

NATIONAL ARCHIVES & PUBLIC RECORDS SERVICE
OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORTS

DISTRICT: MOROBE

STATION: SIALUM, 1967 - 1968

Original documents bound with reports
for: Finschhafen, volume 19.

Papua New Guinea Patrol Reports

Digitized version made available by



Copyright: Government of Papua New Guinea. This digital version made under a license granted by the National Archives and Public Records Services of Papua New Guinea.

Use: This digital copy of the work is intended to support research, teaching, and private study.

Constraints: This work is protected by the U.S. Copyright Law (Title 17, U.S.C.) and the laws of Papua New Guinea. Use of this work beyond that allowed by "fair use" requires written permission of the National Archives of Papua New Guinea. Responsibility for obtaining permissions and any use and distribution of this work rests exclusively with the user and not the UC San Diego Library.

Note on digitized version: A microfiche copy of these reports is held at the University of California, San Diego (Mandeville Special Collections Library, MSS 0215). The digitized version presented here reflects the quality and contents of the microfiche. Problems which have been identified include misfiled reports, out-of-order pages, illegible text; these problems have been rectified whenever possible. The original reports are in the National Archives of Papua New Guinea (Accession no. 496).

MOROBE DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1967-1968

FINSCHHAFEN, STALUM, PINDIU

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
<u>FINSCHHAFEN</u>		
1-67-68	G. Maha	Kotte C.D.
2-67-68	I.K. McIntosh	Yabim C.D.
3-67-68	B.T. Henao	Yabim C.D.
4-67-68	P. C.C. Luscombe	Kotte C.D.
5-67-68	G. Maha	Part Kotte C.D.
6-67-68	I.K. McIntosh	Yabim, Kotte
<u>STALUM</u>		
4-67-68	R.P. Morrison	Dedua & Kalasa C.D.
5-67-68	J.A. Smith	Kalasa & Dedua C.D.
<u>PINDIU</u>		
1-67-68	P.H. Simpson	Rulum area & lower Kua of Hube C.D.
2-67-68	R.P. Morrison	Mongi River & part Kua River Valley
3-67-68	P.H. Simpson	Morge area of Hube C.D.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. SIALUM NO. 4 of 67/68.
 Patrol Conducted by R.P. MORRISON. CADET PATROL OFFICER.
 Area Patrolled DEDUA AND KALASA CENSUS DIVISIONS.
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans J. ABSALOM. A.D.O. (Part)
Con. Engitau. No. 1376.
 Natives Con. Waliwali. No. B.T. Henoa. A.F.O.

Duration—From 26/11/1967 to 12/12/1967.
 Number of Days 17 DAYS.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services SEP 19 67 (DEDUA)
JULY 67 (KALASA)
 Medical/...../19.....

Map Reference.....
 Objects of Patrol CONDUCT ELECTIONS FOR TEWAE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL.

Director of District Administration,
 PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

15/1/1969

[Signature]
 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

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: 67-6-29

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua.

21st May, 1968.

District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PATROL NO. SIAIUM 4-67/68

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of MEMORANDUM
of Patrol/Patrol Report covering patrol by H.F. Morrison, C.P.O.
to DIWUA & TALASA Census Divisions.

All matters in the report have been covered by
the Assistant District Officer and yourself. It is
presumed that the remarks on Education have been passed
on to the District Inspector.

T.W. Ellis

(T.W. ELLIS)
Director

* Delete as necessary.

popul

GR
In

M F



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-6-29

Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference 67-2-14

If calling ask for

Mr.



Department of District
Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

12th January, 1968.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBUE.

SIALUM PATROL NO. 4 OF 1967/68

Enclosed please find the report of a patrol to the Dedua and Kalasa Census Divisions conducted by Mr. R.P. Morrison, Cadet Patrol Officer. Detailed comments by the Assistant District Commissioner at Finschhafen accompany the report.

2. The Council should examine the possibilities for road construction in this area and come up with some firm proposals for submission for assistance from rural development funds, and consideration by the Co-ordinating Committee. These proposals should also be incorporated in the Council's five-year plan.

3. The Assistant District Commissioner's suggestion that a plebiscite be held in the Upper Dedua seems to be the only way in which the true feelings of these people can be determined and should be given attention before the next Council elections, to enable any amendment of the Constitution of the Council.

H.P. Seale
(H.P. SEALE)

District Commissioner

14
12

Department of District Administration
Sub-District Office
FINNSCHHAFEN.

67-1-7

6th. January, 1968

The District Commissioner
Morobe District
LAE

SIALUM PATROL No. 7 - 1967/68.

This report on a patrol through the TEWAE Council area was prepared by Mr. R.P. Morrison Cadet patrol Officer who Presided over the second elections for the TEWAE Local Government Council. A claim for camping allowance and map showing the patrol route are also attached.

The elections were to be conducted by Mr. J Absolon, now at Kabwum, and I have been unable to locate a copy of any Patrol Instructions given to Mr. Morrison. The report on the elections is currently being prepared by Mr. P. Luscombe? Assistant Returning Officer since no Returning Officer was appointed following the transfer of Mr. D. Murphy to Samarai.

From the inauguration of the Tewae Council some dissatisfaction has been expressed by villages of the Upper Dedua about the distance from their area to the Council Offices and the Government Station. The villages concerned were incorporated into the new Council following their request to be taken out of the Pindiu Council area made at the time of the survey for the TEWAE Council. At that time they felt that they were not receiving the attention they deserved from the Pindiu Council seeing that they were a minority group, some distance away from the Council Offices. Assessment of the wish of the majority of the people will, I believe, have to be determined by plebiscite seeing that Mr. Morrison's informants of the 'General Will' could easily be the few who were not in favour of leaving the Pindiu Council in the first place.

A road from the Upper Dedua to the coast was discussed by Mr. S. Gibson, Patrol Officer-in-Charge Sialum Base Camp, Mr. W. Fugaann of N.A.M.A.S.U. with representatives of the Dedua and Kalasa villages some eighteen months ago. The decision then was to concentrate on the coast road. Hinterland villages have assisted in this project which is as yet incomplete. Prima facie a road up the TEWAE valley would be difficult for the people to construct for themselves and again a helicopter survey may locate potential road routes to be explored by ground parties at a later date. If a road is clearly not feasible then the need to prepare a case for assistance for a road project would be obviated.

The revision of electoral boundaries for the House of Assembly elections places the TEWAE Council area within the Kabwum Electorate. The Member for Finnschhafen was Mr. Z. Makili-Under-Secretary to the Treasurer who I believe has not visited the Kalasa area. It is possible that the Member for Kabwum may visit seeing that it adjoins the Sic and Komba Census Divisions. It is hard to believe that the people do not know which electorate they are, however the Patrol Officer at Sialum will be instructed to ensure that the people are made aware of this even though political education has ceased. I feel sure that the people are aware of the mechanics of voting coming as it does so soon after the Council elections.

13 R

I have not seen Mr. G. English, the Stock Inspector, since my return but I am of the opinion that the cattle population in the TEWAE Council area is much larger than suggested in the report. I understand that tentative inquiries are being made by the Department of Agriculture on the possible location of a stock-route from this area to the abbatcira. I will advise you further on this when I become more fully informed.

I would be pleased if Mr. Morrison's comments on Education (p.5) could be passed on to the District Education Officer. The relative isolation of this school presents logistic and supervisory problems which could well out way the benefits to the community.

A copy of this report has been forwarded to the Patrol Officer Sialum, who will advise me on the location of the bombs.

Mr. Morrison appears to have done quite a good job on the elections where he was assisted by Mr. E. Renae, Assistant Field Officer (Lands) whose claim for camping allowance is also enclosed. The report is fairly well presented but marred by the number of alterations. I have been unable to locate the original of p.3.

(GORDON SMITH.)
Assistant District Commissioner.

DIVISION
12/12/67

DIVISION

COUNCIL SECRETARY FOR THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT
COUNCIL

G. MORRISON
DISTRICT OFFICER



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telephone.....

Telegrams.....

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

If calling ask for.....

Mr..... RPM

Department of District Administration,
Patrol Post Pindiu,
Finschhafen Sub-District.
27th December, 1967.

Assistant-District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
FINSCHHAFFEN.

SIALUM PATROL NO. 4 of 1967/68.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY

R.P.MORRISON. C.P.O.

AREA PATROLLED

DEDOA AND KALASA CENSUS
DIVISIONS.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING

J.ABSALOM. A.D.O. (1 1/2 days)
B.HENOA. A.F.O.
Con. EWGITAU. No. 1376.
Con. WALIWALI. No.

DURATION OF PATROL

25/11/67 to 12/12/67.
17 DAYS.

LAST PATROL TO THE AREA

D.D.A.

OBJECTS OF THE PATROL.

CONDUCT ELECTIONS FOR THE
TEWAE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
COUNCIL.

R.P. Morrison
.....
R.P.MORRISON.
CADET PATROL OFFICER.

INTRODUCTION.

The area patrolled was the two Census Divisions between Pindiu and the coast.

Terrain in this area varies from rugged mountain forested areas to the kunai slopes and plateaus of the coast. The Masaweng and Tewai rivers in the Dedua Census Division, have their headwaters in the mountains of the area and drain into the Solomans Sea near Kanzarua and Almolau.

Badera.Henoa, A.F.O., was flown in from Finschhafen to make up the patrol along with myself. Originally the O.I.C., Sialum, was to lead the patrol, but due to his being transferred to Kabwum, this was not possible.

The first polling place was Gunabosing in the Upper Dedua, after which the patrol continued through the Upper Dedua and Kalasa areas before walking out to the coast at Gitua, and on to Wandokai, where the patrol was transported to Finschhafen by the "Kuari".

Sole purpose of the patrol was to conduct elections for the Tewae Council, this was accomplished within five days sooner than the original estimate, this being due to the large number of unopposed Councillors.

DIARY

26/11/67	Pindiu to Gunabosing.
27/11/67	Polling for Ward 15. Overnight Gunabosing.
28/11/67	Departed Gunabosing 8.00.a.m. Arrived Masa 10.00.a.m. Ward 14 unopposed Departed Masa 1.15.p.m. Arrived Kingfarinau 4.45.p.m. Overnight Kingfarinau.
29/12/67	Departed Kingfarinau 8.00.am. Arrived Zagahemi 10.00.a.m./ Polling for Ward 16. Departed Zagahemi 2.00.p.m. Arrived Yamanzako 4.45.p.m. Overnight Yamanzako.
30/11/67	Polling for Ward 13. Departed Yamanzako 11.45.a.m. Arrived Siwea 2.45.p.m. Overnight Siwea.
1/12/67	Ward 12 unopposed. Departed Siwea 9.30.a.m. Arrived Orarko 10.30.a.m. Carriers changed and arrived Zankoa 12.30.p.m. Overnight Zankoa.
2/12/67	Ward 11 unopposed. Departed Zankoa 9.05.a.m. Arrived Zagubep 9.45.a.m. Ward 10 unopposed. Departed Zagubep 2.15.p.m. Arrived Karako at 3.00.p.m. Overnight Karako.

DIARY. cont.

3/12/67. Observed Karako.
Overnight Karako.

4/12/67. Polling for Ward 9.
Departed Karako 11.15.a.m.
Arrived Rua 2.15.p.m.
Overnight Rua.

5/12/67. Polling for Ward 6.
Departed Rua at 10.15.a.m.
Arrived at Kalasa at 1.45.p.m.
Ward 5 unopposed.
Overnight Kalasa.

6/12/67. Polling for Ward 4.
Departed Kukuya at 22.10.p.m.
Arrived at Gitukia 4.30.p.m.
Overnight Gitukia.

7/12/67. Ward 3 unopposed.
Departed Gitukia 10.30.a.m.
Arrived Gitua 4.15.p.m.
Overnight Gitua.

8/12/67. Polling for Ward 1.
Polling for Ward 2.
Departed Gitua at 1.50.p.m.
Arrived Sialum at 5.15.p.m.
Overnight Sialum.

9/12/67. Polling for Ward 7.
Overnight Sialum.

10/12/67. Observed Sialum.
Overnight Sialum.

11/12/67. Departed Sialum at 8.00.a.m. by Council
tractor. Arrived Kanzarua 10.30.a.m.
Ward 8 unopposed.
Departed Kanzarua 11.30.a.m.
Arrived Walingai at 12.30.p.m.
Ward 18 unopposed.
Departed Walingai 2.00.p.m.
Arrived Wandokai 3.45.p.m.
Overnight Wandokai.

12/12/67. Ward 17 election.
By Lutheran Mission boat "Kuari" to
Salankzua thence to Finschhafen.

END OF PATROL.

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS.REG. PRISON OF PATROL.

Procedure in most villages was that the Councillor along with the village committee met the patrol at the entrance to the village. Bilums were presented in some of the Upper Dedua villages. Fresh foods were plentiful in the Upper Kalasa and Dedua, and readily provided for the patrol, this contrasted sharply with the coastal villages who appeared very poorly off in this respect, coconuts were the only product in good supply.

VILLAGES.

Due to the progress of the patrol being speeded up by the absence of elections in many wards, many villages were arrived at days ahead of the given schedule. This gave the writer a true indication of the usual state of the village, in most cases the villages were reasonably clean but for some coastal villages, notably Citua which was in a filthy state. Even when the patrol had settled in at Citua little attempt was made to ~~make~~ clean the place up, similarly with Sialoa village.

The mountain villages have the advantage of having a ready supply of timber and consequently houses were of good standard throughout this area. Several coastal villages have relied heavily on old war materials for house construction, and as a result this villages will face a considerable problem in the near future when these materials wear out.

Main materials used in building are hand hewn planks for walls, floors, etc and kumai, pandanus leaves, pitpit or bamboo leaves for roofing. Houses follow a stereotype pattern with plank walls, thatched roof, usually one room and the whole house on stilts a few feet off the ground.

Situation of many mountain villages on ridges has made supplying the place with water difficult, however this is being somewhat alleviated by the provision of water tanks by the Council.

Hygiene and sanitation in the area appeared to be satisfactory, apart from a few villages where the patrol arrived early and found pigs running through the village.

VILLAGER OFFICIALS.

Without exception the Councillors were very helpful. All seemed to have a degree of influence over their respective wards, but after only 12 months in the position they and the voters are both still feeling their way as was brought out in the elections. With one exception all the Councillors were returned for another term.

OUTLINE OF POLITICAL SITUATION.

After 12 months with a L.C. Council these people are very enthusiastic about the functions and work being done by the Rewe Council, that is but for a group of villages in the Upper Dedua. This group which stretches from Siwan-Orarako to Gunabosing-Munz in, has expressed dissatisfaction with the Rewe Council, saying that due to their distance from the Council headquarters at Kanoni, they are neglected.

OUTLINE OF POLITICAL SITUATION, cont.

As a result of this feeling it is proposed to send a delegation from the Tewae Council to a meeting of the Pindiu Council, early in the New Year. The Tewae wards concerned are desirous of returning to the Pindiu Council, which they were affiliated with before formation of the Tewae Council. Administratively the Dedua villages are much closer to Pindiu than Kanomi and the Base Camp at Sialum.

The construction of a vehicular road from Sialum to Kanomi, and the proposed continuation of this through to Walingai and Wandokai has stirred the road building urge in several areas, but as yet this remains at the talking stage. When the road between Wandokai and Walingai is completed, it would certainly provide an incentive for the mountain people to get a road down to the coast and link up with this one. There are bulk stores at both Walingai and Wandokai which also provide coffee buying facilities. A move to build a road from Siwea in the Upper Dedua to the coast appears to have been forgotten, this would be of great value to the people in the area, but lack of someone willing to push the project seems to have brought about its failure.

With a newly introduced Council in the area, these people showed a good understanding of electoral procedures and the purpose behind the establishment of the Council. However, interest in the House of Assembly was negligible, the attitude most common was that this was something that was confined to Port Moresby and as far as these people were concerned they had received no benefits from it. Little was said about the member for the area, few had seen him and the greater majority didn't even know his name. The idea was advanced that if more time was spent by him touring his electorate and less spent in Port Moresby, he would be better able to represent the interests of his electorate.

AGRICULTURE.

The usual subsistence crops form the main part of crop growing in the area. Taro and taro kongkong predominate with yams and sweet potatoe to a lesser extent. European vegetables are plentiful in the Dedua and Upper Kalasa, with onions, potatoes, beans, cabbages in good supply. Not so with the coastal area however, where the soils are not as rich as in the mountains, very few vegetables were seen along the coast.

Cash cropping is limited to coffee, which is grown throughout this area. The Upper Dedua's carry their coffee to Pindiu for sale at F.M.D.S. or Namasu stores, whilst those in the remainder of the area carry their coffee to the coast where buying points are situated at Walingai and Wandokai, the coffee is then carried by coastal vessel to Finschhafen.

LIVESTOCK.

There are the usual pigs, poultry and small numbers of cattle scattered throughout the area.

Although there are about 60-70 cattle in the Dedua, none of the owners appear likely to breed the cattle so as to make a commercial proposition of it. The main use the cattle serve is providing a degree of prestige for the owner and fresh meat on special occasions.

LIVESTOCK, cont.

There is a large cattle station at Kalasa run by the Lutheran Mission, but this is the only sizeable herd in the area.

FORESTS.

Not applicable.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

Commerce is limited to the poorly run trade stores which are to be found in each village. When time permitted these were inspected, most were found to have a poor range of goods, most of which were at prohibitive prices due to the high cost of having the items carried to the village from the bulk store. In all cases where stores were inspected it was found that security measures were inadequate. Locks on the doors were so small that they could provide no deterrent to a thief and the cash boxes were in poor state, and in many cases the proprietor had long since lost the key.

A store at Rua is being run as a joint effort to eventually raise enough money to build a village church, however the proprietor said no profit was made on goods sold, so it would appear that this is no more than a unique fund raising effort.

COMPLAINTS.

The only complaint heard was at Masa and this was referred to the Officer in Charge, Pindiu.

HEALTH.

Apart from many cases of influenza, which was given as the excuse for many people not attending the polls, the health situation was quite good.

There are several Administration Aid Posts in the area and also a couple run by the Lutheran Mission.

EDUCATION.

There are Administration Primary "T" Schools at Yunzain and Gitua. However, the situation at Yunzain is most unsatisfactory as a number of the students are too old to be attending a Primary "T" School, and not smart enough to go to a High School or Technical School. Consequently the teachers at Yunzain are having considerable discipline problems, both with the older boys and their parents who refuse to control them. It has been pointed out to these people that there are many other places where teachers are needed, and if they don't appreciate their worth the school could be moved. It will be interesting to see if the Yunzain people have changed their attitude when the new school year opens.

Almost every village has a Mission school, but the lack of equipment, etc is a draw back.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Due to the fact that there had been little rain prior to the patrol, the walking tracks in both Census Divisions were in good condition.

There is a vehicular road linking the Sialum Base Camp with Kanoni, the Council headquarters, and this road also has a branch which goes to the Lutheran Mission Station at Kalasa. At present the progress of the road on to Walingai and Wandokai, is being hampered by a delay in obtaining planks for the bridge over the Tewai river. However it is possible to continue on to Walingai by motor bike.

CEMETERIES.

All seen were in poor state of repair.

MISSIONS.

The Lutheran Mission at Sattelburg is the headquarters for the Dedua C.D., whilst Kalasa Mission Station is the centre for the Kalasa C.D. Each village has a church of some shape or form, many are completely out of proportion to the number of people which use them.

Mission influence throughout the area ~~is~~ is considerable and many matters are cleaned up by the local pastor, and never reach the O.I.C at Sialum or Pindiu.

AIRFIELDS.

Apart from the strip at Pindiu, which is used by the Upper Dedua's there are no other airfields in the area. A war-time strip apparently existed at Gitua, but no mention was made of it, and I concluded that there was no interest in having it reopened.

Until recently work was in progress at the Kalasa Mission Station on a strip of about 2,000 feet, but the missionary at Kalasa informed me that due to the need to maintain the Kalasa-Sialum road, work had ceased on this strip for the present.

APPENDICES.

- A. Report on police.
- B. Unexploded bombs along the coast.
- C. Political Education Report.

END OF REPORT.

APPENDIX A.

REPORT ON MEMBERS R.P.N.G.C.

NAME	CONDUCT	REMARKS
Const. Engitau. No. 1376.	Good.	Reasonable patrolling Constable.
Const. Waliwali. No.	Good.	Tends to talk a lot without getting much result.

R.P. Morrison
.....
R.P. MORRISON,
Cadet Patrol Officer.

UNEXPLODED BOMBS.

A number of large bombs were pointed out along the coast between Konomi and Wawokai. No detailed inspections were made as the villagers said that their presence had been reported by the O.I.C., Sialum on a previous occasion and that an army demolition expert had already disposed of most of the bombs which were in positions where they could be exploded by burning grass, etc.

Most of the bombs shown to me were either on the beach or close to the walking track and were easily seen when walking through the area. The villagers did not appear unduly worried about the presence of the bombs.

POLITICAL EDUCATION REPORT.

As mentioned under "Political Situation", in the body of this report these people appear to have no interest in the House of Assembly or the elections due next year. Despite the fact that patrols had been carried out by the Officer in Charge, Sialum, in July (Kalasa), and September (Dedua), aimed at informing these people of the work of the House of Assembly, etc they appear to have made up their minds that they are not interested. The series of leaflets which were produced by D.D.A., and distributed by the Officer at Sialum had had two months to be read and thought about by the people, yet not one query was brought to the patrol.

Some people were not aware of the change in electoral boundaries, which puts the Towae area in the Kabwum Electorate rather than the Finschhafen Electorate, which it was in for the first House of Assembly elections in 1964. Nothing was said about standing a candidate in the Towae area for the elections.

This general apathy towards the House of Assembly, is in direct contrast to the enthusiastic attitude towards their newly formed Council. General feeling seemed to be that once things were going smoothly in the area with the Council then there would be time to worry about the House of Assembly.

SIALUM PATROL No 4 of 6/1/68

PATROL ROUTE

POLLING PLACES ONLY SHOWN



R. P. MORRISON C.F.O. 2168



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of..... MORABE Report No. ST/DP/5/67/68

Patrol Conducted by..... J.A. Smith Patrol Officer.....

Area Patrolled..... MORABE and BUNA Census Divisions

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... Nil

Natives..... FOUR (See Franchise)

Duration—From..... 17/2/1968 to..... 12/3/1968

Number of Days..... 26

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../19..... November & December, 67.

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

Map Reference..... DISTRICT MAP

Objects of Patrol..... 1968 House of Assembly elections.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ / 19

.....
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$.....

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

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

.....

.....

.....

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: 67-6-55

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua.

May 24th, 19 68.

District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PATROL NO. SIAMM 5-67/68

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of ~~Memorandum~~
~~of Patrol~~ Patrol Report covering patrol by J.A. SMITH, P.O....
to ~~KALASA & DEBUA~~..... Census Divisions.

T.W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
Director

* Delete as necessary.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67 6 55. 9

Telegrams.....
Our Reference 67-2-14
If calling ask for
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,

Morobe District,
LAE.

1st May, 1968.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

SIALUM PATROL NO. 5 OF 1967/68
KALASA & DEDUA CENSUS DIVISIONS
- MR. J.A. SMITH, PATROL OFFICER

Report on the abovementioned patrol is attached herewith, together with copy of comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Finschhafen.

This was an election patrol and the comments of the Assistant District Commissioner cover it adequately.

H.P. Seale

(H.P. SEALE)

District Commissioner

67-1-3

DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATION
SUB DISTRICT OFFICE
FINSCHAFEN
MOROBE DISTRICT.

19th April, 1968.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
L A E.


SIALUM PATROL No. 5 67/68.

The patrol was mounted specifically for the conduct of the 1968 elections. Mr. Smith has reported that the elections were well conducted and that there were no incidents.

2. The report on cult activities has already been forwarded to you and I believe discussed between yourself and Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith on his handover to Mr. Kelly stressed that cultist activities would have to be watched very closely. It is my intention to walk to Sialum immediately after Anzac Day and I will stay in the Dedua for a couple of nights. I will also discuss cult activities with Mr. Kelly.

3. It is noted that Mr. Smith visited the Siwea airstrip site and found it unsatisfactory. A more detailed report by Mr. Kelly should confirm or deny the rather sketchy one submitted in the report. The \$500 allocated by yourself for the roads should go some way towards alleviating the problems mentioned by Mr. Smith.

4. Other parts of the report will be brought to the attention of the various departments concerned. For your information, please. A map has not been submitted by the officer, but as he is now on leave, I am submitting the report without it.


(R. C. Hill)

Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. O. I. C. Sialum Base Camp.

Encl:

67-2-1

Base Camp SIALUM,
Morobe District.

21st March, 1968.

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

PATROL REPORT - SIALUM No. 5-67/68.

Conducted By: J.A. Smith. Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: Kalasa and Dedua Census Divisions.

Accompanied by: Paul Arua. Assistant Forestry Officer.
Dopemi Nedo. Tewae Council Clerk.
2 members R.P.N.G.C.

Duration - From 17th February, 1968 to 12th March, 1968.
2½ days.

Last Patrol to the area: November and December, 1967.

Map Reference: District Map.

Objects of Patrol: To conduct the 1968 elections for the
House of Assembly in the Kalasa and Dedua Divisions of the
Kabwum Open Electorate.

J.A. Smith.

Patrol Officer - Sialum.

(6)

DIARY.

16th February, 1968.

Checked out Assistant Residing Officer and Poll Clerk to ensure that they understood their duties.

Proceeded to KANZARUA and slept the night.

17th Feb.

House of Assembly Elections conducted at Kanzarua.

Remained the night.

18th Feb.

Returned to Sialum Base Camp.

19th Feb.

At Sialum.

20th Feb.

House of Assembly elections conducted at Sialum Base Camp.

21st Feb.

Sialum Station to Kelanoa Primary 'T' School
3 hours walk.

Electoral education during the afternoon.

22nd Feb.

Elections conducted at Kelanoa Primary 'T' School.
Remained the night.

23rd Feb.

Gitua to Gitukia village 4 hours walk.

Electoral education.

24th Feb.

H of A elections conducted at Gitukia village.

25th Feb.

Gitukia to Kalasa Mission Station.

26th Feb.

To Sialum Base Camp to check on damage to Tewae Council Tractor that had been run off the road. Returned to Kalasa during afternoon.

27th Feb.

Elections conducted at Kalasa Mission Station.

28th Feb.

Kalasa to Rua 3 hours walk.

29th Feb.

Elections conducted at Rua village.

(5)

1st March, 1968.

Looked at Land dispute that Demarcation Committees had been unable to settle.

Rua to Zagubep 4 hours walk.

2nd March.

H of A elections conducted at Zagubep.

3rd March.

Zagubep to Siwea 3 hours walk.

4th March.

Inspected proposed Siwea Airstrip site.
Investigated alledged 'Cargo Cult' activities.
Electoral education talks.

5th March.

H of A elections conducted at Siwea.

6th March.

Siwea to Masa 4 hours walk.
Meeting holi with alledged Cargo leaders and
Talkone Futu.

7th March.

Elections conducted at Masa.
D.D.C Mr. G. Hardy arrived in helicopter for
inspection.

8th March.

Masa to Zagahemi 4 hours walk.

9th March.

Elections conducted at Zagahemi.

10th March.

Zagahemi to Wandokai 6 hours.

11th March.

H of A elections conducted at Wandokai.
Walked Wandokai/Siki 5½ hours, thence to
Finschhafen.

End of Patrol.

INTRODUCTION.

This patrol was mounted specifically to conduct the 1968 House of Assembly elections in the Kalasa and Dedua Census Divisions for the Kabwun Open Electorate.

Since the Polling Schedule allowed ample time for other tasks a certain amount of general administration was undertaken in the villages where Polling Booths were set up.

Cargo Cult activities were also investigated and this has already been the subject of a separate report.

ELECTORAL REPORT.

(1) Type and duration of pre-election campaign;

From 26th September to 18th October, 1967

Mr. J. Absalom conducted a Political Education patrol throughout both areas.

During the Tewae Local Government Council electoral patrol in November and December, 1967 all voters became familiar with the voting system.

In addition, throughout 1967 the green and yellow leaflets put out by the Department of District Administration were distributed and explained.

Mr. R. P. Morrison in his report No. 4-6/68 claimed that some villages were not aware of what electorate there were in. In case this was so letters in Pidgin English and Kotte were sent to each village in January, 1968 and the Tewae Councillors were instructed to inform the people of the Electoral Boundaries. At the time of Polling all were aware of their electorate and candidates.

(2) Manner of Elections;

Eleven Polling Places were used:-

KANZARUA, STALUM BASE CAMP, KELANOA PRIMARY 'T' SCHOOL, GITUKIA, KALASA MISSION STATION, RUA, ZAGUBEP, SIWEA, MASA, ZAGHEMI and WANDOKAI.

The elections were carried out from the 17th of February, 1968 to the 12th March, 1968 - 24 days.

Assistant Presiding Officer was Paul Aruz, an Assistant Forestry Officer from Kabwun. Poll Clerk, Depemu Nedo; Tewae Local Government Council Clerk. Both these officers carried out their duties well. There were no scrutineers or interpreters.

(3) Feminine Interest in Elections.

Although the majority of women are illiterate and needed to be assisted with the marking of Ballot Papers, they showed a far greater understanding of the preferential system than men and generally called the names of all candidates.

All women of voting age were present at the Polling except for those that were sick or similarly indisposed.

(4) Voting.

With assisted voters there was a definite tendency for everyone to vote similarly, village by village. Men and women voted exactly the same and it is obvious that the 'village candidate' had been selected beforehand.

Because of lack of time in which to carry out the elections only a limited number of villages could be visited which resulted in the loss of votes from aged, infirm and ~~handicapped~~ handicapped people who could not attend distant Polling Booths.

RECEPTION OF PATROL.

The usual enthusiastic welcome that one came to expect in the Kabum area was not evident throughout the Kalasa and Dedua. The patrol was generally met by a lone Councillor or member of the village committee. However, ample supplies of fresh vegetables were readily given in the mountain villages and all were willing to give assistance at all times.

VILLAGES.

Sanitation and general village cleanliness was noted to be good throughout with the exception of all coastal villages where the recent lack of rain has turned them into virtual dust bowls.

Water supply in some mountain Dedua villages is far distant since villages are built high on ridges with the water far below. This situation has been eased somewhat since the Pindiu and later the Tewae Councils have been putting 1000 gallon water tanks in the villages with the more pressing need. One water tank per village is inadequate.

OUTLINE OF POLITICAL SITUATION.

(Reference my 1-1-0 of 12th March, 1968).

In Patrol Report No. 4 Mr. Morrison reported that the upper Dedua villages wished to rejoin the Pindiu Council. This is not the wish of the majority of the people who at present state their desire to remain within the Tewae Council.

Cargo Cult activities at present appear to be dormant although ZIBU from Indagen (the instigator of the 1965/66 outbreak) remains in the Dedua interpreting dreams. These activities will need watching.

FRANZ KENGIE, who at the time of the patrol was absent in the Komba has since returned and is residing at Paukwanga (Souwina) village in the Kalasa. It is alleged that the people there have built for him a 'haus tambaran' with beautifully laid out gardens and pebble paths, a watchman also keeps out unwelcome visitors.

This will be investigated as soon as possible since these cash collections seem to be developing into another cargo movement.

AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK.

The extent of cash cropping in both census divisions continues to slowly improve with new areas of bush being cleared for increased coffee plantings. Along the coast new coconut plantings are evident although small. This aspect of development could be greatly increased since there is little prospect of any other crop being introduced on the coast.

In all Dedua and most Kalasa villages there are large numbers of elaborate special coffee drying houses which appear to be some kind of status symbol.

The Tewae Council has also made an effort to encourage coffee production with the purchase of 12 coffee hullers which are to the villagers at a vastly reduced price.

Village cattle projects in most cases are quiet small and at present are nearly regarded as another status symbol. Very few cattle are killed for meat; those that are bring in very good prices from willing customers who generally buy small quantities of meat for a few shillings.

FORESTS.

Extensive forests lie in the Masaweng River valley and upper Dedua as well as substantial stands of hardwood in the upper Kalasa. Access to these areas prevents commercial exploitation.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

Since the opening of the Tewae bridge early this year the Walingai Bulk Store run by Namasu no longer relies on the weather and the Walingai anchorage for supplies. Lause can now be landed at the Sialum wharf and shipped by road transport which means a continuous supply of goods to the village trade stores. Other bulk stores are located at Sialum and Kalasa.

Once each month, to coincide with Council meetings a market is held at Kanomi. To date this has proved as popular as the regular Saturday morning market held at Kalasa and if organized efficiently should prove a useful outlet for excess supplies of fresh vegetables since Mr. E. Foad of Pinschhafen

intends purchasing and shipping on behalf of the Finschhafen Kumpany.

EDUCATION.

Since no teachers have been posted to the YUNMAIN Primary 'T' School this year it is presumed that this school is now closed. In January this year the District Inspector wrote to the Tewae Council asking if this school was to be moved to the coast where it would be closer to communications generally and easier to inspect. Since the Council had not been prepared financially for such a move at this stage they elected for the school to stay where it is for further two or three years. Apparently this decision was unsatisfactory.

The GITUA Primary 'T' School continues to be run satisfactorily and enjoys good co-operation from the local people.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The vehicular road from Sialum to the Kalasa Mission station and the Asak cattle station requires constant maintenance now that it is subjected to increased daily traffic. This has mainly been carried out by the Lutheran Mission until recently when the Tewae Council spent \$400.00 in placing cement strips on the steeper slopes.

The road from Sialum to Walingai also requires greater time spent on maintenance since the traffic is becoming increasingly heavier. Although the Council has a tractor and trailer engaged in this work when time permits it is certainly not frequent enough to keep the road to a reasonable standard.

AIRFIELDS.

The Kalasa Missionary is interested in the completion of the airstrip about a mile from the Mission station. Unfortunately no work has been done on this for some months since the adjacent villagers are reluctant to work without pay and without the assistance of machinery.

The proposed site for the SIWEA airstrip in the Dedua was inspected and in my opinion is unsatisfactory. The length and width are adequate, but the ground is mainly red clay and very swampy in parts. There are also two relatively large hills to be removed and a small gully to be filled. The people were requested to stop work and await inspection and survey by the Department of Civil Aviation. Apparently they have not done this and are continuing with construction.