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67-5-14.

PATROL REPORT No. 11-65/66.

By

M.J. CUNNINGHAM.

POPONDETTA.

NORTHERN DISTRICT.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN Report No. 11/65-66

Patrol Conducted by M.J. CUNNINGHAM, CADET PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled SELECTED VILLAGES, SAIHO CENSUS DIVISION & ORO BAY CENSUS DIVISION (Pongani Area)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans 1 (Saiho C.D.)
1 INTERPRETER

Natives 1 MEMBER R.P.&N.G.C.

Duration—From 28/4/1966 to 29/4/1966
14/5/66 8/5/66

Number of Days 7

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 12/19.65
1 / 66 (Oro Bay C.D.)
Medical/...../19.....

Map Reference FOURMIL BUNA - SKETCH MAP ATTACHED.

Objects of Patrol TO FAMILIARISE AND EDUCATE PEOPLE FROM SELECTED SAMPLE VILLAGES RE TERRITORY CENSUS FOR 1966.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

8/11/1966

[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
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67-5-11/67-5-12/
67-5-13/67-5-14/
67-5-15.

23rd November, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

PATROL REPORTS 1965-66:

Receipt is acknowledged of the following patrol reports from stations in your District:

Patrol Report No. 4-65/66 by I.M. Bates of Kokoda, dated 17/5/66 for a patrol undertaken from 14/4/66 to 18/4/66.

Patrol Report No. 6-65/66 by J. Daras-Wells of Iona, dated 20/5/66 for a patrol undertaken from 1/5/66 to 7/5/66 with a covering memorandum from the A.D.C. Popondetta dated 30/5/66.

Patrol Report No. 6-65/66 by C. Viner-Smith of Afore undated for a patrol undertaken from 28/4/66 to 5/5/66 with a covering memorandum from the A.D.C. Popondetta dated 30/5/66.

Patrol Report No. 11-65/66 by M.J. Cunningham of Popondetta dated 17/5/66 for a patrol undertaken from 28/4/66 to 29/4/66 and 4/5/66 to 8/5/66 with a covering memorandum from the A.D.C. Popondetta dated 30/5/66.

Patrol Report No. 12-65/66 by G.R. Medaris of Popondetta dated 24/5/66 for a patrol undertaken from 9/5/66 to 13/5/66.

It should be noted that all reports were signed by you for onward forwarding to this office on 8th November 1966 and received at this office on 11th November. All reports relate to patrols undertaken last financial year.

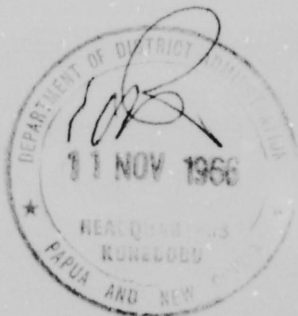
No comments are now pertinent on these reports, due to lateness of submission. All Patrol Reports should be forwarded with a minimum delay in the future.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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Dept. of District Administration,
Sub District Office,
POPONDETTA. Northern District.

30th May, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

PATROL REPORT POPONDETTA No.11 of 65/66.

Forwarded, please, is Mr. Cunningham's report of his patrol to a number of villages in the Oro Bay and Saiho Census Divisions mainly for the purpose of educating the people on the forthcoming census.

The patrol was generally well received, and appears to have been well conducted by Mr. Cunningham. Otherwise there is nothing in the report requiring particular comment.

Contingencies covering camping allowance claims are attached for your approval, please.

L. W. Bailey
(L. W. Bailey)
Assistant District Commissioner.

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SSA.
KONEBESU.

For your records please.
M. J. [Signature]
8/11/66



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams
Telephone 67.1.1
Our Reference.....
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
POPONDETTA.....Northern District.

17th May, 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
POPONDETTA.

PATROL REPORT No. 11 of 65/66 - POPONDETTA

Patrol Conducted by: M.J.Cunningham, C.P.O.

Area Patrolled: Selected villages, SAIHO C.D. & ORO BAY C.D. (Pongani area.)

Patrol Accompanied by: Europeans: 1 (Saiho C.D.)
Natives: 1 Member of R.P.&N.G.C.
1 Interpreter

Duration of Patrol: 28/4/66 to 29/4/66
4.5.66 to 8.5.66

Last Patrol to Area: D.D.A. - December, '65 (Saiho C.D.)
January, '66 (Oro Bay C.D.)

OBJECTS of Patrol: To familiarise and educate people from selected sample villages re Territory census for 1966.

Map Reference: Sketch Map attached.

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PATROL REPORT No. 11 of 1965/66

DIARY

- 28.4.66 To MUMUNI village in company with Mr. Tierney and Mr. Medaris where talks were given to people re Territory census for June/July.
- 29.4.66 To POPONDOTA and SUI and WASETA with Mr. Medaris where talks were given to villages re Territory census.
- 30.4.66
to
3.5.66 At Sub-District office preparing for patrol.
- 4.5.66 Departed POPONDETTA for ORO BAY at 1100 , arriving 1220. Departed ORO BAY by dinghy and outboard, arriving EMO village at 1400. Set up camp and advised people of talks to be held tomorrow. Slept EMO.
- 5.5.66 EMO, ENDADURU, LEIBAI and KOVIRA villagers at EMO for talks on Territory census to be conducted in June/ July. EMO and ENDADURU villages inspected, two minor complaints settled. Departed EMO for PONGANI by dinghy at 1145, arriving at 1230 hours. KEVI, PUIN, BASADA and MENGADI at PUIN for education talks and discussions on Territory census. One complaint arbitrated. Slept PUIN.
- 6.5.66 PONGANI, GUNIMBA, SEBODA, JEGERAKAMBO and JEBURUGAIARI villagers at PONGANI for education talks and discussions. One complaint re lost canoe settled. Arbitrated custody

case but husband wants case to be heard in POPONDETTA. Principals advised to return to POPONDETTA with patrol. Departed PONGANI about 1130 for NEMBADI, arriving about 1600 after inspecting MENGADI, WAI'IE and IWUJI villages en route. GOMBARA and SARIRI villagers failed to appear in p.m. though word sent previous day. Village councillors instructed to have people present at 7 a.m. tomorrow. Slept NEMBADI.

7.5.66 GOMBARA/SARIRI V.C. appeared ex visit to AFORE patrol post. Education talks on Territory census given to above people. Two complaints settled out of court. Departed NEMBADI R.H. at about 0945 for IWUJI, where IWUJI and WAI'IE people were present for talks and discussions. Alleged case of sorcery investigated but found to be groundless. One adultery case to be sent to POPONDETTA for action. One assault case to be heard tomorrow at PONGANI. Departed IWUJI approx. 1300, arrived PONGANI approx. 1600. To SONGADI by dinghy and outboard for talks and discussions with above people on Territory census. Returned PONGANI approx. 1830. Talks with Councillors Cyprian and Vyner in p.m. Slept PONGANI.

8.5.66 Listened to several complaints in a.m. - one case to be brought to POPONDETTA for action. Departed PONGANI approx. 1100 for ORO BAY, arriving approx. 1400. Set up camp in BEAMA village. To ERORO mission in p.m. Vehicle arrived from POPONDETTA, departed ERORO 2100, arrived POPONDETTA 2200.

END OF PATROL

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INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this patrol was to visit selected villages from Strata 1 and 2, comprising workloads 1 and 2 of the Northern District, and then educate, familiarise, and hold discussions with the people from these villages about the coming Territory Census commencing on June 27th this year, ending on July 10th this year. On the two days which the patrol visited Strata 1, workload 1 - in the Saiho Census Division - the patrol was accompanied by Mr. Medaris, C.P.O. The talks given followed the format as set out in the Census Form 8. The discussions that then followed comprised ~~the~~ a question and answer form on points raised during the talks. In all villages visited attendance was very high and the villagers were quite enthusiastic about the talks.

OBSERVATIONS and COMMENTS:

The patrol was well received in all villages visited. The people from the PONGANI area - Stratum 2, workload 2 - were not over-enthusiastic about the patrol, but this lack of ~~enthusiasm~~ showing of enthusiasm is peculiar to these people. However, nothing untoward occurred. Food was always readily available for members of the patrol, and in the area where carriers were used food was freely given to the patrol for them. No difficulty was encountered while obtaining carriers.

The housing in all villages was quite satisfactory, and those instructions which were given on the previous patrol had been carried out. In five villages instructions were given to improve the present standard of housing. The inland villages were in a more satisfactory state than the coastal ones, but the coastal villages tend to crowd upon each other.

Local Government Councillors were most helpful in all cases, and every assistance was afforded the patrol by them. Except in one area - where the V.C. system is still in operation - the people were promptly lined and it was obvious by the numbers present that a concerted effort had been made by the Councillors to have everyone attending the talks.

The major portion of this patrol was carried out by dinghy and outboard - except in Stratum 1, workload 1, Saiho Census division area, where a handover has access to all villages - but the inland villages of IWUJI, WAI'IE and NEMBADI were visited on foot. The PONGANI - NEMBADI track was in good condition, but instructions were given for the PONGANI people to keep the grass on the track low.

Several minor cases were brought forward for arbitration, one custody case was brought to POPONDETTA for judgement, and one alleged sorcery case was investigated. One case of assault was brought to POPONDETTA and the offender sentenced to three weeks in the Corrective Institution.

There were no significant trends or movements observed during the course of the patrol. A good relationship between the people and the Administration is evident. There is no conflict shown towards the Anglican Mission which is in operation in the area; in fact the Mission is held in high regard by the people under its influence.

METHOD of CONDUCTING TALKS:

Prior to visiting each village the people had been informed of the days on which the patrol would be at the villages. Accordingly there was no great degree of absenteeism. The numbers present was very encouraging.

As mentioned before, the talks followed the format as set out in Census Form 8, then general discussions took place. Each point was carefully explained, from start to finish, and then each point was again explained in more detail. After the second run-through it was seen that the villagers had grasped the idea, aim, function and purpose of the new census. In the discussion period that followed, one of the most frequent questions asked was 'A lot of us are very old and we will have trouble trying to remember or guess how old we are.' This was asked even after the point of the 'notable events' idea had been fully explained. In reply to their query they were told that the ages would be determined by the census team and all that was required was that the people try to remember how big they were when various notable incidents occurred. Practical demonstrations of how one's age was determined were then given, and the point then seemed to be understood more fully. Another point raised for discussion was 'Why aren't all villages going to be enumerated?' It was explained that due to staff shortages, and the fact that an overall picture of the Territory could be gained by sampling just a cross-section of the villages, there was no need for all villages to be censused, so as not to encounter a shifting population the necessity of conducting the census in the allotted time of two weeks was explained. The compulsory nature of being present for the census was stressed, also the fact that there would be heavy fines for non-attendance. That there would be a large

number of questions to be asked during the course of the census did not appear to dismay the villagers in any way, and it was stressed that between the time of the patrol and the beginning of the census the people should give much thought to the answers they would give to the questions. Some of the younger and more intelligent people in the villages wanted to know what purpose this new census would serve, to which was answered that it would help the Government ~~make~~ plan its spending, economically and socially and that in years to come there could be a comparison made between the Territory and other countries of the world. At the conclusion of the discussions it was felt that the villagers had grasped the main and important details of the census and that no more difficulty than could be expected in such a large and detailed venture would be encountered.

As the villages in Stratum 1, workload 1 - SUI? POPONDOTA, WASETA and MUMUNI - are all accessible by Landrover, it requires no elaboration in regard to a schedule.

As a guide, travelling times between villages in Stratum 2, workload 2 are given in appendix 'A', and the number and position of resthouses is given in appendix 'B'. Notable events are listed in appendix 'C'.

CONCLUSION:

The object of the Census Education patrol to the selected sample villages within Stratum 1 and 2 was achieved, but to what degree can only be born out after the actual census has taken place. The information was absorbed, but only after careful elaboration, and I feel that at the time of the Census the people will acquit themselves well with their answers to all questions.

M. K. ...
CADET PATROL OFFICER

APPENDIX 'A'

ORO BAY WHARF (Starting point) to EMO VILLAGE	1½ hours (outboard)
EMO VILLAGE to PUIN R.H.	1 " "
PUIN R.H. to SONGADI	1½ " "
EMO TO LEIBAI	1 " (walking)
EMO to KOVIRA	1 " "
EMO to ENDADURU	10 mins. "
PUIN to KEVI	½ hour "
PUIN to BASADA	10 mins. "
PUIN to MENGADI	½ hour "
PUIN to GUNIMBA	20 mins, "
PUIN to SEBODA	25 " "
PUIN to IWUJI	2 hours "
IWUJI to WAI'IE	10 mins. "
WAI'IE to NEMBADI	1½ hours "
NEMBADI to PUIN	4 " "
NEMBADI to GOMBARA	¾ " "
NEMBADI to SARIRI	¾ " "

JEGERAKAMBO, JEBURUGAIARI and PONGANI are all adjacent to PUIN R.H.

APPENDIX 'B'

Rest house are present at the following villages:
EMO, PUIN, NEMBADI.

ENDADURU, LEIBAI and KOVIRA can be enumerated from EMO.

SARIRI AND GOMBARA can be enumerated from NEMBADI.

As IWUJI and WAI'IE have a total population of only 97, these two villages can be enumerated from either PUIN or NEMBADI.

There is a resthouse under construction at SONGADI, but with a population of 60 this village can easily be enumerated from PUIN.

PONGANI, KEVI, BASADA, GUNIMBA, SEBODA, JEGERAKAMBO and JEBURUGAIARI can be enumerated from PUIN.

AVALL PLANTATION REPARLISHED	1940
JAPAN E LANDING AT GUSA	21st July, 1942
JAPANESE DEPARTURE AT GUSA, GUSA	23rd January, 1943
RECAPTURE GOVERNMENT PLANTATION REPARLISHED	April, 1943
RETURN TO CIVIL ADMINISTRATION	January, 1945
RECAPTURE OF MR. LAMINGTON	21st January, 1945

APPENDIX 'C'

List of Notable Events (Stratum 1):

FIRST GOVERNMENT PATROL BUNA AREA	1905
FIRST EUROPEAN MISSIONARY AT GONA	1910
SANGARA MISSION ESTABLISHED	1922
SANGARA PLANTATION ESTABLISHED	1939
AWALA PLANTATION ESTABLISHED	1940
JAPANESE LANDING AT GONA	21st July, 1942
JAPANESE DEFEATED AT GONA, BUNA	25th January, 1943
HIGATURU GOVERNMENT STATION ESTABLISHED	April, 1943
RETURN TO CIVIL ADMINISTRATION	January, 1946
ERUPTION OF MT. LAMINGTON	21st January, 1951

APPENDIX 'C'

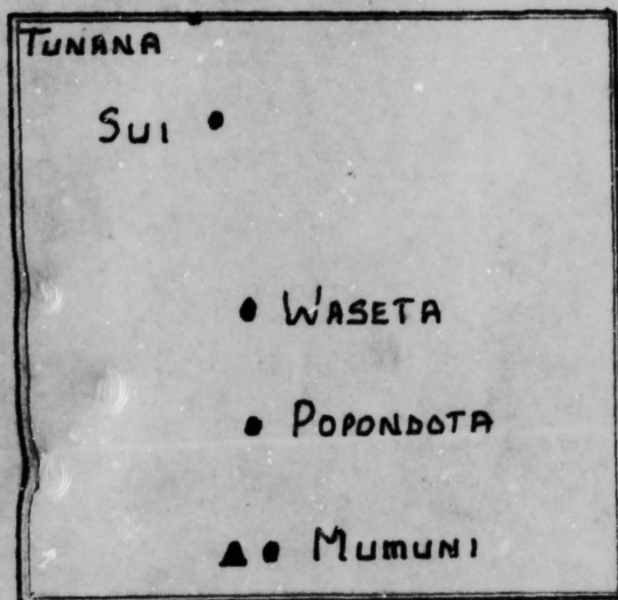
List of Notable Events (Stratum 2):

FIRST GOVERNMENT PATROL BUNA AREA	1905
FIRST EUROPEAN MISSIONARY AT GONA	1910
ANGLICAN MISSION ESTABLISHED PONGANI AREA	1914
SANGARA MISSION ESTABLISHED	1922
SANGARA PLANTATION ESTABLISHED	1939
AWALA PLANTATION ESTABLISHED	1940
JAPANESE LANDING AT GONA	21st July, 1942
JAPANESE DEFEATED AT GONA, BUNA	25th January 1943
HIGATURU GOVERNMENT STATION ESTABLISHED	April, 1943
RETURN TO CIVIL ADMINISTRATION	January, 1946
ERUPTION OF MT. LAMINGTON	21st January, 1951
KARAIISO MISSION ESTABLISHED	1956

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SAHO CENSUS DIVISION
MUMUNI AREA

LEGEND:

- VILLAGES ●
 - REST HOUSES ▲
 - MISSION STATION +
 - WORKLOAD BOUNDARY ==
- SCALE: 4 MILES = 7 INCHES



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STRATUM 1
(WORKLOAD 1)

PATROL REPORT No. 11 of 65/66
 ORO BAY C.D.
 PONGANI AREA

LEGEND:

- PATROL ROUTE -----
 - VILLAGES ●
 - REST HOUSES ▲
 - MISSION STATION +
 - D.A.S.F. EXTN. CENTER ○
 - CENSUS DIV. BOUNDARY =
 - WORKLOAD BOUNDARY =
- SCALE: 4 MILES = 1 INCH

M. J. LUNNEMAN C.D.O.

18.5.66



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