with.

4. Until such times as the people can be induced to take up permanent residence in the villages, little can be done to remedy such ~~in~~ such things as stated in para 3 this section. However I think that the population will not change their traditional mode of living in their garden houses until such times as a village existence offers them something better than their present existance offers them.

5. The general standard of housing in the villages throughout the census division is ~~xim~~ quite low. This is the result of the villagers not having any pride in the houses which they maintain in the village to be used only at infrequent intervals. There has been no noticeable swing away from the traditional type of housing in the area and the life expectancy of houses in the census division is about two years. Perhaps when the Department of Education get their Technical shool under way on the station we can expect to see more substantial village houses constructed by the natives.

NATIVE AFFAIRS (Continued)

6. In all of the villages that I visited, each house had at least one deep pit latrine servicing it. BIKIM village, which has a population of ninety nine people living in thirteen houses, has twenty nine latrines. If they were ever used, this number of latrines would be a credit to the village. For the most part, latrines are hastily thrown together structures which are placed on the sides of ridges and for all practical purposes are quite useless. I noticed that the villagers in the southern reaches of the census division did endeavour to give their latrines a used look ie. cleaned the cobwebs from around the pit and inside the latrine building, whereas the villagers in the northern reaches of the census division made no attempts whatsoever to disguise the fact that their latrines are not used. These latter groups appear to think that it is satisfactory to build their latrines and leave it at that. No matter how many times the purpose behind building latrines is explained to them the villagers do not appreciate the purpose of same. They have never had any great diseases which have stemmed from insanitary surroundings and they can not see how any epidemics can break out amongst them. Another reason why they don't take to using latrines habitually is that it is extremely easy for an enemy to remove excreta from a latrine and work sorcery on it.

7. Only one case of adultery was brought to the patrol's notice and this was referred to the O-i-C Ningerum. However as yet the Village Constable has not yet brought the offenders to the station. A number of prosecutions are to be made for deliberate census evasion.

8. The demand for shotguns, which is so prevalent amongst villagers in other areas, is not so great in the Ningerum as yet. I have recommended the approval for the purchase of a shotgun for each TENGKIM and WOMBON villager.

9. Labour from this area is available for work at the rate of thirty shillings a month and rations etc provided. Carriers are available at a rate of three shillings a day.

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## CENSUS

There were a number of deliberate cases of census evasion brought to the patrol's notice. The most serious being where a man, whose wife was sick and absent from the census, reported her as being dead. The villagers reported that she was sick as soon as the man told me the lie. Other cases of census evasion were because a number of people couldn't be bothered coming in to the village for the census. Action is being taken against these people.

2. BANKIM No. 2. village which was censused initially by a previous patrol had the initial census redone as the tax census sheets for the village were apparently misplaced when all the census books etc. were brought to Nirgerum from Kiunga last year.

3. There were a number of first appearances recorded at this census. These are mainly persons who moved into our border villages, to resume working their traditional lands, after the Indonesian Administration took over West Irian. Kiunga Patrol Report No 1 / 63-64 refers to this in some detail.

4. The people now appear to understand census revision requirements. Only two cases of loss of memory were encountered and only one duplication of names was noted in the census books.

5. Seventy two births have been recorded since the last census in the ratio of forty males to thirty two females. This, from 288 women of child bearing age, represents a child birth per woman every three years. Fifteen women were seen to be pregnant and the names of same are recorded in Appendix 'D' of this report.

6. Deaths recorded since the last census totalled one hundred and three. Most of these deaths were attributed to pains in the chest and stomach with a few being caused by what appears to be influenza.

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| Birth rate per 100 is..... | 5.60 |
| Death rate per 100 is..... | 7.90 |
| Natural rate of DECREASE per 100..... | 2.30 |
| Nea-natal mortality rate per 100..... | 4.20 |

8. There are a total of ninety eight people absent from their villages because they are at work. In addition to this there are a further five people absent from their villages because they are in search of an education. This represents a total of 7.9 per cent of the population, of the villages visited, who were legitimately absent from their villages at the time of census.

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## ROADS, BRIDGES AND WATERWAYS

Appendix 'K' regarding walking times refers to the above. Other sections of this report also refer to the above.

2. Throughout the census division there is a system of what can only be classed as inter-village bridal tracks. The standard of these tracks is not a t all high although they are of a higher standard that those that one encounters in the West AWIN Census Division. The villagers do little work on the tracks betwween patrols and current walking times between villages remain the same as those walking times recorded by patrols of two and three years ago. However the villagers are hampered by the fact tha t they have few tools ~~xx~~ with which to work on their tracks and bring them up to the desired standards. It was noticed that the villages which are closest to the station had the best intervillage tracks. Those tracks in the north ~~xxx~~ of the census division of a particularly low standard and it is only to be hoped that now these areas can be visited more frequently ~~xx~~ by officers stationed at Ningerum, the standard of these tracks will improve noticeably.

3. Bridges as such are non existant in this area. A log dropped across a creek a couple of days before a patrol is due to pass along the road is the only effort that is made to bridge creeks. I think that the reason why the natives dont build bridges across the creeks is that all of the creeks in that area are subject to severe flash flooding and any bridges that they built would more than likely be swept away in the first flood. In any case it is much easier to drop a log across a creek a couple of days before the patrol comes through.

4. The two main watercourses in the Ningerum are the OK-BIRIM and the OK-TARUM and neither of these can be considered of any great importance as they are navigable only after heavy rains. Only in the areas around the mouths of these two rivers do the natives build and use canoes. Both streams have numerous rock bars which prevent them being used by even canoes for most of the year.

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## MISSIONS AND AIRSTRIPS

The only mission which is represented in the Ningerum Census Division is the Unevangelised Field Mission, which has native pastors stationed at TARAKBITS village, TENGKIM village and at the station at Ningerum. These mission stations are all controlled and supplied from the U.F.M. station at RUMGINAE which is in the South AWIN Census Division. The stations are all visited at regular intervals by European staff stationed at the regional headquarters of the U.F.M. at RUMGINAE.

2. The native missionaries, ALE-APOMA at TARAKBITS and AIWADI-SIBOKO at TENKIM, are fairly active in that they visit all of the villages close to their base villages at least once every three weeks. Both of these missionaries administer basic medical treatment to the villagers and the missionary xxxx at TARAKBITS has also started a school in the village which has a fair attendance. The missionary at TENGKIM is currently in the process of starting a school similar to that operating at TARAKBITS.

3. Both missionaries impressed me as being average villager types, who made no attempts to interfere with the activities of the patrol, and they were always willing to offer assistance to the patrol if it was ever required.

4. This mission appears to have a very strong following amongst the population of the villages that I saw.

5. There are only two airstrips which service the Ningerum Census Division. There are the strip at the Patrol Post at Ningerum and the other is at TARAKBITS village. The latter is used by the U.F.M. to service their two field stations at TARAKBITS and TENGKIM.

6. Whilst the patrol was at TARAKBITS, I took the opportunity to examine the airstrip there. I feel that it can not be extended in length for more than about one hundred feet and its width can be extended for about thirty or forty feet. Any further extensions would require a great deal of capital and labour.

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## EDUCATION

At present there is no Administration activity in this field in this area. All education is in the hands of the Unevangelised Field Mission in the form of schools at TARAKBITS village and at the Patrol Post a t NINGERUM.

2. The only attendance figures that I have obtained are those figures for the fourteen villages that I visited during the course of the patrol. The mission school at TARAKBITS has an attendance of thirty six people, which includes twenty nine males and seven females. In addition to this there are nine other males absent from their villages in search of an education. Eight of these are attending mission schools at GARANDIMIX and RUMGINAE. One is attending the Catholic school at KOROMKIN in West Irian.

3. There are a total of one hundred and sixty two males and one hundred and seventy females between the ages of six and fifteen years in the fourteen villages that I visited.

4. The pastor at TENGKIM is currently endeavouring to get a the assistance of the village people to help him build a school in that village. He anticipates getting his education programme under way within the next few months.

5. The pastor at TARAKBITS teaches the local children in the Ningerum vernacular and very elementary English. I presume that the school at TENGKIM will have the same syllabus as that at TARAKBITS and that it will be of the same standard as that at TARAKBITS.

6. The villages which I visited showed a great deal of interest in the proposed school which the Department of Education is starting at Ningerum in early 1966. The villagers have all indicated that they will send their children to the Government school when it is opened.

7. I suggest that, for the first year at least, after the school is opened at Ningerum one adult from each village that sends children to the school be allowed to live with the children on the station. These adults could be well used to look after the school grounds, dormitories and also cook for the children who are attending the school.

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## VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Appendicies 'B' and 'C' refer to the above in some detail. Other sections of this report also refer to the above.

2. At present there are eight village constables in the fourteen villages that I saw, who are permanent officials. I have recommended that a further three appointments, made by previous patrols, be confirmed. The recommendations are being forwarded th the District Commissioner, Daru, with this report.

3. The death of one village constable was recorded and I have recommended that another village constable be dismissed. The recommendation for dismissal and the notification of death are also accompanying this report.

4. The impression that I gained about the village officials of this census division, is that their standard is very low. Mainly I should say, because of the very fragmented existance that these people lead. This, coupled with the fact that the NINGERUMs are a very individualistic people not accustomed to being overlorded by anyone, and not above assaulting anyone who tries to overlord them, makes the job of village officials very difficult.

5. Another thing that I noticed about village officials is that many of them are unsure of their actual purpose in the Administrative machine. Although their duties have been made quite clear to them by D.D.A. officers on a number of occassions, they remain igrarant of many of the purposes behind the instructions that they have been given. I should say that it is because of the village officials being unsure of their stations in the Administration that we have so many village officials conducting their own courts and other similar undesirable practises.

6. I suggest that to remedy the above, a course of say six or two weeks for village officials be held on the station in order that some of the less obvious as well as the obvious reasons for village officials being appointed could be explained to them. Such a course would also assist D.D.A. officers build up the desirable rapport between themselves and village officials, which is not what could be hoped at the present stage.

7. However I feel that until such times as the NINGERUMs have completely settled down to the large village existance, little can be expected in the efficiency of village officials.

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## AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK

Appendix 'H' of this report deals with the above. Other sections of this report also make reference to this subject.

2. Agriculture throughout the area, which I visited, remains purely on a subsistance basis. Sago and bananas being the staple foods in the native diet. These are supplemented by root crops, pineapples, okari and breadfruit, when the latter two are in season. There was no shortage of food in the area when the patrol was there and ample supplies of food were brought to the patrol for sale, even when the patrol remained at a village for two or three nights.

3. The extent to which introduced food crops figure in the native diet is not large, as appendix 'H' tends to indicate. Pineapples being the only introduced food crop which has been adopted into the native diet on any large scale.

4. The introduction of a wider variety of food crops and the distribution of more coconuts, mangoes, paw-paws etc. would serve a dual purpose for Administrative reasons. Firstly the introduction of more food crops would give the people a more substantial diet and we could expect a higher productivity from each man who is employed by both the Administration and private enterprise. It has been observed at Ningerum when labour first come to work on the station they are physically incapable of doing heavy manual labour for at least a week because they get tired very quickly. After being fed on rice for a week the amount of work each man is capable of doing increases considerably. This is attributed to the food which they receive whilst on the station as much as them becoming accustomed to the heavy work which they do. Secondly the introduction of more food crops would help to stabilise settlement in villages throughout the census division. It has been noticed in other census divisions of the patrol post area that those villages which are most stable are also those villages which have a number of established introduced food crops.

5. The number of pigs disclosed to the patrol by the natives are, I think, a fairly close indication of the true numbers in the area. The next patrol may record fewer numbers of pigs as the pig festival is due to start within the next couple of months and most of the pigs will probably be killed off before next March or April, if information disclosed to me was correct.

6. There has never been any D.A.S.F. activity in this census division and as far as I am aware there are no definite plans for this department to move in and establish a cash economy based on agriculture in this region. Any crops introduced for the purpose of establishing a cash economy will depend largely on the construction of a D.C.3 airstrip at Ningerum for their success. River transport being impractical north of the junction of the OK-TEDI and OK-MART rivers.

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## MEDICAL AND HEALTH

Appendix 'L' of this report refers.

2. There are no Administration aid posts in the Ningerum census division at the present time. There was one Administration aid post at BWAKIM village but the aid post orderly was withdrawn from that village in 1963. Now the population of the Ningerum census division is dependant on the Administration aid post at the station as well as on the two U.F.M. missionaries at TARAKBITS and TENGKIM villages. These two native pastors administer only very basic treatments (ie-cough mixture and dressings for sores etc.)

3. The Hospital orderly, WALTER-ABUA, who accompanied the patrol for eight days, gave those villagers that he saw, a reasonably thorough examination. Appendix 'L' refers to the treatments which he gave. After he left the patrol I dressed any sores and gave people with colds a dose of cough mixture but I didn't keep a record of the bushy type treatments that I administered. Any people I considered in need of medical treatment were despatched to the aid post at Ningerum.

4. The attitude of these people towards medicine is not at all encouraging. They consider that sorcery is a more reliable cure for sickness than is Administration or Mission medicine. The only way I can see of the mistrust these people have of medicine being eradicated is by P.H.D. either establishing a number of aid posts throughout the area or by having a number of comprehensive patrols, conducted by qualified medical assistants, visit this area at frequent intervals for the next couple of years. It will be quite some time before these people come seeking medical treatment as a substitute for sorcery to cure their complaints.

5. There have been two medical patrols into this area since 1963, the latest one being a smallpox vaccination patrol in June of this year. I think that the smallpox vaccination patrol could have gone around this census division in a more leisurely manner and spent a bit more time convincing the people of how the advent of medicine can improve their existence.

6. I recommend that the next P.H.D. patrol be of a dental nature. Such a patrol could help these people realize that the Administration can do more than clear up tropical ulcers and other type illnesses.

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

At the present time there is no economic development taking place within this census division, and the natives, unlike the more sophisticated peoples in the NINGERUM area, have not as yet, shown signs of desiring any activity on any large scale.

2. I have sounded out some villagers on the subject of starting a buyers society similar to that which is currently operating at KIUNGA, although on a smaller scale, and they appear to be attracted by the idea. Snake and lizard skins would be the main products to come out of this area, although crocodiles have been ~~xxxx~~ sighted as far north as the patrol post at NINGERUM and these may also be caught.

3. Income derived by the natives from these sources would be very limited, a fact which I fully realize, but it would serve to make these people more economically aware and serve to stimulate a basic form of a cash economy for any natives enterprising enough to make an attempt to better their financial position. In addition to this, Administration prestige throughout the area would receive a terrific boost by ~~xxx~~ starting such a society.

4. The Assistant District Commissioner at KIUNGA has indicated that the Kiunga Buyers Society would be willing to extend their activities to this area and open a branch store at Ningerum. I would be in favour of this providing that the local population can get access to purchasing shares in the K.B.S. and that they can be represented on the K.B.S. board of directors by local people. If the local people cannot take an active part in the administration of the K.B.S. I feel that it would be far more beneficial to the local ~~xxxxxxxx~~ population to start an independant society and go it alone.

5. There are two trade stores currently operating in the NINGERUM Census Division. These are, one at TARAKBITS village and one at the station at Ningerum. Both stores are run by U.F.M. pastors who are stationed at these places. Neither store offers a wide range of goods for sale and as far as I have been told there are no plans to extend the variety of goods to be sold.

6. Any large scale economic development in the future will be hampered by a poor system of communications and extremely high overhead costs involved in getting products out of this area to distant markets. Any efforts to utilize the Alice River will be hampered by the fact that this river is very unreliable and can only be navigated, by vessels of any size, as far upstream as ~~xxxxxxxx~~ the point where the OK-MART River joins the Alice. This point is some miles downstream from the patrol post and will necessitate small vessels plying between the station and the landing stage in the mouth of the OK-MART River.

7. Therefore as I see it the only way to get cash crops out of the NINGERUM census division is by opening a D.C.3. airstrip at the Patrol Post at Ningerum. The expense will be less in the long run to airfreight any produce out than by sending by boat.

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## CONCLUSION

The foregoing has been a report of the first census patrol of part of the NINGERUM Census Division to be done by an officer stationed at the new NINGERUM Patrol Post. The entire census revision of this division was done as the writer was instructed to terminate the patrol because of a transfer.

2. It would appear that for the present time little can be done in this area in the way of establishing a cash economy for the people. However, the year 1966, is to see some rapid advancement, particularly in the field of education, and this should give Administration prestige in this area a terrific boost.

3. Now that the NINGERUM Census Division can be visited more frequently by Administration patrols, it is to be expected that these people will gradually become more settled and eventually take up living permanently in their villages instead of out in the garden houses.

4. I am of the opinion that almost any projects that the Administration wishes to start amongst these people will get a strong following as they are well aware of what has been accomplished on the station during the past twelve months and at the moment Administration stocks are quite high amongst the majority of these people.

5. An enjoyable patrol. For your information, please,

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(G.E. Luhre)
Cadet Patrol Officer

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APPENDIX 'A' (Ningerum Patrol Report No. 1/65/66)

R.P. & N.G.C. Detachment.

6131 Constable 1st Class AGORANTA.

As the patrol N.C.O. this policeman proved to be reliable and competent at all times. He set an excellent example for his subordinates at all times and maintained excellent control over his subordinates and the carrier line. Does not lack for forcefulness if the occassion for same arises. Is hampered by the fact that his legs have started to give him a certain amount of trouble during long walks. Personal appearance was at all times neat.

9934 Constable 5th year EDO-KAIVA.

A very experienced constable who performs his appointed duties with a minimum of fuss and delay in a most efficient manner. He sets an example which the junior members of the constabulary can look up to and respect. Good N.C.O. material. Personal appearance at all times neat.

10889 Constable 3rd year MISINANE-KURA.

This constable is still finding his feet with regard to dealing with the local populace. He has had little previous bush experience and is rapidly learning how to carry out his prescribed duties in this area. Is of cheerful disposition and an asset to any patrol. His personal conduct and appearance are at all times good.

10778 Constable 2nd year MIRA-WABI.

A cheerful constable who perfcrms his duties proficiently at all times. Handles carriers well and does not lack for forcefulness if it is necessary. His personal appearance is at all times neat.

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APPENDIX 'B' (Ningerum Patrol Report No. 1 / 65-66)

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

AMBARE:

V/C KAWINGIAP-AMBARI
Councillor ONEM-KORON

The V/C of this village was suspended by Mr a/A.D.C. Edwards during late 1964 because of reports that he had been basuing in the heads of people who had died, with a stone, to drive away a certain illness that was plaguing the village. The reports also had it that the bodies, after being defaced, were thrown into one of the village's drinking streams. However when I investigated these reports I found them to be false and tha t the Councillor wanted to get the V/C out of office for personal reasons.
I recommend that the V/C be reinstated and that the councillor be sacked.

BANKIM No. 2.:

V/C DAMKUON-KAKIWIP
Councillor SURUT-MESDAP

This combination of village officials is proving to be a success. They were appointed by Mr A.D.O. O'Connor in 1963. However as this village has a population of only 56 people I consider that two village officials are more than are necessary and I suggest that this village be reduced to a Councillor status. The V/C has not been permanently appointed as of this date.

BUKIM:

V/C KOKE-GUREP
Councillor BANGUN-KAIKEK

This V/C was provisionally appointed by a previous patrol and I recommend that he be made permanent as from the 1st July, 1965. His particulars are:

Name: KOKE-GUREP
Born: 1928
Wife No. 1: VENGBON-WANDO
Born: 1931
Wife No. 2.: KWONDOP-BEAP
Born: 1945
Qualifications: Has been acting in the capacity and has proven to be quite satisfactory.

APPENDIX 'B' (Continued)

**DETAU:**

V/C KAINA-KOLEK
Councillor ADE-OKAM

This V/C was provisionally appointed when the former V/C DOMINIKUS-GUENG was taken into the employ of the Administration as the Kiunga Malay interpreter in February 1964. The man is now an interpreter at NINGERUM. The new appointment has proved to be quite satisfactory and I recommend that he be made permanent. His particulars are as follows:

Name: KAINA-KOLEK
Born: 1935
Wife: SETHENG-KABENG
Born: 1950
Qualifications: Has acted in the capacity of V/C for some time and has proven to be quite satisfactory.

**IRIMKWI:**

V/C RUENMO-LEMTEP
Councillor KAGJOM-AZON

This village constable has proven to be totally unsatisfactory in his capacity. He has made attempt to obey instructions issued fm by previous officers [illegible] refused to make the slightest effort to clean the village and intervillage tracks, organise the building mf and repairing of houses within the village during the past three years. I therefore recommend that he be dismissed forthwith.
I suggest that the councillor be provisionally promoted to the position of V/C.

**KAIUMGUIM:**

V/C YUNGTEN-SENGALENG
Councillor nil this village

This official is totally lacking in clues of his official duties. They were explained to him and he also agreed to accompany the patrol back to the station in order that he might gain some knowledge on improving the standard of buildings within the village. A

**MINIPON:**

V/C BOT-HAKWENG
Councillor GANEN-MOMDUAN

Not an over industrious combination of officials but they are doing a satisfactory job.

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APPENDIX 'B' (Continued)

**OGUN:** V/C BIDUWENG-ADAN
Councillor nilthis village

This official is still a little hazy as to what is required of him as the village constable. His duties have been explained to him a number of times but he still hasn't really grasped the purpose behind his job. I hesitate to press for his being made permanent at this juncture and suggest that he be given an extension of his probationary period until the next patrol visits his village.

**SAVAKBON:** V/C ASEKLIAP-WAILAP
Councillor KATMON-GILAK

This combination of officials is on par with others in the section of the census division which I saw during the patrol. They are doing a reasonable sort of a job.

**SAWANAM:** V/C DEKIT-KOWA
Councillor WOLUK[illegible]AP-MIMA

This combination of officials is doing a reasonable job and I recommend that the V/C who was provisionally appointed by a previous patrol be made permanent. His particulars are as follows:

Name: DIKET-KOWA
Born: 1937
Wife: KLE-KADUN
Born: 1950
Qualifications: Has satisfactorily completed his period of probation.

**TARAKBITS:** V/C BERIAP-ATIRI
Councillor KAMBENG-NONGKIN

V/C doing a reasonable job though the councillor is very much in the background and does little to assist the V/C.

**TENGKIM:** V/C BOKTAP-WOKBAN
Councillor VENGKOK-OKTOK

This pair appear to be doing a good job, at least when there is a patrol in the vicinity of the village.

**TIKAM:** V/C GURIENG-ATU
Councillor HOBEN-KATAN

The V/C was reported dead on the 6th April, 1964. There is only a councillor in this village at present. I suggest that this village be reduced to councillor status as its population is only 49 people. Councillor not at all impressive.

APPENDIX 'B' (Continued)

WOMBOI:

V/C KENIMBON-OMBO provisional appointment made this patrol.
Councillor KONDOMO-MONGAT

The previous Village Constable's dismissal was approved by the Director of District Administration on the 7th May, 1965.
The provisional appointments made by myself were the villagers choices for officials.
The new V/C's particulars are as follows:

Name: KENIMBON-OMBO
Born: 1926
Wife: DEKMUN-DAPMANA
Born: 1930
Qualifications: Speaks fluent Police Motu. Has been the village councillor for some time and has proved to be quite satisfactory.

Would the next officer to visit this village please confirm or abnegate these appointments.

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APPENDIX 'C' (Ningerum Patrol Report No. 1 / 65-66)

VILLAGE CONSTABLE'S WAGES.

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| AMBARE: | KAWIN-IAP-AMBARI | Paid until 31-3-64 |
| BANKIM No.2.: | DAMKUON-KAKIWIP | Provisional appointment |
| BIKIM: | KOKE-GUNEP | Provisional appointment |
| DETAU: | KAIWA-KOLEK | Provisional appointment |
| IRIMKWI: | RUENMO-LEMNEP | Paid until 31-3-64 |
| KAIUMGUIM: | YUNGTEN-SENGALENG | Paid until 31-3-64 |
| MINIPON: | BOI-HAKMENG | Paid until 30-4-64 |
| OGUN: | BIDUWENG-ADAK | Provisional appointment |
| SAVAEBON: | ASEKDLAP-WAILAP | Paid until 31-3-64 |
| SAWANAM: | DEKIT-KOWA | Provisional appointment |
| TARAKBITS: | KERIAP-ATIRI | Paid until 30-4-64 |
| TENGKIM: | BOKTAP-WOKBAN | Paid until 30-4-64 |
| TIKAM: | GURIANG-ATU deceased | Paid until 30-6-62 |
| WOMBON: | KENIMBON-OMBO | Provisional appointment |

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APPENDIX 'D' (Ningerum Patrol Report No 1 / 65-66)

UNDENIABLY PREGNANT WOMEN SIGHTED DURING THE PATROL

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|---|---|
| AMBARE: | XIOLDE-KAHUN |
| BANKIM No.2.: | MOKET-KUBAN |
| BIKIM: | MOKNON-KAMENG<br>AMIT-KAKUP |
| DETAU: | nil |
| IRIMKMI: | WEMKIM-UNIWE |
| KAINMGUIM: | nil |
| MINIPON: | nil |
| OGUN: | ATUM-KADNOK<br>BIKON-KADIET<br>SEGOP-DENDON |
| SAVAKBON: | TAMGET-KARINJAP |
| SAWANAM: | nil |
| TARAKBITS: | HUI'OK-TOWONGO<br>WANGIN-KWONMOK |
| TENGKIM: | UMUN-ORIM |
| TIKAM: | BAINUN-DEBDAP |
| WOMBON: | TANKON-AMBUK<br>ONGAWON-HOKBIN |

NOTE.

(i) All the above admitted to being pregnant when questioned.

(ii) At the previous census where a woman was recorded as being pregnant and where the child was not brought up to have its name recorded at this census, pregnancy was often denied.

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APPENDIX 'E' (Ningerum Patrol Report No 1 / 65-66)

RADIO RECEPTION at the places where I stayed overnight, using a [illegible] Transistor National Radio fitted with reasonably [illegible] batteries. An insulated aerial about fifteen feet in length, hastily erected, was attached to the radio. The aerial was positioned to receive radio's DARU and WEWAK. No earth was attached to the radio.

| VILLAGE | DARU | WEWAK | P/MORESBY | SUKARNAPURA |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| AMBAPEL: | 2 / 5<br>4 / 5 | 5 / 5<br>5 / 5 | 5 / 5<br>5 / 5 | 5 / 5<br>5 / 5 |
| BANKIM No.2.: | - | - | - | - |
| BIKIM: | 5 / 5 | 5 / 5 | 5 / 5 | 5 / 5 |
| DETAM: | 5 / 5 | 5 / 5 | 5 / 5 | 5 / 5 |
| IRIMKIM: | 2-3 / 5 | 4 / 5 | 5 / 5 | 5 / 5 |
| KAIUMGUIM: | 2 / 5<br>3 / 5 | 5 / 5<br>4 / 5 | 5 / 5<br>5 / 5 | 5 / 5<br>5 / 5 |
| MINIPON: | 5 / 5<br>n/h | 5 / 5<br>5 / 5 | 5 / 5<br>5 / 5 | 5 / 5<br>5 / 5 |
| OGUN: | n/h | 5 / 5 | 5 / 5 | 5 / 5 |
| SAVAEBON: | - | - | - | - |
| SAWANAM: | - | - | - | - |
| TARAKOITS: | 3 / 5<br>u/r<br>2-3 / 5<br>3 / 5<br>u/r | 5 / 5<br>5 / 5<br>5 / 5<br>4 / 5<br>5 / 5 | 4 / 5<br>5 / 5<br>3-4 / 5<br>4 / 5<br>5 / 5 | 5 / 5<br>5 / 5<br>5 / 5<br>4 / 5<br>5 / 5 |
| TENGKIM: | 4 / 5 | 5 / 5 | 5 / 5 | 3 / 5 |
| TIKAM: | 5 / 5 | 4 / 5 | 5 / 5 | n/h |
| WOMBON: | 4 / 5 | 4 / 5 | 4 / 5 | 4 / 5 |

Note (i) n/h denotes not heard
(ii) u/r denotes unreadable

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APPENDIX 'E (1)' (Ningerum Patrol Report No 1 / 65-66)

**RADIO RECEPTION** using the A510 portable transceiver with a di-pole aerial.

| VILLAGE | NINGERUM | KIUNGA | OLSOBIP | NOMAD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| AMBARS: | 5 / 5 | 4 / 5 | 4 / 5 | - |
| IRIMKWI: | 4 / 5 | 4 / 5 | 4 / 5 | 3 / 5 |
| KAIUMGUIM: | 3 / 5 | 4 / 5 | u/r | u/r |
| TARAKBITS: | 2-3 / 5 | 4 / 5 | 4 / 5 | - |
| | 3-4 / 5 | - | - | - |
| | 4 / 5 | 4 / 5 | 4 / 5 | 4 / 5 |
| | 4 / 5 | - | - | - |
| | 4 / 5 | 5 / 5 | 5 / 5 | 5 / 5 |
| YIKAM: | 2 / 5 | u/r | u/r | - |

Note * This day used the eight foot whip aerial

u/r denotes unreadable

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APPENDIX 'F' (Ningerum Patrol Report No 1 / 65-66)

HANDICAPPED CHILDREN (H.Q. memorandum 78-4-11 refers)

AMBARE: Male child BUTKIM-VERENTA. Born 1952. Is unable to hear or speak. According to parents this child has been in this condition since birth.

BANKIM No.2.: nil

BIKIM: nil

DETAU: nil

IRINKWI: nil

KATUMGUIM: nil

MINIPON: nil

OGUM: nil

SAVAEBON: nil

SAWANAM: Female child DEKNIK-VERENTA. Born 1954. Is unable to hear or speak. According to the parents this child has been in this condition since birth.

TARAKBITS: nil

TENGKUM: Male child ONIK-WONON. Born 1959. Rupture of the right testicle. The parents of this child were ordered to take him to NINGERUM immediately for onforwarding to the hospital at DAEU.

Male child OKTOK-WANEMBUT. Born 1950. Is cross eyed and also appears to be mentally retarded.

TIKAM: Male child WAWON-NIOWIN. Born 1957. Has the top of his left foot eaten away by an ulcer when he was a child. It has all healed now.

WOMBON: nil

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APPENDIX 'G' (Ningerum Patrol Report No 1 / 65-66)

VILLAGE ISSUES.

| VILLAGE | SPADES | SHOVELS | SARIPS | B'KNIVES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| AMBARE: | 1 good | 1 b/handle | 2 good | nil |
| BANKIM No. 2: | nil | nil | nil | nil |
| BIKIM: | 1 fair | nil | 5 good<br>1 poor | nil |
| DETAN: | nil | nil | nil | nil |
| IRINKWI: | nil | 1 b/handle | 2 good | nil |
| KAIUMGUIM: | 1 good | nil | 2 good | nil |
| MINIPON: | nil | 1 good | 11 good | nil |
| OGUM: | nil | 1 good | 2 good | nil |
| SAVAEBON: | 1 good | nil | 3 good | 1 good |
| SAWANAM: | nil | 1 good | 4 good | nil |
| TARAKBITS: | nil | nil | nil | nil |
| TENGKIM: | 1 fair<br>2 poor | nil | 3 good<br>2 fair<br>2 poor | 1 good |
| TIKAM: | 1 poor<br>1 b/handle | nil | 2 good<br>1 fair | nil |
| WOMBON: | 1 good | 1 b/handle | 7 good | nil |
| Total in good condition: | 4 | 3 | 43 | 2 |
| Total in fair condition: | 2 | - | 3 | - |
| Total in poor condition: | 4 | 3 | 3 | - |
| GRAND TOTALS: | 10 | 6 | 49 | 2 |

APPENDIX 'H' (Mingerum Patrol Report No 1 / 65-66)

AGRICULTURE.

| VILLAGE | COCONUTS | MANGOES | PIGS | FOWLS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| AMBARE: | 9 | 1 | 8 | 4 |
| BANKIM No.2.: | 1 | - | 10 | 4 |
| BIKIM: | 1 | 1 | 400 approx | 32 |
| DETAU: | 3 | - | 50 | 8 |
| IRIMKWI: | - | - | 11 | - |
| KAIUMGUIM: | - | - | 6 | - |
| MINIPON: | 4 | - | 76 | 40 |
| OGUN: | 1 | - | 16 | 7 |
| SAVAEBON: | - | - | 8 | - |
| SAMANAM: | 2 | - | 4 | 2 |
| TARAKBITS: | 10 | - | 60 | 10 |
| TENGKIM: | 12 | - | 119 | 102 |
| TIKAM: | 1 | - | 3 | 13 |
| WOMBON: | 5 | - | 98 | 5 |
| TOTALS: | 49 | 2 | 869 | 227 |

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APPENDIX 'I' (Ningerum Patrol Report No 1 / 65-66)

FOOD PURCHASED BY THE PATROL.

AMBARE: Sago, bananas, taro, sweet potato, sugar cane, bush cabbage.

BANKIM No.2.: nil

BIKIM: Sago, bananas, sweet potato, pumpkin.

DETAU: Sago, bananas, taro.

IRIMKWI: Sago, bananas, sweet potato, taro, sugar cane.

KAIUMGUIM: Sago, yam, sugar cane.

MINIPON: Sago, bananas, sweet potato, taro.

OGUN: Sago, bananas, yam, melons.

SAVAEBON: nil

SAWANAM: nil

TARAKBITS: Sago, bananas, taro, sweet potato, yam, sugar ca ne.

TENKIM: Sago, bananas, yam, pineapples.

TIKAM: Bananas, taro, sweet potato, bush cabbage, sugar cane.

WOMBON: Sagg, bananas, sweet potato, paw-paw.

NOTE. Trade twist tobacco, mathhes, salt and some money were in greatest demand in exchange for the food purchased for the patrol's carriers.

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APPENDIX 'J' (Ningerum Patrol Report No 1 / 65-66)

LANGUAGES.

| VILLAGE | Police M | Police F | Motu M | Motu F | Pidgin M | Pidgin F | English M | English F | Malay M | Malay F |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AMBARE: | 8 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| BANKIM No. 2.: | 5 | - | - | - | - | - | 5 | - | - | - |
| BIKIM: | 10 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| DETAU: | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | 3 | - | - |
| IRIMKWI: | 9 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| KAIUMGUIM: | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| MINIPOM: | 12 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| OGUN: | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| SAVAKBIN: | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| SAWANAM: | 8 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TARAKBITS: | 13 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 7 | 2 | - | - |
| TENGKIM: | 15 | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TIKAM: | 6 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| WOMBON: | 11 | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTALS: | 105 | 6 | 3 | - | - | - | 17 | 5 | - | - |

NOTE. (i) The above refers to persons who are between forty and one hundred percent fluent im the the language.

(ii) No simple English speakers were encountered by the patrol though there could be some in the area.

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APPENDIX 'K' (Ningerum Patrol Report No 1/65-66)

INTER VILLAGE WALKING TIMES.

| FROM | TO | WALKING TIME |
|---|---|---|
| NINGERUM | TIKAM | 1 hour 05 minutes |
| TIKAM | WOMBON | 1 hour 10 minutes |
| WOMBON | TENGKIM | 30 minutes |
| TENGKIM | BIKIM | 30 minutes |
| BIKIM | MINIPON | 35 minutes |
| MINIPON | TARAKBITS | 1 hour 10 minutes |
| TARAKBITS | DETAU | 1 hour 15 minutes |
| DETAU | BANKIM No. 2. | 1 hour 00 minutes |
| BANKIM No. 2. | OGUN | 1 hour 15 minutes |
| OGUN | IRIMKWI | 1 hour 50 minutes |
| IRIMKWI | AMBARE | 4 hours 25 minutes |
| AMBARE | SAVAEBON | 40 minutes |
| SAVAEBON | SAWANAM | 1 hour 45 minutes |
| SAWANAM | KAIUMGUIM | 1 hour 45 minutes |
| KAIUMGUIM | NINGERUM | 16 hours 40 minutes |

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APPENDIX 'L' (Ningerum Patrol Report No 1/65-66)

MEDICAL TREATMENTS GIVEN BY THE PATROL

| | |
|---|---|
| AMBARE: | nil |
| BANKIM No. 2.: | nil |
| BIKIM: | 5 septic sores |
| DETAU: | 1 septic sore, 3 scabies, 1 suspected mumps |
| IRIMKWI: | nil |
| KAUMGUIM: | nil |
| MINIPON: | 5 yaws, 1 septic sore |
| OGUN: | nil |
| SAVAEBON: | nil |
| SAWANAM: | nil |
| TARAKBITS: | 1 burn, 1 minor cut |
| TENGKIM: | 1 child ruptured testicle treated |
| TIKAM: | 4 septic sores |
| WOMBON: | 2 septic sores, 2 yaws 1 cold. |

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APPENDIX 'M' (Ningerum Patrol Report No 1/65-66)

REST HOUSES

AMBARE: In fair condition at the present time though will have to be replaced within the next eighteen months.

BANKIM No 2.: Currently in very good condition.

BIKIM: One of the best rest houses sighted during the patrol. Is in excellent condition.

DETAU: In fair condition at the moment though the roof will have to be replaced within the next few months.

IRIMKWI: In very poor condition and needs to be replaced before the next patrol passes through.

KAUMGUIM: A disgraceful stucture needs replacing immediately.

MINIPON: In fair condition only needs repairs done on its roof.

OGUN: Totally inadequate for patrol requirements.

SAVAERGM: In fair condition.

SAWANAM: In fair condition.

TARAKBITS: Rest house in fair condition some repairs need to be done on it's roof.

TIKAM: A disgraceful structure though the people are currently in the process of rebuilding it.

WOMBON: In good condition except that the floor has at least a four degree slope on it.

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Kaiumguim

Kumguit

Nioksikwi

Savannim

Gerongo

Duomlonkim.

Savage Gon

Amonne

Mongolavuan.

Bondakaker R.

Vongtru

Deikwi

Twinkwi

Dgun

Bumgim

Bwaxim

Kaukwi

Koleboa

Hukim

Wowungo

Wogam

Minipoi

Petau

Bikim

Tengkim

Tarrabie

Wombon

Ok-Birim River

Tikam

Tamrad

Ningerum.
Patrol Post.

Bile River.

WEST SEPIK PROVINCE BORDER

Map of

NINGER

Scale 1

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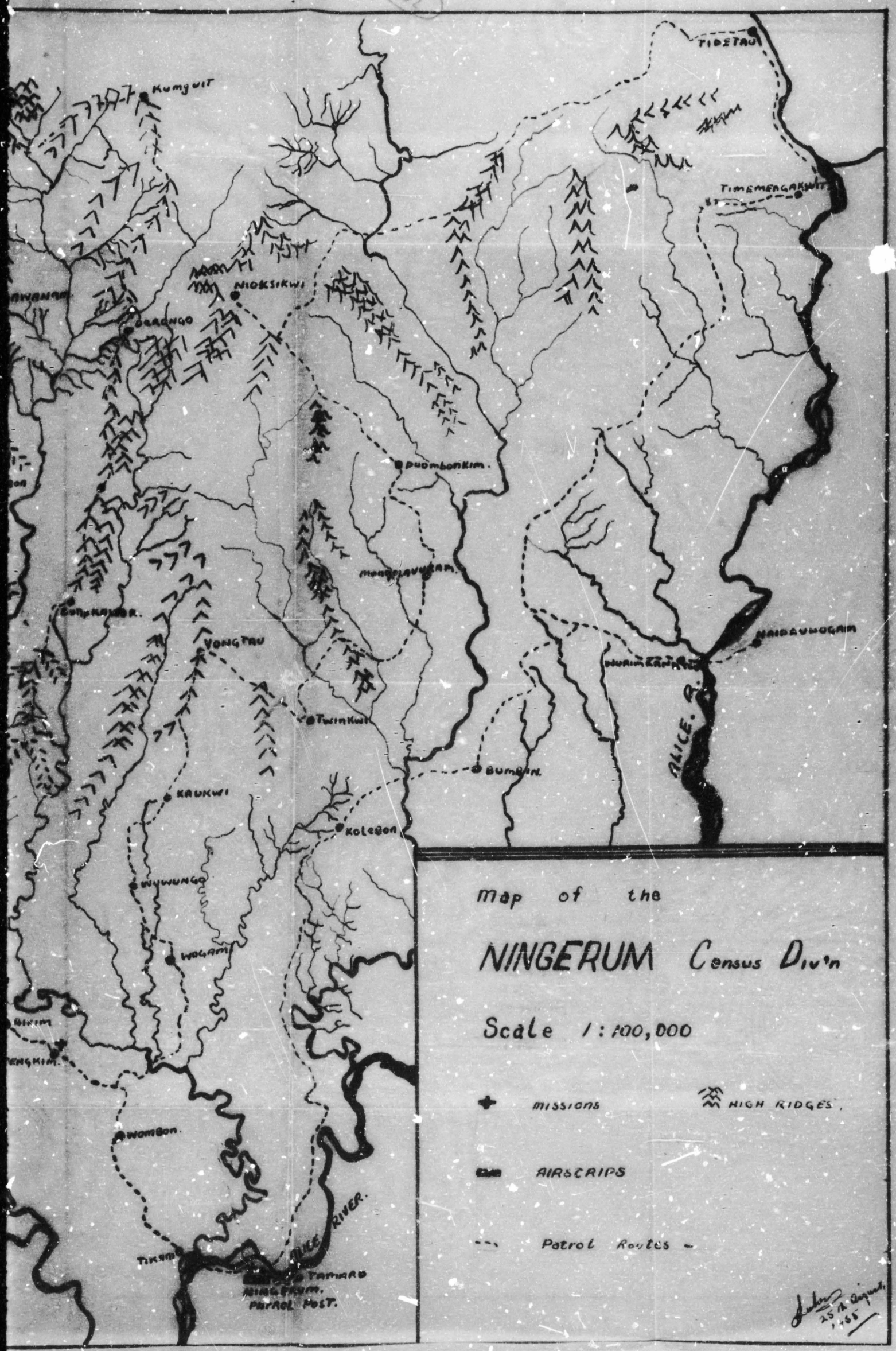
Patrol




Map of the

# NINGERUM Census Div'n

Scale 1:100,000

✚ MISSIONS

HIGH RIDGES.

AIRSTRIPS

--- Patrol Routes -

25 A. Aug. 1965

HQ

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Western Report No. Ningerum 2/65-66

Patrol Conducted by R.C.Hunter C.P.O.

Area Patrolled Part Ningerum C.D.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Three members R.P.&N.G.C.
One Interpreter

Duration—From 18/10/19 65 to 4/11/19 65

Number of Days 18(16 nights slept out)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? nil

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services /5/1965 part

Medical / 6 /19 65

Map Reference Border Sheet No.5

Objects of Patrol Census and Routine

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Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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*District Commissioner*

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

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

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

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67-3-10

15th February, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Western District,
BAKU.

KINGERUM PATROL REPORT NO.2/1965-66.

Thank you for your memorandum 67-10-1 of 21st December, 1965 and the above report.

2. I have noted your comments and those of Mr. Leslie.

3. Mr. Hunter has carried out a well conducted patrol and submitted a lengthy, interesting and informative report.

4. A good patrol report.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

67.3.10

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams DISTADM
Telephone
Our Reference 67-10-1
If calling ask for
Mr. KEC:LB

DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION
18 JAN 1966
HEADQUARTERS
KONEDOBU
PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Department of District Administration,
Western District,
DARU.

21st December, 1965.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

NINGERUM PATROL NO. 2/65-66

I attach the above numbered report, together with covering comments from the Officer-in-Charge, Ningerum. I make the following comments:

Village Officials

Although it would be desirable for all officially appointed Village Constables to have uniforms, the current availability of funds precludes this at present.

Political Situation & Native Affairs.

Community Education courses have been planned for Lake Murray and Morehead, later this year. Possibly such a course could be arranged at Ningerum in which a subject designed to foster political awareness can be included. Education and regular patrolling will no doubt help the present situation but I do not consider there is any cause for immediate worry. The suggestion that two or three observers be sent to Port Moresby for a full session of the House of Assembly has merit providing suitable observers can be found. I cannot suggest why the Ningerum people are "loth" to discuss any matter concerning the border" but this may be worth following up.

Medical and Health:

Remarks have been passed on to the District Medical Officer for action. The high death rate is alarming and strong recommendations will be made for a medical patrol to visit the area in the first instance.

Education

A Primary T School will be established at Ningerum in 1966. This however will only cater for 70 odd pupils but the Department of Education is unlikely to want children over the age of six or seven.

Mr. Hunter has carried out a well conducted patrol and submitted an interesting report.

(K.E.CONNOLLY),
a/Deputy District Commissioner.
for DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Patrol Post.,
NINGERUM.
Western District.,
27th Sept., 1965.
File: 67.1.1.

Mr R.C. Hunter.,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
NINGERUM. WD.,

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS
NINGERUM CD

1. Please prepare yourself for a Patrolof the NINGERUM Census Division; I do not expect you to depart till such time as your Stores and Personal Effects arrive from DARU; however it is hoped that you will have departed prior to my return from DARU.

2. I expect to be absent in DARU / KIUNGA from approx 27th Sept., to 14th Oct., and in the time betwwen my departure from the Station, and your departure on Patrol I require you to act in a caretaker position on NINGERUM.

3. Mr G.C. Dent, Cadet Patrol Officer will also be on the Stavion and has been issued with Duty Instructions covering his period here. Please note these instructions on File 67.1.1 under todays date.,

4. Your Patrol personell will consist of the following:-

Const EDO
" KCM
" SULU
Interp ONVENG ONLEP.

5. The main objects of the Patrol are Census Revision, and Routine Administration in the villages of the NINGERUM Census Division that were not visited by Cadet Patrol Officer Luhrs during his stay in the NINGERUM Census Division. My conversation with you refers on this point.

6. Please note from previous Patrol Report by various Officers the information that is required in respect of each village you visit. Such information is to be attached to your Report as Appendicies. This will enable the compilation of accurate records of each village to be at NINGERUM.

7. You are to take the A510 Radio with you and you will

have radio contact with MINCHUM at arranged times. Mr Dent DO will be on the Station and will give you instructions in the operation of t is set; also arrange with him times of radio contact. You are to ensure that you follow aerial / length/frequency directions for optimum reception.

8. All details of Patrol organisation / administration, including rationing will be left to yourself.

9. Please ap roach me on any points that you are not clear on.,

For your attention,

(D.S. Leslie)
Patrol Officer

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Patrol Post.,
NINGERUM.
Western District.
29th November '65
File: 67.10.1

The District Commissioner.,
Western District.,
DARU.

NINGERUM PATROL REPORT
2/65-66

1. Herewith please find copies of the abovenumbered Patrol Report, covering that part of the NINGERUM Census Division not covered by Cadet Patrol Officer LUHRS in NINGERUM 1/65-66. This final part of the Patrol was conducted by Cadet Patrol Officer HUNTER.

2. This was Mr HUNTERS first Patrol since his movement to NINGERUM and I feel he has carried out all aspects of the Patrol well.

3. I have comments only on the following sections of the Report;

4. VILLAGE OFFICIALS

A course for Village Officials is required, however to date, with concentration on Patrolling and the finalisation of land work before my departure I have not been able to organise same. On completion of the current North Awin Patrol I will have details of all outstanding Payments to Village Officials and lists of required issues etc., All these matters could be attended to during a Training Course early in the New Year. I will cover this aspect of Administration in File Correspondence relating to my Handover of this Post.

5. POLITICAL SITUATION

Little more than already exists in this sphere can be hoped for at present. Much has been done in this area in the past 18 months; what with the establishment of NINGERUM Patrol Post, an overall increase in Patrolling, and the 'elections'; all this leaving the people of the area a 'bit up in the air'.

With constant Patrolling, a Village Constables Course, possibly a form of an Adult Education Course in the future and the establishment of a NINGERUM Primary 'T' School an overall improvement in the Political Awarness of the area can be expected.

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6. AGRICULTURE

It is fast coming to the stage when something in the form of economic development will have to be attempted. I am aware of the staff position of DASF as far as Agriculture Officers are concerned but feel that a Field Worker should be made available to set up trial plots of Rubber, or other possible crops. This in itself will show the people that something is being attempted.

In the above regard I feel that the Welcome given us in creating an 'Australian presence' is being slightly withdrawn. Despite my comments on NING 1/65-66 nothing at all has been heard.

7. NATIVE AFFAIRS

Mr HUNTER has done some interesting Anthropological research into the group organisation of the NINGERUM people. The comparison of dialects is also of interest. This aspect of the NINGERUM people has not been reported on previously.

All in all the Native situation is in order with the consolidation of the Administrations presence at NINGERUM being well accepted.

8. MEDICAL AND HEALTH

I recommend the establishment of an Aid Post in the Northern Section of the Census Divsion; could this be taken up with the District Medical Officer as a matter of importance.

An alarming aspect of the Health of the area is the high death rate., Mr LUHRS reported a death rate of 7.9 per 100, with an overall decrease of 2.3 per 100, Mr HUNTERS figures show a higher death rate of 9.56 per 100 and a corresponding Decrease of 5.52 per 100 persons.

I feel that the above calls for a concentrated effort on the part of our Health Department in an attempt to curb this high rate of natural decrease in population. I consider this to be ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THE REPORT.

9. Mr HUNTER covers other aspects of the Patrol in the body of the Report. The abovementioned aspects require urgent attention.

10. A good report, by a conscientious Officer.

(D.S. Leslie)
Patrol Officer

cc
Assistant District Commissioner.,
Sub district Office.,
KIUNGA. WD.

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|---|---|
| DISTRICT | :Western |
| SUB-DISTRICT | :Kiunga |
| STATION | :Ningerum |
| PATROL NUMBER | :2/65-66 |
| PATROL CONDUCTED BY | :R.C.Hunter, C.P.O. |
| AREA PATOLLED | :Part Ningerum Census Division |
| Personnel Accompany--ing Patrol | :Three Members R.P.&N.G.C.<br>One Interpreter |
| Duration of Patrol | :18/10/65 to 4/11/65<br>Nights Actually Slept out:16 |
| Last Patrols to the Area | :D.D.A. May 1965 (Some Villages)<br>P.H.D. June 1965<br>D.A.S.F. Nil |
| Objects of the Patrol | :1) Census Revision.<br>2) General Administration. |
| Map Reference | :Border Sheet No.5 |

R.C.Hunter.
Cadet Patrol Officer

NINGERUM PATROL REPORT NO. 2/65-66

INTRODUCTION

1. This patrol was mounted in order to carry out census revision and routine administration of that part of the NINGERUM Census Division not visited by Mr. G.Luhrs in July/August of this year. Thus at the conclu--sion of the patrol all villages in the census division had been visited and censused this year.

2. The NINGERUM Census Division is the area to the north of NINGERUM Station, bounded in the west by the West Irian Border, in the east by the Alice River, in the north by the Star Mountain foothills and in the south by the OK BIBIM. The only villages not included in these boundaries are TAMARO and HAIDAWOGAM both situated on or near the banks of the Alice River and both squatting on AWIN land.

3. The topography of the area walked through changes as one moved further north. Moving from the station up the western track one walks across the line of fairly low ridges, gradually rising to BUTIPKAWOK. From BUTIPKAWOK onwards the ground becomes very steep and walking difficult. Moving from north to south on the eastern track walking is difficult from KUMGUIT to KOLEBON but from KOLEBON to the Alice River one walks along the one ridge, making for very easy walking.

4. The area has a very high rainfall and a goodly number of swift flowing streams, both small and large flow between the ridges. These add to the difficulties of walking as they are prone to flooding and many are impass--able during high water/

5. The people of the area are in a low state of political awareness. Other than some House of Assembly Electoral Education done in the area by Mr.O'Connor in

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NINGERUM PATROL REPORT NO.2/65-66

INTRODUCTION (Contd.)

1963 there has been very little done towards remedying this situation. At the moment the people have a very vaque idea of what the House of Assembly is and it's work=a point was made by the patrol of explaining this and answering any questions that arose=but other than that they know little of the Administration above the Patrol Post level.

6. Economic development in the area is neg-
-ligible. Some money is earned by the sale of food to the Government Station at NINGERUM and by working as labour-
-ers on the station. These,however are the only sources of income for the people.

NINGERUM PATROL REPORT NO. 2/65-66

PATROL DIARY

18th.October 1965

Departed NINGERUM at 0815 with 28 carriers,three policemen and one Interpreter. Arrived at Alice River crossing at 0840. Across riverat 0905.

Passed through TIKAM and walked along a good track to WOMBON,arriving at 1045. Departed WOMBON at 1055 for TEN--GKIM arriving at 1130. Departed TENGKIM at 1140 and arri--ved at BIKIM at 1210. Lunched at BIKIM. Departed BIKIM at 1300 and arrived at MIMIM MINIPON AT 1330. Departed MINIPON at 1540 and arrived at HUKIM at 1430.

Radio contact established with NINGERUM at 1500 hours.

Food purchased from village people and issued to carrier line at 1600. Slept night at HUKIM.

19th.October 1965

Began Census of HUKIM at 0730.V.C. sick,told to go to the Aid Post at NINGERUM.

Installed new village radio and tested same.

Discussions held with people. One complaint re lighting of fires in garden areas settled amicably.

Departed HUKIM at 1140 and walked along a reasonable road to BWAKIM arriving at 1210.
Began Census of BWAKIM at 1400 hours-avery difficult business. A large number of deaths in the village mainly owing to,pnuemonia it would seem.
Medical inspection held. Food for carriers bought and iss--ued. Slept night at BWAKIM.

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20th.October 1965

0730,talks with people re Education and Health.One complaint over Sago settled.
Departed BWAKIM at 0845 for DEKUI.From here the country became very rugged.Crossed the OK AWUT River by log bridge and waded a smaller stream. Arrived at DEKUI at 1035 hours.
Census began at 1400 hours .It was noticed that the men far outnumber the women.
Discussions with village people held,no complaints brought forward.
Radio contact established with NINGERUM at 1500 hours.
Fresh food purchased from village people and issued to carrier line.
Slept night at DEKUI. Heavy rain overnight.

21st.October 1965

Departed DEKUI at 0725 and walked back along the BWAKIM track for 20 minutes.Branched off on a newly cut track, forded the OK KALB and the OK AWUT and eventually came across the BWAKIM/BUTIPKAWOK track.Arrived at BUTIPKAWOK X at 1110.
Census begun at 1400 hours.Talks held with people.Two complaints brought forward.
Heavy rain late afternoon and night,rest house roof leaked consistantly. Slept night at BUTIPKAWOK.

22nd.October 1965

V.C. turned up with a cut testicle,sent to the aid post at NINGERUM.
Departed BUTIPKAWOK at 0715 and walked to BANKIM over a good road,arriving at 0810.All people present in the village so census started immediately.A large number of migrations out.
One complaint brought forward.
Departed BANKIM at 1035 and walked along a rough track to DERRENGO,arriving at 1200 hours.

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22nd.October 1965 (Contd.)
Began census of DERRENGO at 1400 hours
Radio contact with NINGERUM at 1500 hours.
heavy rain caused further work to be abandoned for the day.
Informal discussions held with village men at night.
Slept night at DERRENGO.

23rd.October 1965
Began discussions with people at 0715. One complaint each about NIOKSIKWI and DUOMBONKIM brought forward.
Medical inspection held.
Departed DERRONGO at 0820 and walked along a bad road ~~mf~~ over very steep ground to KUMKUIT,arriving at 1110.
Radio contact with NINGERUM at 1130.
Census begun at 1400 hours,and interupted twice by rain.
Medical inspection held.A number of cases of sores and ulcers treated and referred to the station.
Discussions held with people. No complaints brought forward.
Word again sent out to TUNDENGHIATKWI to come down for census.
Fresh food purchased from villagers and issued to carriers.
Slept night at KUMKUIT. Heavy rain overnight.

24th.October 1965
Waited at KUMKUIT for TUNDENGHIATKWI people to show. However, they failed to do so.
Heavy rain most of day.
Slept night at KUMKUIT.

25th.October 1965
Six men in from TUNDENGHIATKWI at 0615. Reported that the OK TARIM is in high flood and other people were forced to ret-urn to the village. Men say that they will build a rest house and police barracks for the next patrol.
Departed KUMKUIT at 0730.Walked back along the DERRENGO road for one hour and then branched off along a new road and arrived at NIOKSIKWI at 1020 hours (cutting one hour off the old route).
Began census at 1230hours.
Census of OKTIDETAU and TIMENGATITS (two small hamlets over one days walk away) also held.

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People say that they will build houses for the next patrol.
Medical inspection of all held.A number of sores treated and sent to NINGERUM.
Fresh food purchased and issued to carriers.
Slept night at NIOKSIKWI.

26th.October 1965
Discussions held with village people from 0715.
Departed NIOKSIKWI at 0835 for DOUMBONKIM. Walked over a fairly good track and arrived at 1005.
Census begun at 1045,held up shortly afterwards by rain
Resumed census at 1400 hours.
A large number of people who formerly censused at DUOMBONKIM have now joined ARIK hamlet (a days walk from here)all came here for census this time as they are still in the process of building their village.
Medical inspection held all well.
Fresh food purchased and issued.
Slept night at DUOMBONKIM.

27th.October 1965
Talked with people from 0715. No serious complaints brought forward.
Departed DUOMBONKIM at 0805 and walked along a fairly good track to MONGOLAVURAM.arriving at [illegible] 0945.
Began census at 1030.A large number of migrations out.
Discussions held with people.
Fresh food purchased and issued.
Slept night at MONGOLAVURAM.

28th.October 1965
Medical inspection held at 0710.
Departed MONGOLAVURAM at 0725. A short walk to the OK MUNGA crossed by canoe and then a long climb to the top of the ridge and an easy walk to WURIMKANATGO,arriving at 0950.
Census of village begun at 1030.
A number of minor complaints recorded.
Talked with people.

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DIARY (Contd.)

28th.October 1965 (Contd.)
1430 haidawogam people arrived from across the Alice River
1445 census held.
Discussions with villagers.
Medical inspection held. A number of sores.
Fresh food purchased and issued.
Slept night at WUKIMKANATGO.

29th.October 1965
Rain early in morning.
Departed Village at 0730 hours and walked along a bad road (easy going ) to BUMBIM, arriving at 1000 hours.
Heavy rain started at 1010.
Census begun at 1350 after rain ceased.
Rain again started at 1500 and continued overnight.
Fresh food bought and issued.
Slept night at BUMBIM.

30th.October 1965
Discussions with people begun at 0700.
No complaints brought forward.
Departed BUMBIM at 0800 and walked to the OK MUNGA. Some difficulty experienced in crossing by canoe as the river in high flood.
Continued on to KOLEBON, arriving at 1030.
Radio contact with NINGERUM at 1150.
Census begun at 1400 .
Discussions held with people. One complaint brought forward.
Food purchased and issued.
Slept night at KOLEBON.

31st.October 1965
Departed KOLEBON at 0740 hours, and walked along a rough track to TWINKWI, arriving at 0840.
Heavy rain began shortly after arriving in the village and continued until 1330.
Census begun at 1400 hours.
Discussions held withvillagers. A number of complaints regu--arding pigs brought forward.
Food purchased and issued,
Slept night at TWINKWI.

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DIARY (Contd.)

1st.November 1965
Departed TWINKWI at 0725 and walked along a good track to YONGTAU,arriving at 0845.
Census begun at 0900. New sheets were written out as the old ones appear to have been lost.
Discussions held . Two complaints brought forward.
Departed YONGTAU at 1115 and walked along a very good road to KAUKWI,arriving at 1215.
Census begun at 1400 hours.
Discussions held .No complaints brought forward.
Food purchased and issued.
Slept night at KAUKWI.

2nd.November 1965
Departed KAUKWI at 0825 after waiting for heavy to ease.
Arrived at WUWUNGO at 0945.
Census held under shelter as rain continued throughout the morning.
Discussions held. No complaints.
Medical inspection carried out.
Departed WUWUNGO at 1240. Forded a flooded creek and built a bridge over a river (1½ hours work),arrived at new WOGAM at 1550.
fresh food bought and issued.
Slept night at WOGAM.

3rd.November 1965
Began census of village at 0700 hours.
Discussions held. No complaints brought forward.
Departed WOGAM at 1000 hours and walked over a good road to the Alice River,arriving at 1130.Crossed river by waiting canoes. Most of TAMARO people absent from village so word sent out to them to come in tomorrow for census.
Departed TAMARO and walked to station arriving at 1220.
Slept night at NINGERUM.

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DIARY (Contd.)

4th.November1965
Departed station at 0845 for TAMARO village - a five minute walk.
All people present so census carried out.
Discussions held with people. No complaints brought forward.
Returned to station,arriving at 1045 hours.

END OF PATROL

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VILLAGES AND HOUSING

1. Housing in the area is generally of a low standard. However this standard seems to be rising in the southern most part of the census division. This trend is probably due to the influence of the government station at NINGERUM, where many good native material houses have been constructed. It was seen that in TAMARO village, five minutes walk from the station, some houses had been constr--ucted with well put up black palm walling. These were the only houses in the area patrolled with good walls.

2. Houses throughout the area are fairly uni--form in design although some are larger than others, hou--sing two or three families. Houses are raised on posts or more often, thin poles from four to seven feet off the ground. Floors are made of AMPTI, slats cut from the young black palm. Walls are constructed of Sago slats, standing perpendicular, and loosely bound together. Roofs are of biri. Houses are often centrally placed on the top of a large tree stump which adds to the stability of the house during high winds. There are two main draw-backs to these houses : The fact that they are built on thin poles which do not last long and makes them prone to blowing over; The fact that walls are not wind resistant and thus the houses are very cold at night, this being a contribu--tory factor to the high rate of Pnuemonia in the area. People building new houses were encouraged to use solid posts as a foundation and to improve the standard of wal--ling.

3. All villages in the area, with the exception of PUMGOIN, are situated on a ridge or hilltop. These sites have both advantages and disadvantages. They are well drained and relatively mosquito free but on the other hand have no protection at all from the weather and are often subject to ground mist/drizzle until as late as ten o'clock in the morning.

4. Without exception drinking water is obtained from the numerous small creeks and springs situated close to each village. This water is quite clean and there seems to be little room for improvement of water supply. No har--dship as regards water has been undergone this year.

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VILLAGES AND HOUSING (Contd.)

5. Villages visited were found to be clean and tidy, in most cases, however, they were noticed to have been cleaned only a day or two prior to the patrol's coming. Latrines have been constructed in all villages in the order of one to each house. These, however, are not used consistently and probably will not be for some time to come, the people seeing no reason for going out of their way to use them.

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VILLAGE OFFICIALS

6. Village Officials (Constables and Coun=-cillors) vary in efficiency from village to village, however,in no case are they of any great effectiveness. This stems from a number of reasnns;that they are not sure of their true function and role in the Administration and are not always the strong man in the village being the chief of these. They will improve with time and exp--erience. During the patrol an effort was made to explain fully to all concerned,officials and people,just what is expected of each in regard to the work of the officials.

7. Many Village Constables have not as yet been issued with uniforms. This should be remedied as soon as possible as I believe that the acquisition of a uniform will add to the prestige of the Constable and thus make his job easier by virtue of the greater respect given him.

8. The provisional V.C.,appointed by Mr. O8Connor in 1963,of TWINKWI proved to be not fit for the job and was replaced by BOREM,a MOTU speaker, who had been the councillor for BUMBIM some time before. He is on trial until the next patrol. Similarly,LAKJWOK of KAUKWI and ANGURUK of WUWUNGO were upgraded from Counc--illor to V.C. in their respective villages.Kaukwi pre--viously had no V.C. and the old V.C. of WUWUNGO died in March 1964.

9. Appendix two contains comments on Vill--age Officials.

Appendix three gives details of Village Constables' pay.

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POLITICAL SITUATION

10. The people of the NINGERUM Census Division are backward in the realm of political awareness. From discussions held in various villages it was seen that they have all but forgotten the existance of the House of Ass--embly and do not have any clear idea of its functions. The people have had no real contact with their represent--ative and do not identify him with themselves. Understa--nding of the Administration in general is cloudy above the patrol post level.

11. This situation is being alleviated to some degree now that NINGERUM station has been established, allowing more frequent patrolling in the area and a much closer contact with the people than was possible from the more distant KIUNGA. Department of Information and Exten--tion Services' radics being distributed to many villages in the area will also aid in giving the people an idea of what is happening in other parts of the territory. Further, I think that if two or three observers could be sent to Port Moresby for a full session of the House of Assembly they, on their return, would do much to clarify and expand the people's understanding of the House's activities and functions.

12. The NINGERUM'S are loth to discuss any matter concerning the border and are in denying any contact at all with the other side. In only one village, WOGAM, did anyone freely admit to understanding the MALAY language. There was one case of a young girl marrying to a village on the West Irian side encountered during census. It would seem that there is more contact with NINGERUM people in West Irian in the south of the Census Division than in the north, perhaps because the terrain is rougher to the north and thus crossing over more difficult.

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AGRICULTURE

13. The NINGERUMs are subsistence gardeners and collectors. Their staple foods are : Sago;Bananas; and Yams. Other foods include ; Taro;sweet potato; Sugarcane;Breadfruit;Galif;Native Cabbage;Pineapple; and PitPit. The details of introduced agriculture can be seen in Appendix 10 and details of food purchased by the patrol are given in Appendix 11.

14. There is no cash cropping being undertaken in the area,however,some food,Sago and Bananas,is sold to the Government station at NINGERUM. To date there has been no activety by the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries in the area.but it is understood that they are to move into NINGERUMi in the near future. In any venture put forward by Agriculture one of the big problems will be the transport of prouce to market. For this reason the NINGERUM - SENAMNAE road as an outlet to navigable water and it's completion should rate high priority.

15. During the patrol a census of pigs was carried out. Numbers given include pigs living in the bush,caught when young,earmarked,and set free,and consi-dered as owned by the individual who caught them. Those 'bush' pigs seen by the patrol were in very poor condition whilst those living in the villages were well fed and healthy.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS

16. The patrol was received with friendliness if not with enthusiasm by the villagers of the area. This lack of enthusiasm can be attributed to the fact that there has not been a real patrol of the area since February 1964. More frequent patrolling and increasing benefits brought about by the nearness of the patrol post at NINGERUM will no doubt instil enthusiasm into the people.

17. The NINGERUM people comprise three groups :the NINGERUM True;the NINGERUM KASUWA;and the NINGERUM DAUPKA these being situated in the south,north and north-east of the Census Division,respectively. The DAUPKAS are in reality a result of intrmarriage with the FAIWOLDS to the north. The richest of the three groups are the DAUPKAS. Although they have had very little contact with EM Europeans (one previous patrol) almost all possess European wearing apparel etc. This is because of the fact that they live on the main trade route between the NINGERUMs and the FAIWOLDs and act as go-betweens in trading.All three speak the Ningerum language with variations in pronunciation and vocabulary as can be seen by the word list below:

| ENGLISH | NINGERUM | N/KASUWA | N/DAUPKA |
|---|---|---|---|
| MAN | KARUP | KARUP | ARUP |
| SKIN | KA | KA | KA |
| BANANA | DUM | DIUM | DIUM |
| BL.PALM | KUKDRO | OMDURO | OMDERO |
| RAIN | WEI | WELE | WALE |
| THUNDER | AMDURRUNG | AMGORRUP | AMGURRUK |
| LIGHTNING | AMDAKMAK | AMDIAKMAK | DIUKMAK |
| GR.SKIRT | WONOM | DEK | DEK |
| CASSOWARY | BIANGEROP | ONBINON | ONBINON |
| TREE | AKEIKEI | AHAMAOREM | AHOREM |
| YAM | NAMUNG | MAMUNG | MAMUNG |
| NECK | OKBENTEM | OKBILOKO | KONGUPIM |
| HAIR | AWAHOR | AWAHOR | AWAHOR |
| KNEE | DONBU'UP | BUA | BUA |
| MOUTH | MIAKA | MIAKA | MIA'A |
| HEAD | AOKORA | AOKORA | AWO'ORA |

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NATIVE AFFAIRS (Contd.)

18. Economic development is non-existant in the area. Some money is earned by the sale of food and labour to the Patrol Post at NINGERUM but other than this the people have no income, There are no Trade Stores in the area,however,there is one at TARAKBITS (inside the C.D.) and one at NINGERUM station - both are run by the U.F.M. and adequately serve the local population.

19. It was noticed that people are settling in the villages now rather than wandering in the bush. In the past many people only came to the village for census;now they are building houses and living in the villages. Thus they want to live in the village closest to their gardens. This has caused the large number of inter-village migrations evident in the census figures.

20. During the patrol a number of complaints were brought forward. These in all cases involved "Moiovis" the strings of shells used by the NINGERUMs for trade,and usually pigs. All cases were settled out of court. There were three cases of census evasion encountered,the men concerned have not,as yet,been apprehended. No serious crimes were reported to the patrol.

21. The patrol carriers were recruited at the station and carried for the duration of the patrol. This was done as it was thought that a number of villages were too small to provide enough carriers for the patrol if recruited on a village to village basis. Carriers were paid 3/- for each day they worked and 1/- for rest days.

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MEDICAL AND HEALTH

22. The patrol was not accompanied by a medical orderley. Minor treatments were given by myself and all cases requiring further treatment were depatched to the Aid Post at NINGERUM. A breakup of treatments given can be found in Appendix no.14.

23. Although there are no Aid Posts actually situated within the area patrolled it is serviced by two, one at TARAKBITS (a U.P.M. post ) and one at the Patrol Post,NINGERUM. Consequently only three villages are more than two days walk from an Aid Post. However,to adequately cover the area there should be an Aid Post in one of the northern villages,possibly at MONGOLAVURAM. This would serve to encourage people to,take their sick to medical attention rather than leave them in their village and 'hope for the best '. Supplying of such an Aid Post would not prove difficult as MONGOLAVURAM is only a day and a halfs walk from NINGERUM along a good track.

24. The attitude of the NINGERUMs to medicine is still one of distrust. This is more noticeable in the north of the Census Division,where a number of people were found in the villages suffering from tropical ulcers pneumonia etc. It is thought that a Medical Education patrol conducted by a Medical Assistant could do a great deal towards encouraging the people to use the facilities provided for them.

25. The health of patrol personnel was good throughout the patrol with the exception of two sores and one case of fever among the carriers.

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EDUCATION

26. In the area visited there are only four children attending school, three of these at the U.F.M. school, NINGERUM and one at the M.C.N. school at KIUNGA. The NINGERUM school is conducted in Motu and simple English and gives only a very elementary education. There is a total of three hundred and fifty-four children between the ages of six to fifteen in the villages that I censused This, plus a total of three hundred and thirty-two in the villages censused by Mr. Luhrs gives a total of six hundred and eighty-six children of school age in the census division

27. The people were told of the Administration school to be established at NINGERUM in 1966. This was greeted with enthusiasm by the southern villages who have had some experience with schools but those to the north did not clearly understand the idea. If possible, it would be advisable for the teacher who is to open the schoolnext year to spend some time, prior to the first term, in the villages. He would be able to explain many points about the school to the people, reiterate what was said by the patrol and give parents the confidence to send their children to school.

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ROADS AND BRIDGES

28. In the area patrolled there are three main tracks, running approximately north-south. Two of these are on the western side and one on the eastern side, of the census division. The tracks are connected at e number of places by ~~x~~ ~~x~~ east-west tracks or footpads. Most sections of the tracks had been cleared shortly before the patrols arrival and were, therefore, quite good. They deteriorate with distance from the village, ~~xxxxxx~~ however.

29. There are no permanent bridges in the area, logs being felled across the streams as ~~them~~ are needed. These are washed away again with each flood. Suspension bridges are unknown in the area.

30. Canoes are used solely for the purpose of crossing the larger rivers and creeks, consequently they are of inferior quality and small in size. Paddles are made by lashing a flat piece of wood or hard bark to a five foot stick

31. The village people were encouraged to improve their roads, especially in the very steep country to the north~~x~~ where steps should be cut in a number of cases.

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MISSIONS AND AIRSTRIPS

32. There is no Mission or Mission activety in the area. The U.F.M. have two Pastors in the Census Division, one at TARAKBITS and one at TENGKIM, both having some medical training and supplies and both operating schools. People, in the area patrolled, from the villages closer to TARAKBITS use the Aid Post facilities there rather than walk to the Patrol Post at NINGERUM. Both Pastors visit villages close to their station but do not go as far afield as villages visited by this patrol. The The U.F.M. state that they have no interest in further expansion inside the Census Division at present ~~xxxx~~ although they plan expansion of their station at NINGERUM. Intentions of the Catholic Mission at KIUNGA are not known.

33. There are no airstrips in the area patrolled and no prospective sites were ~~xxxxx~~ noticed by the patrol.

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CENSUS

34. During the patrol the revision of census for the NINGERUM Census Division, begun by Mr. Luhrs in July this year, was finished. Attendance at the census was extremely good, there being only twelve absent workers, four absent students and three census evaders. The latter are to be prosecuted upon apprehension by the Village Constables concerned.

35. One point to be marked from the census is the high rate of population decrease evident in the census figures. Birth rate per hundred was calculated as# 4.0% and death rate per hundred as 9.56 - giving a population decrease of 5.52. Most deaths in the area seemed, from descriptions given by villagers, to be caused from pneumonia and influenza, both probably contributed to by the poor housing and the damp conditions.

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CONCLUSION

36. The aims of the patrol, to carry through the census and routine patrol interupted by Mr. Lubrs transfer in August, were accomplished. All villages in the NINGERUM Census Division have now been censused during 1965 and all except the villages of TUNDENGHIATKWI, OKTIDETAU-TIM--ENGATITS and BOLIWOGAM have been visited at least once this year. TUNDENGHIATKWI was not visited because the OK TARIM was in flood and impassable (however a number of men turned up at KUMGUIN to talk to the patrol). The patrol was unable to visit the other two villages because no tentage was on hand and each village is over a days walk from the nearest rest house. The people of both villages met the patrol for census and promised to build rest houses for the next patrol.

37. The people of the census division are back--ward in comparison with those in the south of the West--ern District but development of NINGERUM Patrol Post and activities by other Departments promised for 1966 combined with the peoples enthusiasm should help to close the gap quickly.

38. The following points mentioned in the body of the report should be borne in mind :

a) the need for an Aid Post in the north of the Census Division.

b) that a Medical Education patrol should be undertaken as soon as possible.

c) that, if possible, the teacher posted to the NINGERUM P.T.S. should go out to the villages and talk with the people prior to the start of the first term in 1966.

39. A followup patrol should be undertaken in the area within the next six months.

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APPENDIX 1. REPORT ON MEMBERS - R.P.&N.G.C.

No. 9934 KDO

A good Police Constable with plenty of exper--ience. His canoe knowledge proved valuable when crossing rivers.A slow walker. Was neatly attired at all times.

No. 9990 KOM

Showed initiative and common sense through--out the patrol Conduct excellent. A good walker. Was neatly attired at all times.

No. 10555 GULU

Not forceful enough. Is hampered by his fear of water. A good walker. Was neatly attired at all times.

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APPENDIX 2 - VILLAGE OFFICIALS

HUKIM V.C.- MONIVENG
COUNCILLOR - MUPTIT

Moniveng was sick at the time of the patrol and did not impress.Howeverm,Muptit is quite strong in the village and the c ombination works quite well.

BWAKIM V.C. OKTAUP
COUNCILLOR UMOP

Both speak a little motu. Oktaup the leader and quite impressive,umop very quite.

DEKUI V.C. DAMDIM
COUNCILLOR HANI

V.C.E is very quiet and overshadowed by the Councillor. Councillor speaks a little Motu. V.C. is prov-isional but was not confirmed by the patrol.

BUTIPKAWOK V.C. MOTKOT
COUNCILLOR TEPMAN

V.C. speaks some Motu.Tepman was appointed as Councillor. He speaks Motu and is the choice of the people.

BANKIM V.C. BOGO
COUNCILLOR YAKNAM

Bogo is very quiet and does not exert his authorit, Yaknam appointed as Councillor. He speaks a little Motu and is the choice of the people.

DERRENGO V.C. BOTIP
COUNCILLOR SIMOP

As good a V.C. as found in the area. Simop appointed as Councillor. He speaks a little Motu and is the peoples choice.

KUMGUIT V.C. KANANAP
COUNCILLOR NIL

V.C. Speaks Motu and is quite a ggod leader although very quiet.

NIOKSIKWI V.C. KEKET
COUNCILLOR KARAIOP

Only the V.C. because there is no one better. KARAIOP appointed as Councillor. He speaks Motu and is the peoples choice.

OKTIDETAU/ V.C. NIL
TIMENGATITS COUNCILLOR ONEN

ONEN appointed as Councillor. Does not speak Motu.Appears quite good.

DJOMBONKIM V.C. BITHO
COUNCILLOR TERENG

Bitho is not impressive,but will be ably backed by the new Councillor,Tereng.Tereng speaks Motu and is the peoples choice.

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| BOLIWOGAM | V.C. | NIL |
| | COUNCILLOR | KAHIM |

KAHIM appointed as Councillor by the patrol. Speaks a little Motu.

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| MONGOLAVURAM | V.C. | KEBEREK |
| | COUNCILLOR | LALOK |

Keberek is not at all impressive. The new Councillor,Lalok has spent some time in Pt. Moresby and speaks Motu.

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| WURIMKANATGO | V.C. | NONE |
| | COUNCILLOR | ONDIAP (appointed prov. V.C.) |
| | | IANGIM |

Old Councillor ,Ondiap appointed prov.V.C. Iangim appointed Councillor to take his place, Neither speak Motu

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|---|---|---|
| HAIDAWOGAL | V.C. | NONE |
| | COUNCILLOR | KEBOT |

Old V.C. died early in 1964. Haidawogal is not a big village and therefore only rates a Councillor. Kebot was appointed. He is the choice of the people.

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|---|---|---|
| BUMBIM | V.C. | NONE |
| | COUNCILLOR | BERAVIP |

Councillor doing quite a good job but does not rate V.C.Es position.

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|---|---|---|
| KOLEBON | V.C. | WHAIRA |
| | COUNCILLOR | NONE |

V.C. absent in Kiunga at Hospital

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|---|---|---|
| TWINKWI | V.C. | BOREM |
| | COUNCILLOR | NONE |

Borem appointed provisional V.C. He speaks Motu and has had experience as the Councillor of BUMBIM

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|---|---|---|
| YONGTAU | V.C. | DENUT |
| | COUNCILLOR | NONE |

Seems quite alright . Does not speak Motu. Village does not warrant a V.C.

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|---|---|---|
| KAUKWI | V.C. | KAKUWOK |
| | COUNCILLOR | NONE |

Kakuwok who was previously the Councillor was appointed provisional V.C. He does not speak Motu but has worked well as Councillor.

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|---|---|---|
| WUWUNGO | V.C. | ANGURUK |
| | COUNCILLOR | ONHOK |

Anguruk,previously Councillor,was appointed provisional V.C.He is a leader in the village and has worked well as Councillor.Onhok was appointed as Councillor He is a Motu speaker and is the choice of the people.

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|---|---|---|
| WOGAM | V.C. | BOK |
| | COUNCILLOR | UMDOP |

Both are good workers and combine well Both are Motu speakers.

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|---|---|---|
| TAMARO | V.C. | NONE |
| | COUNCILLOR | KOHO |

Koho is a non Motu speaker but isa leader and stronger than the old V.C. No new V.C. was appointed as the village ~~is~~ is not large enough to warrant one.

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VILLAGE OFFICIALS PAY APPENDIX 3

| VILLAGE | PAID UNTIL |
|---|---|
| HUKIM | 1962 |
| BWAKIM | 31/3/64 |
| DEKUI | PROVISIONAL |
| BURIPKAWOK | 31/3/64 |
| BANKIM | 31/3/64 |
| DERRENGO | 30/4/64 |
| KUMGUIT | 31/3/64 |
| TUNDENGHIATKWI | NIL |
| NIOKSIKWI | 30/4/64 |
| OKTIDETAU/ TIMENGATITS | NIL |
| DUOMBONKIM | 30/4/64 |
| MONGOLAVURAM | APPOINTED 1962 , NOT PAID |
| WURIMKANARGO | NEW APPOINTMENT |
| HAIDAWOGAM | NIL |
| BUMBIM | PROVISIONAL |
| KOLEBON | NO RECORD OF PAY |
| TWINKWI | PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT |
| YONGTAU | " " |
| KAUKWI | " " |
| WUWUNGO | OLD V.C. DIED 3/64 PAID TO 6/62 NEW PROV. APP. |
| WOGAM | 3/64 |
| TAMARO | 31/3/64 |

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APPENDIX 4 PREGNANT WOMEN

| | |
|---|---|
| HUKIM | DAM - MONIVENG |
| BWAKIM | WITOP = DEMANDOWAM<br>KAIMOP = ONMONI<br>KATAWIP = AMONG<br>KOTO = WANGOMAN |
| DEKUI | NIL |
| BUTIPKAWOK | NIL |
| BANKIM | NIL |
| DERRENGO | BIRIMOK = HOTIP |
| KUMGUIT | KUGON = LONGAWIP |
| TUNDENGHIATWI | NOT KNOWN |
| NIOKSIKWI | SE'ETNONG = KANONGBING |
| OKTIDETAU/<br>TIMENGATITS | HAUN = HANVENG |
| DUOMBONKIM | HULEI = HEREWON |
| BOLIWOGAM | NIL |
| MONGOLAVURAM | NIL |
| WURIMKANATGO | DEINUN = KANANAP<br>KETAMIN = BLANIM |
| HAIDAWOGAM | NIL |
| BUMBIM | WAWO = KIRUMNIP<br>BIWUN = HANI |
| KOLEBON | TAMBUN = DEWANG<br>DUM = DORONGDAUN |
| TWINKWI | TAI'IAK = MENAM |
| YONGTAU | NENGKAN = KENOT<br>TEGAM = ABUT |
| KAUKWI | TANI = KIRUMNIP |
| WUWUNGO | ONION = TAVITAVI<br>MUBON = NANA<br>AIPMIA = BURINOK |
| WOGAM | ONDAK = KANMOK |
| TAMARO | AMIARETS = BANGUM<br>DAKOP = DIANDE |

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APPENDIX 5 RADIO RECEPTION

| VILLAGE | DARU | WEWAK | PT.MORESBY | SUKANOPURA |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| HUKIM | 3x3 | 5x5 | 5x5 | 4x4 |
| BWAKIM | 5x3 | 5x5 | 5x5 | - |
| DEKUI | 4x4 | 5x5 | 5x5 | - |
| BURIPKAWOK | 4x4 | 5x5 | 5x5 | 5x5 |
| BANKIM | NOT TRIED | | | |
| DERRENGO | 4x4 | 4x4 | 5x5 | 4x4 |
| KUMGUIT | 5x5 | 5x5 | 5x5 | 5x5 |
| NIOKSIKWI | 5x5 | 5x5 | 3x3 | 5x5 |
| DUOMBONKIM | 5x5 | 5x5 | 5x5 | 5x5 |
| MONGOLAVURAM | 5x3 | 5x5 | 5x5 | 2x4 |
| WURIMKANATGO | 3x3 | 5x5 | 5x5 | 5x5 |
| BUMBIM | u/r | 5x5 | 5x5 | 5x5 |
| KOLEBON | 4x4 | 5x5 | - | - |
| TWINKWI | 5x4 | 5x5 | 4x4 | - |
| YONGTAU | NOT TRIED | | | |
| KAUKA | 3x3 | 5x5 | 4x4 | 4x4 |
| WUWUNGO | NOT TRIED | | | |
| WOGAM | 4x4 | 5x5 | 5x5 | - |
| TAMARO | NOT TRIED | | | |

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APPENDIX 6 HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

| | |
|---|---|
| HUKIM | DEMUT-KEARI ,M,15yrs,withered leg |
| BWAKIM | HERI-WANGOMAN,M,C,12yrs,withered leg |
| DEKUI | NIL |
| BURIPKAWOK | NIL |
| BANKIM | KAHO-SANIMZ,m,4yrs,dumb |
| DERRENGO | NIL |
| KUMGUIT | NIL |
| TUNDENCHIATKWI | NIL |
| NIOKSIKWI | NIL |
| OKTIDETAU/ TIMENGATITS | NIL |
| DUOMBONKIM | NIL |
| BOLIWOHAM | NIL |
| MONGOLAVURAM | NIL |
| WURIMKANATGO | MERUN-NETVENG,M,11yrs,blind in one eye |
| HAIDAWOGAM | NIL |
| BUMBIM | WASO-KAMIROP,M,9yrs,blind in one eye<br>SEBMEN-KAINA,M,8yrs, " " " " |
| KOLEBON | NIL |
| TWINKWI | NIL |
| YONGTAU | MONIVENG-DENAM,M,15yrs,blind in one eye |
| KAUKWI | NIL |
| WUWUNGO | NIL |
| WOGAM | NIL |
| TAMARO | NIL |

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APPENDIX 7 VILLAGE ISSUES

| VILLAGE | SPADE | SHOVEL | SARIF | AXE | MADDOCK |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| HUKIM | ONE | ONE | TWO | | |
| BWAKIM | ONE | ONE | TWO | | |
| DEKUI | ONE | ONE | FOUR | | (ONE HOF) |
| BURIPKAWOK | | TWO | ONE | | |
| BANKIM | | | | | |
| DERRENGO | ONE | | ONE | | |
| KUMGUIT | | ONE | TWO | | |
| TUNDENGHIATKWI | | | | | |
| NIOKSIAWI | | | ONE | | |
| OKTIDEPAU/ TIMENG TITS | | | | | |
| DUOMBONKIM | ONE | ONE | TWO | | |
| BOLIWOGAM | | | | | |
| MONGOLAVURAM | ONE | | TWO | | |
| WURIMKANATGO | ONE | | | | |
| HAIDAWOGAM | | | | | |
| BUMBIM | | | | | |
| KOLEBON | ONE | ONE | ONE | | |
| TWINKWI | | ONE | TWO | | |
| YOGTAU | | ONE | TWO | | |
| KAUKWI | | TWO | TWO | | |
| WUWUNGO | | TWO | TWO | | |
| WOGAM | | ONE | SIX | ONE | |
| TAMARO | ONE | | TWO | | ONE |

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APPENDIX 8 AGRICULTURE

| VILLAGE | G/NUTS | MANGO | PIGS | FOWLS | PAPAW | ORANGE | LEMON | COCOA | PUMP. | PAW PAW | BEAN | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| HUKIM | 8 | 1 | 37 | 9 | X | | | | X | X | | | |
| BWAKIM | 2 | 2 | 27 | 7 | X | | | | X | X | | | |
| DEKUI | 0 | 0 | 30 | 6 | X | | | | X | X | | | |
| BUTIPKAWOK | 1 | 0 | 7 | 0 | X | | | | X | | | | |
| BANKIM | 0 | 0 | 20 | 2 | X | | | | X | | | | |
| DEPTENGO | 0 | 0 | 40 | 6 | X | | | | X | X | | | |
| KUMGUIT | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | X | | | | X | | | | |
| TUNDENGHIATKWI | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | X | | | | | | | | |
| NIOKSIKWI | 0 | 0 | 18 | 6 | X | 2 | | | | X | | | |
| OKTIDETAU | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | X | | | | | X | | | |
| DUOMBONKIM | 0 | 0 | 6 | 10 | X | | | X | X | X | | | |
| BOLIWOGAM | 0 | 0 | 19 | 0 | X | | | X | | | | | |
| MONGOLAVURAM | 0 | 0 | 20 | 29 | X | | | X | | | | | |
| ORIMKANATGO | 1 | 0 | 14 | 14 | X | | | X | | X | | | |
| HAIDAWOGAM | 0 | 0 | 15 | 10 | X | | | | | | | | |
| BUMBIM | 0 | 0 | 8 | 4 | X | 1 | | X | | | X | | |
| KOLEBON | 0 | 1 | 13 | 3 | X | 2 | | X | | X | | | |
| TWINKWI | 0 | 0 | 29 | 6 | X | | X | X | | X | | | |
| YONGTAU | 0 | 0 | 12 | 15 | X | | | X | X | X | | | |
| KAUKWI | 0 | 0 | 13 | 9 | X | | 1 | | X | | | | |
| WUWUNGO | 1 | 0 | 59 | 3 | X | | 2 | X | | X | | | |
| WOGAM | 2 | 0 | 28 | 21 | X | | | X | X | X | X | cabbage | |
| TAMARO | 4 | 1 | 28 | 10 | X | | 2 | X | X | X | X | | |

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### APPENDIX 9 FOOD PUCHASED BY PATROL

| VILLAGE | BANANA | PITPIT | KAUKAY | TAP. | SAGO | CABB. | S.CANE | CUCUM. | BEAN | B.FRT | YAM |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| HUKIM | x | | x | | x | | | | | | |
| BWAKIM | x | | x | | x | | | x | | | |
| DEKUI | x | | x | | x | | | | | x | x |
| BURIPKAWOK | x | x | x | x | x | | | | | x | |
| BANKIM | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DERRENGO | x | x | x | | x | | x | | | | x |
| KUMGUIT | x | x | | x | x | x | x | x | | | |
| MIOKSIKWI | x | | | | | x | x | x | | | |
| DUOMBONKIM | x | | x | x | x | x | x | x | | | |
| MONGOLAVURAM | x | | x | x | x | | x | x | | | x |
| WURIMKANATGO | x | x | | x | x | | x | | | x | |
| HAIDAWOGAM | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BUMBIM | x | | | x | x | | | x | | | |
| KOLEBON | x | x | x | x | x | x | | | | x | |
| WUNJINKWI | x | | x | | x | | | | | | |
| XAUKWI | x | | | | x | | | | | | |
| WUWUNGO | | | | | | | | | | | |
| WOGAM | x | | x | x | x | | x | | | x | |

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## XX APPENDIX 10 LANGUAGES

| VILLAGE | MOTU | PIDGIN | MALAY |
|---|---|---|---|
| HUKIM | 6 | - | - |
| BWAKIM | 8 | - | - |
| DEKUI | 4 | - | - |
| BURIPKAWOK | 3 | - | - |
| BANKIM | 3 | - | 1 |
| DERRENGO | 3 | - | - |
| KUMGUIT | 6 | - | - |
| TUNDENGHIATKWI | - | - | - - |
| NIOKSIKWI | 4 | - | - |
| OKTIDETAU/ TIMENGATITS | 1 | - | - |
| DUOMBONKIM | 3 | - | - |
| BOLIWOGAM | 4 | 0 | - |
| MONGOLAVURAM | 4 | - | - |
| WURIMKANATGO | - | - | - |
| HAIDAWOGAM | - | - | - |
| BUMBIM | - | - | - |
| KOLESON | 4 | - | - |
| TWINKWI | 6 | - | - |
| YONGTAU | 4 | - | - |
| KAUKWI | 6 | - | - |
| WUWUNCO | 6 | - | - |
| WOGAM | 14 | 1 | 5 |
| TAMARO | 14(inc.2f) | 0 | - |

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APPENDIX 11 WALKING TIMES

| FROM | TO | TIME |
|---|---|---|
| STATION | CANOE PL. | 30 mins |
| CANOE PL. | TIKAM | 5 " |
| TIKAM | WOMBON | 40 " |
| WOMBON | TENGKIM | 35 " |
| TENGKIM | BIKIM | 30 " |
| BIKIM | MINIPON | 30 " |
| MINIPON | HUKIM | 60 " |
| HUKIM | BWAKIM | 30 " |
| BWAKIM | DEKUI | 115 " |
| DEKUI | BUTIPKAWOK | 225 " |
| BUTIPKAWOK | BANKIM | 55 " |
| BANKIM | DERRENGO | 85 " |
| DERRENGO | KUMGUIT | 175 " |
| KUMGUIT | NIOKSIKWI | 180 " |
| NIOKSIKWI | OKTIDETAU | 1 day (estimate) |
| NIOKSIKWI | DUOMBONKIM | 90 mins |
| BUOMBONKIM | BOLIWOGAM | 1 day (estimate) |
| DUOMBONKIM | MONGOLAVURAM | 105 mins |
| MONGOLAVURAM | WURIMKANATGO | 60 " |
| WURIMKANATGO | HAIDAWOGAM | 60 " (approx) |
| WURIMKANATGO | BUMBIM | 150 " |
| BUMBIM | KOLEBON | 150 " |
| KOLEBON | TWINKWI | 60 " |
| TWINKWI | YONGTAU | 80 " |
| YONGTAU | KAUKWI | 60 " |
| KAUKWI | WUWUNGO | 80 " |
| WUWUNGO | WOGAM | 190 " (90 mins to build bridge) |
| WOGAM | TAMARO | 120 " |
| TAMARO | STATION | 5 " |

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## APPENDIX 12 MEDICAL TREATMENTS GIVEN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| HUKIM | 8 Fever, 1 Pneumonia | |
| BWAKIM | 6 " , 3 " | |
| DEKUI | 2 " | |
| KUMGUIT | | 5 t.ulcers |
| MONGOLAVURAM | | 1 " |
| NIOKSIKWI | 1 fever | 4 " |
| WURIMKANATGO | | 6 " |

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APPENDIX 13 REST HOUSES AND POLICE BARRACKS

| VILLAGE | R.HOUSE | P.BARRACKS |
|---|---|---|
| HUKIM | GOOD | GOOD |
| BWAKIM | FAIR | FAIR |
| DEKUI | FAIR | REPAIRS |
| BURIPKAWOK | REPAIRS | REPAIRS |
| BANKIM | FAIR | FAIR |
| DERRENGO | GOOD | GOOD |
| KUMGUIT | FAIR | FAIR |
| TUNDENGHIATKWI | TO BE BUILT | |
| NIOKSIKWI | FAIR | FAIR |
| OKTIDETAU/ TIMENGATITS | TO BE BUILT | |
| DUOMBONKIM | FAIR | REPAIRS |
| BOLIWOGAM | TO BE BUILT | |
| MONGOLAVURAM | GOOD | EXCELLENT |
| WURIMKANATGO | GOOD | GOOD |
| HAIDAWOGAM | FAIR | GOOD |
| BUMBIM | GOOD | GOOD |
| KOLEBON | GOOD | GOOD |
| TWINKWI | GOOD | GOOD |
| YONGTAU | GOOD | REPAIRS |
| KAUKWI | GOOD | TOO SMALL |
| WUJUNGO | GOOD | GOOD |
| WOGAM | GOOD | GOOD |
| TAMARO | NIL | NIL |

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APPENDIX 14 RADIO RECEIVERS

| | |
|---|---|
| HUKIM | ISSUED BY PATROL |
| WUWUNGO | WORKING WELL |
| WOGAM | WORKING WELL |

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APPENDIX 15 PROPOSED AMMENDMENTS TO THE VILLAGE DIRECTORY

| OLD SPELLING | PROPOSED SPELLING |
|---|---|
| BUTIPKAWOK | BURIMKAWOK |
| NOT INCLUDED | BANKIM |
| DUONBONKIN | DUOMBONKIM |
| KUNGIT | KUMKUIT |
| NOT INCLUDED | TUNDENGHIATKWI |
| NOT INCLUDED | NIOKSIKWI |
| NOT INCLUDED | OKTIDETAU |
| NOT INCLUDED | BOLIWOGAM |
| MONGOLAVURAM | MONGORAVAM |
| NOT INCLUDED | WURIMKANATGO |
| NOT INCLUDED | HALAWOGAM |
| NOT INCLUDED | BUMBIM |
| NOT INCLUDED | KOLEBON |
| NOT INCLUDED | YONGTAU |
| KAUKWI | KWAKWI |

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of.....Western.....Report No.....3/65-66.....

Patrol Conducted by.....D.S. Leslie, Patrol Officer.....

Area Patrolled.....To TARAKBITS thence NORTH OK-TEDI Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....Nil.....

Natives.....7.....

Duration—From...3./.12./19..65 to 10../.12../1965....

Number of Days.....Seven.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?...Hospital Orderly.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services.....14/..3../19.65.....

Medical .... ...../...6../19.65..

Map Reference.....Border Special Sheet 5.....

Objects of Patrol.....Land Investigation TARAKBITS, Routine Administration NORTH OK-TEDI Census Division.

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Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

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*District Commissioner*

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Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .....

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

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

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for Acting District Commissioner

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67-3-8

21st March, 1966.

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LINGHIM PATROL REPORT NO3/1965-66

Thank you for your memorandum 57-10-1 of 16th February, 1966 together with Mr. Leslie's patrol report.

2. The comments of both Mr. Sage and yourself have been noted.

3. Mr. Sage has finished a useful patrol and submitted a lengthy, interesting and informative report which only reflects his enthusiasm and interest in Native Affairs field work.

4. Field officers should try their best to pay village officials every year as funds allocated for there are worked out to be used only for a particular year. It becomes difficult to find funds to pay large sums as back pay.

(J. K. McCARTHY)
DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

File 67-9-1.

Sub-District Office,
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31st. December, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
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NINGENUM PATROL REPORT No. 3/65-66.

SOUTH ON-TEME CENSUS DIVISION.

CONDUCTED BY Mr. D.S.LESLIE , O.I.C. NINGENUM.

1. Mr. LESLIE has written a detailed report on an area that is probably more aware of the border situation than most.

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c.c. Mr. D.S. Leslie, NINGENUM.
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Sub-District Office,
Western District,
KIUNGA.

31st. December, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
Dept. District Administration,
Western District,
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KINGSMEN PATROL REPORT No. 3/65-66.

MOUNT OK-TEDI CENSUS DIVISION.

CONDUCTED BY Mr. D.S.LESLIE . O.i.C. KINGSMEN.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Patrol Post.,
NINGERUM.
Western District.
13th December 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub district Office,
KIUNGA. WD.

PATROL REPORT - D.S. LESLIE
NORTH OK-TEDI C.D.

1. Please find herewith three (3) copies of my Patrol Report covering the recent visit to the NORTH OK-TEDI Census Division.

2. Although Conducted some 9 months after the 1965 Census Patrol of this Census Division the Patrol served as a Routine Administrative visit to the area concerned.

3. This Patrol, and with the completion of the current Patrol to the NORTH AWIN Census Division brings up to date my Patrol Programme for 1965 as outlined in my 67.1.3 of 12th November 1965, being Patrol Programme covering the period ending December 1966.

4. Report is fowarded for your comments and action in on fowarding please,

(D.S. Leslie)
Patrol Officer

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Patrol Post.,
NINGERUM.
Western District.,
15th December 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub district Office,
KIUNGA. WD.

NORTH OK-TEDI PATROL
NING 3/65-66

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| Area Patrolled | To TARAKBITS thence NORTH OK-TEDI Census Division. |
| Conducted by | D.S. Leslie, Patrol Officer. |
| Accompanied by | 1 Interpreter<br>3 Members R.P.N.G.C.,<br>1 Hospital Orderly |
| Objects of Patrol | Land Investigation TARAKBITS<br>Routine Administration. |
| Duration of Patrol | 3.12.65 to 10.12.65 |
| Number of Days | Seven. |
| Last Patrol | District Administration - 14.3.65<br>Medical - 6.65 |

(D.S. Leslie)
Patrol Officer

PATROL DIARY

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3.12.65 Departed NINGERUM 0840, Arrived TARAKBITS 1620 after passing through TIKAM, BIKIM, WOMBON and TENGKIM. Brief discussions in each village en route. Tracks fair. Overnight TARAKBITS.

4.12.65 At TARAKBITS To Airstrip Site for Land Investigation and survey.
P.M. Observed TARAKBITS.

5.12.65 At TARAKBITS Village inspection, discussions re Airstrip development, Mission activity etc.
Remainder of day Observed.

6.12.65 Departed TARAKBITS 1010 over bush track and arrived AUWTIT at 1210.
Village inspection and discussions re ways of improving Village and surroundings. Questions answered re extension of KIUNGA Local Government to NINGERUM.
Overnight AAUWTIT.

7.12.65 Departed AUWTIT 0930 for KUNGIM , arriving 1130.
Village in very good condition. Inspected and discussions re Border crossings etc., owing to good condition of village decided to move onto KUNGEMBIT and arrived after little less than one hours walk.
Village Inspection and discussions.
Overnight KUNGEMBIT.

8.12.65 Departed KUNGEMBIT and arrived AMBAGA No 2 after 1 hours walk. Village in reasonable condition, discussions with people assembled. Patrol then moved on to KUNDBRIAN in 1½ hours. Track poor. Village in poor condition.Resthouse disgrace. Crossed into KIUNGA Administrative area to overnight at KOMOPKIN being ½ hour walk from KUNDBRIAN Where village 100% worst than KUNDBRIAN. Contacted Patrol Post per A510.

9.12.65 Departed KUMOPKIN 0830 for BIRIMKAMBA. This village in good condition, discussions with those present. Adultery case referred to NINGERUM for attention on Patrols return. Onto GARANDIMOK, in 1 hour. Village, Airstrip inspection. Thence to TIKAM and return NINGERUM.

END OF PATROL

PATROL REPORT NO.3/65-66
NORTH OK-TEDI CD

INTRODUCTION;

This Patrol to the NORTH OK-TEDI Census Division, of the NINGERUM Administrative area of the KIUNGA Sub district was carried out for the purposes of doing a Land Investigation at TARAKBITS village after an Application by the U.F.M. for a Mission and Airstrip Lease and making a routine administrative visit to all villages in the said Census Division. This was the second Patrol into the area since the establishment of the NINGERUM Patrol Post and also the second Patrol to originate from that Post.

The following villages of the Census Division were visited during the course of the Patrol :-

AUWTIT
KUMGIN
KUNGEMBIT
AMBAGA
KUNDUBIRAN
KOMOPKIN (KIUNGA Area)
BIRIMBAMBA
GARANDIMOK

As well as the above villages the Patrol, in moving through the lower section of the NINGERUM Census Division called on the following villages of that area :-

TIKAM
WOMBON
TENGKIM
BIKIM
TARAKBITS

A total of 14 Patrol Days has been spent in this Census Division during the past 9 months, and although this Patrol was mounted some 8 months after the first most villages, with the notable exception of KOMOPKIN, and to a lesser degree, KUNDUBIRAN were in reasonable condition. These two villages are the southern most visited by the Patrol.

There is one village within the area visited that is controlled by the WEST IRIAN authorities, and I presume will continue to be till such time as the Border Survey is undertaken. On all maps held the Village of OPKA is shown as being just east of the Border.

This Census Division, the smallest of those that are now administered from NINGERUM has an area of approximatly 45 sq miles and supports a total population of approx 500 people, having a natural population decrease of 3.3 per 100.

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The area has natural boundaries on all sides except its Western extremity which is the unmarked WEST IRIAN Border; it is bounded in the east by the OK-TEDI or ALICE River, to the North by the OK-BIRIM, a tributary of the ALICE, and joining it some 5 miles below NINGERUM Patrol Post; the OK-KAMAN, another butsmaller tributary of the ALICE forms the Southern boundary of the Census Division.

The area is flat in comparison with the more notthern NINGERUM and WEST AWIN Census Divisions but is of a broken nature because of the many creeks crossing to the ALICE. The fact that the ALICE on its course through the Census Division runs over a number of rapids helps to indicate the broken nature of the topography., walking over the area is not difficult and the longest walk is only some 2½ hours between XOMOPKIN and BIRIMKAMBA. I might add that the Patrol was carried out during a dry period and the fast walking times achieved could easily be doubled if a Patrol has to move over the Census Division with its many creek and river crossings. In fact much of the tracks are under upwards of three feet of water after normal rains.

The overall state of affairs is normal, the native situation is well in hand, despite the proximity of the Border, this I feel wholly results from the establishment of NINGERUM Patrol Post and the Patrol contact that has resulted during the past 12 months.

BORDER MATTERS

A close watch was kept throughout the Patrol on matters associated with the Border, at no time did I get the impression of there being any large number of Border crossings, although I hasten to say that there are bound to be some crossing undertaken while hunting away from main tracks. The inhabitants of the area are well aware of implications associated with the Border and co-operate as far as possible in not attempting crossings.

Since the Takeover by Indonesia all Patrols to this area have spoken on the significance of the Border and that its in their own interest to stay within their own area. A number of individuals have learnt the hard way; an example being a dispute over a pig, which was killed by a West Irian native and belonged to a man of the Australian village of DETAU; evidently the pig strayed over the 'border' and was killed with the remark "You cant report me because I'm not looked after by NINGERUM". The bitter loss was one pig. After explanations, carefully thought of, the matter was resolved with the remark, "Well, I'd better keep away from that part" this school of thought can be seen right through the Border strip of the area.

Following the visit of a teacher from INGEMBIT (West Irian) to TARAKBITS during the middle of the year 'to look at the Airstrip'; this incident has already been covered by various Reports there has been nothing further heard of from the 'other side'. To the best of my knowledge there is nothing being done; I have not heard of any Patrols to West Irian Border Villages nor of any other Indonesian activity.

Despite talks given on the puproses of the recent Army Survey activity in the area there is still little idea of what the 'Atro fix' Marks are, for example; on the inspection of TARAKBITS Village I noticed a Survey Mark about 10 yards away from the last house in the village; as I approached it to see if it was in order and had not been tampered with I was rushed at and grabbed by the arm with people yelling "Indonesia. Indonesia"., although TARAKBITS is some 4 miles from the Border, and this has been explained on a number of Patrol visits the mere presence of a 'mark' indicates the Border. Once the Border is marked, and if there is a mark near this administrative area I wouldnt be surprised if people refuse to go withinn a mile of it.

While there is no activity on the 'other side', and there is constant contact from NINGERUM I feel all will remain in order from a Border aspect; however I feel there will be uneasiness as soon as there is any news of Indonesian activity in the area adjacent to our Territory, a Patrol to the area in question would soon put things back to normal.

The Census Patrol to the NORTH OK-TEDI Census Division, programmed for May 1966 will throw more light on the Migration side of things than is possible in a Routine Administrative Patrol, however, I am of the opinion that there has been little border movement.

POLITICAL SITUATION

It would appear that the semi cult described by Mr Edwards in his Report No 2/64-65 under Political Situation has now died a natural death, I could find no trace of it at all, it may be dormant but I feel has been forgotten following the House of Assembly Elections and the constant Patrolling into the area since then.

No mention was made to the Patrol of the establishment of an Administrative Post in the area as outlined by Mr Edwards at para 5 of Political Situation in his abovementioned Report.

Political awareness is almost non existant throughout the area; since the House of Assembly elections they have not

heard of tneir Local Member and are not liable to till the next H of A Elections, it was noted that some interest was shown in the introduction of Local Government to the KIUNGA area; the election Patrols for that Council having just finished. Questions were asked when Council activity may be expected in this area, and at the same time fears expressed as to not having enough money to pay Council Tax. I advised that there were no plans in hand for the establishment of Local Government in the area.

I feel that the early introduction of Local Government to the whole of the NINGERUM Administrative area would be a wise move, especially that there is now talk of what will be done next after the establishment and consolidation of the Administrations presence at NINGERUM.

There is nil economic development in the whole area, the only money held being that from labouring at NINGERUM. There is the potential for rubber right through the area but nothing has yet been done., the question of transport should not be a major consideration at this stage as I consider, under the particular circumstances associated with this area that the establishment of some form of economic development to be paramount. It will take 5 - 7 years for the crop to become productive in which time the transport needs of the area can be overcome. In this way the current agitation for 'something more' can be overcome.

If there is opposition to the above, and it is realised that 'something more' has to be done, then I consider that the introduction of Local Government would serve the purpose, but this at the same time will also generate greater demands for economic development. The logical following would be the setting up of some form of economy and then the introduction of a Council, but either in this area will fill the growing demand for something following the entry of the Administration to this area.

The above comments apply to the whole of the NINGERUM Administrative area but have more importance to the people of the YUNGUM, or those of the Census Division under Report because they, due perhaps to linguistic, social, or cultural connections with the KIUNGA people, or to their earlier contact with Europeans are the ones that realise that there is more to being 'administered' than having a Partol Post and being visited twice a year by a Patrol.

I did not interpret the questions on Council introduction and the resulting requirement to pay taxes as not wanting a Council because there is no money for Tax, but rather when will we be given the opportunity to get money, and so be in a position to pay Tax to a Council.

I consider that a Local Government Survey should be carried out in the near future, especially in regard to some of the fringe area villages, as there are a number of NINGERUM administered West/North AWIN Villages that have been included in the new KIUNGA Council. The same applies in the NORTH OK-Tedi are with the villages of KOMOPKIN and KUNDUBRAN, see later comments on alteration of administrative area boundaries.

It has become evident that more people are moving into their villages and living there for greater lenghts of time than previously applied. The moves are slow, and periods are still spent in bush locations and hunting, however, it can be seen that there is an overall trend to stay in respective villages, such having all blessings of the Administration.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

There has been no lack of Native contact in the area visited, and the area would be the better, in most respects than any of the four Census Divisions administered from NINGERUM, it is also the smallest of these four Census Divisions.

In all cases it was evident that villages and tracks had been given a facelift just before the Patrols arrival, however this is not unusual but it would be the ideal for conditions of villages and road to be maintained for the whole time rather than be hastily attended to when a Patrol is in the vicinity. In a number of cases it could be seen that villages were kept in a fairly constant state of attention rather than attended to as a last minute rush.

In all cases the standard of Village Rest Houses and Police Barracks was good, with the exception of the KIUNGA village of KOMOPKIN, which would be the filthiest village I've ever seen., with a poorest Resthouse and Police barracks of the Patrol.

Ever since regular Patrols started to this area some four or five years ago there has been constant reference in the Village Book of the non use of village latrines. Its obvious that no notice has been taken of 'orders' to use such conveniences, I often wonder if time has ever been taken to explain why latrines should be used in preference to other places that have been used since the year dot.

Only about 10% of latrines inspected by this Patrol had been used, I feel that a Health Education Patrol should be sent into the area, not only to enlighten on this aspect of Health but to cover points such as simple personal hygiene etc. It is of

little use demanding that latrines be used, and it appears that the only result of such demands has been almost wholesale disregard.

Carriers were recuited from the area prior to the Patrols departure from NINGERUM as most villages are well under 100 people and there are insufficent men available from each village to carry to the next village. Carriers were paid at the rate of 3/- per day and were rationed with native foods bought at each village. Mr Edwards in the last Patrol to this Census Division noted some difficulty in obtaining carriers but this was overcome by recuiting for the whole Patrol., the overall rate of payment to carriers worked out at a cost of 6/- per day after allowing for the purchasing of foods.

The Village Officials of the area are no good, but will improve when a Village Officials Course can be conducted at NINGERUM. Although mentioned in previous Reports and In some correspondence I have been unable to undertake such a course being tied up with Station consolidation and finalising various Land Matters. In Handover-Takeover documents and correspondence to be prepared before my departure I will cover this aspect for the information of the incoming Officer in Charge.

It was noted that all instructions issued by the previous Patrol had been carried out, especially the request that various Resthouses be repaired. The KUNGEMRIT Resthouse which the previous Officer refused to sleep in had been rebuilt and was found to be quite satisfactory. The overall condition of all villages was above expectations , especially regarding housing and cleanliness.

VILLAGE OFFICALS

No new appointments were made, any V.C.'s still on probation were told that they would be considered for confirmation of their position after they have been on trial for a full year, this should be during the course of the next Patrol to the Census Division next May.

As previously stated a Village Officials Course will be undertaken early next year, with this I feel there will be a marked improvement in the performance of their duties and consolidation of Patrol Post - Village relations.

A number of V.C.'s have not been paid for a period of up to three years, and articles of uniforms, in case initial issues are required. All these details can be attended to during the proposed training Course.

A large funds allocation will be required to bring Village Constables pay up to date, any requirements in this regard will be covered by file correspondence in association with Handover - Takeover documents.

MISSIONS - EDUCATION

All villages, with the exception of BIRIMKAMBA and AUWTIT have either a UFM or MCM school, all under the control of village natives who have received some basic training at respective Mission headquaters; at KUMGINAE in the case of the UFM., or at KIUNGA in the case of the Catholic Mission. I would say the average standard of such village school would be no higher than Std 1+.

The Catholic Mission establishments at KUNGEN and KUNGEMBIT appear to be the more permanent establishments and seem to have the largest attendance at school. The lack there seems to be that there are few visits by European staff of the Mission with the resulting low standard.

The UFM, the longer established Mission of the two in the area seem to lack the resources of the MCM but make up for this by greater native contact than their counterpart. Its a pity that the MCM with their large resources ~~are~~ are not as close to the people as they could be.; being a new Mission to the area they may, after a little more time prove a rival to the UFM; its of little importance if one is regarded as a rival of the other as long as the people of the area are benefiting from their activities.

AIRSTRIPS

The UFM has constructed and maintains an airstrip at TARAKBITS, some 2 hours walk from the Northernmost of the YUNGUM Villages. The Catholic Mission constructed a strip at GARANDIMCK but this has not been used since the crash on landing of the Mission aircraft VH-MDW in 1962. The fuselage of the aircraft is still beside the strip after being stripped of all components after the crash.

It is not possible to improve the strip to DCA standards as there is only 700 feet available and large gullies at each end. Mr Edwards states that trees were growing over the strip surface, these have been removed and the strip could be used in an emergency. The Department of Public Health has cleared an area of approx 3 acres adjacent to this strip to be used as a Quarantine Site in the event of any epidemic that may cross the Border. An inspection was made of this site and it was found to be in a suitable state for use when required.

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There are a number of other strip sites in the area visited but these are of little use as all strips that are required in the Census Division have been constructed. The strip mentioned by Mr Edwards in his 2/64-65 being under construction by the people of AMBAGA and KUNGEMPIT has not been proceeded with and it seems all interest has been lost., the same applies to the strip site mentioned by the KUNGIM people.

WATERWAYS

The information tendered by Mr Edwards in his previously mentioned Report has been of no use to date as this Post is still without a dingy and outboard motor . It might be added that an outboard could not have been used during the last six months because of the dry spell experienced throughout the District., despite this I feel that the allocation of a dingy with motor would be a great advantage in local transportation.

No attempt was made to revise river information that was compiled by Mr Edwards as it was not possible to ascertain any river upper navigation limits because of the low water in all systems.

It must be remembered that the majority of rivers in the area are only navigable when in a degree of flood, but with an annual rainfall of 200+" at NINGERUM, and maybe more in the upper areas of the administrative area it is not unusual for a river to be flooded, or in a navigable condition at least once a day, and sometimes staying up for as long as a week.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

As mentioned under Political Situation there is no Economic Development at all within the Census Division and this lack is now bearing on the Political stability of the YUNGUM area.

I feel Rubber is a possibility but till such time as the area is Patrolled by an Officer of DASF it will not be known what form of cash cropping should be introduced. I have previously stated my views on the subject of market transportation when the particular crop reaches productivity.

In the mean time some effort could be made for the introduction of various food crops to improve the overall diet of the area; however this cannot be regarded, in any way as a substitute for the establishment of some economic crop.

The whole area supports good stands of timber and all gardens thrive and I am of the opinion that the area would be suitable for development.

An investigation was carried outb in accordance with the Directors 6.1.0 dated 21st October 1965 to ascertain if any Massoy was tobe found in the area, however there was a negative result. It is not thought that there is anything in the area that would be of any commercial value, with the exception of an abundance of excellent hardwood timber. With timber there would be a greater transport problem than with rubber or any other form of cash crop. A limited timber industry could be developed to satisfy local demands when the time of there being a demand for timber is reached.

I do not feel there would be any point of introducing livestock into the area from an economic development point of view, such introduction would be ideal for home consumption etc., but would not be suitable in any way for export from the area, as the cost of transport would not bear any reaschable relationship to market prices, especially when refigeration etc would have to be taken into account for meat exports.

If transport could be overcome, say with a Cat "A" Strip at NINGERUM, (there is a site available) a limited cash income could be established by the selling and moving of foods and vegetables from the area. This would, in no way be as satisfactory as the establishment of a rubber industry. The establishment of a market for foods from the area would prove very difficult.

As previously mentioned it is felt that the problems associated with the transport of rubber should not be used as an excuse for its non introduction, especially bearing in mind that it will be between 5 and 7 years before the crop is productive. In this period it could be possible for a larger strip to be built at NINGERUM to move the rubber to KIUNGA for shipping out.

If the NINGERUM - SENAMNAE Road is ever constructed the remarks in the previous para would not apply as the product could be moved by road direct to a navigable point on the ALICE - FLY River system

Various estimates for this road have been made, but I feel a "LDA" road, which is all that would be required could be built for around the £5,000 mark. This would open the whole area up and not only solve transport problems for produce of the area but also the Administration's acute supply problems. Once this main road is established it would be no great problem for villagers to put feeder roads in from various central points etc.

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CENSUS DIVISION BOUNDARY

The NORTH OK-TEDI Census Division is the smallest that is Administered from NINGERUM Patrol Post containing only six small villages; this is leaving out OPKA which has been previously mentioned.

The village of KUNDUBIRAN is some 2½ hours walk from BIRIMKAMBA, this being the longest walk of the Patrol, while the KIUNGA Administered village of KOMOPKIN is only some 25 minutes walk from KUNDUBIRAN. I have been told that walking time over this area can be more than doubled after heavy rain, howevr I would suggest that it is unreasonable for KOMOPKIN to be included in the KIUNGA area when the NINGERUM mounted Patrol must pass through it to administer KUNDUBIRAN, or to retrace its tracks through 3 other villages to get to BIRIMKAMBA. It may not be possible to have KOMOPKIN moved under NINGERUM administration as it is now in the new KIUNGA Council, but it may be possible to include the NINGERUM area village of KUNDBIRAN in the KIUNGA Council.

The above may be resolved if the OIC NINGERUM is required to carry out a Local Government survey as previously mentioned in this Report. There are a number of AWIN Villages, that have been administered from here that have also been incorporated into the new KIUNGA Council. The exact position regarding KOMOPKIN - KUNDIBRAN and the AWIN Villages will have to be resolved or the KIUNGA Council will find itself adminsitering all of NINGERUM; however on the establishment of a NINGERUM area Council some villages, now in the KIUNGA Council but in the NINGERUM administative area my move to the new Council. In the meantime it may be necessary to Patrol as previously.

The village of AMUTIT, which is in the NINGERUM Census Division is Patrolled as if being in the OK-TEDI Division at the request of the village, it is easier to get to from the OK-TEDI than from the NINGERUM Division. These people are of mixed YUNGUM NINGERUM extraction.

CONCLUSION

The situation throughout the Census Divison is well in order with a growing realisation of the aims of the Administration; our 'crash' development of NINGERUM has not gone without thoughts beyond our mre being here, and I regard this as the most important aspect of the Patrol.

For the overall development of the area, with a certain amount of consolidation of what has been achieved in just over a year I would recommend the commencment of a scheme to introduce cash cropping to the area, to the NORTH OK-TEDI first. This would

provide a suitable plan of overall development, which could, and I recommend should be carried out in conjunction with the establishment of Local Government.

I realise that some areas have waited years for the introduction of a cash economy and the establishment of Local Government but feel there is no reason why this area should not receive the benefits of a plan of overall development as mentioned. It is true that there is nil education in the area, but this would not mean that Local Government would fail. One always must keep in mind that the whole of the this Administrative area is a 'Border Area' and that development as mentioned would mean more than the mere establishment of a cash economy or Council, but would have underlying results which may be of considerable importance in the future.

The various sets of Appendicies have not been revised as it is felt it would be pointless undertuking this twice a year. However all information should be revised at the same time as a Census.

(D.S. Leslie)
Patrol Officer

REPORT ON MEMBERS OF THE CONSTABULARY

| NUMBER | RANK | NAME | CONDUCT | REMARKS |
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| 10141 | Const.5th | RAVANA | Very Good | Well above average |
| 11346 | T/Cons.2nd | TIO | Very Good | Young above average |
| 11454 | T/Cons.1st (Bugler) | PETRET | Very Good | Young first Patrol good material. |

Constable RAVANA is well above average with good initiative and control. He is perhaps too hard on carriers but well above average on all other points.

Constable TIO was recuited as a Border Special Constable and has only served at NINGERUM. He is young but above average. With more experience he will develop into an excellent Constable.

Constable PETRET, a Bugler is just out of Police Training School and has only been at this Station for some three weeks, he is a very good bugler and is always well dressed. He conducted himself well on his first Patrol and should develop into a good Policeman.

(D.S. Leslie)
Patrol Officer

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION
Received
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KIUNGA
WESTERN DISTRICT T.P.N.G.

# PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN Report No. NINGERUM 4/65-66

Patrol Conducted by R.C.HUNTER, C.P.O.

Area Patrolled NORTH AWIN CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans. NIL

Natives 3 x R.P.&N.G.C. 1 INTERPRETER 1N.M.O.

Duration—From 17/11/1965 to 15/12/1965

Number of Days 28 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services ../11/1964

Medical .... ../../1963

Map Reference CLAASEN'S KIUNGA S.D.

Objects of Patrol CENSUS REVISION AND ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

27/4/1966

*a/* District Commissioner

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

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

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION
27 JUN 1966

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Our Reference 67-10-1

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Mr. RAH:VMH

Department of District Administration,
Western District,
DARU.

23rd June, 1966.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

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NINGERUM Patrol Report No.4/1965-66

Your memo 67-3-27 of the 3rd June, 1966 refers.

2. Mr. Hunter has been reminded of the necessity to submit a map.

(I.A. Holmes)
a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

c.c. Mr. R. HUNTER, D.D.A. DARU.

Noted
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67-3-27

3rd June, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Western District,
DAKU.

KINGSMITH PATROL REPORT NO.4/1965-66.

Thank you for your memorandum 67-10-1 of 27th April, 1966, together with Mr. Hunter's patrol report.

2. Please advise Mr. Hunter that a patrol map should accompany every report. Why was there not one attached to this report?

3. A lengthy and very interesting report showing that Mr. Hunter is paying great attention to native affairs work in the field.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....

Our Reference.....67-10-1.....

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Mr.....

23 MAY 1966
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KONEDOBU
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Department of District Administration,
Western District,
DARU.

27th April, 1966.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

NINGERUM PATROL No. 4/65-66.

I attach two copies of the above numbered Patrol Report and covering comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, KIUNGA. The A.D.C. has commented quite adequately and no specific remarks are required.

2. Outstanding matters raised in para 43. of the Conclusion have been adequately commented on by the A.D.C. Remarks concerning a medical patrol programme as suggested in the A.D.C. comments will be passed on to the R.M.O.

3. A good patrol and an interesting report. Camping allowance claim has been approved.

where is the part map?

.....
(I. A. Holmes),
a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

67-10-1

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Ref: 67-9-1

DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION
10 MAR 1966

Dept. of District Administration,
KIUNGA,
Western District.

3rd March, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Western District,
D A R U.

NINGERUM PATROL REPORT 1/65-66.

Submitted herewith please find copies of the above numbered patrol conducted by Mr.R.C.Hunter, Cadet Patrol Officer, into the North Awin Census Division.

2. Four copies of the above report, Camping Allowance claim, and two copies only of the census figures, were received at this Office, ex WEAM, on 26th February.

3. The report indicates a well-managed patrol and is, the appendices in particular, well compiled and contains much useful information for inclusion in an Area Study. Comments under some headings are a little brief and Mr. Hunter will have to pay more attention to spelling and punctuation.

4. Comments are as follows:-

Para 13 (POLITICAL SITUATION).

Those villages 'interested' enough to ask for a D.I.E.S. radio were probably expecting to be part of the free hand-out. I cannot conceive that anything other than selfish interest motivated the request. A further distribution of radios should not be made until we can assess the usefulness of those on current allocation. The way in which these radios are being cared for, the willing-ness of the people to purchase replacement batteries, and the numbers of villagers keen enough to listen should first be observed.

Para 21 (NATIVE AFFAIRS)

Para 20 states that the seven most southerly villages of the North Awin C.D. have been included in the KIUNGA Council Area and that the people in these villages are more inclined to associate with the South Awin people than with the other North Awins. SOMAEKWANKIA, to the best of my knowledge, is also identified with the South Awins and should not have been excluded from the Council Area. The SOMAEKWANKIAs are no doubt envious because of the incorrect belief that rapid economic development is going to follow in the wake of Council establishment. Mr.Hunter has observed correctly.

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Para 28 (MEDICAL and HEALTH)

This situation was explained in para 4 under Medical and Health by Mr.McKenzie - see NINGERUM P/R 1-64/65. I recall the Director passing comment on the above. The Public Health Department in this Sub District has lacked dynamic and aggressive leadership for some time and currently inadequate staff precludes the manning of both KWILOKNAI and HAWENAI. The U.P.M. strip at HAWENAI will be completed this week and that Mission will, no doubt, cater for the people's health needs. Perhaps the D.M.O. can be requested to have a Medical patrol programme drawn up and circulated to Outstation P.H.D. staff for strict compliance. I personally favour the concept of a patrolling medical team as the efficiency of Orderlies posted to selected villages becomes suspect after initial enthusiasm has waned.

Para 32 (EDUCATION)

The parents of children sent off to an Administration Boarding School usually consider that the Administration assumes the responsibility of feeding the children no matter how far from or near to the school the villages are located. I think that the problem of feeding school children can only be overcome by maintaining large Station gardens. When the school at NINGERUM is completed I would like to see a parents and citizens meeting, attended by the D.E.O. convened. The D.E.O. can then explain what parents and other interested parties are expected to pay.

Appendix No. 3 - VILLAGE CONSTABLES' PAY.

The sum of $246 is required to pay outstanding wages in this Census Division. The HOSOMRAB book is in DARU?

5. For an Officer of his status Mr.Hunter has done well.

(J.A.EDWARDS)
Assistant District Commissioner.

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| DISTRICT | :Western |
| SUB-DISTRICT | :KIUNGA |
| STATION | :Hinge[illegible]m |
| PATROL NUMBER | :3/65-66 |
| PATROL CONDUCTER BY | :R.C.Hunter,C.P.O. |
| AREA PATROLLED | NORTH AMIN Census Division |
| Personnel Accompanying [illegible]ol | : Three Members R.P.&N.G.C.<br>One Interpreter<br>One N.M.O. |
| Duration Of Patrol | : 28 days |
| Last Patrol to the Area | : [illegible] November,64.<br>P.H.D. 1963<br>D.A.S.P. Nil |
| Objects of Patrol | :1) Census Revision<br>2) Routine Administration |
| Map Reference | : Claasen's Kiunga S.D |

R.C.Hunter
Cadet Patrol Officer

NINGERUM PATROL REPORT NO. 3/65-66

INTRODUCTION

1. The patrol was mounted to carry out census revision and routine administration throughout the NORTH AWIN Census Division. All villages in the Division were visited during the patrol and the censu was completed.

2. The North Awin Census Division lies generally to the east North and West of Ningerum Patrol Post. It is bounded in the west by the Alice and Ok Mart (Wai Mari) Rivers, in the east by the Fly River ,in the north by the northern mountains (Clesbip) and in the south by the administr--ative boundry with Kiunga.

3. The topography of the area patrolled varies as one moves through it. In the southern part the terrain is fairly flat with low ridges. A number of swamps form here in the wet season. As one moves further north the country becomes more rugged ,moving up to the northern ranges. Rainfall in the area is high and there are a number of swiftly flowing streams to be crossed. These streams drain into the GU,MART,and BROM which in turn flow into the Fly and Alice Rivers.

4. There is very little political development in the area. Little is kn. n of theHouse of Assembly,owing to the fact that no real att--empt has been made at political education in the past.An attempt was rade by this patrol to enlighten the people as muchas possible as regards the House of Assembly and the higher levels of the Administration. With the establishment of Ningerum Patrol Post the North Awins should progress at a much faster rate than they have done in the past.

5. Economic Development is virtually unknown in the North Awin. A small amount of money is earned by the sale of fresh food and labour to the patrol post at Ningerum,but,other than this there is no income to the area.

NINGERUM PATROL REPORT NO. 3/65-66

PATROL DIARY

17th ~~December~~ November,1965

Departed station at 0915 hours. Walked over fairly flat country for 5¼ hours and arrived at MIMINGIMI ( West Awin ) at 1500. Continued on and arrived at MATKOMRE village at 1530.

Settled into the Rest House. Dined with Father in Charge of the Montfort Catholic Mission, Matkomre. Slept night at Matkomre.

18th ~~December~~ November,1965

Began survey of mission and airstrip site.
Slept night at Matkomre.

19th November,1965

Finished off survey of Matkomre and drawing of plan. Preliminary investigation carried out.
Slept night at Matkomre.

20th November,1965

Departed Matkomre at 0800 hours. Arrived at Ipoknai at 0850. Village in fair condition ; no complaints. Departed Ipoknai at 0900 and arrived at Dande at 1005 hours. Village in good condition-no complaints. Departed Dande at 1015 and arrived at Meomcorae at 1225. Departed Meomcorae at 1300 after lunch. Ok Mart crossed by canoe and walked to Ruginae Mission Station arriving at 1520. Carriers on to nearby village to sleep night.

21 November,1965

Sunday-Observed at Ruginae.

22nd November,1965

Departed Ruginae at 0730, and arrived at Briompene at 0750.
Departed Briompene at 0800 and arrived at Rarengre at 0840.
Departed Rarengre at 0845 and arrived at Somaebinkia at 0945. This is the first of the North Awin villages.
Discussions held with village men. Census and Medical check held in afternoon.
Slept night at Somaebinkia.

23rd November,1965

Departed Somaebinkia at 0720 and walked over a good road to Minegirae, arriving at 0800.
Census and Medical check held. Discussions with people. No complaints brought forward.
Departed Minegirae at 1030 hours and walked along a good road to Gi, arriving at 1115.
Census and Medical check held. Discussions with village people.
Slept night at Gi.

24th November,1965

Departed Gi at 0835 and arrived at Tiomrnai at 0930. ~~R~~ D.I.E.S. radio issued and explained.

PATROL DIARY (Contd.)

24th November,1965(contd)

Census and Medical check held.Discussions with people.
Slept night at Tiomrnai.

25th November,1965

Departed Tiomrnai at 0755 hours. Road fairly good. Arrived at Grebike at 0900. D.I.E.S. radio istalled and instuctions given on the use of same.
Census and Medical check held in afternoon. No complaints.
Slept night at Tiomrnai

26th November,1965

Departed Grebike at 0800 hours and arrived at Apkomre at 0855. Roads and village very good. The village of Amtriensomrae has split up-5 0 people having come to live here and 34 going to the Kiunga village of Drimgas.
Census and Medical check held.
People asked for a radio,but told that none was marked for them at present.
Slept night at Apkomre.

27th November,1965

Departed Apkomre at 0850 and arrived back at Tiomrnai at 0920. Listened to District Sked and Spoke to Ningerum by A510. Departed Tiomrnai a t 1115 and arrived at Gi at a 1210. Departed Gi at1220 and arrived at Somaekwankia at 1315.
Census a nd Medical check held-a large number of sores seen.Discussions held with people.
Slept night at Somaekwankia.

28th November,1965

Departed Somaekwankia at 0900 hours. Walked along a good road to Tmoknai arriving at 0950.D.I.E.S. radio not issued as it proved to be u/s.
Census and Medical check held. Discussions held. No complaints.
Slept night at Tmoknai.

29th November,1965

Departed Tmoknai at 0825 Road excellent all the way. Arrived at Timinbore at 0945.
Census and Medical check held.
Housing very poor and small houses not used at all.
Discussions held with people.
Slept night at Timinbore.

30th November,1965

Departed Timinbore at 0820 hours. Road good,with bridges across three creeks. Arrived at Hosomrae at 0950 hours.
Census and Medical check held.
Discussions with people,one request for a Shotgun Permit referred to O.I.C. Ningerum.
Slept night at Hosomrae.

PATROL DIARY (Contd.)

1st December,1965

Departed Hosomrae at 0740 hours. Arrived at Mahomtienai at 0900.Housing quite good,roads fair.
D.I.E.S.radio issued and the use of same explained.
Census and Medical check held.
Village site is very small and expansion is restricted thus causing over--crowding.
Discussions held with village people re above and other matters.
Slept night at Mahomtienai.

2nd December,1965

Departed Mahomtienai at 0900. Walked along a good road and arrived at Hawenai at 0925.
Housing very poor,village untidy.
Census and Medical check held.
Old V.C resigned in favour of his s.o. one son who was provisionally app--ointed.
Stocktake of medicenes in the empty Aid Post carried out.
Slept night at Hawenai.

3rd December,1965

Departed Hawenai at 0850. Walked along a fair road to Kmianai,arriving at 0950.
Village in good condition.
People request a radio-and are more deserving than some of those villages already issued with radios.
Listened to District Sked and attempted to contact Ningerum.unsuccessfully.
Census and Medical check held.
~~Old V.C has died and Dawe appointed provisionally in his place.~~
Slept night at Kmianai.

4th December,1965

Departed Kmianai at 0745 .Road good for most of the way but detiriorating towards the end. Arrived at Ihore at 0940.
D.I.E.S. radio installed and people instructed on its use.
Census and Medical check held.
Old V.C. has died and Dawe appointed provisionally in his place.
Discussions held with people.
Slept night at Ihore.

5th December,1965

Departed Ihore at 0830 hours. Road good over Ihore and Punai sections, but detiriorating on the HoriHori side. Thirty minutes spent crossing the Wai Gu River,and arrived at HoriHori at 1050.
Census and Medical check held. One female census evader again absent.
Village in bad condition. A number of people with unattended sores also seen. People to work building new latrines for the afternoon.
Slept night at HoriHori.

PATROL DIARY

6th December,1966

Departed HoriHori at 0855 hours. Walked along a good road to the Wai Gu and thence to Bunai arriving at 1000 hours.
Census and Medical check held.
Village in good condition. People asked to tbuild a canoe for their River crossing.
Slept night at Bunai

7th December,1966

Departed Bunai at 0755 hours and walked along a good.road to Hohomrae, arriving at 1010.
Census and Medical check held
D.I.E.S.radio issued and the use of it explained.
Slept night at Hohomrae.

8th December,1965

Carried out repairs to radio issued yesterday.
Departed Hohomrae at 0805,and arrived at new Brunai at 0905.
Village people still residing at old village site.
People arrived at 1115 and census and medical check begun.
One complaint settled.
Slept night at Brunai.

9th December,1965.

Departed Brunai at 0810. Walked along a good road to Ripmai,arriving at 0910.
D.I.E.S.radio issued and its use explained.
Census and Medical Check held.
Slept night at Ripmai

10th December,1965

Departed Ripmai at 0735 and walked to the Wai Gu. Crossed the river in one hour.Arrived at Strike at 1040 hours.
Census and Medical check held.
No complaints.
Slept night at Strike.

11th December,1965

Departed Strike at 0735,and walked along a shocking road to Saisukurine arriving at 0910.
Listened to District Sked and spoke to Ningerum by A510.Heard of my transfer to Wewak. To leave Ningerum on the 17th.
Census and Medical check.
No complaints.
Slept night at Saisukurine.

12th December,1965

About six inches of rain fell over night,Wai Gu in high flood.
Began making a raft at 0700. Finally crossed the river by raft at 1330
A number of other creeks in flood. Arrived at Ketamoknai at 1630.
Census and Medical check held.
No complaints.
Slept night at Ketamoknai.

PATROL DIARY

13th December,1965

Departed Saisukurira at 0645 and walked along a fairly good road to Apram,arriving at 0815.
Census and Medical check held.
No complaints
Departed Apram at 1000 hours and arrived at Kwiloknai at 1200 Road poor.
People returned from the bush at 1630.
Census and Medical check held.
No complaints.
Slept night at Kwiloknai.

14th December,1965

Departed Kwiloknai at 0640 hours . Road excellent over the latter part.
Arrived at Sapirae/Sakromnae at 0800.
Census and Medical check held of both villages (which have joined ).
Departed Sapirae at 1030 and walked over a detiriorating road to Tapko, arriving at 1120.
Census and Medical check held
No complaints.
Departed Tapko at 1235 and walked over a poor road to Grumapu,arriving at 1325.
Census and Medical check held.
No complaints.
Departed Grumapu at 1445 and walked over a poor road to Hiorenkia,arriving at 1550.
All people absent in the gardens so census put off until morning.
Slept night at Hiorenkia.

15th December,1965

Began census and Medical check of Hiorenkia at 0615 hours.
No complaints.
Departed Hiorenkia at 0730 and walked along a good road to Hosonai, arriving at 0810.
Census and Medical check held.
Village in good condition,no complaints,
Departed Hosanni at 0930. Road good for first part but becoming bad on Tamaro land. Passed through Tamaro village and arrived at Mingerua station at 1130

END OF DIARY

NINGERUM PATROL REPORT NO. 5/65-66

1. Throughout the North Awin Census Division housing is of a poor standard. Improvement was seen, however, in the villages closest to Ningerum Station, where good houses have been built using local materials. The use of Black Palm for walling was only noticed in five villages-two close to Ningerum and three near Rumginae Unevangel--ized fields Mission. The low standard of housing is probably a contri--buting factor to the high rate of sicknesses such as Pneumonia in the area.

2. There is little variation in houses throughout the the area, except in size. Some villages favour large houses, accommad--ating the whole family group, whilst others use smaller simple family houses. In the larger type houses an interior wall divides the house lengthways down the centre, the women and younger male children sleep--on one side and the men on the other. Houses are raised off the grou--nd on thin poles to heights of four feet or more. The houses are often centrally placed on a large tree stump-this probably stemming from the former Awin practice of building their houses high in trees. Sago slats are used for the construction of walls, which are usually ill-made and offer very little resistance to the wind. Biri is the one material used for roofing and is adequately prepared and placed. Flooring is usually thin black palm slats, although some houses are now being built with the larger planks of black palm usual as used at Ningerum. It was seen that the poles forming the foundations of thesehouses are often the first parts to give out. Therefore the village people were encouraged to use larger stumps when building new houses. Possible improvements to walling were also pointed out.

3. Village sites vary from south to north. In the south--ernmost part of the Census Division, where the terrain is flat villages are built on the dryest ground thatmis convenient. Mosquitoes are often bad and drinking water may be some distance away. Futher north villages are invariably built on hill and ridge tops with water supplies just a few minutes walk away. These higher sites are free from mosquitoes and other insects but are very windy and often are mist covered until late in the morning.

4. Water is obtained from rivers and creeks and varies from excellent in the higher parts to adequate in the lower. At present there is no real need for improvements to be made to the water supply. No hardship was suffered by the people during the recent dry speal.
~~The majority of~~

5. The majority of village s visited were clean and tidy but this was probably due to the "pre-patrol sweep". Almost all villages had suffient latrines but numbers were not being used consistantly. In villages where there were not enough latrines the people were set to work building under the patrol's supervision. To get these people to use latrines at all times they are in the village a Health Education Patrol should be undertaken.

NINGERUM PATROL REPORT NO. 3/65-66

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

6. Vliage Officials throughout the North Awin Census Division are not impressive. Some fulfill their functions fairly well but on the whole they do not understand their job. In a number of cases the Village Constable did not seem to be the strong man in the villagcand no doubt had trouble in getting the people to carry out his wishes. The patrol made an effort to explain to Officials and villagers the duties of the Officials and endeavoured to back up the Officials where possible.

good work

7. A course for Village Constables and Councillors, held at Ningerum Station,would do a lot to raise the standard of Officials. Sucha course could teach the Officials their role in the Administration at the village level,various aspects of leadership,and other subjects such as village hygene,housing construction etc.

8. The villages of Somaebinkia,Minegirae,Gi,Tiomrnai and Apkomre/Amtriensomrae have been included in the new Kiunga Local Government Council and Village Officials have been pensioned off to make way for the new councillors. It was noticed,however, that the Village Constables still held the authority in the village. This will probably change in time as the people become more used to the council.

9. The Ihore Village Constable,an old man,died about a year ago and was replaced by HAWE,a Motu speaker who has worked in a mumber of centres. This appointment is to be confirmed or revoked by the next patrol. The Village Constable of Sakramnae tendered his resignation to the patrol. This was because the village has joined with Sapirae and the people considered that only one Official was neccessary. In this I agree. All other Village Constables remain in office.

10. Appendix two contains a list of and coments on Village Officials. Appendix three contains details of Village Constables pay.

NINGERUM PATROL REPRT NO. 3!65-66

POLITICAL SITUATION

11. There is very little political development among the North Awin people. This may be attributed to the fairly sparse patrolling that has taken place in the past. Understanding of the House of Assembly and it's aims and functions is practically nil. The people know nothing of their representative and do not see how he can benefit them.

12. The above situation will tend to change now that Ningerum Patrol Post has been established. More frequent patrolling will be possible than was from Kiunga, and, being closer, the people will be able to visit the station more regularly and to see the Administration in operation. The rate at which the station has grown has impressed the villagers a great deal and is showing effects in other things such as improved housing, in the villages closest to the station. The area should be visited by the Member for the House of Assembly in order to give the locals a clearer picture of the functions of the House and also, simply, so that the constituents may meet and speak with their member.

13. Department of Information and Extension Services' radios were ditributed in a number of villages during the patrol. these will help to enlighten the villagers as to happenings in other partes of the Territory and will also serve to further the knowledge of Motu. A number of villages who did not get radios asked for them and I believe that, because they were interested enough to ask, these villages should be supplied as soon as possible.

14. As suggested in Ningerum Patrol Repert No. 2/65-66, it would be a good idea for two or three observers to be sent in to Port Moresby to sit through a full session of the House of Assembly. On their return they would be able to give their impressions to their friends and help in gaining a better under--standing of the House throughout the area.

NINGERUM PATROL REPORT NO. 3/65-66

AGRICULTURE

15. The Awin people are susistance gardeners and collectors. They therefore spend a lot of their time away from the village in the search for food. Their staplefoods are:Sago; Bananas;and Yams. In addition to these they eat Taro;Sweet Potato; Pineapple;PitPit;Breadfruit and Native Cabbage,regularly.

16. No cash cropping is being undertaken in the area at the moment. Some money is earned from the sale of fresh foods to the Patrol Post at Ningerum but this does not amount to much. This area has so far seen little or no activity by the Department of Agriculture. Perhaps the present Rubber project being undertaken at Kiunga will benefit these people in thef future. In any cash croppnig undertaken transpert will provide a real problem. Thus emphasis must be placed on the building of roads through the area wherever possible. Road transport seems to be the only answer to the problem in this area.

17. Coconuts have been planted in all of the southern villages and in some of the northern. The trees seem to grow well in the south but are not flourishing further north. Other introduced foods include:mangoes;lemons;corn;pumpkin;pawpaw; cucumber;and watermelon.The numbers of pigs per village varied a great deal,the most being thirty-nine in Tiomrnai and the least beingtwo in Minegirae. Pigs seen were usually in good condition,however a number seen in the bush were poor.

18. A list of introduced foods and the numbers of pigs per vi village and the amount of food purchased by the patrol can be found in the appendices.

NINGERUM PATROL REPORT NO. 3/65-66

NATIVE AFFAIRS

19. The patrol was well received in all villages, however, there was no great enthusiasm shown at any time. With the little that has been done in the past for these people it is not surprising. that they do not show enthusiasm for patrols. This situation should change and is changing now that Ningerum has been established. More frequent patrols and some development, both economically and politically, should get rid of some of the lethargy.

20. The villages of Somaebinkia, Minegirae, Gi, Tiomrae, and Apkomrae/Amtriensomrae have been included in the new Kiunga Local Government Council but are still administered from Ningerum. It is thought that these villages should be taken over completely by Kiunga. The people themselves prefer to take their troubles to Kiunga rather than Ningerum, because of the easier walking. Further, their contacts are with the Kiunga administered South Awin Census Division and not with other North Awins. The southern most of these villages, Somaebinkia, is only one hours walk away from the nearest South Awin village.

21. The people of Somaekwankia expressed a wish to be taken over by Kiunga on the grounds that they could not get to Ningerum Station because of the Ok Mart River. As the river is only difficult to cross at flood times this reason does not seem enough to make the change neccessary. It is thought that these people may be envious of their near neighbours, the abovementioned villages, being members of the Council whilst they were left out. If a Ningerum Council is to be established in the near future then this will resolve itself, if not, then consideration should be given to taking the Somaekwankias into the Kiunga Council.

22. The villages of Sapirae and Sakromnae have joined together on the site of Sapirae. This was done as both villages are small and Sakromnae was some distance off the main road. The new village is well built and cleared. Excellent roads are built on their land. There are no other village movements.

23. There is no economic development in the area at all. The only sources of income available to the people are: the sale of fresh food to the Patrol Post at Ningerum; and the sale of labour to the Patrol Post. There are no Trade Stores in the area but there are two just outside the census division boundaries. these are: the Unevangelized Fields Mission store at Ningerum; and the samexx mission's store on their station at Rumginae. Both these stores carry enough variety and quantity of goods to adequately serve the needs of the population.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS (contd.)

24. Few complaints were brought before the patrol. Those that were were mainly of a minor nature and were settled without court action. Two cases of adultery were reported to the patrol and these were referred to the Officer in Charge, Ningerum.

25. Patrol carriers were recruited at Ningerum from the closer North and West Awin villages and stayed throughout the patrol. This was done because a number of the villages visited were too small to provide enough carriers for the patrol's needs if carriers were recruited on a village to village basis. Carriers were paid 3/- for each day worked and 1/- for each rest day.

NINGERUM PATROL REPORT NO. 3/65-66

MEDICAL AND HEALTH

26. Native Medical Orderley Dominikus accompanied the patrol and gave treatments where neccessary. A list of all treatments given can be found in the appendices. Most people seen by the patrol were in good health. A number of sores and ulcers were seen, however, together with a great deal of skin disease.

27. Previously there had been one Aid Post in the area, at Hawenai, but this has been unmanned for some time. According to the Village Constable the Orderley, a Kiwai, left the Aid Post because he "didn't like the bush". There were a number of medical supplies left behind in the Aid Post, a stocktake of these was taken by the Patrol Orderley. Steps should be taken to have this Aid Post remanned as it is in an area that is far from well served by health.

28. At Kwiloknai an Aid Post and Medical Orderleys house has been built. This was as a result of a visit to the village by a European Medical Assistant in 1963. He stayed in the village for a week and got the people going on the buildings and left promising them an Orderley as soon as possible. Since then nothing has been heard by the people who are still waiting for their Orderley. The buildings are delapidated and close to falling down and the people, rightly so, are not keen on carrying out repairs.

29. It is thought that the two above Aid Posts should be manned as soon as possible. They are the only two in the Census Division and other medical treatment can only be obtained at Ningerum Station or at Rumginae U.F.mision, both a fair distance from the northern abd eastern villages.

30. In the more northern villages a number of untreated sores and ulcers were seen. Where neccessary patients were sent to Ningerum for treatment. These people are not overly confident of medicine and require some education on the part of P.H.D. A Medical Patrol with the specific purpose of health education would do a great deal in getting these people to take their ills to the Aid Post and also, in bringing about an improvment in village hygene, would lower the rate of sickness.

NINGERUM PATROL REPORT NO. 3/65-66

EDUCATION

31. In the North Awin Census Division there are Thirty one people attending school. Of these twelve are adults and nineteen are children. Almost all those attending school come from the villages ofthe southern part of the Census Division; that is the villages closest to Rumginae Mission. There is a total of six hundred and fifty-two children between the ages of six and fifteen in the census division.

32. The children of the villages closer to Ningerum Station, that is the villages in the western part of the census division, will be taken in by the new Administration school at the Station. The school at Rumginae should be able to fairly adequately cover the villages in the extreme south. This will leave the North-eastern villages without educational facilities unless the school at Ningerum is made a boarding school and supplied with rations by the Department of Education. Other villages, closer to the Station can quite easily carry food into their children at the school, so, therefore, I think that only the villages in the north and east should have their children rationed. This would not place too big a drain on Education's resources and would give a complete coverage of the area by that Department.

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ROADS AND BRIDGES

33. Roads in the North Asin are, generally, quite good. There are two main roads, running approximately north/south, and these take in almost all the villages in the Census Division. During his patrol of the area in 1964 Mr. MacKenzie gave instruction on road building and maintenance and set out markers to give the people a permanent standard for width. This has been adhered to by a number of villages with the result that there are a good few sections of the track which are of Motor Bike standard. This is not so, in the North, however, where the roads cross steep ridges and would require a lot of work to make them suitable for Motor Bikes.

34. Bridges are made simply by felling trees across the stream. These are usually washed away with each flood and are replaced as needed. The people were encouraged to build permanent bridges where possible.

35. On the larger streams and rivers canoes are used at crossing places. These canoes are small and of poor quality. Canoes are not used at all for travelling along the rivers.

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MISSION AND AIRSTRIPS

36. The only Mission operating in the area is the Unevangelized Fields Mission. Whilst they have no stations inside the Census Division they have a number of Native Pastors living in thevillages of the southern part of the Census Division. These are supplied and directed from the mission station at Pumginae. Village schools of a low standard are conducted by the Pastors, usually in the vernacular. The mission has obtained a land lease at Hawanai where an airstip is under construction. It is thought that the intention is to man this station with an educated Papuan missionary. Other than that there is little expansion planned at present inside the Census Division.

37. The airstrip at Hawenai is the only one in the Census Division. This will be constructed to mission requirements and therefore will not be suitable for Administration use, [redacted]. No airstrip sites were noticed by the patrol.

38. Relationships between the mission and the local people seem to be cordial. Village people have g helped all the Pastors in the building of their houses and making of gardens. There no complaints involving the mission brought to the notice of the patrol.

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CENSUS

39. The revision of the census sheets for 1965 was carried out by the patrol. Attendance at the census was extremely good, there being only two cases of census evasion, involving about eight people, including children. Village Constables concerned have been instructed to apprehend these people and bring them in to Ningerum.

40. The total population for the Census Division was found to be 2,830. Total births were 109 and total deaths 74. this gives a population increase of 1.24 per hundred head. In the Ningerum Census Division, a similar enviroment, a population decrease of 5.52 per hundred was found. The great difference may be attributed to the epidemic of Influenza which struck the Ningerums but not the Arins.

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CONCLUSION

41. The aims of the patrol were established. That is, every village in the North Awin Census Division was visited and the revision of the census for 1965 was completed. Routine Administration was carried out as required and where neccessary instructions were left behind for improvements to be made to villages and to roads. It is thought that while most of the people were seen there are still a few people living in the bush at the top of the Census Division. There were a few migrations in from the bush during the census and the remaining people will no doubt move into villages in the near future.

42. The North Awins are a backward people, having been neglected in the past. This should change now that there is a station established in the area. With a lot of Administration activity taking place at Ningerum in the near future these people should develop enthusiasm for any projects undertaken.

43. As stated earlier, the following points require action: the reopening of Hmawenai N Aid Post; the staffing of the Kwiloknai Aid Post; the rationing of the Ningerum Primary School and the need for a Medical Patrol through the area.

APPENDIX 1. REPORT ON MEMBERS OF THE R.P.&N.G.C.

SERGEANT 2nd CLASS AKARORI

An excellent N.C.O. Handled his duties capably and efficiently. An example to the other patrol Police. Was neatly attired at all times.

CONSTABLE 5th YEAR KOM

Efficient in his work a nd shows initiative. A good walker. Was neatly attired at all times.

CONSTABLE 5th YEAR MISINANE

A good Policeman, but lacking in experience in the bush. Will improve with time. Was neatly attired at all times

## APPENDIX NO. 2 VILLAGE OFFICIALS

SOMAEBINKIA
MINEGIRAE
GI
TIOMRNAI
GREBIKE
APKOMRE
AMTRIENSOMRAE

HAVE JOINED KIUNGA L.G.COUNCIL

SOMAEKWANKIA — V.C. - SIKON
COUNCILLOR - SWORE
V.C. very quiet and does not speak Motu, Councillor speaks some Motu

TMOKNAI — V.C. SOWENIAM
COUNCILLOR APIANAM
Neither speak Motu. Both are old but seem to be quite effective.

TIMINHORE — V.C. URI
COUNCILLOR HEWI
V.C. SPEAKS Motu but is not very energetic. Councillor does not speak Motu and is getting too old for the job.

KOSOMRAE — V.C. WONE
COUNCILLOR TUNAM
BOTH Officials are satisfactory. Neither speak Motu.

MOSOMTIENAI — V.C. IMEN
COUNCILLOR SOK
The V.C. speaks a little Motu but is not overkeen. The Councillor is a good worker.

HAWENAI — V.C. GRUMOI
COUNCILLOR ARURI
Neither Official speaks Motu. Both are fairly keen but getting old.

KMIANAI — V.C. AMBIANG
COUNCILLOR DIMONAI
Both Officials are satisfactory. The V.C. speaks Motu and a little Pidgin.

IHORE — V.C. HAWE - NEW APPOINTMENT.
COUNCILLOR HOPONAI
Old V.C has died. Hawe appointed in his place. He has worked outside with the Govt. and with A.P.C. Wifwos name is - DEIANAM.

HORIHORI — V.C. PODOT
COUNCILLOR TAMONAI
V.C. IS FAIRLY USELESS but there is none better in the village. Councillor not impressive

APPENDIX NO. 2 (Contd.)

RUNAI — V.C. KIEN; COUNCILLOR SUI
BOTH VILLAGE officials are satisfactory. The V.C. speaks Motu.

HOHOMRAE — V.C. BRIAKOM; COUNCILLOR KUSI
Both Officials speak Motu. Both are satisfactory but not outstanding.

BRUNAI — V.C. IAKU; COUNCILLOR SANGORU
Neither Official is very strong in the village. Ther are,however,no other possibilities.

RIPRNAI — V.C. AWANG; COUNCILLOR HUPENG
Both Officials are satisfactory. The V.C. speaks no Motu but the Councillor some

STRIKE — KETUKAI; RUNAI
THE V.C. is fairly good. The Councillor is not effective at all. Neither speak Motu.

SAISUKURINE — V.C. IMOHO; COUNCILLOR DUREGIAM
Both Officials are a bit bushy but may improve in the future.

KETOMOKNAI — V.C. WERING; COUNCILLOR MOION
The V.C. appears to be sick but does not wish to retire. He is carrying out his duties.Neither Official speaks Motu.

ALRAM — V.C. INGRIN; COUNCILLOR DIRE
Both Officials are satisfactory. Neither speak Motu.

KWILOKNAI — V.C. LOKINAI; COUNCILLOR RUMA
These Oficials are a bit bushy but are doing their job quite well.

SAPIRAE/SAKRAMNAE — V.C. KONGWO/KEREK DEWONG; COUNCILLORS DEWONG/KEREK/NIL
V.C. DEWONG tendered his resignation. This aws accepted as the joined villages do not need two V.C.,s. KONGWO is a good V.C.

TAPKO — V.C. MONGUT; COUNCILLOR PAWEDMAN
Both Officials a satisfactory. Neither speak Motu.

GRUMEPU — V.C. NANA; COUNCILLOR SMERU
Neither Official is forcefull enough in his dealings with the villagers. Neither speak Motu.

APPENDIX NO. 2 (Contd.)

HIRENKIA — V.C. DIDIM; COUNCILLOR GIMI

A combination of young and old Officials, working quite well. The V.C. speaks Motu.

HOSOMAI — V.C. SIKUN; COUNCILLOR SIRIE

Both Officials are satisfactory-doing a good job. The V.C. speaks Motu.

APPENDIX NO. 3 - VILLAGE CONSTABLES' PAY

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| SOMAEBINKIA X | Kiunga Council | Book in Kiunga |
| MINEGIRAE X | | 30/6/65 |
| GI X | | Book in Kiunga |
| tiomrnai X | | 30/6/64 |
| GREBIKE X | | 30/6/65 |
| APKOMRE X | | 30/6/65 |
| AMTRIENSOMRAE X | | 30/6/64 (V.C.gone to Drimgas(Kiunga)) |
| SOMAEKWANKIA | | 30/6/65 |
| TMCKNAI | | 30/7/64 |
| TIMINHORE | | 30/6/64 |
| ROSOMRAE | | Book in Daru ? |
| MOHOMTIENAI | | 30/6/64 |
| HAWENAI | | 30/6/64 |
| KMIANAI | | Not paid as yet (from 1/11/64) |
| IKORE | | 30/6/64 (died 31/8/65) |
| HORIHORI | | 30/6/64 |
| RUNAI | | No pay as yet (started 1/11/64) |
| HOKOMRAE | | 30/6/63(finished 30/10/64) |
| BRUNAI | | not paid as yet |
| RIPRNAI | | 30/6/64 |
| STRIKE | | 30/6/64 |
| SAISUKUPINE | | 30/6/64 |
| KETOMOKNAI | | 30/6/64 |
| APRAM | | 30/6/64 |
| KWILOKNAI | | 30/6/64 |
| SAPIRAE/SAKROMNAE | | 30/6/64 / Not paid |
| TAPKO | | 30/6/64 |
| GRUMEPU | | 30/6/[illegible] |
| HIRENKIA | | Not paid as yet |
| HOSONAI | | Not paid as yet |

APPENDIX NO. 4 - PREGNANT WOMEN

| | |
|---|---|
| SOMAEBINKIA | AIWEN/ |
| MINEGIRAE | NIL |
| GI | HIKOP |
| TIOMRNAI | NANDEN<br>TIKAM |
| GREBIKE | NIL |
| APKOMRE | DOK<br>MAMA |
| SOMAEKWANKIA | TODU<br>WOBI |
| TMOKNAI | KUN |
| TIMINHORE | ARI<br>KAPAI<br>WONAM |
| HOSOMRAE | GRNGA<br>)EMTAM<br>PEPA |
| MOHOMTIENAI | WANDRE |
| HAWENAI | DOM |
| KMIANAI | KONASI<br>WAITURI<br>PETRAM<br>UPARE |
| IHORE | DERA<br>WOKENI<br>DUWAM<br>DJEN |
| HORIHORI | AWUASA<br>WONGERE |
| RUNAI | SEWENE |
| HOHOMRAE | NIL |
| BRUNAI | NIL |
| RIPRNAI | ARAI<br>ONGRIN<br>GOROM<br>BON<br>KWASA |
| STRIKE | MARE |
| SAISUKURINE | NIL |
| KETOMOKNAI | NIL |
| APRAM | GIRE<br>WENSO |

APPENDIX NO. 4 (Contd.)

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| | |
|---|---|
| KWILOKNAI | GROMSO<br>PRENKET<br>PRAWA |
| SAPIRAE/<br>SAKROMNAE | GIABA |
| TAPKO | KWA |
| GRUMEPU | NIL |
| HIRENKIA | WAI<br>AKRING |
| HOSONAI | AKIOM<br>SOAI |

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APPENDIX NO.5 - RADIO RECEPTION

| VILLAGE | DARU | WEWAK | PT.MORESBY | SUKARNOPURA |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| SOMAEBINKIA | 4x4 | 5x5 | 5x5 | - |
| MINEGIRAE | n/t | | | |
| GI | 5x4 | 5x5 | 5x5 | - |
| TIOMRNAI | 4x4 | 5x5 | 5x5 | - |
| GREBIKE | 4x4 | 5x5 | 5x5 | - |
| APKOMRE | 3x3 | 5x5 | 5x5 | 4x4 |
| SOMAEKWANKIA | 4x3 | 5x5 | 5x5 | 4x4 |
| TMOKNAI | 3x3 | 5x5 | 3x3 | 4x4 |
| TIMINHORE | 4x3 | 5x5 | 5x5 | - |
| HOSOMRAE | 4x4 | 5x5 | 5x5 | 4x4 |
| MOHOMTIENAI | 4x3 | 5x5 | 5x5 | - |
| HAWENAI | 5x5 | 5x5 | 5x5 | - |
| KMIANAI | 4x3 | 5x5 | 5x5 | 4x3 |
| IHORE | 3x3 | 5x5 | 5x5 | 3x4 |
| HORIHORI | u/r | 5x5 | 5x5 | 5x5 |
| RUNAI | 4x3 | 5x5 | 5x5 | 5x5 |
| HOHOMRAE | 5x5 | 5x5 | 5x5 | 5x5 |
| BRUNAI | 4x4 | 5x5 | 5x5 | - |
| RIPRNAI | 3x3 | 5x5 | u/r | - |
| STRIKE | 4x3 | 5x5 | 5x5 | 5x5 |
| SAISUKURINE | 4x4 | 5x5 | 5x5 | - |
| KETAMOKNAI | - | 5x5 | 2x2 | - |
| KWILOKNAI | 5x5 | 5x5 | 5x5 | 5x5 |
| HIRENKIA | 3x3 | 4x4 | 4x4 | 3x3 |

APPENDIX NO. 6 - HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

| | |
|---|---|
| SOMAEBINKIA | NIL |
| MINEGIRAE | NIL |
| GI | NIL |
| TIOMRNAI | KOSNAM,m,10 yrs,deaf and dumb |
| GREBIKE | KUKURA,m,12 " ,club foot |
| APKOMRE | NIL |
| SOMAEKWANKIA | WOKIN,m,15, " ,deaf |
| TMOKNAI | DOM,f,6yrs,deaf and dumb<br>ARASA,m,1 yr,club foot |
| TIMINHORE | BOBE,m,13 yrs,spinal disorder<br>BOHOL,m,3 yrs,deaf and dumb |
| HOSOMRAE | KONGJWO,m,10 yrs,deaf and dumb |
| MOHOMTIENAI | KONG,f,13 yrs,brain u/s |
| HAWENAI | NIL |
| KMIANAI | NIL |
| IHORE | NIL |
| HORIHORI | SABUNG,m,10 yrs,blind,one eye |
| RUNAI | NIL |
| HOHOMRAE | NIL |
| BRUNAI | NIL |
| RIPRNAI | NIL |
| STRIKE | NIL |
| SAISUKURINE | KANANE,m,10 yrs,withered leg |
| KETAMOKNAI | NIL |
| APRAM | NIL |
| KWILOKNAI | BETARI,m,10 yrs,club foot,dumb |
| SAPIRAE/<br>SAKROMNAE | NIL |
| TAPKO | NIL |
| GRUMEPU | NIL |
| HIRENKIA | KAWARI,m,4 yrs,dumb |
| HOSONAI | NIL |

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APPENDIX NO. 7 - VILLAGE ISSUES

| VILLAGE | SPADE | SHOVEL | SARIF | AXE | MADDOCK |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SOMAEBINKIA | ONE | | THREE | | |
| MINEGIRAE | | | | | |
| GI | | | | | |
| TIOMRNAI | TWO | | SEVEN | | ONE |
| GREBIKE | ONE | ONE | FOUR | | |
| APKOMRE | | TWO | FIVE | | |
| SOMAEKWANKIA | TWO | FIVE | | | ONE |
| TMOKNAI | TWO | FIVE | | | ONE |
| TIMINHORE | ONE | | THREE | | |
| HOSOMRAE | THREE | | THREE | | |
| MOHOMTIENAI | THREE | ONE | FOUR | | ONE |
| HAWENAI | THREE | THREE | THREE | | TWO |
| KMIANAI | TWO | FIVE | FIVE | | TWO |
| IHORS | THREE | | THREE | | TWO |
| HORIHORI | ONE | | SIX | | TWO |
| RUNAI | TWO | | FOUR | | TWO |
| HOHOMRAE | | ONE | ONE | | |
| BRUNAI | ONE | | ONE | | |
| RIPRNAI | ONE | | TWO | | |
| STRIKE | ONE | | THREE | | |
| SAISUKURINE | | ONE | ONE | | |
| KETAMOKNAI | ONE | | ONE | | |
| APRAM | ONE | | THREE | | |
| KWILOKNAI | NIL | | | | |
| SAPIRAE/ SAKROMNAE | | | FIVE | | |
| TAPKO | TWO | | FOUR | | |
| GRUMEPU | | | THREE | | |
| HIRENKIA | TWO | | FOUR | | TWO |
| HOSONAI | THREE | | THREE | | TWO |

APPENDIX NO. 8 - AGRICULTURE

| VILLAGE | Ghuts | Manioc | Yam | Corn | Pumpkin | Beans | Cass | Hens | Pig | Fowl | Plan | Cocum | Wpel |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SOMAEPINKIA | 20 | 1 | 3 | - | - | - | - | X | 8 | 7 | X | - | - |
| MINEGIRAE | 18 | - | 6 | - | - | - | - | X | 2 | 6 | X | - | - |
| GI | 17 | 1 | 3 | - | - | - | - | X | 10 | 5 | - | 1 | - |
| TIOMRNAI | 37 | 5 | 5 | - | X | - | X | X | 39 | 3 | X | - | X |
| GREBIKE | 8 | - | 5 | - | - | - | - | X | 16 | 5 | 3 | - | X |
| APKOMRE | 17 | - | 4 | - | X | - | - | X | 31 | 8 | X | X | X |
| SOMAEKWANKIA | 9 | - | 3 | X | - | - | - | X | 16 | 5 | X | X | X |
| TMOKNAI | 4 | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | X | 5 | 6 | - | X | - |
| TIMINHORE | 4 | 2 | 2 | - | X | X | - | X | 16 | - | X | X | X |
| HOSOMRAE | 3 | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | - | X | 9 | 11 | X | X | - |
| MOHOMTIENAI | 3 | - | 4 | - | - | - | - | X | 13 | 7 | - | - | X |
| HAWENAI | - | 1 | 14 | - | - | - | - | X | 33 | 11 | X | - | - |
| KMIANAI | 3 | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | X | 11 | 4 | X | - | X |
| IHORE | 7 | 2 | 8 | X | X | X | X | X | 17 | 13 | X | X | X |
| HORIHORI | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | X | 4 | - | X | - | - |
| RUNAI | 7 | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | - | X | 19 | 9 | X | X | - |
| ODHOMRAE | 3 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | X | 13 | 10 | - | - | - |
| BRUNAI | - | - | 2 | X | X | - | - | X | 16 | - | - | X | - |
| KIPRNAI | 3 | - | 2 | - | X | - | - | X | 17 | - | - | X | X |
| STRIKE | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | X | 6 | 12 | - | - | - |
| SAISUKURINE | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | X | 10 | - | - | X | - |
| KETAMOKNAI | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | X | 10 | - | - | - | - |
| APRAM | 2 | - | 1 | - | X | - | - | X | 14 | - | X | - | - |
| KWILOKNAI | - | - | 1 | - | X | - | - | X | 12 | - | - | X | - |
| SAPIRAE/ SAKROMNAE | 1 | - | 3 | - | X | X | - | X | 18 | 4 | - | X | X |
| APKO | 1 | 1 | 3 | - | - | X | - | X | 9 | 10 | - | X | X |
| GRUMEPU | 2 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | X | 17 | 9 | X | X | - |
| HIRENKIA | 6 | - | 2 | X | X | X | - | X | 19 | 8 | - | X | X |
| HOSONAI | 1 | - | 2 | - | - | X | X | X | 11 | 4 | X | - | X |

## APPENDIX NO. 9 - FOOD PURCHASED BY PATROL

| VILLAGE | BANANA | SAGO | PITPIT | P.APP | C.CUMB | S.CANE | MANGO | C.NUTS | W.MEL | TARO | B.FRUIT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MATKOMRE | X | X | X | | | | X | | | | |
| RUMGINAE | X | X | | | | | | | | | |
| SOMAEBINKIA | X | X | | | | | | | | | |
| GI | X | X | X | | | | | X | X | | |
| TIOMRNAI | X | X | X | | | | | | | | |
| GREBIKE | X | X | X | | | | | X | | | |
| APKOMRE | X | X | | | | | | X | | | |
| SOMAEBINKIA | X | X | X | | | | | | X | | |
| THOKNAI | X | X | X | | | | | X | | X | |
| TIMINHORE | X | X | X | | | | | | | X | |
| HOSOMRAE | X | X | X | | | | | | | X | |
| MOHOMTIENAI | X | X | X | | | | | | X | X | |
| HAWENAI | X | X | X | X | | | | | | X | |
| KMIANAI | X | X | X | | | | | | X | X | |
| IHORE | X | X | | | | | | | | X | |
| HORIHORI | X | X | | | | | | | | | |
| RUNAI | X | X | X | | | | | X | | | X |
| HOHOMRAE | X | X | X | | | | | | | | |
| BRUNAI | X | X | | | | | | | | | |
| RIPRNAI | X | X | | | | | | | | | |
| STRIKE | X | X | | | | | | | X | | |
| SAISUKURINE | X | X | | | | | | | | | |
| KETOMOKNAI | X | X | | | | | | | X | | |
| KWILOKNAI | X | X | | | | | | | X | | |
| HIRENKIA | X | X | | | | | | | | | |

APPENDIX NO. 10 - LANGUAGES

| VILLAGE | MOTU | PIDGIN |
|---|---|---|
| SOMAEBIN | 3 | - |
| MINEGIRAE | 3 | - |
| GI | 2 | - |
| TIOMRNAI | 8 | - |
| GREBIKE | 7 | - |
| APKOMRE/AMTRIENSOMRAE | 7 | 1 |
| SOMAEKWANKIA | 12 | 1 |
| TIOKNAI | 10 | - |
| TIMINHORE | 12 | - |
| HOSONRAE | 13 | - |
| MOHOMTIENAI | 14 | - |
| HAWENAI | 10 | - |
| KMIANAI | 7 | - |
| IHORE | 7 | - |
| HORIHORI | - | - |
| HOHOMRAE | 1 | - |
| BRUNAI | 4 | - |
| RIPRNAI | 5 | - |
| STRIKE | - | - |
| SAISUKURINE | - | - |
| KETAMOKNAI | - | - |
| APRAK | - | - |
| KWILOKNAI | - | - |
| SAPIRAE/SAKROMNAE | 6 | - |
| TAPKO | 4 | - |
| GRUMEPU | 7 | - |
| HIRENKIA | 5 | - |
| HOSONAI | 5 | - |

## APPENDIX NO. 11 - WALKING TIMES

| FROM | TO | TIME |
|---|---|---|
| STATION | MATKOMRE | 390 mins |
| MATKOMRE | RUMGINAE | 330 " |
| RUMGINAE | SOMAEBINKIA | 120 " |
| SOMAEBINKIA | MINEGIRAE | 40 " |
| MINEGIRAE | GI | 45 " |
| GI | TIOMRNAI | 65 " |
| TIOMRNAI | GREBIKE | 55 " |
| GREBIKE | [illegible] | [illegible] " |
| | APKOMRE | 55 " |
| APKOMRE | SOMAEKWANKIA | 140 " |
| SOMAEKWANKIA | TMOKNAI | 55 " |
| TMOKNAI | TIMINHORE | 80 " |
| TIMINHORE | HOSOMRAE | 90 " |
| HOSOMRAE | MOHOMTIENAI | 80 " |
| MOHOMTIENAI | HAWENAI | 25 " |
| HAWENAI | KMIANAI | 60 " |
| KMIANAI | IHORE | 115 " |
| IHORE | HORIHORI | 140 " |
| HORIHORI | RUNAI | 135 " |
| RUNAI | HOHOMRAE | 135 " |
| HOHOMRAE | BRUNAI (New) | 60 " |
| BRUNAI | RIPRNAI | 60 " |
| RIPRNAI | STRIKE | 185 " |
| STRIKE | SAISUKURINE | 95 " |
| SAISUKURINE | KETAMOKNAI | 540 " (incl building raft) |
| KETAMOKNAI | APRAM | 90 " |
| APRAM | KWILOKNAI | 420 " |
| KWILOKNAI | SAPIRAE/SAKROMNAE | 150 " |
| SAPIRAE/SAKROMNAE | TAPKO | 50 " |
| TAPKO | GRUMEPU | 50 " |
| GRUMEPU | HIRENKIA | 65 " |
| HIRENKIA | HOSONAI | 40 " |
| HOSONAI | STATION | 50 " |

## APPENDIX NO. 12 - MEDICAL TREATMENTS GIVEN BY N.M.O.

| VILLAGE | ULCERS &SORES | PNEEMONIA | CHICK.POX | FEVER | COUGH | BURN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SOMAEBINKIA | 15 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | |
| MINEGIRAE | 12 | | | | | |
| GI | 5 | | | 1 | | 1 |
| TIOMRNAI | 6 | | | 6 | | |
| GREBIKE | 8 | 1 | | | | |
| APKOMRE | 13 | | | 3 | | 2 |
| SOMAEKWANKIA | 8 | | | | | |
| TMOKNAI | 15 | | | | | |
| TIMINHORE | 6 | | | | | |
| HOSMRAE | 9 | | | | | |
| MOHOMTIENAI | 16 | | | | | |
| HAWENAI | 12 | | | | | |
| KMIANAI | 13 | | | 3 | | |
| IHORE | 11 | | | | | |
| HORIHORI | 4 | | | | | |
| RUNAI | 11 | | | | | |
| HOHOMRAE | 10 | | | | | |
| BRUNAI | 7 | | | | | |
| RIPRNAI | 8 | | | | | |
| STIKE | 6 | | | | | |
| SAISUKURINE | 4 | | | | | |
| KETANOKNAI | 6 | 1 | | | | |
| APRAM | 6 | | | | | |
| KWILOKNAI | 4 | | | | 1 | |
| SAPIRAE | 4 | | | | | |
| TAPKO | 14 | | | | | |
| GRUMEPU | 66 | | | | | |
| HIRENKIA | 5 | | | | | |
| HOSONAI | 8 | | | | | |

## APPENDIX NO. 13 - REST HOUSES AND POLICE BARRACKS

| VILLAGE | REST HOUSE | POLICE BARRACKS |
|---|---|---|
| MATKOMRE | GOOD | GOOD |
| SOMAEBINKIA | TO BE REPLACED | FAIR |
| MINEGIRAE | UNDER CONSTRUCTION | FAIP |
| GI | GOOD | GOOD |
| TIOMRNAI | GOOD | GOOD |
| GREBIKE | FAIR | FAIR |
| APKOMRE | GOOD | FAIR |
| SOMAEKWANKIA | GOOD | GOOD |
| TMOKNAI | EXCELLENT | FAIR |
| TIMINHORE | GOOD | SMALL |
| HOSOMRAE | GOOD | FAIR |
| MOHOMTIENAI | GOOD | FAIR |
| HAWENAI | OLD | FAIR |
| KMIANAI | GOOD | GOOD |
| IHORE | GOOD | GOOD |
| HORIHORI | NOT GOOD | GOOD |
| RUNAI | FAIR | SMALL |
| HOHOMRAE | FAIR | FAIR |
| BRUNAI | GOOD | GOOD |
| RIPRNAI | GOOD | GOOD |
| STRIKE | SMALL | SMALL |
| SAISUKURINE | SMALL | TOO SMALL |
| KETAMOKNAI | FAIR | FAIR |
| APRAM | FAIR | FAIR |
| KWILOKNAI | FAIR | FAIR |
| SAPIRAE | FAIR | FAIR |
| TAPKO | FAIR | FAIR |
| GRUMEPU | FAIR | FAIR |
| HIRENKIA | GOOD | FAIR |
| HOSONAI | EXCELLENT | EXCELLENT |

APPENDIX NO. 14 - RADIOS, S.A.P.S, PISAWS AND PASTORS

| VILLAGE | RADIO | S.A.P. | PITSAW | PASTOR |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| SOMAEBINKIA | | | 1 | 1 |
| MINEGIRAE | | | | |
| GI | | 1 | | |
| TIOMRNAI | ISSUED | | | 1 |
| GREBIKE | | 1 | | |
| APKOMRE | | | | |
| SOMAEKWANKIA | | | | |
| TMOKNAI | U/S | | | |
| TIMINHORE | | | | |
| HOSOMRAE | ISSUED | | | |
| MOHOMTIENAI | ISSUED | | | 1 |
| HAWENAI | ISSUED | | | |
| KMIANAI | | | | |
| IHORE | | | | 1 |
| HORIHORI | | | | |
| RUNAI | | | | |
| MOHOMRAE | ISSUED | | | |
| BRUNAI | | | | |
| RIPRNAI | ISSUED | | | |
| STRIKE | | | | |
| SAISUKURINE | | | | |
| KETAMOKNAI | | | | |
| APRAM | | | | |
| KWILOKNAI | | | | |
| SAPIRAE | | | | |
| TAPKO | | | | |
| GRUMEPU | | | | |
| HIRENKIA | | | | |
| HOSONAI | | | | |

D.I.E.S. Returns
Issued as above

APPENDIX NO. 15 - PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE VILLAGE DIRECTORY

| OLD SPELLING | PROPOSED SPELLING |
|---|---|
| SOMAIBININKIA | SOMAEBINKIA |
| MINAEGIRAE | MINEGIRI |
| TIOMRAI | TIOMRNAI |
| ANTRIEMSOMRE | JOINED WITH APKOMRE |
| SOMAIKWANKIA | SOMAEKWANKIA |
| HOSAMRAI | HOSOMONAE |
| RUNAI | ORUNAI |
| HOROHOMRAI | HOSOMONAE |
| NOT INCLUDED | BRUNAI |
| RIPNAI | RIPRNAI |
| KETAMOKNAI | KITAMOKNAI |
| NINGRIN | APRAM |
| NOT INCLUDED | SAPIRAE |
| NOT INCLUDED | TAPKO |
| GRUMEPU | RUMEMPU |

Depends on what dialect you interpret it the name was. Villagers from same village often give different pronunciation

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN Report No. NINGERUH No. 5 of 1965/66.

Patrol Conducted by ROWLAND P. KEKEDO, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled NINGERUM CENSUS DIVISION (Sample Villages only)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL.

3 members R.P.N.G.C.

Natives 1 Interpreter.

Duration—From 5/5/1966 to 14/5/1966

Number of Days 10 days (9 nights)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services ...../11/1965.

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

Map Reference Attached

Objects of Patrol Educational — Territory Census

Routine Administration.

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Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

12/7/1966

a/ District Commissioner

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

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

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

67-3-36

19th August, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Western District,
D A R U.

NINGERUM PATROL REPORT NO. 5/1965-66:

Receipt of Mr. Kekedo's Patrol Report covered by your memorandum 67-3-1 of 12th July 1966 is acknowledged with thanks.

2. Mr. Kekedo seems to have achieved the objects of the patrol and has submitted a fairly interesting report. The task of educating the Ningerum people about the Territory wide census planned on a system of work loads did appear to be difficult.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

67-3-36 (10)

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....

Our Reference 67-5-1
If calling ask for
Mr RAH:VMH

*Department of District Administration,*
Western District,
DARU.

12th July, 1966.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

WINGERUM PATROL REPORT No. 5/65-66

Attached herewith please find the original and one copy of the abovenumbered patrol report.

2. Mr. KEKEDO has achieved the objects of his patrol and submitted a good report. Notable events have been brought to the notice of the District Enumerator.

3. The matter of drug supplies to the Aid Post in the patrol area has been brought to the notice of the District Medical Officer.

(I.A. Holmes)
a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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PATROL DIARY NINGERUM 5 of 1965/66

ROWLAND P.KEKEDO — Station: NINGERUM

5.5.66 Departed NINGERUM at 0855 for WOGAM. Slight hold up at OK TEDI crossing fifteen minutes upstream. River in flood. Arrived WOGAM at 1215 hours. Village only fair, track in good condition. Talked to people at 1330 hours. re census next month - response - nil.
Stayed overnight. No complaints.
WALKING TIME: 2 hours 15 mins.

6.5.66 Departed WOGAM at 0800 hours for WUWUNGO. Track partly maintained. Arrived at 1005 hours. Village clean met village officials. Discussions re census at 1100 hours with assembled people. No complaints or queries. Overnight.
WALKING TIME: 2 hours.

7.5.66 Left WUWUNGO at 0800 hours for BUTIPKAWOP via new BWAKIM and YONGTAU villages. Track cleared except YONGTAU section. Lunch at BWAKIM village. Arrived BUTIPKAWOP at 1400 hours. Village fair. Talked to assembled people at 1430 hours and stayed overnight. Food supply so far good. No complaints.
WALKING TIME: 4 hours 30 mins.

8.5.66 Departed at 0900 hours for DERONGO via BAENKIM. Track maintained and in good condition. Arrived at 1115 hours. Village a shambles, VC useless. On cleaning up. Talked to assembled people at 1330 hours. No response. Stayed overnight. No complaints amazing.
WALKING TIME: 2 hours 15 mins.

9.5.66 Departed DERONGO at 0900 hours after heavy rain stopped. Track fair, but muddy due to heavy rains. Arrived KUMBUIT at 1200 hours. Village just fair. Talked to people re census and all on more cleaning up. Stayed overnight. No complaints.
WALKING TIME: 3 hours.

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10.5.66 Left KUMGUIT at 0745 hours for KAUIMGUIM, arrived at 1030 hours. Track poor - following creek for 15 mins. could be dangerous with heavy rains. TUNGDENGHIATKWI villagers found assembled at KAIUMGUIM. Talked to all assembled and stayed overnight. Heavy rain p.m. hours. No complaints.
WALKING TIME: 1 hour 45 mins.

11.5.66 Departed KAIUMGUIM at 0815 hours, arrived SOWANAM at 1000 hours. Track in good condition, village fair. Met village officials and talked to assembled people. No complaints and response. Proceeded on to AMARE at 1020 hours, passed through SAVAEBON. Village clean, track maintained. Arrived AMARE 1300 hours. Village clean and tidy. People assembled at 1400 hours and talked to people re census. No complaints. Stayed overnight.
WALKING TIME: 4 hours 15 mins.

12.5.66 Departed AMARE at 0750 hours for IRIMKWI. Carriers and two police to DEIWKWI. Self and one constable to IRIMKWI, track poor and not maintained. Held up at OK TARIM crossing - in flood - made raft, crossed and arrived at 1045 hours. Village clean and tidy. Talked to assembled people. No complaints. Left for DEIKWI at 1140 hours, after following an overgrown bush track, arrived DEIKWI at 1320. Village fair. Talked to assembled people at 1405. Stayed overnight. No complaints.
WALKING TIME: AMARE to IRIMKWI = 1 hr. 15 mins.
IRIMKWI to DEIKWI = 1 hr. 25 mins.

13.5.66 Departed DEIKWI at 0805 hours. Arrived OGUN at 0900 hours. Track in good condition. Talked to assembled people and left for TENBKIM enroute NINGERUM. Passed through TENBKIM, DETAU, TARAKBITS and BIKIM. Overnight at TENGKIM arriving 1645 hours. Track well maintained and villages generally in good condition - clean.
TOTAL WALKING TIME: 5 hours 45 mins.

14.5.66 Departed TANGKIM at 0745 hours for NINGERUM Patrol Post, via WOMBON, DICAM. Tracks fair, villages clean. No complaints.

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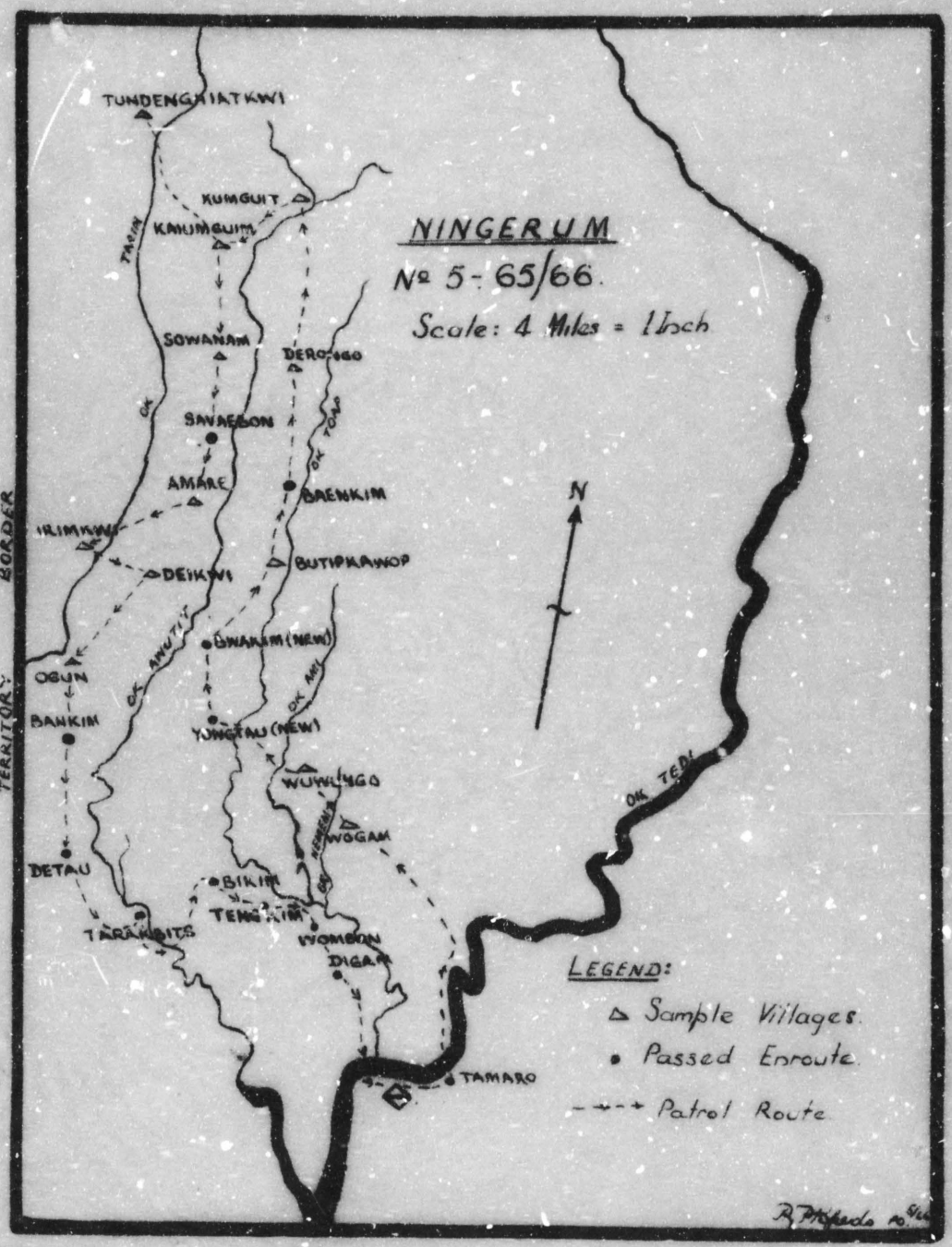
NINGERUM
Nº 5-65/66.
Scale: 4 Miles = 1 Inch
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SAVAEGON
AMARE
BAENKIM
IRIMKWI
DEIKWI
BUTIPKAWOP
BINAKIM (NEW)
OGUN
BANKIM
YJNGTAU (NEW)
WUNKYGO
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DETAU
BIKIM
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IVOMBON
DIGAM
TAMARO
TRIJI
BORDER
TERRITORY
OK ANUTI
OK MEI
OK TEDI
OK TONE
N
LEGEND:
Sample Villages.
Passed Enroute.
Patrol Route

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Patrol Post,
NINGERUM,
Western District.

23rd May, 1966.

District Enumerator,
Sub-District Office,
Western District,
D A R U.

PATROL REPORT NINGERUM No. 5 of 1965/66.

PREAMBLE: Submitted herewith is the above numbered report. The area visited was the Northern Sector of the Ningerum Census Division which covers the Ningerum Workload for the forth coming Territory wide census of the Kiunga Sub-District.

OBJECTS OF PATROL:

(i) Mainly Educational.

(ii) Refer Census Form 8.

OFFICER CONDUCTING PATROL:

Mr. R. P. Kekedo, Patrol Officer.

PERIOD OF PATROL:

5/5/66 to 14/5/66.

ACCOMPANYING PERSONNELL:

3 members R.P.N.G.C.

(i) No. 10141 Const. RAVANA.
(ii) No. 11346 Const. TIO.
(iii) No. 11454 Const. Bugler PETRET.

Interpreter, ONVENG/ONBEN.

LAST DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION PATROL:

November, 1965.

MAP REFERENCE:

See accompanying map of patrol.

Copy of Report to/

District Commissioner,
District Office,
D A R U.

Assist. Dist. Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
K I U N G A.

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PATROL REPORT NINGERUM No. 5 of 1965/1966. (4)

INTRODUCTION:

This patrol was conducted into the Northern Sector of the Ningerum Census Division of the Kiunga Sub-District. The villages visited were the Sample Villages for the Ningerum Workload. The twelve villages listed were visited with the exception of TUNDENGHIATKWI in which case the villagers have all assembled at KAIUMGUIM.

The purpose of the patrol was mainly:

(a) Educational.

(b) Refer Assistant District Commissioner's 14 - 1 - 3, from Kiunga.

(c) Refer Census Form 8.

On receipt of the Assistant District Commissioner, Kiunga's 14 - 1 - 3 preparations were made and the patrol left Ningerum Patrol Post on the 5th May, 1966. The people were advised of the patrol's impending visit thus the people were found ready and waiting.

It was my first visit to the area and it was most pleasing to see that the people have carried out instructions as best as they could. Throughout the patrol's short stay in the area the patrol was well received and in general the people were very co-operative.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT EVENTS:

During the course of the patrol efforts were made to establish some important event in the people's lives so as to come to a decision on the ages of older people and they in turn recall those who were born during their lifetime. However, this was tried but without much success.

The Second World War years 1939/45 were tried as a starting point but the replies obtained were most unsatisfactory. Many have said they did not know there was a war and only heard about it from people who have been away working as labourers.

As per the Assistant District Commissioner's instructions, paragraph 4 the last section. Again it was tried to ascertain the average age of marriage and child bearing cycle of women but with the varied opinions one cannot pin point a definite figure. With observations and talking to village elders it could be stated that:

(a) Average age of marriage(women)-- 13 years.
(b) Child bearing age -- 16 years, thence one child every year depending mainly on the fertility of both sexes.

Important events once again do not exist and even trying to record the number of Administration patrols to the area one has to refer to Reports and other written records.

TERRITORY CENSUS:

The main object of the patrol was of course to educate the people in the simplest and best possible way about the forth coming Territory wide census. Instead of a complete run down of points as shown in the Census Form 8 the main guide used is as follows:

(i) When and why this census,
(ii) Reasons for such a census,
(iii) Its difference from D.D.A., census patrols,
(iv) Why only some villages,
(v) Questions they will be asked,
(vi) Attendance.

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TERRITORY CENSUS (CONT'D.):

All headings as shown were explained as simply as possible and to the point. Although many were confused at first and did not see why the Administration is carrying out such a task it had to be explained at least a half a dozen times before one gets the satisfaction when those faint sighs of...oh, oh, oh, are heard. This might be the case but again with a group who had very little contact with the outside world one cannot be sure until the actual job has been done.

Many also had this preconceived idea since they heard the word 'CENSUS' it would be just another Department of District Administration census patrol. This was again explained and even demonstrated to show what they should expect.

I feel difficulties will arise at the actual time of questioning each individual such questions as date of birth. However, one will have to just wait and see on the actual day whether the people have put in some thought as to when they were born. It is hoped that couple of the much brighter members of the Police Detachment here will be taught the main aims of the census and will proceed in early June as a general follow up but this is yet to be decided.

It was strongly emphasised to the people that its a 'must' that they attend when word is received. Saying that they must attend is not good enough and the people showed by taking the necessary action as stated in Census Form 8 paragraph number 8 (i) should and will be adhered to as stressed to the people.

One cannot look ahead and predict what would be the results here in an area where the people do not show any response but only accept. With more explanations to visiting Village Officials and they in turn doing their share should be of some help. However, one will just have to wait and see what actually eventuates.

ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION:

The complaints heard were generally of a minor nature and all were settled at the villages in the presence of the Village Officials and the persons concerned. Types of complaints were mainly on outstanding debts and payment of bride price. All heard were settled without much difficulty.

This was my first visit to the area and it was pleasing to find villages cleaned, although some effort in arranging the set up of villages should improve this greatly. The roads also were to my surprise in very good condition and grass cut.

Village Officials were found to be doing their part as best they could although many do not have much influence over their flock. Law and order is also maintained to the best of my knowledge.

Instructions left by previous officers on their visit to the villages were also checked on and most were found to be carried out. I feel, however that this area most certainly needs constant patrolling by both the Departments of Health and District Administration with the Agricultural Department posting a field worker to Ningerum in order that the people will be helped to improve methods of planting their gardens so that their diet could be varied rather than the usual banana and sago.

With Health Department patrols it is hoped that with much more regular flow of supplies to the Aid Post here this will be made as often as possible. I feel the supply of drugs should be brought to the Medical Officers notice so that some arrangements be made that the Aid Post here is supplied regularly. Surprisingly, though the health was found to be quite good.

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GENERAL:

The patrol made every endeavour to spend at least one night and one day in each village but it was discovered that this was not necessary. On arrival at the first three villages this was tried out in order that the people could have the opportunity to ask anything they wish to clarify. However, after every discussion that was it and no one was seen again. I personally mixed with the people to see if I could get them to talk freely but this was not the case.

One would think that being a Papuan myself they would talk freely but during my short experience with my own people their is still a barrier which has to broken and that is simply---TRIBAL DIFFERENCES.

Whilst enroute to Ningerum the border villages of BANKIM No.2, DETAU and TARAKBITS were visited. Everything was found to be in order and villages clean and tidy. Roads also maintained and found in good condition. It was surprising that while at BANKIM No.2 a border village on the other side was still flying a Dutch Flag. The border villages are also being issued with the Blue Ensign.

No other notable events could be found or recorded.

CONCLUSION:

With a more regular patrol programme to the Ningerum Area this should give the people a much better understanding of Administration Policy and its aims. There is quite a lot they still have to learn and with more advise and people made to understand that only hard work will bring results and this I feel should be strongly emphasised.

I hope the conduct of this patrol meets with your approval.

R. P. Kekedo

(R. P. KEKEDO)
Patrol Officer

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