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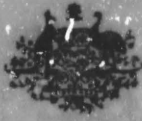
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MOROBE DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS 1956/57

MUMENG

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer: Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled.</u>
1-56/57	A.L.Ford	Mumeng Census Division
2-56/57	A.L.Ford	Snake River Valley
3-56/57	A.L.Ford	Banir River
4-56/57	A.L.Ford	Snake River Valley
5-56/57	K.Laughlin	Lower Watut, Banir River

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MOFORE Report No. MURONG NO. 1. 56/57

Patrol Conducted by A. L. FORD P.O.

Area Patrolled MURONG DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 2/3/1955 to 14/8/1955

Number of Days.....5

Did Medical Assistant accompany?.....5 days

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services.....June/1955

MedicalJune/1955

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....Census and general administration

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please

A. L. Ford
District Officer

29/8/1956

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

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

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

30/4/33

Village Popul

Year.....1956/7.....

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		DEATHS												MIGRATION			
				0-1 Month		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13				Females in Child Birth	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
PAWARABCS	9.8.56	4	1					1											
PRAKLES	13.8.56	6	5			1								3	2			1	
ZANAG	14.8.56	5	16	2	1					2					1				1
KUMALU 1	7.8.56	3	5		2		1			1				1	2			1	2
KUMALU 11	"	14	11	2			1	1	2	1				1	3			1	1
MUM-NGTAIN	6.8.56	6	2																1
		38	40	4	3	1	2	2	2	2	2			1	7	5			4

Sl. No. 30.9.48

22nd March, 1957.

The District Officer,
Lae.

Muzong P/R. No. I of 55/57.

The above mentioned report is acknowledged with
thanks.

A routine patrol which requires no comment.

(A.A. Roberts)
Director

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Patrol Post,

30/9/48 ✓

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No. 30/4/33. -509

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Department of Native Affairs,
LAE.

29th. August, 1956.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT Moresby.

PATROL REPORT NO. MUMING 1-56/57

Forwarded herewith is the Report of a Patrol conducted by
Mr. A.L. Ford, Patrol Officer, to the Muming Division of the Lae
Sub-District.

Camping Allowance is not claimed for this period of patrol.

A.R. Haviland
(A.R. Haviland)
DISTRICT OFFICER.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Patrol Post,
MUMENG.

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: *Mr. A. L. Ford,* From: _____
Subject: *Patrol Post, MUMENG* Date: _____

Will you please send Camping allowance Contingency, in quadruplicate, covering your Patrol Post Report No. 1, 6/8/56 to 14/8/56. I will hold up your P.P.R. pending receipt of these vouchers.

DISTRICT OFFICE
* 24 AUG 1956 *
L.A.E.

Harold

DISTRICT OFFICE
* 29 AUG 1956 *
L.A.E.

Govt. Print.—7355/2.56.

No camping allowance contingency as I left at Mumeng each night and did patrol in day time

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

Patrol Post,
MUMENG.

23rd August, 1956

The District Officer,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PATROL REPORT MUMENG NO. 1 - 56/57.

OFFICER CONDUCTING.

A. L. Ford, P.O.

AREA PATROLLED.

Mumeng Census Division,

ACCOMPANIED BY.

Mr. J. A. Turner, E.M.A., for three days

DURATION.

6/8/56 to 14/8/56

5 days.

LAST PATROL.

June 1955

OBJECTS.

Census and general administration.

DIARY:

6th AUGUST 1956

To MUMENGTAIN Village. Amended census and inspected. Returned to Mumeng in afternoon.

7th AUGUST 1956

To KUMALU. Amended census and inspected. Mr Turner, E.M.A. accompanied. Returned to Mumeng, in afternoon.

9th AUGUST 1956

To PAMLABUS. Amended census and inspected. Mr Turner, E.M.A. accompanied. Returned to Mumeng in afternoon.

13th AUGUST 1956

To PERAKLIS. Amended census and inspected. Mr Turner, E.M.A. accompanied. Returned to Mumeng in afternoon.

14th AUGUST. 1956

To ZENAG Village. Amended census and inspected. Returned to Mumeng.

INTRODUCTION:

This was a short patrol to complete the Mumeng Census Division which was started in March 1956 (Patrol Report Mumeng No. D-55/56)

All villages can be reached from Mumeng Patrol Post in one hour or less and most of them receive frequent short visits during the year.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS:

Disputes and complaints in these villages are brought to Mumeng as they arise and it was not necessary to hold a Court for Native Affairs during this patrol. One dispute regarding damage to a garden by pigs was settled out of court.

Villages were generally clean and in reasonably good condition. PAMALABUS had by far the best village, being clean and well laid out with good houses and good sanitation. PERAKLES Village was rather dirty, particularly around the edges, and many old latrines and rubbish pits had not been filled in. Instructions were given accordingly.

All villages except MUMENGTAIN have Village Kund Society Accounts. Mumengtain have decided to start a village account but have not yet decided upon committeemen.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

Village Officials in the area patrolled consist of -

- 6 Luluais
- 5 Tultuls
- 5 Medical Tultuls.

MUMENGTAIN and KUMALU officials are good. Other officials are generally better than those found further away from the station but could by no means be termed outstanding. PAMALABUS Tultul is absent at employment.

AGRICULTURE:

All villages are suffering from a seasonal food shortage which following the recent long dry period, is more severe than usual. Planting has recommenced following recent heavy rains but should the latter part of the dry season be as bad as the first half a serious shortage of food may result.

Main economic crop for the area is coffee. All villages except PAMALABUS have one established garden and a second garden prepared and awaiting seeds. A quantity of seed has been received and is now being planted in these villages. An Agricultural Field Worker has been sent to PAMALABUS to commence

a coffee plantation there.

Small gardens of rice at Kumalu, Pamalabus and Zenag were complete failures due to the long dry season.

A quantity of White Spanish peanut seed has recently been received and issued to these villages for planting.

HEALTH:

Mr Turner, E.M.A. accompanied the patrol on some occasions and will be submitting a report on health.

EDUCATION:

21 boys and 3 girls from the area patrolled attend the Mumeng Village Higher School. All villages work regularly at the school cleaning and making gardens.

Attendances at Latheran Mission village schools are shown in Appendix 'a'. PERAKLES has no school and some of the children travel about four miles each day to the Patep School. The Patep school takes only 14 from Peraklia and there are many boys and girls of school age who do not attend school.

CENSUS:

There is an increase of 41 on previous figures. Births (78) exceeded deaths (31) by 47. Migrations Out exceeded migrations in by 2. 4 Duplicate entries were located. All villages showed an increase on previous figures.

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APPENDIX 'A'

PATROL REPORT MUMENG NO. 1 - 56/57

ATTENDANCE AT LUTHERAN MISSION VILLAGE SCHOOLS

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Teachers</u>
KUMLIU *	54	30	84)	1
PAMALAEUS *	7	2	9)	
MUMENGTAIN	11	9	20	1
ZENAG	21	20	41	1
PERAKLIS †	6	8	14	1
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	99	69	168	4

* Attend Mumengtain School

† Attend latep School

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

YEAR.....1956.....

MUMONG CENSUS DIVISION

Govt. Print—7033/7.55.

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS										MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES			TOTALS (excluding absentee)				GRAND TOTAL								
				0-1 Mth.		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Females in Child Birth	In		Out		At Work		Students		Males		Females		Pregnant	Number of Child-bearing age	Average Size of Family	Child		Adults							
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				M		F	M	F					
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P. PEKIAS	13.8.56	6	5			1						3	2	1			2	18	3	8		2		2	19	58	23	62	1	70	2.5	55	56	45	92	281					
ZENAN	14.8.56	5	16	2	1							2		1	1	1	1	51	17	5	1	3		3	34	103	29	93	3	99	2.6	95	107	76101	459						
KAMAU 1	7.8.56	3	5	2		1		1	1			1	2	1	2		1	21	10	1		5	2	1	1	27	55	25	53	6	60	2.1	54	46	49	50	246				
KUMAU 11	"	14	11	2		1	1	2	1			1	3	1	1	1	3	46	27	5		5		2	49	124	40	95	5	111	2.4	104	108	84211	522						
MUMONGTAIN	6.8.56	6	2											1		1	1	12	1	4		3		5	1	25	47	18	37	4	45	2.3	48	34	45	49	202				
		38	40	4	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	7	5				4	4	2	8	166	62	24	1	21	3	15	2	160		417	138	362	20	408	377	376	329	435	1826

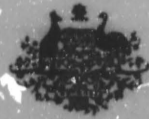
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Area Patrolled.....

ATIONS		ABSENT FROM VILLAGE								LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL	
		AT WORK				STUDENTS				Males		Females		Pregnant	Number of Child Bearing Age		Child		Adults			
		Inside District	Outside District	Govt.	Mission	10-16	16-45	10-16	16-45	M	F	M	F				M	F	M	F		M + F
			8	4	1		3	1	2		6	30	4	22	-	23	2.1	21	20	30	26	116
		2	18	3	8		2		2		19	58	23	62	1	70	2.5	55	56	45	92	281
1	1	51	17	5	1	3		3		34	103	28	93	3	99	2.6	95	107	76	101	459	
		1	21	10	1		5	2	1	1	27	55	25	53	6	60	2.1	54	46	49	56	245
1	3	75	27	5		5		2			49	124	40	95	6	111	2.4	104	108	84	111	522
		1	12		4		3		5	1	25	47	18	37	4	45	2.3	48	34	45	49	202
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Morobe Report No. MUMENG No 2-56/57

Patrol Conducted by A. L. Ford P.O.

Area Patrolled Snake River Valley

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Ni?

Natives 5

Duration—From 27/8/1956 to 4/9/1956

Number of Days 8

District Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 16/4/1956

Medical August/1956

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol Land Investigation, Routine Administration

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICE
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.



Forwarded, please

A. J. Rowland

District Morobe

29/9/59

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

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

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

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22nd March, 1957.

The District Officer,
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Mumeng P/R. No. 2 of 56/57.

The above mentioned report is acknowledged with
thanks.

A routine patrol which requires no comment.

(A. A. Roberts)
Director

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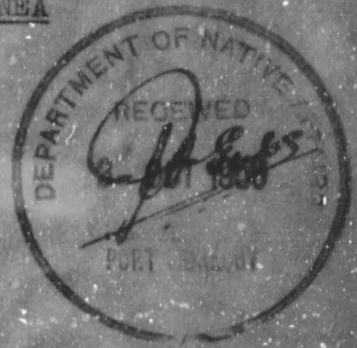
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

The District Officer,
Morobe District,
LAE.



PATROL REPORT - MUMENG
NO. 2 - 56/57

AREA PATROLLED: Snake River Valley.

OFFICER CONDUCTING: A. L. Ford, P.O.

DURATION: 27/8/56 - 4/9/56
8 Days.

LAST PATROL: D.N.A. - April '56
P.H.D. - August '56

OBJECTS: Land investigation.
Routine Administration.

INTRODUCTION:

The main purpose of this patrol was to carry out a land investigation in the Snake Valley headwaters. This has been made the subject of separate correspondence. Routine administration was carried out while in the area.

*Routine No comment.
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DIARY:27th AUGUST 1956

Visited SANGAS Village. Returned to Mumeng in afternoon.

29th AUGUST.

To MANGGA Village. Inspected village, medical check of inhabitants.

30th AUGUST:

MANGGA to MAPOS. Inspection of LAGIS, TOKANEN and PAPEKANI en route.

31st AUGUST.

To BULANFIM. Inspected village. Court for Native Affairs heard. Continued to BUGAI'AU inspecting LOMALOM and MAMBUMP en route.

1st SEPTEMBER.

At BUGAI'AU. Land investigation.

2nd SEPTEMBER.

At BUGAI'AU. Land investigation.

3rd SEPTEMBER.

Completed land investigation then to MAMBUMP. Visited BUGWEV Village.

4th SEPTEMBER.

To MUMENG then across Hertzog Range to CABENSIS and by road to Mumeng.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS:

Village sanitation leaves much to be desired. At BULANTIM ten men were convicted and fined under Native Administration Regulation 119 for failing to carry out the orders of the Luluai with regard to work on latrines and rubbish pits. None of the instructions given during the census patrol in January had been carried out and it was found necessary to order the replacement of every latrine and rubbish pit. Other villages were not as bad as this but some improvements had to be ordered in most villages. Village officials and their reluctance to make a complaint against any of their people are largely responsible for this state. The need for proper sanitation was stressed throughout the area and in particular the responsibility of village officials to ensure that the work is carried out was made clear to all.

Court for Native Affairs was held only at BULANTIM as mentioned above. A number of disputes were settled out of court. Most of these were at MANGGA and LAGIS and referred to damage to gardens by pigs. The provisions of Native Administration Regulation 101 were also stressed throughout the area.

Officials of MANGGA, BOGOMATU and KWASANG expressed concern at the number of men returning from employment with little or no money, having lost it all at cards. They requested that heavier penalties be imposed in cases of gambling. They were informed that their co-operation in reporting cases of gambling would help considerably. They have been touring main centres of employment urging men from their villages to give up gambling.

The movement of BUGAI'AU village has been completed and the old village demolished. A rest house has been constructed at the new village. Work at BUGWEV

village is proceeding very slowly, little having been done since the last patrol four months ago.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

At MANGGA luluai LAPOS was replaced by NASONG in accordance with NA 14-3-13/1 of 7th May 1956.

BUGAI'AU, a village of 342 people, has only one active official. It is not clear whether luluai RANJI was dismissed from office or whether his hat was removed for the period of imprisonment in 1953. However, the hat was not returned to him and BUGAI'AU has been without a luluai since. Tultal TAMON has been absent at employment for about two years. This leaves only one tultal who is aged and not very active. Recommendations regarding village officials for this village have been made the subject of separate correspondence.

AGRICULTURE:

Subsistence crops. Following an exceptionally dry period in what is normally the wet season, there is a slight food shortage in this area. The shortage has affected introduced vegetables such as potato, corn and cabbages more than the supply of staple foods - yams and sweet potato. The shortage is not considered to be serious and now that rains have fallen it should soon be overcome.

All villages have cleared and fenced large areas in preparation for the yam planting.

Economic crops. Coffee is the main economic crop of this area. All villages have two coffee gardens. The first gardens established are doing well. Seedlings appear to have recovered from an initial setback in transplanting and are growing well and appear to be quite healthy. Shade is good and grass has been kept down. Second gardens generally required some attention - replanting patches of shade which did not germinate or replanting some

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seedlings which died during the recent dry period. An Agricultural Field worker was left in the area with instructions regarding this work.

SANGAS village have, in addition to coffee, been growing rice and peanuts. They have harvested approximately 1000 lbs of rice and 300 lbs of peanuts.

MANGGA Village has started a small rice garden.

European vegetables provide a small source of income for some of the people. Difficulties in getting produce to market limits the possibilities for vegetables as an economic crop. Headwaters villages have established a large garden near GABENSIS on the Lae-Wau road so that they can get their produce into market in Lae.

ROADS:

Work stopped on the Snake Valley Road at the end of June to permit people to give attention to their gardens. Work will be resumed again in January 1957.

HEALTH:

As mentioned in the heading 'Native Affairs' village sanitation leaves much to be desired. Aid Post Orderlies may be doing a good job in treating illness and injury but they obviously do not consider village sanitation to be any part of their work. I consider that to make a fly-proof latrine cover with ^{the} tools and materials available should be an essential part of their training. Not one latrine seen could be termed fly proof.

Ten natives were sent to the Native Hospital, Mumeng, from Mangga and Lagis. Most of these were cases who failed to obtain treatment from their Village Aid Post.

EDUCATION:

The only education available to the children of this area is the usual Lutheran Mission village school of very low standard.

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A new schoolroom of European materials has been built at IOMALOM village and will be opened shortly. Although the surroundings will be much more satisfactory for the school children I doubt if there will be any improvement in the quality of the education.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Worebe Report No. Memang No. 3-56/57

Patrol Conducted by A.L. Ford Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Benir River

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans P.J. Foldi, C.P.O.

Natives 55

Duration—From 29/9/1956 to 24/10/1956

Number of Days 26

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by District Services Feb/1955

Medical Nil /19

Map Reference 2030 Markham 4 Miles to 1 inch

Objects of Patrol Investigation of alleged murders.

DIRECTOR OF ~~EMERGENCY SERVICES~~
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY



Forwarded, please

G. H. ...
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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No. 30.9.67

22nd March, 1957.

The District Officer,
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Menyanya Special Report No. 2 of 56/57.
Musoma Report No. 3 of 1956/57.

The above mentioned report is acknowledged with
thanks.

The officers concerned on these patrols are to be
congratulated on a job well done.


(A.A. Roberts)
Director.

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Department of Native Affairs,
Adm.

16th. November, 1958.

MR. J. H. ...

For the successful completion of
the project.

It is obvious that great patience and tolerance
has been exercised with good results.

Mr. Field shows ability and with more persistence
in the carrying of government affairs should soon become
associated with his office.

An early return visit should be made to the D.M.A.
Office.

A copy of reports on Mr. Field's Special Field Report
will be forwarded to you.

A. H. ...

Director



D.M.A.

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P.J. Foldi GADAT PATROL OFFICER

District Office

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20/9/56 to
24/10/56

To Camping Allowance

Patrol Report: Mumeng No. 3 - 5 /57

Commenced : 20/9/56

Complete : 24/10/56

34 (thirty-four) Camping Days.

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(a) I certify that I am a single officer.

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(Claimant)

(b) I certify that during the above stated period of time a cook was not provided by the administration.

Woloh

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(Claimant)

(c) I certify that the Claimant has actually camped out during the period of claim and that no provision existed within reasonable limits of travel for messing and that reasonable accommodation provided by the administration was not available.

C. J. Rowland

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(District Officer)

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Patrol Post,
Mumeng.

29th October, 1956

The District Officer,
Morobe District,
LAE.

MUMENG PATROL REPORT - No. 3-56/57

AREA PATROLLED:

Banir River

OFFICER CONDUCTING:

A. L. Ford, P.C.

ACCOMPANIED BY:

F. J. Földi, C.P.O.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING:

12 Members R.F. & N.G.C.
1 Native Medical Orderly
1 Interpreter
41 Carriers

DURATION:

19.9.56 - 24.10.56
36 Days

MAP REFERENCE:

2033 Markham 4 Miles to 1 inch

OBJECTS OF PATROL:

Investigation of alleged
murders.

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DIARY:

19th SEPTEMBER, 1956.

To PERAKLIS by truck. Departed PERAKLES 0900 hours to YANTA at 1600 hours. 20 additional local carriers used today.

20th SEPTEMBER.

Departed YANTA 0630 hours to BABWAF thence MARILINAN at 1500 hours. Met Mr. P. J. Foldi, C.P.O. at Matilinan, he having flown in from Lae with additional stores today. 20 additional local carriers used today.

21st SEPTEMBER.

Departed MARILINAN 0600 hours to KATSIONG at 1500 hours. 40 additional local carriers used today.

22nd SEPTEMBER.

At KATSIONG to SESERE. Commenced investigation regarding alleged murders near SESERE MANDI. Some stores left at Katsiong to be collected later.

23rd SEPTEMBER.

At SESERE. Continued investigation. Visited SESERE MANDI and sighted two bodies. Checked loads. Instructions to police and carriers.

24th September.

Departed SESERE 0730 hours and made camp in the bush near the old IMISI airstrip site at 1500 hours.

25th SEPTEMBER.

Departed at 0630 hours. Descended to the BANIR River which had to be bridged then ascended to KWEK at 1400 hours. Inhabitants ran away as patrol approached but some came back and some food was purchased.

It could be seen from here that SIMINAPA Village - the village where the patrol was to meet the Menyamya patrol tomorrow - had long been abandoned. Decided to wait at KWEK for signs of the patrol.

26th SEPTEMBER.

At KWEK. Some people came in with food but all young men keeping well away from the camp.

27th SEPTEMBER.

At KWEK. Contact with Menyamya patrol at YENPA. A few women came in with food but most people could be seen removing their belongings to the bush.

28th SEPTEMBER.

Departed at 0530 hours to YENPA at 1200 hours. Met Menyamya Patrol in charge of Mr. Desailley.

29th SEPTEMBER.

With Menyamya patrol, shifted camp to MATAPA about one hour away.

30th SEPTEMBER.

At MATAPA working in conjunction with Menyanya patrol attempting to make contact with the people and assisting in the apprehension of persons wanted in regard to the SESERE-MANDI raids. Remainder of stores brought up from KATSIONG. For full details see Menyanya report.

19th OCTOBER.

✓ Departed MATAPA at 0720 hours and crossed BANIR River to old IMISI camp site at 1400 hours and made camp.

20th OCTOBER.

To SESERE at 1015 hours.
✓ Self to KATSIONG in evening. Messrs Desailley and Foldi remained at SESERE with Mameng Patrol to gather witnesses.

21st OCTOBER.

✓ Self KATSIONG to WOWAS.
Remainder of patrol SESERE to KATSIONG.

22nd OCTOBER.

✓ Self WOWAS to KAPIN.
Remainder of patrol KATSIONG to WOWAS.

23rd OCTOBER.

Self KAPIN to MUMENG.
Remainder of patrol WOWAS to DAMBI.

24th OCTOBER.

Mr. Foldi and remainder of patrol arrived at Mumeng.

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this patrol was to investigate reports of alleged murders at SESERE-MANDI in the Lower Banir. SESERE-MANDI is in the area which comes under Mumeng Patrol Post and the raiders were from the Upper Banir which is in the Menyanya Sub-District. Consequently two patrols proceeded to the area - one from Mumeng and one from Menyanya. Menyanya Special Patrol Report of 25th October, 1956 has been submitted and deals with the apprehension of persons required with regard to the alleged murders and with conditions in the Upper Banir. It is not intended to duplicate information given in that report and this report should be read in conjunction with the Menyanya report.

NATIVE AFFAIRS:

During September the Tultui of BUNDI reported at Mumeng that there had been two murders at SESERE-MANDI. When the patrol arrived at SESERE it was found that over a month had elapsed between the alleged murders and the reporting of them. The reason given by the SESERE officials for their failure to report the murders was that the SESERE-MANDI people, although part of SESERE, lived in a small, isolated hamlet and have resisted the efforts of SESERE people and of previous officers to get them to move to SESERE village for their own protection. They have generally avoided contact with previous patrols and have resisted mission influence and were therefore not considered by the SESERE officials to be worthy of protection.

Shortly after the two murders the people abandoned their old hamlet and constructed a new one much closer to SESERE. The new site is, however, still about half an hours walk from SESERE and will not give the people the increased protection that they would get if they joined with SESERE. The people were advised to build at SESERE where there would be a certain amount of safety in numbers. When the patrol left the area a constable was left at SESERE to assist the people of SESERE-MANDI in moving to SESERE should they decide to do so or to ensure that proper village sanitation be provided at the hamlet and a good track be constructed between SESERE and SESERE-MANDI should they decide to remain at their present site.

One principal offender and seven accomplices were arrested by the two patrols. The principal offender, ORMBIO, is fight leader of the MATAPA people. It is hoped that these arrests will give the people of the Lower Banir some protection from further raids but it cannot be said that there is no further danger of raids by the Upper Banir people on those of the Lower Banir.

The first murder occurred on the night of the 23rd July. It being a fine night and with a full moon. SIKWOONBONAS of SESERE-MANDI slept outside his house with his two wives. He was attacked and struck in the right eye with an axe. One wife woke and recognised ORMBIO and AKAMEJEIO of MATAPA as the attackers. Next morning a search showed that the attackers had been accompanied by a large number of men who had hidden in the bushes round the house.

The second murder occurred on the 4th August. An elderly man, SERANGELEIS, left the village and descended to the creek for water. He was later found dead, having been struck in the head by an axe. There were no witnesses to this incident. Footmarks showed that a number of men had been involved. ORMBIO, after his arrest, admitted to having taken part in this raid.

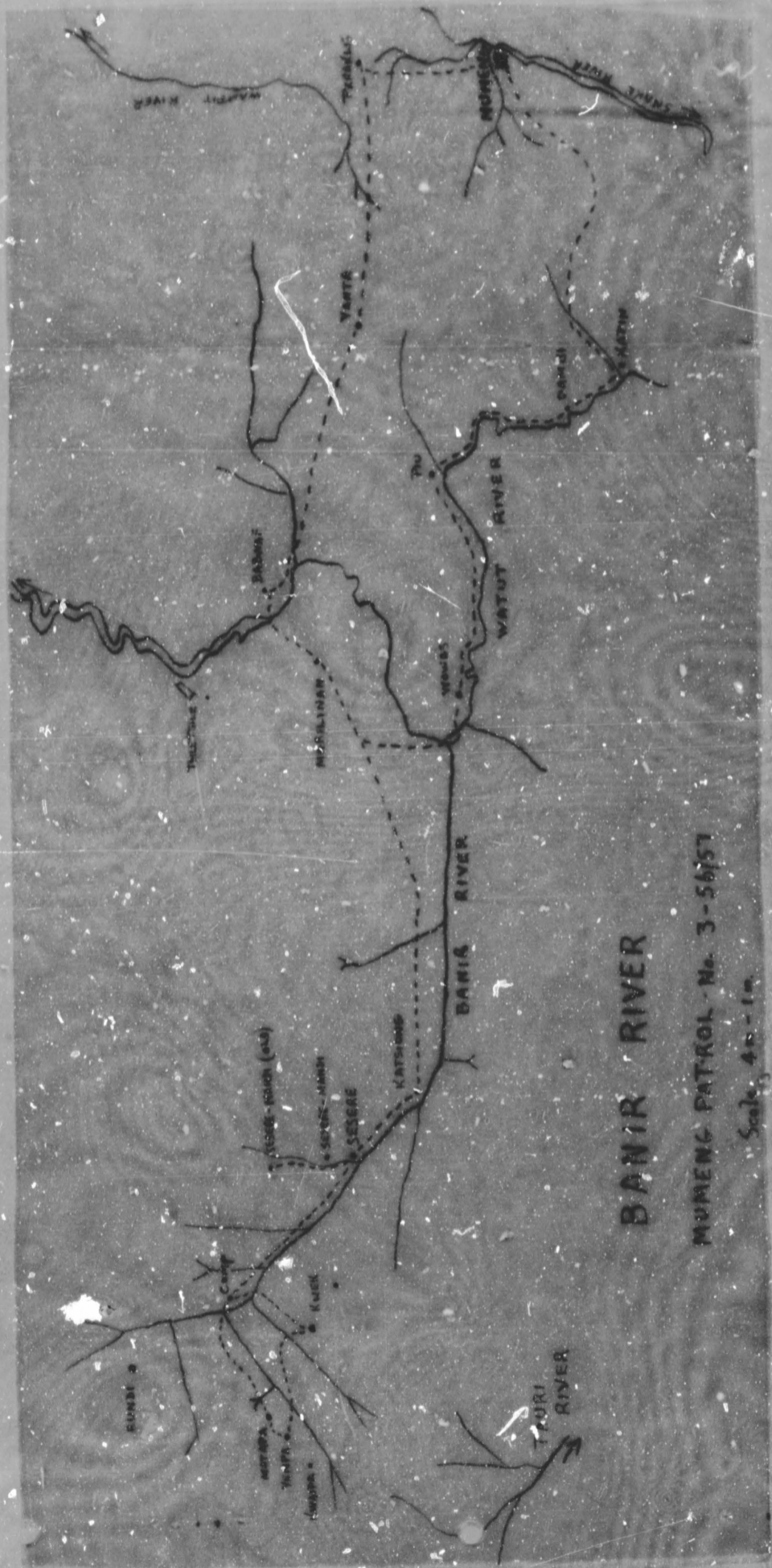
The seven men arrested with OREBIO were MEMCHO, KAMIKIJO, MANDEMORIO, YEPAKUEIC, MAPIC, AMIPAU and MARANURACHIO, all of MATAPA. All have been sent to Lae where Court action will be taken. Unfortunately AKAMEJEO was not arrested. He, also, is an influential man on MATAPA who has received mention in previous reports.

TIMBAKUBIO of KWEK is believed to have accompanied the MATAPA men on at least one of the raids but unfortunately he was not located by the patrol. The fact that one of their men had been involved in the raids was probably the cause of the very timid reception of the patrol at KWEK for Mr. Wakeford reported that the previous patrol received a good welcome and plenty of food was brought in.

At the time the patrol was in the area the Sesere Village Book could not be located so the census of Sesere and Katsiong was not amended. The book has since been located and this will be done when the Lower Watut census is amended in the near future.

People of KATSIONG expressed their desire to return to their old ground on the Tauri-Banir divide. They were advised against such a move as they were forced off this ground by the GWATERA and since being in the Banir have been raided by the GWATERA. Return to their old ground would undoubtedly lead to further trouble with the GWATERA.

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BANIR RIVER

MUMENG PATROL No. 3-56757

Scale 40-100

REGISTER APPENDIX 'A'

MUMENG PATROL REPORT 1970: 3 - 56/57

BANIR RIVER PATROL.

MUMENG DETACHMENT:

Reg. No.	7827	L/Cpl	SONGELI	Inexperienced in bush patrolling. Was not outstanding.
"	"	7340	Const. MARL	Suffered from boil on leg. Same complaint on last patrol this area.
"	"	8053	" IONIS	Steady and reliable.
"	"	8320	" KOWAGI	Steady and hardworking. An asset to any patrol of this nature.
"	"	8321	" HAGUA	Tried hard. Lacking in experience in bush patrolling.
"	"	9220	" YAKUGOGL	Tried hard. Lacking in experience in bush patrolling.

LAE DETACHMENT:

Reg. No.	6118	PA	L/Cpl JUNEBAI	Previous experience in this area. An asset to any patrol of this nature.
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WAD DETACHMENT:

Reg. No.	2131	L/Cpl	HANKOM	Senior NCO of the patrol. Performed duties in a steady reliable manner.
"	"	6915	Const. GUBIA	Steady and reliable.
"	"	6930	" YAMRU	Steady and reliable.
"	"	9521	" SARAGUM	Worked hard. Lacking in experience in bush patrolling.
"	"	9561	" SAM	Should improve with more patrol experience.

Approved

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PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. MUMENG No. 4-56/57

Patrol Conducted by A. L. Ford, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Snake River Valley

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans 1

Natives 3

Duration—From 7/1/1957 to 4/2/1957

Number of Days 20

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by District Services August/1955

Medical January/1956

Map Reference Huon Gulf 4 miles to 1 inch

Objects of Patrol Census, Routine Administration, Land Investigation

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT AND NATIVE AFFAIRS, PORT MORESBY.



1/3/1957

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[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 £.....

30/4/36

Village Popu

Year..... 1957.....

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		DEATHS												Males in Child Birth	M	
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PATAP I	16.1.57	8	7					1								1		
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MAPOS I	"	5	8					1	1						3	3		2
SIYUG-I	24.1.57	3	6					1		1								1
SIGAIYO	"	8	11	1												2		
EJLANTIM	25.1.57	11	12					1					1					
LOMALOM	"	7	10		1		1								1	3		
BUGAI'AU	30.1.57	7	3				1								2	3		
MAMBUMP	31.1.57	3	4													1		1
MUNLAU	"	6	4	2	2		1									1		
VAGAU	30.1.57	5	1		2													
DAWONG	2.2.57	6	2						2						1	2		
BUGW-V	"	3	7													1		
RARI	"	2	6												1	1		
AIYAYOK	1.2.57	4	2		1										1	1		
GAMBIA	"	-	8		2	1	1		1									2
CHIMBULOK	22.1.57	5	3												1	1		
SINAG-I	"	1	5					2		1					3	1		
LAGIS	9.1.57	6	7	1												2		
TOKANAN	"	2	4		1			3	1	1			2			2		
PAPAKANI	"	9	4												3	1		1
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H.A. 30-9-72

15th March, 1957.

The District Officer,
L.A.R.

MUMENG PATROL REPORT NO. 4
OF 1956/57.

The abovementioned Report is acknowledged
with thanks.

A routine Report which needs no comment from
this Headquarters.

(A.A. Roberts) *AB*
Director.

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District Office,
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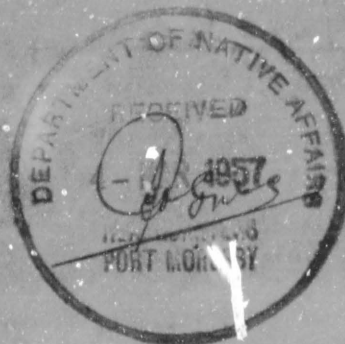
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1st. March, 1957.

Mr. A.L. Ford,
Patrol Officer,
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PATROL REPORT - JUCENG NO. 4-56/57

1. Populations in villages near to the bigger townships are never stable and there is very little that can be done about it. Imposing restrictions on employment by closing the villages to recruiting does not affect them. Whole families visit places where husbands and relatives are in employment and although village affairs suffer, very little harm results.
2. Action has been taken to have HANGI appointed Lulnai of SANGAS.
3. A copy of the "Health" Section of the Report has been sent to the District Medical Officer.
4. A copy of the "Agriculture" section of the Report has been sent to the District Agricultural Officer.
5. A copy of the section "Education" has been sent to the District Education Officer.
6. Census figures are reasonably good and the natural increase satisfactory.



A.A.
(A.R. Haviland)
DISTRICT OFFICER

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Patrol Post,
MUMENG.

11th February, 1957.

The District Officer,
Milne Bay District,
LAE.

MUMENG PATROL REPORT NO. 4 - 56/57.

AREA PATROLLED:

Snake River valley.

CONDUCTED BY:

Mr. A. L. Ford, Patrol Officer.

ACCOMPANIED BY:

Mr. W. Wilson, Regional Agricultural
Officer, 29th January to 1st February.

DURATION:

7th January to 4th February, 1957.
20 days.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING:

2 Native Police
1 Agricultural Field Worker.

MAP REFERENCE:

Bron Gull 4 miles to 1 inch.

OBJECTS:

Census, Routine Administration,
Land Investigation.

DIARY.Monday 7th January, 1957.

To MAPOS.

Tuesday 8th January.

At MAPOS. Attended ceremony organised by Paramount Laluai Tol at which all Buang villages attended.

Wednesday 9th January.

To LAGIS. Amended census at PAPERINI, LAGIS and TOKANEN.

Thursday 10th January.

To MANGGA. Amended census at MANGGA and BCGOMATU.

Friday 11th January.

To KWASANG. Amended census and inspected and continued to Mumeng.

Tuesday 15th January.

By landrover to SANGAS. Amended census. Returned to Mumeng in afternoon.

Wednesday 16th January.

To PATEP I. Amended census and returned to Mumeng in the afternoon.

Friday 18th January.

To PATEP II. Amended census and returned to Mumeng.

Tuesday 22nd January.

To SINAGEI Rest House. Amended census of SINAGEI and HIMPULOK.

Wednesday 23rd January.

To MAPOS. Amended census MAPOS I and MAPOS II.

Thursday 24th January.

Amended census SICAIYU and SIJGEBI. Court for Native Affairs heard at MAPOS. Continued to BULANTIM in the afternoon.

Friday 25th January.

At BULANTIM. Amended census and inspected BULANTIM and LOMALOM villages.

Saturday 26th January.

Mumeng.

TuesdayMonday 29th January.

Mr. Wilson, Regional Agricultural Officer, to MAMBUMP.

Wednesday 30th January.

To BUGAI'AU. Amended census at VAGAU and BUGAI'AU. Land investigation Bugai'au area.

Thursday 31st January.

To MAMBUMP. Land investigation Mambump area. Amended census at MUNIAU and MAMBUMP. Court for Native Affairs heard.

Friday 1st February.

Mr. Wilson departed to GABENSIS. Self and patrol to AIYAYOK. Amended census AIYAYOK and GAMBIA.

Saturday 2nd February.

To BUGWEV and RARI. Amended census both places. Continued to DAWONG in the afternoon and amended census.

Sunday 3rd February.

Self to Mumeng.

Monday 4th February.

Patrol personnel and stores to Mumeng.

INTRODUCTION.

Mr. E. Wilson, Regional Agricultural Officer, accompanied the patrol between the 29th January and 1st February. Mr. Wilson inspected land under consideration for alienation. He was also able to inspect a number of the coffee plantations in the area and gave advice regarding the work to be done on them.

Unfortunately the patrol had to be interrupted on a number of occasions. This was necessary so that rations could be issued at Mumeng, a Dept. of Works employee could be accompanied while blasting on the Snake Valley road and also to meet Mr. Wilson at Mumeng.

This was the third patrol to the area since the census patrol of January - February 1956.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The area patrolled is close to Lae, Bulolo and Wau and has had many years of contact. Consequently many of the men seek employment in those centres. Census figures show that, of the adult male labour potential of 1807, there are 1042 absent at employment and schools. It cannot be said that the remainder are in their villages as there is a constant movement of men, women and children between this area and Lae, Bulolo and Wau, leaving few people in the area to look after villages, gardens and roads. Any attempt to dissuade the people from this useless movement to the towns only makes them seek a different route so that they can leave the area unobserved.

Few complaints were brought before the patrol and most of these were minor matters which were settled out of court. In the Court for Native Affairs two cases of neglect of children under 14, two of failing to carry out a luluai's orders, one of a luluai failing to keep his village clear and sanitary and one of failing to appear for census were heard. Although the area is comparatively peaceful and law abiding, clearly most of the disputes are settled in the villages by the village leaders. In fact, the tultul of LAGIS was reprimanded for attempting to prevent a man from bringing his complaint before the patrol.

People of SINAGEI complained that the people of SIGALYO had made sorcery to destroy the SINAGEI yam gardens. They could produce no evidence of any kind and it would appear that the damage to the gardens has been caused by the exceptionally dry weather experienced in recent months.

Village sanitation has improved throughout the area except for the villages of AIYAYOK and GAMBIA. It was necessary to leave a constable at these villages to ensure that proper sanitation was provided - the village officials being completely incapable. Nearly every rubbish pit and latrine of both villages needed to be replaced.

Generally villages appear to be occupied only at the time of patrols and some other special occasions, while for the greater part of the time the people live in bush and garden houses.

New rest houses have been completed at SINAGEI, DAWONG, BUGWEV and BUGAI'AU.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Luluai KASIS of SANGAS is deceased. It is recommended that MANGI be appointed as luluai to replace him. MANGI is comparatively young, is an ex member of the N.G.P.F. and has been selected by the people. I consider him to be the best man available for the position.

At BUGAI'AU, GOLI was appointed Luluai in accordance with 14/3/13(1) of 5th October 1956. MANOK was appointed Luluai in place of TANON in accordance with 14.1.5 of 20th Sept. 1956.

Village officials in the area leave much to be desired. As already stated the officials of AIYAYOK and GAMBIA are incapable of performing their duties. There are, however, no satisfactory replacements in the villages. Tultul SIUNG of RARI has considerable influence throughout the headwaters villages.

HEALTH.

Village Aid Posts are situated at TOKANEN, MAPOS, LOMALOK and MAMBUMP. If attendance at these aid posts was as good all the year round as it is at census time health would not be a problem. Attendance in normal times, however, is not nearly as good. Too often people are left until they are beyond, or almost beyond, aid before being taken to the aid posts. Quite often they are not taken to the aid posts at all. There is a marked tendency to neglect to obtain medical aid for children and during the patrol two convictions were recorded for this reason.

TOKANEN, a village with an aid post, was one of the two villages in the area in which deaths exceeded births for the year - of the ten deaths in that village eight were children.

Village sanitation has improved over the last year but there is still room for further improvement. Constant supervision by officers and police is necessary to see that sanitation is maintained. Aid Post Orderlies do not appear to consider the improvement of village sanitation to be any part of their work.

AGRICULTURE.

Coffee is the main economic crop of the area. All villages have started two gardens of about 1,000 trees each.

The first gardens were started about two years ago. Generally they are doing well and a few trees in most are now beginning to bear. Permanent shade is growing well and temporary shade is now being thinned out. A few of these first gardens, however, were not entirely successful and at AIYAYOK and KWASANG they were complete failures. Places where they were only partially successful were MANGGA, BOGOMATU, LAGIS, TOKANEN and MAPOS. Loss of soil through erosion on steep slopes was the cause of failure.

AIYAYOK's second garden suffered similarly and they are now practically without any coffee. During this patrol a suitable piece of flat land was selected for a third garden and an Agricultural Field Worker is now working with these people.

Second gardens received a setback in the long dry periods experienced during 1956. Some of the gardens have had seedlings transplanted and are doing well but in most cases nurseries have suffered in the dry weather. New nurseries have been established and gardens have a good covering of temporary shade but seedlings are not yet ready to plant out.

Considering both gardens, it could generally be said that the results have been good in the headwaters villages (ie above MAPOS) but have been rather disappointing in the lower villages (ie. MAPOS to KWASANG). An Agricultural Field Worker is constantly working in this division and attention

will be given to these lower villages during the coming year. Throughout this patrol planting of coffee by individuals was encouraged but with little effect.

SANGAS Village have produced a small quantity of rice and peanuts. PATEP I have also recently planted rice and peanuts.

ROADS.

Work has been resumed on the road through this valley. All villages have sent some men to the KWASANG area where some difficult country is holding up progress. An employee of the Dept. of Works is assisting by carrying out blasting operations on Sunday mornings. Once past this difficult piece between KWASANG and WANGGA there should be little difficulty in putting the road through to the headwaters.

EDUCATION.

A school is badly needed for this area. Only 10 males from this valley are attending Administration schools. 50 males and 20 females are attending mission schools outside the area. For the remaining 1200 children there are only the village mission schools of very doubtful value under native mission teachers.

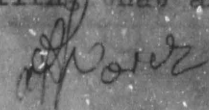
CENSUS.

Census figures give a total of 7,794 for the census division. This is an increase of 148 on previous figures.

Births exceeded deaths by 171. Migrations Out exceeded migrations in by 28. Figures for BULANTIM village could not be reconciled with last years figures - giving an increase of 7 in this years total. 2 duplicated entries were located.

With the exception of TOKANEN and SINAGEI, all villages showed an excess of births over deaths (TOKANEN decrease of 4, SINAGEI decrease of 1).

Migration Out figures include 13 male and 14 female migrations from BULANTIM and IOMALOM to the coastal village of BUMATU. As the BUMATU luluai was present with the village book particulars have been put on the 'General Information' pages of the book for the use of the next officer patrolling that area.


(A. L. Ford)
Patrol Officer.

Population Register

Area Patrolled..... SNAKE RIVER VALLEY (BUANGS)

POPULATION		ABSENT FROM VILLAGE								LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL		
Present		AT WORK				STUDENTS				Males		Females		Pregnant	Number of Children Absentee Age		Child		Adults				
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT

District of..... MUMERG..... MOROBE..... Report No..... L/MUM 5/56-57.....

Patrol Conducted by..... K. Laughlin P.O.....

Area Patrolled..... LOWER WATUT..... BANIR RIVER.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... Mr. Turner M.A.....

Natives..... 9.....

Duration--From 18/6/1957 to 6/7/1957.....

Number of Days..... 19.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... YES.....

Last Patrol to Area by--District Services..... Feb/1957.....

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

Map Reference..... Sketch Map Attached.....

Objects of Patrol..... General Administration..... Coffee Extension.....

..... Special Patrol To Banir River.....

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORSBY.

Forwarded, please.

G. J. Harland
District Commissioner

22/7/1957

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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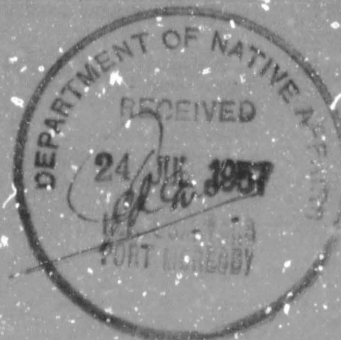
22nd. July, 1957.

Mr. K. Laughlin,
Patrol Officer,
L.A.E.

PATROL REPORT NO. MUMENG 5 OF 1956/57

1. Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged.
2. Your response to the instructions from this office in the supposed emergency of a tribal disturbance and your prompt action enabling you to meet and join the Patrol from Menyanya led by Mr. N. Desailly, was very good work and could quite easily, in that area, have made the difference between success and failure.
3. With the gazetteal of the Mumeng area as a Sub-District, and more staff allocated, greater supervision will be possible and roads and tracks improved. Economic development will increase and with more attention, village officials will improve.
4. The Banir River area will be visited again at an early date.

A.R. Haviland
(A.R. Haviland)
DISTRICT OFFICER.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL POST.
MUMENG.

10 th. July 1957.

The District Commissioner,
MOROBE DISTRICT.

PATROL REPORT No. 5/56-57

OFFICER CONDUCTING PATROL:

K. Laughlin P.O.

AREA PATROLLED:

LOWER WATUT? BANIR RIVER.

DURATION OF PATROL:

18th. June 1957 - 6th. July 1957
19 days

PERSONEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL:

Mr. Turner Medical Assistant
8 Members R.P.&N.G.C.
1 Agridultural Field Worker.

OBJECTS OF PATROL:

- .1. General Administration.
- .2. Coffee Extension.
- .3. Special patrol Banir River.

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DIARY:

- 18th. June; Depart Mumeng at 1430 per Land Rover and proceed to Bangalum. Obtained Carriers at Bangalum and proceed to Kapin .I. arriving 1930.
- 19th. June; Depart Kapin.I. at 0830 and move to Piu arriving at 1730.
- 20th June; Patrol moved to Maralango arriving at 1715. 24 carriers recruited for Banir River Patrol.
- 21st. June; The patrol moved To Zinimp on the Langimar River arriving at 1030. The River was then followed up to its junction with the Isimp. From here the track follows a small creek to the top of the Langimar - Banir Divide where camp was made for the night at 1630. Mr. Turner proceeded To Katsiong then Maralanan.
- 22nd. June; From the top of the divide the track plunges straight down to the Banir River which is followed up to the village of Katsiong.
- 23rd. June; Depart Katsiong at 0700 and proceed to Sesere. From Sesere the track follows The Banir River for ½ an hour then cuts along the Southern wall of the valley and follows along a ridge to the head of the valley thence across several ridges to Mr. Desailly's camp site.
- 24th. June; Both patrols moved to the Kwek area 1½ hours away and camp was set up. A police patrol was dispatched to Matapa.
- 25th. June; At Kwek Investigating alleged incidents. Police party returned with 4 alleged murderers. *Not under control! Suspicious!*
- 26th. June; The patrol proceeded straight down to the floor of the valley and along to Sesere and on to Katsiong.
- 27th. June; A good road is maintained from Katsiong to Maralanan. Walking time 4½ hours.
- 28th. June; The villages of Babwuf, Tsili Tsili were visited and the patrol rejoined Mr. Turner M.A. at Dungutung.
- 29th. June; At Dungutung attending routine matters.
- 30th. June; Sunday observed.
- 1st. July; Three hours easy walking to Wuruf. Routine matters for Wuruf and Pesen.
- 2nd. July; Patrol returned to Maralanan. Supplementary stores arrived from Mumeng.
- 3rd. July; Depart Maralanan at 0900 and proceed to Wowas arriving 1230.

DIARY: (CONT')

- 4TH. July; Visit villages of Biamina and Piu and sleep at Guapu.
- 5th. July; Visit Dambi, Dangal and sleep at Galawo.
- 6th. July; Proceed to the Wau-Labu road via Taiyek and proceed to Mumeng per Land Rover.

END OF PATROL.

INTRODUCTION:

The patrol was originally intended as a general one of the Lower Watut Census Division. However acting on instructions received from the District Officer Lae the patrol proceeded direct to the Banir River area and linked up with a patrol led by Mr. Desailly s/o D.O. Menyamya.

From there normal patrolling was resumed back through the Lower Watut and some Middle Watut villages.

NATIVE AFFAIRS:General;

Throughout the whole area only minor complaints and disputes were brought before the patrol and as usual the Watut appears to be free of serious crime.

Land disputes are numerous and in many cases these have been brought up several times with previous officers. Most of the trouble has apparently arisen from some villages moving down from the ridges and settling on the various rivers on land not their own.

Villages in the Middle Watut have completed their move from the heights and the new places along the river are excellent.

In the Lower Watut only one village Sumots remains on a ridge top; the rest being built along the Watut River or its tributaries.

Village surroundings in all cases were satisfactory but more frequent maintenance of tracks is needed.

Village Officials:

These leave much to be desired and in many cases it is obvious that they do not have much influence with the people.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT:Coffee:

Eight villages, Taiyek, Galawo, Kapin, Dambi, Dangal, Gusaupu Biamina and Piu each have about 1000 trees at present with shade well established.

Due to the change over of officers at Mumbung since February, coffee extension has been neglected somewhat. Coffee planted in nurseries has grown too large to transplant with success and in most cases has been left unprotected and has been affected by the sun, the leaves turning yellow and dying off.

The Agricultural Field Worker who works in the area does not appear to take much interest in his work.

Further seed is required for the area.

Coconuts:

The Lower Watut Villages of Maralinan, Babwuf, Tsili Tsili, Dungitung, Wuruf and Pesen all have groves of palms. No copra is produced at present and the nuts are used as a supplementary item of diet only.

Mining :

Gold production has been stepped up considerably throughout both sub-divisions and payments during the first six months of this year have exceeded one thousand pounds.

All villages are interested in setting up a trade store within the village, financing it initially from the proceeds of gold production. The village of Kapin.I. and several others have already done this. In each case a large proportion of the money seems to finally find its way into the hands of the person who "leads" the mining enterprise and also has the running of the store.

Very little money moves through the Village Society Fund Accounts.

ROADS:

The Middle Watut road past Bangalumis now non existent due to numerous earth slips. Nothing was done regarding the maintenance of this road past Bangalum as it would appear to be a full time job for all the villages concerned.

No work has been done on the Lower Watut road since the last patrol.

AGRICULTURE:

All gardens in the area were producing well, both staples and European vegetables.

HEALTH:

Mr. Turner B.M.A. accompanied the patrol and his report gives details of health in the area.

The people of the area all appear averse to attending the Aid Posts at Marilinan, Zinimp, Kapin and Dambi, for treatment. It is only when the sick are nearly dead are they brought in for treatment and then of course it is too late for anything to be done.

A blitz on diseased dogs in the area and burning of dirty cloths would probably do much to lower the number of cases of scabies and sores.

EDUCATION:

At last census twenty five children were attending the government school at Mumeng.

The Lutheran Mission maintains schools of sorts at several villages.

AIRSTRIPS.

Tsili Tsili airstrip is being regularly maintained and while the patrol was in the area one light aircraft used the strip.

BANIR RIVER AREA:

The patrol proceeded to this area on instructions from the District Officer Lae.

On meeting Mr. Desailly a/A.D.O. Menyamyak WXXX it was found that the area was quiet and that tribal fighting had not broken out.

The patrol stayed in the area for two days during which time police were used in the capture of four suspected murderers in the Matapa area.

A return was then made via Katsiong and Sesere to the Lower Watut.

The two abovementioned villages were in good order and no serious crime has been reported here for some time.

The Tultul of Sesere was taken with the patrol into the headwaters to act as interpreter. He has been used by all previous patrols for this purpose and has proved himself most reliable and helpful.

SUMMARY

Economic development in the area appears to be well under way and the main one gold production is netting the people a fair return.

Coffee plantations will have to be extended if reasonable returns are to be expected from them in the future.

A further patrol to the Banir River in the near future would be desirable.

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