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1968-1969

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of West Sepik Report No. PAGEI No.1-68/69

Patrol Conducted by A.J.Bogen L.G.A.

Area Patrolled Imbio, Kilimeri and Pagei Census Divisions

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 1 RP&NGC, 3 Councillors

Duration—From 4 / 8 / 1968 to 22 / 8 / 1968

Number of Days Nineteen

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../19.....

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

Map Reference Border Special Sheet 1 (trace attached)

Objects of Patrol Council Tax Collection and Political Education.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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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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12th February, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

PATROL NO. PAGEI 1/68/69

Your reference 67-1-14/1968 dated 23rd
December, 1968.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special
Report by Mr. J. Bogen Ahi, Local Government Assistant,
to EMBIO, KILLBERRI and PAGEI Census Divisions.

I agree that Mr. Ahi carried out a creditable
first patrol, however more care in his spelling is
required.

Covering memoranda from both yourself and
Assistant District Commissioner, Vanimo, deal fully
with matters arising out of the patrol.

I will be interested to follow the progress
of the D.A.S.F. projects in the PAGEI Administrative
Area and also follow-up action in the fields of political
and local government education.

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

c.c. Mr. J. Bogen Ahi,
Local Government Assistant,
Patrol Post,
PAGEI
West Sepik District.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone
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Our Reference 67-1-14/1980
If calling ask for
Mr.



Department of District Administration,
District Commissioner,
District Office,
VANIMO,
West Sepik District.
23rd December, 1968.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU

Subject:- Pagei Patrol 1 Of 1968/69.

Attached please find the following documents arising out of the above patrol undertaken by Mr. J. Bogen Ahi, Local Government Assistant to the Imbic, Kilimeri and Pagei Census Divisions.

- (i) Patrols Instructions, 67-1-4 of 31st July, 1968 from the A.D.C. Vanimo.
- (ii) Patrol Report in duplicate;
- (iii) Covering comments, 67-1-4 of 22nd November, 1968.
- (iv) Copy of my comments, 67-1-14 of 23rd December, 1968.

2. This is the first time Mr. Ahi has submitted a patrol report and it does him credit despite the fact that it does not comply fully with circular 67-1-0 of 21st July, 1968.

3. There has been a certain amount of delay in forwarding and processing of the report both from Patrol Post and Sub District Office level. I have asked the A.D.C. for an explanation for the delay which was probably caused by the absence of both the O.I.C. Pagei and the A.D.C. Vanimo on special border patrols.

J. E. Wakeford
(J. E. Wakeford) *awj*

District Commissioner.

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District Office,
VANIMO,
West Sepik District.
30th December, 1968.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
VANIMO

SUBJECT:- Pagan Patrol 1 of 1968/69.

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of the Report on the above patrol together with covering letter, 67-1-14 of 22nd November, 1968.

2. Some comments follow:-

(i) I am pleased with the prompt manner in which you dealt with the problem of Mousu from Inbrinis. Prompt and full support of junior officers is most necessary, as nothing saps their confidence more than the lack of support from their senior officers.

(ii) Mr. Ahi should spend another patrol in the new year to continue the education of the people in the functions of local Government. The work and what has achieved by this patrol must be consolidated.

(iii) Planned D.A.S.F. projects for the Pagan Administrative Area is as follows:-

- (a) A seed multiplication centre at Ossima in which rice, sorgham, soya bean and maize will be grown for distribution to Border Council areas. Mission assistance has been accepted and an Administration Assistant Agricultural Officer will be stationed at Ossima.
- (b) At village level poultry projects, coconut planting and subsistence/cash rice projects will be encouraged;
- (c) Seeding of the first rice block at Ossima will commence after Christmas. Mission equipment and village labour will be used. Village labour will be paid if they insist however they in turn will then have to pay for the seed when it is distributed. On the other hand free voluntary labour will mean free seed;
- (d) Four months after planting the first rice seed will be available for distribution;
- (e) The Catholic Mission is interested in establishing their farmer trainees on blocks at Ossima. D.A.S.F. assistance initially will be to investigate the possibility of a Land Tenure Conversion system being introduced - however 37,4000 acres would have to be available for sub division otherwise it would not be worth the effort.
- (f) Initially the blocks will be used by farmer trainees but as more become available they will be offered to village folk.

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(g) Rice and coconuts will be the first crops planted and as they become available from the Mission breeding herd cattle.

This programme is most comprehensive it covers activities both at the village and settlement blocks. The success or otherwise depends solely on the interest and response of the people. You must liaise with the District Agricultural Officer and render all possible assistance.

(iv) Your advice is requested as to the reasons for the delay in submission and subsequent processing of the report.

(v) A good patrol and for a first patrol report a creditable effort.

3. For your information and further action, please.

Attached, please find the original and two copies of a report on the above-mentioned patrol. The report has been written by Mr. J. E. Baker, District Agricultural Officer, and accompanied the P.M.C. Council's report dated 1967/1968. Mr. Abi is carrying out a patrol for this Council. This is the first submission of a patrol report and the dates of 07-14 of next July (1968) will be the date of report. The result is a report on the patrol and the current situation in certain fields.

J. E. Baker
(J. E. Baker) M.A.
District Commissioner.

c.c. Director, Department of District Administration, KONEDOBU

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Details written on the report are as follows: The report is a summary of the patrol activities and the results of the patrol. It is a report on the patrol and the current situation in certain fields. The report is a summary of the patrol activities and the results of the patrol. It is a report on the patrol and the current situation in certain fields.

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Sub-District Office,
VANIMO.
West Sepik District.

22nd. November, 1968.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

PAGEI PATROL NO.1/1968-69.
IMBIO, KILIMERI AND PAGFI
LOCAL CENSUS DIVISION.

Attached, please find the original and two copies of a report on the above-mentioned patrol. The report has been submitted by Mr. J. Bogen Ahi, Local Government Assistant, who accompanied the PAGEI Council Tax Collection patrol for 1968/1969. Mr. Ahi is carrying out the full-time duties as Clerk for this Council. This is the first time this Officer has submitted a patrol report and did so at my request. (Refer my 67-1-4 of 31st. July, 1968 - copy included with original of Report). The result is a very fair attempt of reporting action taken on the patrol and the current situation in certain fields.

Although not completely following the lines set down in the Directors memorandum 67-1-0 of 21st. June, 1968, re submission of Reports the basic principles have been adhered to and future experience will naturally improve the presentation of such documents.

I have a few comments which follow:-

THE DIARY

Details written into the Diary show that Mr. Ahi did not follow my suggestion given in the Patrol Instructions "that before you commence collecting the tax at each village, you run through the current estimates explaining carefully how the Council expects to collect its revenue this year and how it intends spending it". All talks given on Local Government were held after the Tax and Dog Tax collection. I feel that had the Estimates been explained prior to the commencement of the tax collection the people would have been more favourably disposed to the parting with their money. However, there is nothing in the report that suggests there was any difficulty in collecting the tax.

Under Diary date, Monday 12th. August, 1968, mention is made of an incident where a man from IMBRINIS Village, MON-SU attempted to stop the people from paying Dog Tax. He is also alleged to have stated that the Council Clerk and Council Adviser had lied to the people on occasions and were instrumental in making Council Rules without prior reference to the Council's constituents.

On Friday 30th. August, 1968, I flew to PAGEI and discussed with MON-SU his actions and remarks during the course of the patrol. Whilst the facts as reported are basically true MON'S actions stemmed from the fact that the IMBRINIS Councillor had not discussed with his constituents the proposal

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of introducing Dog Tax and a Rule to enforce compliance prior to the Rule being made. The imposition of a Dog Tax had fallen upon these people with practically no warning at all and fault lay with the Local Councillor for not serving his people better. MON was the mouthpiece and he voiced his disapproval of the system. By attempting to stop the other villagers from paying their Dog Tax he was hoping to enlist support in order to give weight to his argument. Most of the IMBRINIS people were quite happy to pay the Dog Tax despite MON's exhortations and after long patient explanations by Mr. Ahi the matter resolved itself in all owners of dogs at IMBRINIS paying their 10 cents per dog including MON who was also the owner of a dog.

The procedure in Council Rule making was outlined to the people in the village by the Local Government Assistant and I further pointed out the facts to MON at PAGEI. His wrongful accusations of lying by the Clerk and Adviser were effectively squashed.

POLITICAL

It is reported that the inhabitants of the majority of villages visited had little idea of the functions of Local Government and their Council. This does not surprise me for it was with this in mind that I wrote the accompanying Patrol Instructions and enlisted Mr. Ahi's assistance. It is obvious that a continuing intensive political education programme is needed for the area. This can be implemented by all successive patrols through the area, Community Education Courses at PAGEI, Special Local Government Courses for Councillors and other village leaders, distribution of suitable explanatory pamphlets and a positive, vigorous economic development programme involving the Council to its fullest extent.

It appears that there was no opposition to the suggestion that the Council may, in time, become Multi-racial. However, can we put much weight on this fact if the people do not fully comprehend the Council's present functions and policies. It could be that the people look upon a Multi-racial Council as involving Europeans and other non-indigenous persons for the sole reason of creating a source of money for the benefit of all. Tax from the non-indigenous section of the multi-racial community would only very slightly increase the Revenue.

ECONOMIC.

The economy of the area is at a low level. The people are beginning to feel frustrated. It is pleasing to read that a few are persevering with copra production, however, this alone is not enough. The Catholic Mission at OSSINA are attempting to do more for the people in the economic field at this stage than the Administration is. Both cattle and rice projects are to be established at OSSINA for the long term benefit of the PAGEI people in the surrounding nearby villages. The PAGEI Council intends to become involved in similar projects and it appears that the people wholeheartedly support such moves.

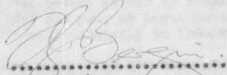
A stable economy within the PAGEI area is of prime importance and unless the Administration quickly comes up with some worthwhile, concrete proposals and actively assists these people we may find that they turn away from the Administration and seek their assistance from other quarters. Such alienation must be avoided at all costs.

SOCIAL.

Areas of densest population within the PAGEI Administration area are fairly well catered for in the Education field, but there is still room for expansion. The OSSIMA and OSOL Catholic Mission schools draw their pupils from the nearby KILMERI Census Division. The Administration school at PAGEI Station caters for the station personnel and the nearby villages in the PAGEI Local Census Division. At SUMUMUNI in the sparsely populated IMBIO Census Division a Seventh Day Adventist school has been established but as this is run by an unqualified native Catechist teacher it is doubtful if it is serving any worthwhile educational purpose.

Infant Welfare and Medical Services are carried out regularly at PAGEI and OSSIMA.

Mr. Ahi's Camping Allowance claim is forwarded for your signature please.


.....
T.R. Bergin.
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Mr. J.B. Ahi,
Local Government Assistant,
PAGEI.

c.c. The Officer-in-Charge,
Patrol Post,
PAGEI.

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Sub-District Office,
VANING.
West Sepik District.

31st. July, 1968.

Mr. Eogen Ahi,
Local Government Assistant,
PAGEI.

Annual Tax Patrol-Pagei Council
Special Patrol-Political Education (L.G.).

The Pagei Council tax patrol is due to commence during the first week of August, 1968 and you, as Local Government Assistant acting as Council Clerk, will naturally be involved.

Apart from your work collecting the tax, which is the prime purpose of the patrol, I wish you to help educate the people in all villages in the work of their Local Government Council and how Local Government can assist them to develop their area in particular and the country as a whole.

I am sending to you sixty copies of the booklet "Lokol Garsman Long Territory Bilong Papua na New Guinea". This booklet is a pidjin copy of the earlier booklet written in English. Please keep one as your personal copy. This will help you considerably in educating the people and answering their questions on Local Government. Note in particular the section "Multi-Racial Council O Kaungil Ilukautis ol kain-kain skin pipal", commencing at page 74 of the booklet, and explain this carefully to the villagers. As you know, the Pagei Council will probably, shortly, become multi-racial if it is the peoples own desire. Therefore the information in this section will be of great help to the people when deciding to take this step forward.

I would suggest, also, that before you commence collecting the tax at each village, you run through the current estimates explaining carefully how the Council expects to collect its revenue this year and how it intends spending it. Pay particular attention to the Capital Works Programme. This will help to show why tax is so important and what the Council intends to do with the people's money.

Try and find out what the people think of the local government system; what they think of their Council and what do they think of the idea of the Council changing its Constitution to become multi-racial.

As soon after the patrol as possible; within one or two weeks, please write a report to me on what you did during the patrol and what you found out. What I want to know is, generally, how much they know about their Council and Local Government and their thinking on the matter. It is very important, therefore, that you carefully explain the contents of the booklet mentioned above and the workings of their Council.


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Your report is to be submitted in accordance with the Director of District Administration's memorandum 67-1-C of 21st. June, 1968, and in particular paragraphs 3,4,5 and 8.

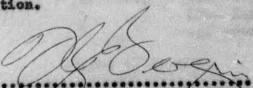
Please discuss these instructions with your a/D.O. Mr. Fairhall before you leave the station and he will help you with any difficulties you may have.

I wish you a good patrol.


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T.R. Bergin,
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Officer-in-Charge,
PAGEL.

For your information.


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T.R. Bergin,
Assistant District Commissioner.

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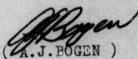
TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Patrol Post,
P A G E I,
West Sepik District
14 October, 1968.

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

Pagei Patrol Report 1-68/69

Patrol Conducted by:	J.B. Ahi L.G.A.
Area Patrolled:	Imbio, Kilimeri and Pagei Census Divisions.
Personnel Accompanying	Sergeant Latobu 0060 Councillor Nali-Wol " Low-Sum " Api-Soma
Duration of Patrol:	4/8/68 to 22/8/68
Number of Days:	Nineteen
Map reference:	Border (Special) 1 sheet


(A.J. BOGEN)

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Local Government Assistant

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Introduction

THE Council Tax patrolled cover the whole Council area in Imbio Census Division, Kilimeri and Pagei Local. The Council Tax commenced on the 5th August, 1968. It was aimed to start at Sumumini.

Diary

Sunday 4th August, 1968

Departed Pagei the Administration Station at 0830 hrs. Pours walked crossed the Puwani River where the old Amoi village which is situated a few hundred yards from the river, however swamp track after rainfall at night before patrol departed. The track to this point is narrow and wet, making for fairly hard walking.

At 01300 hrs., heavy rain began falling and continued until six o'clock in the evening. This together with thunder storm made heavy and wet track very difficult to walk across to Imbrinis in the same day. Therefore patrol camped out overnight in the middle of the read.

(Walking Time 4 hrs.)

Monday 5th August, 1968

Departed camp at 0900 hrs. Track still very narrow and wet covered with water up to 9" between the camp and the Imbrinis, However patrol arrived at twelve noon where Councillor Pwedei informed us that the carriers will be supply next day for Sumumini.

(Walking Time 3 hrs.)

Tuesday 6th August, 1968

Departed Imbrinis at 0830 hrs. Track is wide and bushy covered with grass up to six ~~foot~~ inches high and slippery track. However patrol arrived at 01300 hrs.

The carriers were paid by Segeant Latubu.

Commenced Council Tax collection from the people of Sumumini at three o'clock. The dogs also collected and the ~~tax~~ names recorded.

The talk given to the people about council tax and explained to them how council spent the ~~xx~~ moneys during the last financial year. Few questions being answered and explained on the dogs registration fees and the council tax rate for the year 1969/70.

The talk given also on Multy-Racial Local Government Council. Few questions being answered and explained till ten o'clock in the night.

(Walking Time 4 hrs.)

Wednesday 7th August, 1968

Departed Sumumini at 0800 hrs. Track still wide and bushy covered with grass. It is also swamp starting fro the edge of the airstrip leading towards Yo. The new track has been cut few days before arrival of the patrol.

The patrol arrived Yo at Eleven o'clock. The carriers were paid by Sergeant Latubu. The Council Tax collected and it follows on to the dogs registration fees.

The talk given to the people on Council Tax and how the money being spent during the year. The Council Estimate has been introduced to the people and explained to them.

The talk given on Multy-Racial Local Government Council and explained few ideas about the council and how it work.

The village inspection was carried out by Sergeant Latubu. He also heard devote married complain which reported by the village Committee. He had mentioned to them that the Officer-in-Charge will be on patrol to visit the village in very near future and they have to see him.

Monday 12th August

(Walking Time 3 hrs.)

Thursday 8th August.

The heavy rain fall at twelve o'clock in the night and continued on untill afternoon. The tax tickets were balance against the cash while patrol waiting for the flood of the River Sil which is few feet away from the river to the vallage. The villagers were mentioned that the river is flood and there is not enough to go across to Samararu.

Spend overnight in the same village.

Friday 9th August '68

Departed Yo at 0930 hrs. Track is wide and clean from the village to River Sil and it follows the river down ~~the~~ stream. It was a heavy rain fall on the way ~~reached~~ while patrol attempted to reach Samararu.

(Walking Time 7 hrs.)

Saturday 10th August,

The Council Tax collected at eight o'clock and and continued to the dogs registration fees. The given to the people on both Council Tax and the Multy-Racial Local Government Council.

The carriers payment and the village inspection was conducted by Sergeant Latubu. The village has been covered by trees where Sergeant told the people to cut down some trees while the patrol in the village.

Tuesday 13th August

Departed Samararu at 01200 hrs., and arrived Imbio No.2 where collecting council tax and the dogs registration fees.

The talk given to the people about council money and how it was spent during the last financial year.

Wednesday 14th August

The talk given to them also on Multy-Racial Local Government Council. Few questions being asked by the people on the above council and it was explained.

(Walking Time 1 hr.)

Sunday 11th August, '68

Departed Imbio No.2 at 0800 hrs. Track is still in fairly good condition but nearly the river going to wash away the part of it between Imbio 1&2.

The Council Tax collected from the people of Imbio No.2 and it follows on collecting the dogs registration fees. After collecting both tax the talk given to them on the Council Tax money being collected last year and explained the money was spent during the year. Estimate has been read and explained the amount of money allocated in each votes.

The Multy-Racial Local Government Council talk was given and explained few idea about the council.

The village inspection was carried out by Sergeant Latubu who he marked one toilet for the men and other one for the women to be build. Few new houses being built on the way ~~which~~ and most villagers still using the temporary huts while they shifted to the new village site few hundred yards away from the old village.

(Walking Time 3 hrs.)

Monday 12th August 1968

Departed Imbio No.1 at 0600 hrs. Track still wide but slippery. Patrol arrived Imbrinis at ten o'clock starting council tax follows on for several hours.

The Dogs registration fee just about to start and it was mentioned to Imbrinis people that the anybody who have a dog should pay ten cents for each dog. A man named MON-SU stood up in front of all the people and he stop them not to pay the dog registration fees.

He also mentioned that the Administration officers and the council clerk whom they came to supervise the council at Pagei were usually telling lies to the people and they making rules without the agreement of the people.

Few minutes being spent to settle the argument before the dogs registration fees were collected. The talk given to the villagers as it is mentioned in the above dates.

The Council Rules being introduced to the people and explained how the Rules were made by the councillors and what action each councillors should do before the rules proclaim in the Local Government ~~Gazette~~ and it comes into operation. It is also mentioned that the rules does not made by the Administration and the Council clerks except your councillors.

(Walking Times 4 hrs.)

Tuesday 13th August 1968

The Council Tax collection started with the people of Airu vallage at 0800 hrs. , and follows on to Awol, Omula and Ossima and continued on until seven o'clock in the evening. The money was balanced against tax ticket after dinner in the same night.

Wednesday 14th August 1968

The Dogs Registration fees collection.

Te talk given to the people as mentioned in the above ~~paragrap~~ paragraphs.

Departed Ossima at 1330 hrs. Slept overnight at Krissa.

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Thursday 15th August 1968

The Council Tax and the Dogs Registration fees collected. The ~~xxxxxxx~~ enrolment of the absentees from Waterstone in new Tax Register page.

The talk given as the above dates. Rain fall in the afternoon. Slept overnight.

Friday 16th August 1968

Departed Krisa at 0800 hrs. Good track but slippery.

The Council Tax collected from Blau people and shifted to Osol where the Council Tax and the Dogs Registration fees collected in the same day.

Village inspection carried by Sergeant Latubu.

The talk given as the above dates held at eight o'clock and finished at ten o'clock in the night.

(Walking Time 1 hr.)

Saturday 17th August 1968

Departed Osol at 0100 hrs. The delay of the carriers held back, hours waiting. However arrived Aiyawu where both tax were collected.

The talk given as mentioned in the above paragraphs. Slept overnight.

Sunday 18th August, 1968

Heavy rain fall for whole day. Slep overnight.

Monday 19th August, 1968.

Departed Aiyawu at 0800 hrs. Track is well look after. The Council Tax collection conducted at Sosi after dinner prepare by the villagers. Commenced at two o'clock.

The Talk was given to the people and answered few questions requested on cash crops.

(Walking Time 4hrs.)

Tuesday 20th August, 1968.

Departed Sosi at 0700 hrs. Good track and well look after. However arrived Killipau at twelve noon where the Council Tax assembly held at two o'clock in the afternoon.

The Talk given as usually mentioned above.

The village inspection was conducted by Sergeant Latobu.

Wednesday 21st August 1968

Departed Kilipau at 0800 hrs. Track is well look after. The Council Tax collected starting at half past eleven and finished at half past one.

The talk given as usual through the council area about money and the Muly-Raciel Local Government Council.

Village inspection conducted by Sergeant Latobu.

Departed Ilup at 01500 hrs. The track is well look after. Slep overnight at Isi No.1

(Walking Time 6 hrs.)

Thursday 22nd August 1968

The Council Tax collected at 0800 hrs. Track has been cut few days before the arrival of the patrol.

The talk given to the people of Isi No.1 and Isi No.2 on Political Education and the Multy-Racial Local Government Council.

The village inspection conducted by Sergeant Latobu.

Departed Isi No.1 01300 hrs. p.m.
Arrived Pagei 01900 hrs. p.m.

(Walking Time 4 hrs.)

POLITICAL

Through most villages in the Council area having a little idea about Local Government Council. Nearly whole area covered by the council people were asking to know about Council Tax Rule either council shall increase the tax each year or there will be remain as present tax rate for some years while the people find some ways to get money. It was mentioned to them that the council should do either increasing or keep it remain in the same tax rate for sometimes. They also mentioned that the council should not increase next year tax until people themselves decide what amount of tax shall be pay by the people after few years time.

The Councillors were mixing up a lots about their duty as councillors. In each village there are Committees doing all the work and the councillor just tell the Committee what to do with the people and they themselves stay home and do not help people to work. On the other hand I would say that they are not active in their duty to carry it out to show the people an example.

The talk was given to the people in all the villages in the Council area about Multy-Racial Local Government Council. Few questions has been rise by the people and it was explained to them. In each village where the villagers were interested to have the present council change into Multy-Racial Council. They mentioned that the foreigners from other districts whom they came and settle in the council area did not pay any Council Tax but, they freely using the Aid Post and the school for their children.

ECONOMI

There are two copra driers built at Aiyawu village and the Omula where now both operating to dry the copra. The Aiyawu copra drier has already produced few copra which shifted to Vanimo by road. At Imbio No.1 people were asking to build their copra drier when they have the Agriculture Field Assistant to help them.

Few Crocodile skins were sold to the Catholic Mission at Ossima and they complained that their crocodile skins wasting lots of time to reach the buyers in time.

At Ossima where the people requested to grow rice for sale to get money for their Council Tax and also for their personal needs and food.

It was mentioned to them that the Council has been written to the Director of Agriculture requested his approval on rice project in the council area but there is no reply to our letter. It is also mention to them that there is plenty time for him to think about it.

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SOCIAL

Three Mission schools and one Administration school in Pagei. The S.D.A. Mission school at Sumumini which is run by a Native who is not a qualified Teacher and the school does not yet register.

There are two schools run by the Catholic Mission at Ossima and Osol has been registered and the European Teacher posted to the school as the Officer-in-Charge and other two females European Teachers teaching in two classes at Ossima. In Osol there are two Native "A" Course Teachers who received the Administration Certificates.

The Administration Primary "T" school run by Native Teacher-in-Charge which ~~is~~ is contain Prep class, Standard II and IV.

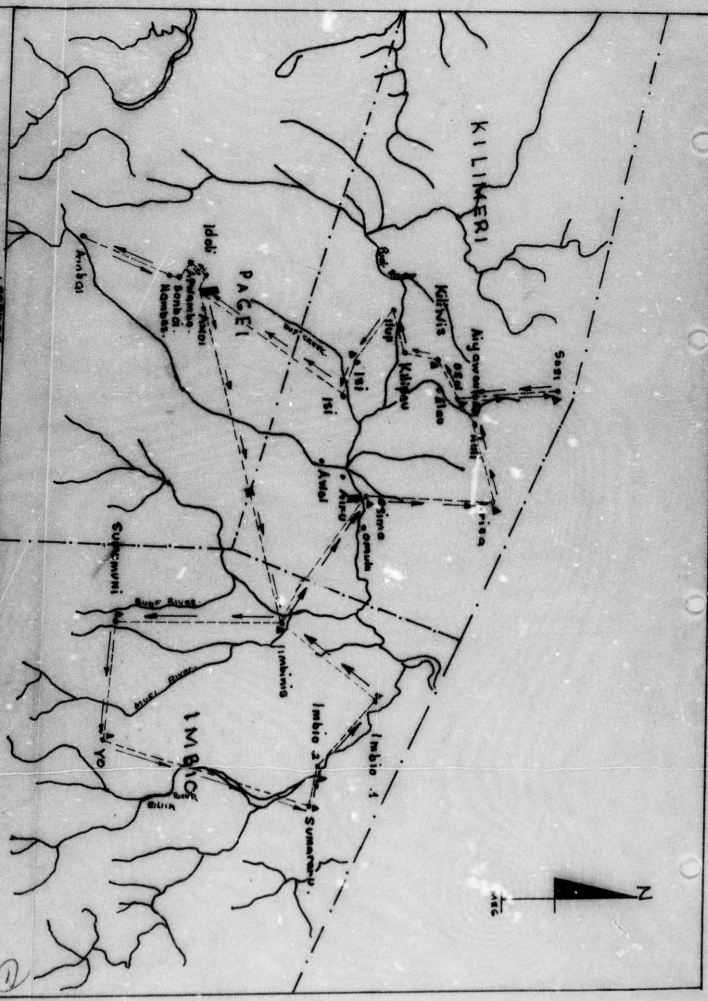
The Infant Welfare European Sisters from Vanimo Catholic Mission are visiting the area once every two weeks to conduct their Infant Welfare duty to help the children and their mothers.

MISCELLANEOUS

The two bridges has being built by the No.2 P.I.R. both are in good conditionbut, the other one built with bush materils start getting old and needed new cane and the ropes to be replace.

J.B. Ahi
(J.B. AHI)

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Local Government Assistant



LEGEND:
 Solid line = Road
 Dashed line = Trail
 Wavy line = River
 Dotted line = Boundary

Map Conducted by A. J. Benson - L. B. J.

Scale: 4 miles to an inch

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number PAGEI NO. 2

Subdistrict VANIMO

District WEST SEPIK

Type of Patrol SURVEY PATROL

Patrol Conducted by HOSEA WURA, ASSISTANT FIELD OFFICER - LANDS

Area Patrolled IMBIO AND KILIMERI CENSUS DIVISION.

(Council and/or
Census Division/s.)

Personnel Accompanying Patrol
MOSES POI (A.F.O.-LANDS)
BGOI SINENE (COUNCILLOR OF SUMUMUNI)

Duration of Patrol—from 30/ 9/ 68 To 11/ 10/ 68
30/ 10/ 68 6/ 11/ 68

No. of Days 20

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area :

Date..... Duration.....

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) SURVEY PATROL (1) S.D.A. MISSION LEASE & AIRSTRIP
(2) OFOL CATHOLIC MISSION SCHOOL (3) LAND INVESTIGATION REPORTS.

Total Population of Area Patrolled 258

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

13/ 3/1969

J E Wahyford
District Commissioner.

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PJR/JTS.

Sub-District Office,
VANIMO.
West Sepik District.

4th. March, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

PAGEI PATROL REPORT NO. 2, OF 1968/69.

The attached report prepared by Assistant Field Officers H. Wura and M. Poi refers.

The delay in submitting this report is regretted. However, immediately upon completion of this patrol, Mr. Wura and Mr. Poi carried out further field work in the Lumi Sub-District. In addition they have prepared four land investigation reports.

The report is brief but well presented. I make the following observations:-

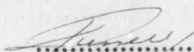
(1) Diary entry for 3rd. October, 1968. Mr. Wura and Mr. Poi sat around and listened to a debate on ownership. They did not hand down a decision on the matter but waited until the parties were mutually agreed on ownership before proceeding with the investigation

(11) The resurvey was carried out at SUMUMUNI because the original land area marked was far in excess of the Missions requests.

(111) I have found that indigenous Officers often have trouble recruiting carrier lines. I have requested the Officer-in-Charge, Pagei to bring this matter to the attention of the Pagei Council. He can explain that service departments can hardly be enthusiastic about working in areas where co-operation from the locals is virtually nil. There is no instant solution now available to this problem.

Mr. Wura and Mr. Poi are to be commended on the way they carried out their field work.

Claims for camping allowance are attached.


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P.J. RUSSELL
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. The Officer-in-Charge,
PAGEI.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams.....

Our Reference 67-1-14.....

If calling ask for.....

Mr.....



Department of District Administration.

District Office,
VANIMO,
West Sepik District.

13th March, 1969.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KORORUA

SUBJECT:- Pagei Patrol Report No. 2 of 1969.

Attached please find the following documents arising out of the above patrol conducted by Mr. Moses Wura Assistant Field Officer to the Labio and Kilineri Census Divisions:

- (i) Patrol Report in duplicate;
- (ii) Covering comments, 67-1-4 of 4th March, 1969 from the A.D.C. Vanimo.

Mr. Wura was accompanied by Mr. Moses Poi, A.F.O.

2. No written patrol instructions were issued; the patrol being mounted for the special purpose of attending to three outstanding land applications. These have been finalized and dealt with under separate correspondence.

3. I am more than satisfied with the manner in which these young officers have attended to their duties. They are valuable additions to the field staff ranks of this District and I would like to see at least three more Assistant Field Officers-Bands posted to the West Sepik.

J. E. Wakeford
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(J. E. Wakeford) J

District Commissioner.

67-16-47

21st March, 1969.

District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANUATU.

PAGE. PATROL REPORT NO. 2 OF 1969.

1. The report and comments thereon were read with interest.
2. The fact that these young officers can successfully conclude land investigations is very gratifying.
3. I fully support using them on small land investigations and with more experience their scope can be widened.
4. Please convey my congratulations to Messrs WURA and POI.

W
(T.W. ELLIS)
DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

cc:
Mr. Hosea Wura.
Mr. Moses Poi.

PAGEI PATROL REPORT NO.

PATROL REPORT

Monday 30th. September, 1968.

Departed PAGEI Government station 1130 hours per foot with 5 carriers. Arrived ISI No.2 at 1500 hrs. Changed over carriers and arrived OSSIMA 1630 hrs. Arranged for carriers that night with the Councillor.
Overnight OSSIMA.

Tuesday 1st. October, 1968.

Departed OSSIMA 0800 hrs. arrived IMBINIS 1200 hrs. Moses Poi and myself departed straight away for SUMUMUNI, arrived 1700hrs. Patrol gear was left behind because of no carriers at IMBINIS.
Slept at SUMUMUNI.

Wednesday 2nd. October, 1968.

0800 hrs. assembled the people and talked to them about the said land known as "IMBRESE". Walked around the said boundaries with the owners. Our gear was brought over during the day by the IMBINIS people.
Slept at SUMUMUNI.

Thursday 3rd. October, 1968.

Moses Poi and myself, went into the village to hear the disputes over the said land between SUMUMUNI and IMBINIS people. Both villages were claiming the same land but eventually we found that the "WAEPAMANA" clan from SUMUMUNI has right over the said piece of land.
Slept at SUMUMUNI.

Friday 4th. October, 1968.

Continued surveying the whole said piece of land and also the airstrip. Both surveys were completed on the same day.
Finished at 1700 hrs.
Slept at SUMUMUNI.

Saturday 5th. October, 1968.

Did the land investigation report with "WAEPAMANA" clan, the headmen of the clan are - TIYO-HURI and SUMO-IAFI both of SUMUMUNI.
Slept at SUMUMUNI.

Sunday 6th. October, 1968.

Observed. Slept at SUMUMUNI.

Monday 7th. October, 1968.

Departed SUMUMUNI 0930 hrs. arrived at IMBINIS 1200 hrs. There the patrol met one member of the R.P.N.G., Const. 1/C. Peter Koian who helped us to arrange carriers for our gear. Arrived OSSIMA 1630 hrs. and arranged for carriers in the afternoon.
Slept OSSIMA.

Cont./2.

Tuesday 8th. October, 1968.

0800 hours packed our gear and waited for the carriers. The Council President stopped his people from carrying our gear across to OSOL.
Slept at OSSIMA.

Wednesday 9th. October, 1968.

Departed OSSIMA 0900 hrs. for OSOL, and due to the fact that the carriers did not turn up on time, arrived at destination 1039 hrs. Started surveying the said land known as "ISAP" for the Catholic Mission school. This was completed in the afternoon.
Slept at OSOL.

Thursday 10th. October, 1968.

Did the land investigation report with the said clan "LES" which was completed that day. The headmen of the clan are - HERO-SE'NE, SE'NE-SOPOU and IAN-SOPOU.

Friday 10th. October, 1968.

0800 hrs. ready for departure for PAGEI, raining all morning. The patrol departed 1015 hrs. for KILLIWIS, changed over carriers and then departed for KILLIPAU, arrived 1200 hrs. Rain all the way from KILLIPAU to ILUP, the patrol crossed the big bridge over PUAL RIVER and arrived ILUP 1300hrs. Departed for ISI No.2, arrived 1420 hrs. The weather was very bad and the carriers with our patrol gear slept at ISI No.2.
Moses Poi and myself left the same day for PAGEI. Arrived 1730 hrs.

Wednesday 30th. October, 1968.

Departed PAGEI Station 0900 hrs. per foot for SUMUMUNI which is 11 hours solid walking. The patrol was accompanied by Mr. Moses Poi (A.F.O.) and Councillor E. Sinene from SUMUMUNI. Rain all the way, arrived 1630 hrs. at MAIU RIVER where the patrol camped.

Thursday 31st. October, 1968.

Departed from the camp 0800 hrs. for SUMUMUNI. The track was muddy and slippery. Arrived 1100 hrs.
Waited for the said owners and in the afternoon gave talks to the owners and the people that the land will be re-surveyed again and that more land was required.

Friday 1st. November, 1968.

Started re-surveying the said land which was completed in the afternoon. All the people helped in cutting the lines.
Slept at SUMUMUNI.

Saturday 2nd. November, 1968.

Sabbath day for the S.D.A. Mission so we commenced doing the land investigation report in the afternoon but it was not completed.

Sunday 8th. November, 1968.

Continued doing the land investigation report with the said clan "WAEFAMANA" and it was completed.
Slept at SUMUMUNI.

Monday 4th. November, 1968.

Departed SUMUMUNI 0900 hrs. for PAGEI Station with M. Poi (I.F.O) and Councillor E. Sinene and four carriers. The patrol arrived at MAIU RIVER 1600 hrs. and we camped there.

Tuesday 5th. November, 1968.

Camped again at MAIU RIVER because the accompanying Officer, Mr. M. Poi was suffering from Malaria.

Wednesday 6th. November, 1968.

Departed MAIU RIVER 0800 hrs. for PAGEI Station. Heavy rain and wind met us on the way. Stopped for nearly 2 hours in a small hut. Continued our journey and with several stops we arrived PAGEI 1800hrs.

End of Patrol.

After the work of patrol and the working of the written and the land paper of PAGEI Station, it was concluded to return to SUMUMUNI for the purpose of re-surveying the land and to question the said people as to their willingness to enter into land available to the U.S.A. Mission.

Summary

The patrol was fairly good except for a few days of rain which made the roads and tracks boggy and slippery and we had difficulty in crossing the flooded rivers.

General carrier movement was fairly good and quick except on the occasions when the people did not co-operate.

The first occasion was on our way from IMBANI to SUMUMUNI. Because of lack of co-operation we had one gear at IMBANI and departed for SUMUMUNI.

The second occasion was on our intended departure from SUMUMUNI to MAIU. The Council Councillor who resides at MAIU, stopped his people from crossing over another 0800 hrs. on a previous D.S.S.F. patrol. The local people had refused to carry D.S.S.F. equipment to MAIU. We went to USOL and returned with a lot of equipment to MAIU.

PAGEI PATROL REPORT NO.

LAND INVESTIGATION

(1) SUMUMUNI - IMBIO CENSUS DIVISION

(2) OSOL - KILIMERI CENSUS DIVISION.

INTRODUCTION:

This patrol was conducted into IMBIO and KILMEREI Censu Division in the PAGEI Patrol Post area. The purpose of the patrol was to carry out two surveys of land and an Investigation Report on each land.

SUMUMUNI land, Land's Ref: 67/1970, District Office file: 35-3-46, Sub-District Office file: 35-1-7 and PAGEI Patrol Post file: 35-4-1.

OSOL land, Land's ref: 65/290, District Office file: 35-3-7, Sub-District Office file: 35-1-7.

During this patrol we went across to SUMUMUNI first and surveyed the S.D.A. Mission land and Mission airstrip. Then we went across to OSOL to survey the Catholic Mission school land and from there, the patrol returned to PAGEI Station.

After two weeks of Patrol and then working on the re-writing of the land report of PAGEI Station extension, we were instructed to return to SUMUMUNI for the purpose of re-surveying the land and to question the said owners as to their willingness to make more land available to the S.D.A. Mission.

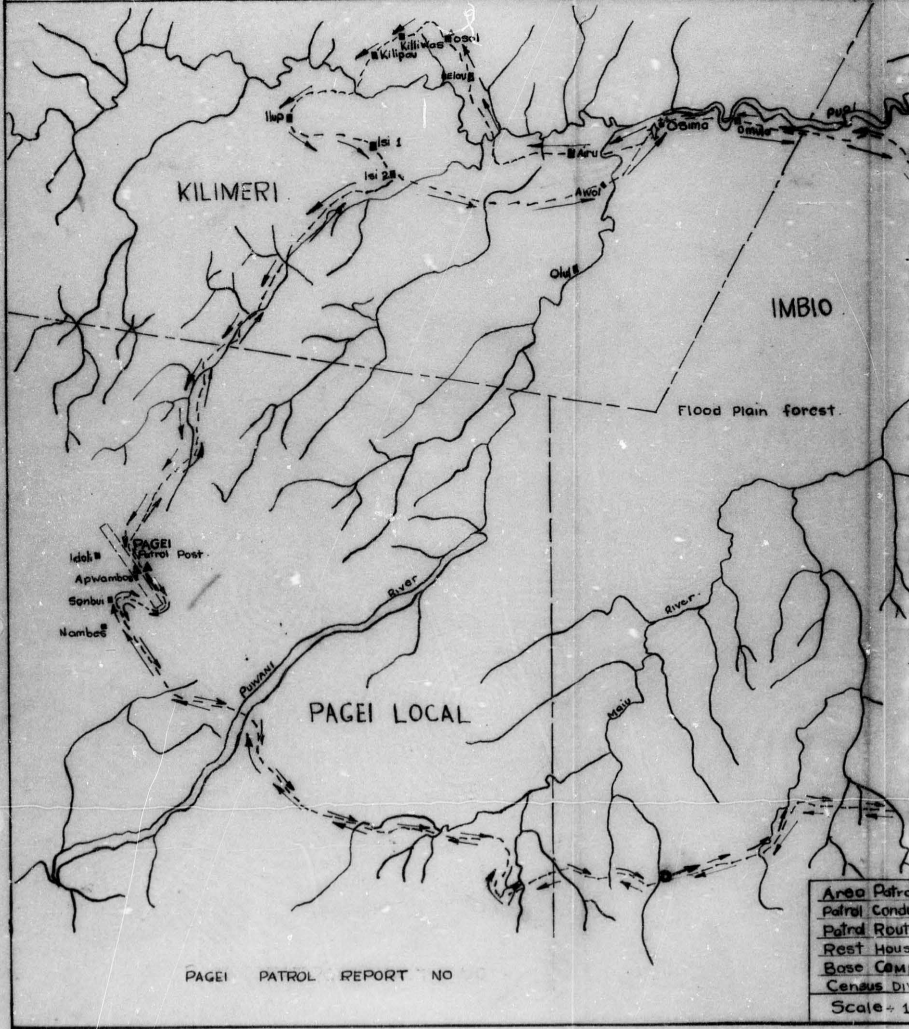
COMMENT:

The patrol was fairly good except for a few days of rain which made the roads and tracks muddy and slippery and we had difficulty in crossing the flooded rivers.

Concerning carriers, movement was fairly good and quick except on two occasions when the people did not co-operate.

The first occasion was on our way from IMBINIS to SUMUMUNI. Because of lack of co-operation we left our gear at IMBINIS and departed for SUMUMUNI.

The second occasion was on our intended departure from OSSIMA to OSOL. The Council President who resides at OSSIMA, stopped his people from carrying gear across to OSOL because on a previous D.A.S.F. patrol the OSOL people had refused to carry D.A.S.F. equipment to OSSIMA. We sent to OSOL for carriers. This delayed our departure for 24 hours.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... PAGEI No. 5 - 68/69

Subdistrict..... VANIMO

District..... WEST SEPIK

Type of Patrol..... SPECIAL

Patrol Conducted by..... R.T.Fairhall a/District Officer

Area Patrolled } SELKOTOHIAU Village and West Irian
 (Council and/or } Border area
 Census Division/s.) }

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

RP&NGC 15

Interpreter 1

Duration of Patrol—from 14/10/68 To 18/10/68

No. of Days..... Five

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area :..... October 1968

Date..... Duration..... 10 days

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... Border Security

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 40

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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.....
District Commissioner.

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Department of Internal Security

District Office,

WASING

West Sepik District.

14th January, 1969.

The Director,
Department of Internal Security,
The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
WAMBO.

Attached please find two copies of a special purpose
visit conducted by Mr. R. T. Fairhall, a District Officer.

PATROL NO. PAGEI, 5 OF 1968/69

Your reference 67-1-4 dated 23rd December, 1968.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report
by MR. R. T. FAIRHALL to SEKONGHIAU.

A satisfactory report. All objectives were apparently
achieved without any difficulty.

(T. W. ELLIS)
Director.

c.c. Mr. R. T. Fairhall, A/D.O.,
Patrol Post,
PAGEI
West Sepik District.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telephone
Telegrams
Our Reference 67-1-4
If calling ask for
Mr.



Department of District Administration,
District Office,
VANIMO,
West Sepik District.
23rd December, 1968.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU

SUBJECT:- Pagei Patrol 5 of 1968/69.

Attached please find two copies of a special purpose patrol conducted by Mr. R.F. Fairhall a/District Officer.

2. The patrol achieved a fair degree of success, only one known group of West Irians, the Kibai, not being located and returned across the border. To date the whereabouts of these people is still uncertain. Future patrols, one of which is now underway will continue the search until the Kibai are located and returned.
3. The fact that there was no physical reaction to the patrol in carrying out its objectives could well indicate that the people themselves are fully aware that they have no legal right to residing in this Territory. No other comments are necessary.
4. For your information, please.

J. E. Wakeford
(J. E. Wakeford) [M.]



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telephone

Telegram

Our Reference S.S

If calling ask for

Mr

Department of District Administration.

Patrol Post,
PAGEI,
Vanimo Sub-District,
West Sepik District.

6th November, 1968

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
VANIMO

BORDER PATROL - SEKOTCHIAU
PAGEI PATROL No. 5 - 1968/69

This report should be read in conjunction with PAGEI Patrol Reports Nos. 3 and 4 of 1968/69. The patrol was a visit to the Sekotchiau area to ascertain the location of West Irian groups known or believed to be hiding in bush camps in T.P.N.G. The patrol was to firmly remove and escort these people, where found, back to the border. They were to be informed the Government could not knowingly allow them to settle and remain within T.P.N.G.

The patrol met no physical opposition, although the Sekotchiau camp inhabitants were reluctant to move and thought the Government could have given them prior warning.

DIARY

Monday, 14th October, 1968

Departed PAGEI at 1030. Arrived Pawpaw at 1315 and established camp. With police searched local area and swamps re. reports that the West Irian KIBAI group were hiding in this area. Returned to camp at 1700 after inspecting several camp sites, which, however, were found to be owned by local Pagei villagers. Slept at Pawpaw.

Tuesday, 15th October, 1968

Departed camp at 0730 and arrived Sekotchiau three hours later. Carriers arrived in at 1100. Established camp and departed with eight police and proceeded to known West Irian refugee camp at SIMI. Arrived at 1130 and met and talked with Jacob Pray, the camp leader, and nineteen other refugees (listed in body of report) then at the camp. Instructed them to collect their belongings and prepare to move to the border. Radio contact made with Vanimo at 1300. Pray was reluctant to leave, but was advised the Government could not countenance his groups continued presence within the borders of T.P.N.G. Destroyed the camp and escorted the group to as near to the border as could be ascertained. Returned to Sekotchiau. Three constables sent to the known old Kibai camp approximately two miles upstream of the Bewani River. They reported back at 1800 that the camp was not in use. Slept at Sekotchiau.

Wednesday, 16th October, 1968

Two teams of police, five in each group led by a senior NCO, proceeded into that area south of Sekotchiau, and delineated by the Bewani River, the West Irian border, and the foothills of the Bewani Range, in an attempt to locate the Kibai people believed hiding in the area.

Radio sked with Vanimo at 1300. Teams reported back at 1430 and 1500 to advise they had found no signs to indicate people inhabited the area. Self to border marker to check work on clearing its surrounds by patrol labourers. Returned at 1700 for sked with Vanimo. Talks with village leader Yundun Yali. He is the only person at the village at the moment, the remainder of the villagers are at the Pawpaw sago swamps. Slept Sekotchiau.

Thursday, 17th October, 1968

Police teams out locating the Kibai group in the area to the north and north east of Sekotchiau and the Bewani River. Radio sked with Vanimo at 1300. Both police teams reported in at 1500 with three West Irians, members of Pray's group, viz. Stefan Rumaropen, Zakeus Rumbiapuk, and Roberth Demetouw. They had been found back at the Simi camp site removing produce from the gardens there. They reported they were now living at a hamlet near Skofro. Returned to the border. Radio sked with Vanimo 1700. Slept Sekotchiau.

Friday, 18th October, 1968

Departed Sekotchiau 0700. Arrived PAGEI 1300. Patrol stood down.

End Diary

COMMENTS

Refugees

The group of 20 West Irian refugees led by Jacob Pray at Simi near Sekotchiau had received no warning of our arrival on the 15th. They were all present at the time of our arrival at the camp. All were quite friendly and affable. Their situation was discussed and they were questioned regarding current border activities. They had no information to offer. They were informed they were required to return to the West Irian side of the border immediately and that the patrol would not be leaving the area without them. Pray was quite upset on hearing this and protested, offering several reasons why they should remain (1) a few more months - May, 1969, would see the plebiscite held and they could then return peaceably to their country (2) they had nowhere to go and could not obtain food easily (3) they were all 'wanted' men by the Indonesian authorities who were keen to apprehend them, that they all had a price on their heads. He stated the danger of living anywhere on the West Irian side of the border was great. He also stated he was disappointed that he had not received any forewarning of our intentions, and then asked whether it was intended to remove the Suhampa camp. He was told it was not sure just which side of the border that camp was located and that I would not be proceeding there, and had no idea how the Government felt about the camp. The group were then politely but firmly instructed to pack their belongings, which were few, and told the patrol would not be leaving the campsite without them. We destroyed the campsite, which was little better than a lean-to with a kitchen at one end, to prevent these people from returning to it as soon as we had left them (there was evidence that when previous West Irian groups had been ordered from camps they had left, merely to return after the patrol had left the area) and then accompanied them for about half an hour on the Skofro track. We then returned to Sekotchiau.

On the 17th, a police scout patrol discovered West Irians Rumaropen, Rumbiapuk and Demetouw removing food from the Simi camp gardens. The three were brought to Sekotchiau. They claimed they had no other sources of food at present and asked permission to remove the remaining crops. They were advised this was

acceptable in the circumstances, but that when the produce was exhausted they were not to replant. Rumaropen was given medical treatment and they returned to their camp. The three appeared friendly and there were no signs of any animosity.

The 20 West Irians at the Simi camp were -

Jacob H. Pray
 Stefan Rumaropen
 Djeni Urbon
 Obed Sabuni
 Nicolas Manong
 Onesimus Mansuwan
 Johannis Pasyk
 Marius Agaapa
 Dan Jufuway
 Matius Set Manimarba
 Jan Meho
 Karel Armo
 Hendrik Eha
 George J. Tuckajo
 Body Maimbu
 Zakeus Rumbapuk
 Anton Kadam
 Joseph Usfar
 Roberth Demetouw
 Williams Wakum.

Sekotchiau

The only person at Sekotchiau at the time of the visit was Yundun Yali, the village leader and ex Luluai. The remainder had accompanied a village woman, who had had childbirth complications, into PAGEI on Sunday the 13th. They later returned to their sago stands in the Pawpaw area and remained there for the duration of the patrol, returning to Sekotchiau late in the afternoon of the 17th.

Yundun was believed most un-cooperative in the first instance, regarding divulging the location of the Kibai camp which was thought to have been in the immediate vicinity of his village. Prior to the departure of the patrol reports were received from local Pagei people of suspected Kibai camps in the sago swamps near Pawpaw. These were checked out by police parties on Monday, 14th October, without success. Yundun claimed they were hiding in the western headwaters of the Pokon River, well across the border.

Police patrols sent into the Pokon River area and other suspected areas in the foothills of the Bewani Range proved fruitless, failing to locate any camps or fresh tracks to indicate people were living in the area.

When teams covered the area roughly between Sawan - Sinanu - Sikur and Pawpaw on the 17th and again discovered noth-

ing which indicated their recent presence in the area, it was reluctantly conceded that Yundum may have been truthful in his information. As well, individual checks with the three refugees mentioned above tended to confirm Yundum's claim that the Kibai were well within West Irian territory.

This, however, is not conclusive, but I feel that they are not within the area encompassing Sinenu south to the northern foothills of the Bewani Range west to the Border. That they be out of this area is most unlikely as they would be well out of their own area and would likely to be discovered by the local Pagei and Ilup peoples who would have no compunction in reporting their presence immediately.

R. T. Fairhall

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R. T. Fairhall
a/District Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... PAGEI NO. 6/1968 - 1969

Subdistrict..... VANIMO

District..... WEST SEPIK

Type of Patrol..... SPECIAL PURPOSE

Patrol Conducted by..... T.R. BERGIN, ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Area Patrolled..... SEKOTCHIAU - NIAU BORDER AREA.

(Council and/or..... PART PAGEI & KILMERE CENSUS DIVISIONS

Census Division/s)..... OF PAGEI L.G. COUNCIL.

Personnel Accompanying Patrol.....

MR. R. HUTCHINGS, C.P.O. ONE MEDICAL ORDERLY

16 MEMBERS OF R.P. & N.G.C.

SIE RONWA, INTERPRETER.....

Duration of Patrol—from 3 11 68 To 12 11 68.

No. of Days..... TEN

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area : 29/9/68 to 7/10/68.

Date..... Duration..... NINE DAYS.

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... BORDER SECURITY.

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Total Population of Area Patrolled..... SEKOTCHIAU VILLAGE ONLY. 48.

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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.....
District Commissioner.



Department of District Administration
 DISTRICT OFFICE

67-16-17

18th December, 1968.

The District Commissioner,
 West Sepik District,
 VANIMO.

PATROL NO. PAGE 1 6 OF 1968-69.

Your reference 67-1-4 dated 25th November, 1968.

2. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Situation Report by Mr. T. Bergin, Assistant District Commissioner to the Border Area, Papei and Kilmari Census Divisions.
3. A very well written report by Mr. Bergin, detailing the work carried out by Mr. Hutchings and himself. Both officers are to be commended.

(T. W. ELLIS)
 Director.

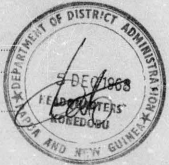
c.c. Mr. T. Bergin, Assistant District Commissioner,
 PAPEI Patrol Post,
 Via VANIMO.
 West Sepik District.

67.16.170



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telephone
Telegrams
Our Reference 67.1.24
If calling ask for
Mr.



Department of District Administration,
District Office,
VANIMO,
West Sepik District.
25th November, 1968.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
MORETOBU

SPECIAL PURPOSE PATROL PAGEI. No. 6/68-69

Attached please find two copies of the Special Purpose Patrol conducted by Mr. T. Bergin, Assistant District Commissioner, Vanimo.

The patrol was well carried out. I submit that the action taken at the Simi camp by the previous patrol was justified. It showed this time that the Administration did mean what had been said. The action may have given Fundun some food for thought. Had the action not been taken, I feel that there could have been considerable difficulty in getting the West Irians to move, as it was, all camps, with the exception of the one at Utung were found to be not only deserted, but also dismantled.

It is intended to wait for about two weeks and then mount another patrol to this area. I would like to have the patrol in this area about the first week in December. Reports indicate that it will be about this time that an attack will be made on Sukarapura, and if the attack fails, as it must, we could have considerable numbers of West Irians trying to cross back into this Territory.

Both Mr. Bergin and Mr. Hutchings are to be congratulated on the work they did. The behaviour of the "young police" was excellent.

J. B. Wakeford
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(J. B. Wakeford)

District Commissioner.

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PAGEI PATROL NO. 6/1968 - 1969.

SEKOTCHIAU - NIAU BORDER AREA

PATROL DIARY.

Sunday 3rd. November, 1968.

Sched. by portable A510 radio with Vanimo 0730 hours. Contact very poor. Departed PAGEI with C.P.O., R. Hutchings, 16 members of the R.P. & N.G.C., Interpreter and Medical Orderly together with 43 carriers at 0900 hours. Progress to SEKOTCHIAU good over dry track. Arrived SEKOTCHIAU 1355 hours. Set up camp.

1700 hours, contacted VANIMO on Sched.

During evening held discussions with village headman YUNDUN and others upon their return from the bush.

Remained overnight at SEKOTCHIAU.

Monday 4th. November, 1968.

Sched. with VANIMO 0730 hours. 0800 hours, departed SEKOTCHIAU with C.P.O., Hutchings, Interpreter and 10 Police for old FPPB Camp at SIMI garden site. Arrived 35 minutes later and checked to see if site had been re-occupied. Found completely deserted. Returned to SEKOTCHIAU 1230 hours. Sched. with VANIMO 1300 hours. During afternoon Police and Carriers sent to Border Marker to clear surrounds. Other Police sent to old camp previously occupied by the KIBAI people 2½ miles upstream to check on whether or not this site was being occupied. Other known tracks checked for camp sites. On patrols' return late afternoon - "nobody seen, nothing found" was reported.

During afternoon held further discussions with YUNDUN re whereabouts of FPPB group (JACOB PRAY and followers, formerly camped at SIMI).

Sched with VANIMO 1700 hours.

Discussed future patrol movements with SGT. LATOBU during evening. Remained overnight at SEKOTCHIAU.

Tuesday 5th. November, 1968.

Sched with VANIMO 0730 hours. Departed SEKOTCHIAU 0800 hours for SINANU (Map reference: WBO58742 - Border Special sheet No. 1) arriving 1200 hours.

Set up camp at this abandoned village site.

Sched. with VANIMO 1300 hours. Carriers to bush to hunt game for food.

Sched with VANIMO 1700 hours. Remained overnight at SINANU (Camp I).

Wednesday 6th. November, 1968.

Sched. with VANIMO 0730 hours. Departed Camp I at 0900 hours in pouring rain. Track practically non-existent. Steady climbing to approx. 1100 feet then a slight descent to the MURON Creek. Established Camp II on this creek at 1400 hours. Position: Map reference: WB 051838. Afternoon spent sorting out wet gear and attempting to dry same.

At 1700 hours contacted VANIMO on Sched. Reception both ways good. Remained overnight at Camp II

Thursday 7th. November, 1968.

Sched. with VANIMO 0730 hours. Departed Camp II at 0800 hours. Commenced climbing immediately. Reached summit of KOHARI Hills (2,500 feet) at 0910 hours.

Descended to JABIRI (BUNUME) River and followed this river upstream along right bank. Crossed river after 1 1/2 miles and recrossed after 2 miles. Very slow going as track non-existent. Patrol re-grouped 5 minutes out of SUHAMPA (NIAU Village Camp used when sago making). Patrol entered camp at 1250 hours. Straight on to camp of FPPB group, mentioned in PAGEI Patrol Report 4-68/69, 300 yards from SUHAMPA. Found deserted and barracks previously occupied had been dismantled.

Set up Camp III at SUHAMPA (Map Reference: WB 015911). Afternoon spent questioning NIAU people at SUHAMPA re whereabouts of West Irian group formerly occupying camp barracks.

1700 hours, Sched. with VANIMO.

During evening held further discussions with NIAU group and in particular headman of NIAU (ISAK-NUPUNG). Remained overnight at Camp III.

Friday 8th. November, 1968.

Sched. with VANIMO 0720 hours. Radio interference too great for contact.

At 0900 hours departed SUHAMPA with 10 Police and patrolled surrounding bush. Located newly constructed barracks of FPPB group, at Map reference: WB 001915 in dense rain forest. The barracks had not been used. FPPB group not seen.

Returned to SUHAMPA 1200 hours.

Further discussions and questioning with SUHAMPA/NIAU people. Aircraft with D.C. flew over to inspect our present location.

Sched. with VANIMO 1300 hours.

During afternoon spoke with all NIAU inhabitants of SUHAMPA and advised them that they would not be allowed to remain permanently at the site and instructed them to prepare for return to their own village of NIAU KOFFO situated at Map reference: WB 993929.

Sched. with VANIMO 1700 hours.

Patrol remained overnight at Camp III.

Saturday 9th. November, 1968.

Sched. with VANIMO 0730 hours. Police patrols sent out to search surrounding country-side for evidence of other small bush camp settlements. Mr. Hutchings with SGT. LATOBU and six Police to MIA Camp in order to establish location, purchase sago for carriers and to inform NIAU KOFFO people camped there that they were to prepare for return to their own village.

Patrols returned to Camp III at 1215 hours and 1245 hours respectively.

Sched. with VANIMO 1300 hours.

During afternoon patrol personnel assisted NIAU people camped at SUHAMPA to prepare for their return to NIAU KOFFO tomorrow.

Sched. with VANIMO 1700 hours.

Food for carriers running low. Rations for Police enough for two or three days only. Have decided patrol will move on tomorrow as area is clear of West Irian FPPB groups and the NIAU KOFFO's have commenced to return to their own village.

MIA camp - a temporary site being used by the NIAU's whilst making sago is located at Map reference: WB 011949.

Remained overnight at Camp III.

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Sunday 10th. November, 1968.

Remaining NIAU Villagers at SUHAMPA departed for NIAU KOFFO at 0715 hours. Tried to contact VANIMO at 0730 hours sched. - unsuccessful.

Broke camp at 0800 hours for return to PAGEI. Followed very poor, ill-defined track downstream along JABIRI (BUNUME) River, for 5 hours 20 minutes. Arrived junction of PAWPAW Creek and BUNUME River at 1320 hours. Set up camp IV at Map reference: WB 136846.

Radio sched. with VANIMO 1700 hours. Remained overnight at Camp IV.

Monday 11th. November, 1968.

Attempted to contact VANIMO on radio Sched. at 0730 hours. No contact - interference too great. Departed Camp IV at 0820 hours. Crossed JABIRI (BUNUME) River and followed it downstream to its confluence with the JACSI (BWIN) River. Followed JASSI River downstream along R.H. bank through low lying undulating country. Easy going. Crossed PULAN River at WARABUNG. Fifty minutes stop over. Camp IV to WARABUNG is 3 hours.

Departed WARABUNG 1210 hours - on to ONEPI garden site arriving 45 minutes later. Thence to PUMBI (old sago making camp) arriving 1355. (30 minutes from ONEPI). Heavy rain. Set up camp.

Sched. with VANIMO and PAGEI at 1700 hours. Remained overnight at Camp V, PUMBI - Map reference: WB 145697.

Tuesday 12th. November, 1968.

Sched. with VANIMO 0730 hours. No contact. Departed Camp V at 0740 hours and followed poor track along top of ridges southward to PAGEI station via APWAMBO. Arrived PAGEI 1040 hours. Carriers paid off. Police stood down. End of patrol.

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PAGEI PATROL NO. 6/1968-1969.

SEKOTCHIAU - NIAU BORDER AREA

SITUATION REPORT.

Introduction:

The patrol was mounted, in response to verbal instructions from the District Commissioner, VANIMO, for the purpose of visiting the PAGEI Border area between SEKOTCHIAU in the south and NIAU KOFFO Village (West Irian) to the north, to ascertain the whereabouts of any West Irian groups of refugees camped on the Territory of New Guinea side of the Border and instruct them to return to their own country of West Irian pointing out, at the same time, that the Administration would no longer allow such illegal camps to exist within the boundaries of Papua and New Guinea.

The patrol was carried out between Sunday 3rd. November, and Tuesday 12th. November, 1968 inclusive and was without incident.

Situation as found by Patrol:

After Mr. R.T. Fairhall's visit to SEKOTCHIAU and the SIMI Camp, accommodating 13 F.P.P.B. refugees led by JACOB PRAY, on the 5th. and 6th. October, 1968 (refer PAGEI Patrol Report No. 4/68-69) the group abandoned the site and departed for the SKOPRO-NEW SANGKE area of West Irian. The exact location of the group was not known to YUNDEN, the village headman of SEKOTCHIAU Village, or others of the village. The SIMI Camp was closely inspected by the patrol and it appeared obvious that occupation of the site had ceased approximately 3 to 4 weeks before the visit of the present patrol. A garden at this site of one to two acres area was flourishing but not yet bearing. I questioned YUNDEN, who had allocated this old garden site to the F.P.P.B. group initially, approximately 12 months ago, whether or not JACOB PRAY and his group intended returning to reap the harvest when the produce matured. He informed me that the group did not intend returning and that the SEKOTCHIAU people would make full use of the produce.

After further intensive questioning I was of the opinion that YUNDEN was speaking the truth and that this particular group of refugees had, indeed, returned to the West Irian side of the Border.

Referring now to the KIBAI people of West Irian, who were the subject of VANIMO Patrol No. 8-67/68 and my memorandum C.1-3 of 3rd. June, 1968 under Secret cover; a check was also made whilst in the area to see if this group was again camped on the New Guinea side of the Border. The camp previously occupied by this group, situated 2½ miles upstream from SEKOTCHIAU, was inspected and found deserted. There were no signs of habitation. Patrols along the POKKON Creek south and south-west of SEKOTCHIAU failed to find any signs of the KIBAI people. On questioning the SEKOTCHIAU Villagers re the KIBAI's they adamantly stated this group had left the area to return to WEST IRIAN during late September, 1968 after leading a nomadic existence in the SEKOTCHIAU area since being escorted to the border during May. Their present whereabouts was not known but YUNDEN indicated by a wave of the hand that they were south-west of SEKOTCHIAU in WEST IRIAN.

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I feel that the information is correct and that the surrounding SEKOTCHIAU area is at present free of any West Irianese refugees.

On arrival at the NIAUKOFO Camp, reported upon by Mr. R.T. Fairhall, in his report of PAGEI Patrol No. 4/68-69, only 300 yards from the NIAU garden camp of SUHAMPA it was found that the site previously occupied by 19 F.P.P.B. followers led by MENASE SIRI SUWAE of TANAMERA was completely deserted. Their dormitory of 40 feet by 15 feet had been dismantled and only the bare bones of the framework remained. After questioning the NIAU KOFFO group, comprising 6 men, 10 women and 15 children, camped at SUHAMPA it was found that the F.P.P.B. followers had abandoned the site soon after Mr. Fairhall's visit, dismantled their dormitory and carried off all salvage-able materials to erect a new building elsewhere in the bush. The headman of NIAU KOFFO viz. ISAK NUPUNG who was amongst the NIAU group at SUHAMPA led the patrol to a site one mile west of SUHAMPA where another NIAU sago-making camp and garden was found. Hidden in the bush some 200 yards from this camp, and completely unidentifiable from the air because of dense forest coverage, was the new "barracks" constructed by the SUHAMPA F.P.P.B. group. The building measured 45 feet by 18 feet and had been unoccupied since its completion. The patrol was informed by the SUHAMPA squatters that the group that formerly occupied the dormitory at SUHAMPA were camped at NIAU KOFFO Village, West Irian, awaiting instructions from their leader, LEO JAMBAY of TANAMERA as to when to occupy the new building. Rumour had spread to the group of the demolishing of the SIMI Camp dormitory and the SUHAMPA group had initiated their own action of dismantling their dormitory and moving further into the bush, closer to the Border, to outwit any Administration patrol. The F.P.P.B. subsistence garden at the SUHAMPA site was thriving although not bearing. The NIAU's informed the patrol that it was their intention to make use of any produce from this garden.

Since abandoning the SUHAMPA site approximately one month ago, the group has had little or no contact with LEO JAMBAY nor any of the other Border camps. It appears that communications between the Border camps have all but ceased.

The NIAU's further informed the patrol that both NIAU KOFFO and NIAU NEMO have been deserted, the inhabitants of each village camping either along the MOSSO River or in their sago swamps making sago. They reported that the F.P.P.B. group formerly of SUHAMPA were now living at NIAU KOFFO.

Whilst camped at SUHAMPA two men of KILIWIS Village, PAGEI area, were found. These men had been living at SUHAMPA for over a year after a disagreement within their village over a sister-exchange marriage. They informed us that they believed there were people from OSOL Village, PAGEI area, also camped at NIAU.

The patrol visited NIAU to check on the welfare of these OSOL people but found that they were absent. Whilst at NIAU it was found that the F.P.P.B. group, previously from the SUHAMPA site, had split. Some are said to have returned to the SUKARNAPURA area, some are said to be residing in the WUTUNG Camp and the whereabouts of LEO JAMBAY was not exactly known but he was believed to be somewhere near NEW SANGKE or SKOFFO. There were 17 F.P.P.B. followers at NIAU KOFFO. There were no other people present. Four of the group asked for medical supplies, and small quantities of Niviquine, Sulpha Drugs, Iodine, Aspirin etc., were handed over by the patrol. The finding of the F.P.P.B. group at NIAU ascertained that the NIAU's at SUHAMPA were being truthful.

The following is a list of the F.P.P.B. supporters at NIAU. The list was supplied by JERIMIAS SERONDANJA who could not remember the Christian names of two men who were absent at the time.

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1. GERADUS JANGGROSERAY
2. DAAN JANGGROSERAY
3. DARIUS SESEERAY
4. MEIKI SABAROFEK
5. JERTMIAS SERONDANJA
6. DANIEL RAWAR
7. JOHANNES JARISETOU
8. OSKAR WERSAI
9. JEMY SU'IE
10. ? BURDAMES
11. EDI JARISETOU
12. JEHEKIEL JACADEWA
13. JUSUF JARONA
14. DAAN KAFIAR
15. DANIEL RUNSUMBRE
16. NOSES SERONTOUW
17. ? NUSI

Police patrols sent out to the surrounding bush on the New Guinea side of the Border in search of other refugee groups failed to locate any; which supported the NIAU's claim that there were no other groups this side of the Border. Another small temporary sago-making camp of the NIAU's was located inside New Guinea territory at Map reference: WB O11949. There were 3 men, 2 women and 2 children at this site called NIA.

The NIAU KOFFO people camped at SUHAMPWA visit the place on and off for gardening purposes and sago making. The present group there had been at SUHAMPWA for the last seven months and I was informed that their purpose in being there was to make and stock-pile sago for the Christmas and New Year period. However, after seven months there were only two bundles of sago at SUHAMPWA. Extensive gardens had been established, large areas of the bush were being cleared and two new houses, plus a Rest House for patrolling Officers, were under construction. It was obvious that the place was gaining a look of permanency about it, that the people were not making sago and that was only the excuse for being there, and that the people had full intentions of turning the SUHAMPWA site into a permanent place of residence.

The situation as found by the patrol at SUHAMPWA was, therefore; the refugee F.P.P.B. followers had abandoned the place and moved back to West Irian. They were camped at NIAU KOFFO.

SUHAMPWA was occupied by a group of NIAU KOFFO's who were busily engaged in turning the place into a permanent residential site.

There were no other refugees within the surrounding area.

Action taken by Patrol:

At SEKOTCHIAU and SUHAMPWA, the only two groups visited during the course of the Patrol, the Administration's present policy concerning refugees illegally camped on the New Guinea side of the Border was carefully explained and interpreted to as many of the indigenous people as possible. They were told that the Administration would no longer tolerate West Irianese illegally entering the Territory of Papua and New Guinea and setting up

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camp. They were further informed that patrols would continuously move up and down the Border in order to enforce the decision. Any West Irianes found illegally this side of the Border would be immediately returned to West Irian. Legal action would be taken against anyone refusing to leave the Territory and those who continually re-entered Papua and New Guinea after being instructed to go and escorted to the Border.

At SUHAMPA the NIAU KOFFO people were informed that they could not reside this side of the Border. They were instructed to return to their own village and the patrol assisted them in their preparations to do so.

The NIAU's departed SUHAMPA just prior to the Patrol's departure under their own accord. They were not escorted to the Border. The group at the garden camp at MIA also departed for NIAU KOFFO.

The NIAU KOFFO people own an extensive area of land within New Guinea. I was told that their land extends northward to the MOSO River, eastward to the JASSI River and southward to the KOHARI Hills - in all, an area of approximately 120 square miles. Their main stands of sago are on our side of the Border. However, they are planting out sago on their land in West Irian. I feel that the NIAU KOFFO's will continue to cross the Border to their hunting, gardening and sago lands within New Guinea and provided no permanent settlements are established east of the Border, then such movements to and from NIAU KOFFO could be tolerated.

No other action was taken as there were no refugees camped east of the Border in the area through which the patrol was conducted.

Local Indigenous Attitude:

YUNDUN, the village headman of SEKOTCHIAU, is sympathetic towards the West Irian refugees and the aims of such groups as O.P.M, F.P.P.B, K.P.P.B, etc. The other SEKOTCHIAU villages follow the example set by YUNDUN. This is manifested in the fact that YUNDUN readily allocates land for settlement purposes to refugees requiring same; as evidenced in the KIBAI Camp upstream from SEKOTCHIAU and the SIMI garden camp of the F.P.P.B. group previously only 35 minutes walk from SEKOTCHIAU. The SEKOTCHIAU group had with-held information about the SIMI camp from the Administration for 12 months. YUNDUN admits this and advised me that he had originally allocated the SIMI land to the F.P.P.B. during September or October, 1967.

YUNDUN is a man not to be trusted. Patrols have encountered passive resistance on occasions when visiting SEKOTCHIAU. It is often difficult to place exactly where his sympathies lie at times. He is not above playing one Government against the other taking sides with who ever appeals to him at the time. He divulges only that which he wishes to be known and withholds information as he sees fit.

After lengthy discussions with YUNDUN and informing him of the Administration's policy in respect to refugees illegally camped this side of the Border, he assures me that in future he intends to co-operate with the Administration's endeavours and refuse assistance to would-be refugees. I do not put much weight on YUNDUN's statement - but time will tell!

At SURAMPA the NIAU KOFFO villagers were upset at being informed that they were to return to their own side of the Border, because it was obvious that they had full intentions of setting up a permanent place of residence at SUHAMPA and that the Administration of P. & N.G. would not tolerate this. Naturally, they look upon the situation from a different point of view. They rightfully own land this side of the Border and they feel they have the right to use the land as they wish. They do, however, realize the necessity for a border line between two adjoining countries, but they cannot hold to the fact that the "line" can deprive them of their land which they have been occupying and using for generations past.

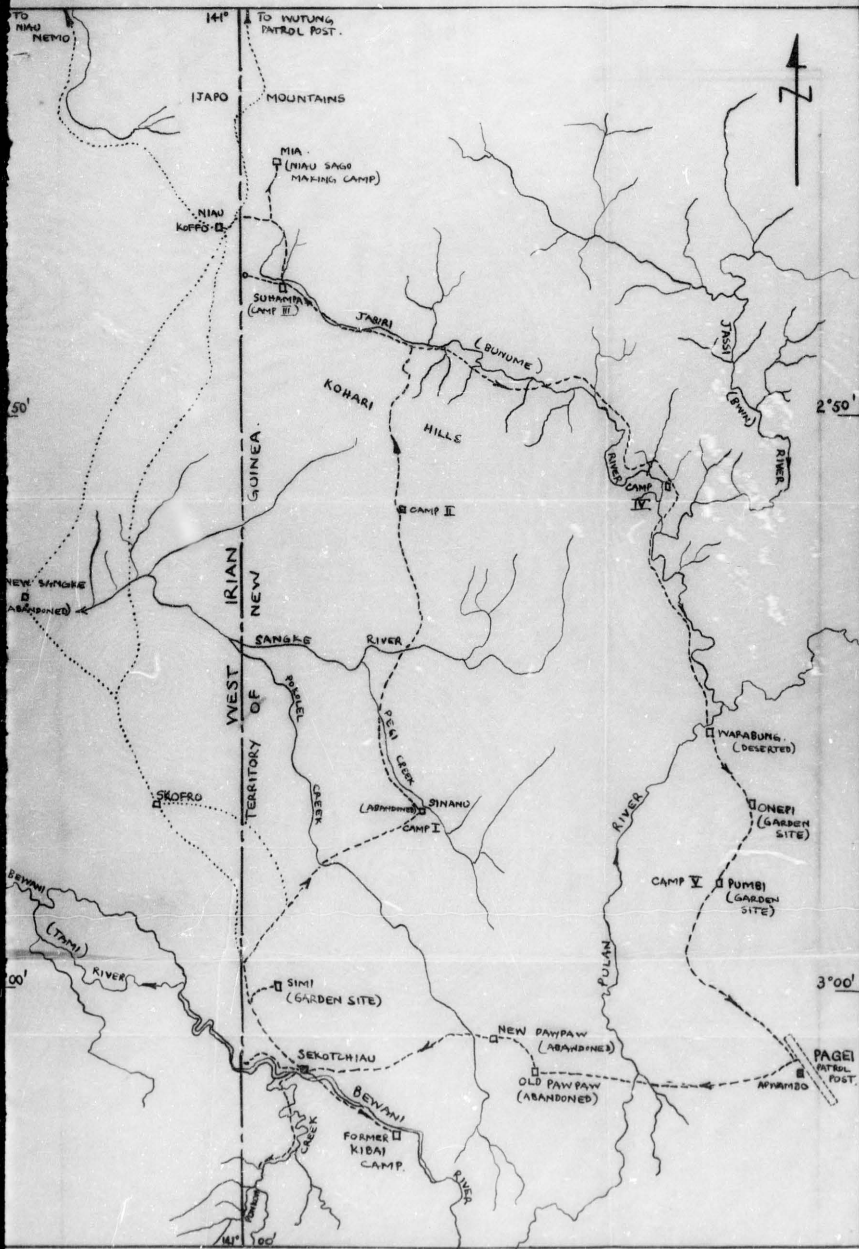
Although up-set at being sent "home", I feel the KOFFO's did move without active protest more or less to "please the KIAP". They will return again and chance not meeting an Administration patrol in the area. Their livelihood depends on making use of their land this side of the Border. Their situation must be similar to many other groups in Papua and New Guinea and West Irian living along the Border.

The Patrol, although not encountering refugees camped east of the Border and it was therefore not necessary to take action with such groups, did "get the message across" to all with whom it came into contact that refugees would not be allowed the freedom of action they had before, and that continuing positive steps would be taken to enforce the policy.

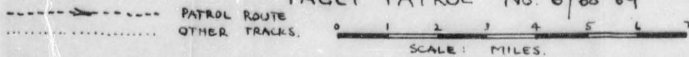
The people understood and accepted the dictum. The effect on the people's attitude can only be gauged with the passage of time.

T.R. Bergin

 T.R. BERGIN.
 Assistant District Commissioner.



PAGEI PATROL No. 6/68-69



T.R. Bergin
T.R. BERGIN, ADC



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... PAGEI NO. 7/1968-69

Subdistrict..... VANIMO

District..... WEST SEPIK

Type of Patrol..... SPECIAL PURPOSE

Patrol Conducted by..... R.T. FAIRHALL, S/D.O.

Area Patrolled..... SEKOTCHIAU - NIAU - WUTUNG BORDER AREA

(Council and/or)

Census Division(s).....

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

MR. K.W. KITCHENS, C.P.O. (Part of patrol)

MR. J.C. STEWART, C.A.O. (Part of patrol)

LEO WAINE, HOSPITAL ORDERLY

WEIKO WATRIKE, INTERPRETER.

13 MEMBERS of R.P. & N.G.C.

Duration of Patrol—from 3 / 12 / 68 To 19 / 12 / 68

No. of Days..... 17

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area..... PART D.D.A. PATROL TO AREA - 3/11/68 - 12/11/68 (part only)/

Date..... Duration.....

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... BORDER SECURITY.

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Total Population of Area Patrolled.....

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

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District Commissioner.

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February 17th, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
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
PATROL NO. PAGEI 7/68-69

Your reference 67-1-14 dated 20th January, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by MR. T.R. FAIRHALL, a/District Officer to Sekotchiau-WIAU and WUTUNG Border Areas.

Patrol was carried out in an efficient manner and achieved its objects.

I note your comments concerning the IAU people and agree with your remarks.


(T.W. ELLIS)
Director

c.c. Mr. R.T. Fairhall,
a/District Officer,
Patrol Post,
PAGEI,
West Sepik District.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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20th January



The Director,
Department of District Administration,
Konedobu.

SPECIAL PURPOSE PATROL PAGEI.

Attached please find two copies of a Special Purpose Patrol conducted by Mr. R. Fairhall, O.I.C. Pagei. I agree that the Iau people will just have to be tolerated until a final decision is made on the boundary between the two territories. The patrol was well conducted and no West Irians were found.

J. E. Wakeford
J. E. Wakeford.
District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office,
VANIMO.
West Sepik District.

7th. January, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

PAGEI PATROL NO.7/1968-69.

Forwarded herewith is the original and two copies of a report submitted by Mr. R.T. Fairhall, a/D.S. Officer-in-Charge of Pagei Patrol Post. The Report, comprising a Diary and Situation Report, is presented in a clear, concise manner indicating that the patrol has achieved its purpose as per Patrol Instructions.

Instructions for the patrol were written by my predecessor, Mr. T.S. Bergin, A.D.C., and I suffer from a lack of personal knowledge of many of the ramifications of the border situation which limits my ability to comment fully on the implications of the actual situation as found by Mr. Fairhall.

In general, it would appear that the increased concentration of Administration activity along the border in the past three months has produced the desired effect in that the West Irian groups have realised that the TPNG Administration is not prepared to tolerate their establishment of centres of operation on this side of the border.

It is considered that the route taken by Mr. Fairhall across the MOSO RIVER Valley and BOUGAINVILLE Mountains has intelligence value in that it is affirmation of the fact there is no activity in this region which is likely to prove of concern to our Administration.

It is considered that the point made by Mr. Fairhall in the final paragraph of his conclusion re the IAU people is well taken. It will no doubt be necessary for some time to come that patrols will have to move through this desolate area and a group such as the IAU who can assist these patrols with some foodstuffs and possible information must be to our advantage.

Mr. Fairhall has accomplished the purpose of his patrol in a competent manner, and the draft of his report, received at Vanimo for typing on 24/12/68, was forwarded with the necessary expediency.

For your action.

.....
J.R. HICKS.
a/Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Sub-District Office,
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West Sepik District.

25th. November, 1968.

Mr. R.T. Fairhall,
A/District Officer,
Patrol Post,
PAGEI.

FOLLOW-UP PATROL-PAGEI BORDER AREA.
PAGEI-SEKOTCHIAU-SUHAMPA-WUTUNG.

Please prepare to depart PAGEI on Tuesday morning, the 3rd. December, 1968 for a Patrol of the PAGEI Border Area. This patrol is to be a follow-up of my recent patrol along the Border.

Take 15 members of the PAGEI R.P. & N.G.C. Detachment with you together with an Interpreter and Medical Orderly. I suggest that you follow the route PAGEI-SUHAMPA-WUTUNG-SUHAMPA-SEKOTCHIAU-PAGEI. Should you care to re-supply the patrol personnel I think this could best be arranged at WUTUNG. By your submitting of D.I.V.'s for rations at the Government Store, VANIMO, it could be arranged that all items are sent to WUTUNG and you collect these upon your arrival at the Station for your return trip to PAGEI. It will be necessary for you to provide for this and advise the District Office, VANIMO of your E.T.A., WUTUNG so that the supplies can be awaiting your arrival.

Mr. K.W. Kitchens, Cadet Patrol Officer ex WUTUNG will be arriving yours approximately 27th. November, 1968, as a permanent posting to PAGEI. He has never been on patrol before and you are to take him with you and teach him the basic fundamentals of this aspect of his duties.

The objects of the Patrol are:-

- (1) Border Security.
- (2) Intelligence gathering.
- (3) Return of any West Irians found camped or living east of the Border back to WEST IRIAN.

Please note, no force is to be used in returning refugees or other villagers back to West Irian, nor is there to be any destroying of houses, barracks or camps in which these refugees may be found.

I will be visiting PAGEI on Friday 29th. November, 1968, and any further aspects relative to this patrol can be discussed with me at that time.

I estimate the patrol to last at least 1^{1/2} days.

An A50 radio will be supplied for your use.

Knowing part of the area through which you will travel, I wish you fair weather and a good patrol.

[Handwritten Signature]
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T.R. BERGIN.
Assistant District Commissioner.

PAGEI PATROL NO.7/1968-1969.

PAGEI - SEKOTCHIAU - SUHAMPA - WUTUNG.

PATROL DIARY.

Tuesday 3rd. December, 1968.

Patrol departed PAGEI 0930 and walked over day track to arrive ONEPI hamlet at 1230. Departed 1245 and arrived NINAGO (WARABUNG) at 1430. Established camp 1 (position WB151767 - Border Special Sheet No.1). Contact made with VANIMO at 1630. Overnight here.

Wednesday 4th. December, 1968.

Departed camp 1 and immediately crossed the PULAN River and arrived at the JABIRI River shortly afterwards. Followed river upstream over level track until 0930. Climbed into the foothills, still following the JABIRI River until 1250, where camp 11 made at previous camp site position WB114873. Carriers sent out to shoot game. Radio schedule with Vanimo at 1630. Overnight.

Thursday 5th. December, 1968.

Patrol left camp 0730 and proceeded over rugged to undulating terrain still following the JABIRI River. Track poor non-existent in parts. Arrived at SINANU turnoff at 1045 and continued on to arrive SUHAMPA at 1150. Established camp 111 position WBO15911.

Area immediately searched for NIAU people who have sago stands and houses in the area. Previous settlement sites as reported in PAGEI Patrol Report No.6/68-69 inspected, viz the 'MIA' and FPPB group camps during afternoon by Mr. Kitchens with Police. No one found, although signs of habitation at SUHAMPA village.

Const. 1/c. MAKAI sent off on a reconnaissance patrol returned to camp at 1600 with a group of NIAU people, 11 men, 5 women and 16 children found at gardens at position WBO02908. They were people from both NIAU Villages. They were questioned, given medical attention and returned.

Radio schedule with VANIMO at 1630. Slept SUHAMPA.

Friday 6th. December, 1968.

Police patrols sent to search surrounding area for refugee settlement. Camp visited by JOHAN FOA and ISAK NUPUNG leaders of the NIAU Villages. Discussions held with them and other NIAU Villagers. Reiterated A.D.C. Mr. T. Bergins instructions re their not being permitted to settle permanently at SUHAMPA. Two guides found to take us to WUTUNG.

Schedule with VANIMO 1630. Minor outbreak of dysentery among carriers may mean our remaining here tomorrow. Overnight SUHAMPA.

Saturday 7th. December, 1968.

Departed SUHAMPA at 0840 and proceeded to a garden area an hours walk distant and near NIAUKOFO Village. Advised that District Commissioner would be flying over area this morning, 20 patrol remained spreading out white tent fly's to enable us to be visible from the air.

Aircraft flew over at 1020. However, apparent we were not seen and patrol moved on at 1025. Proceeded north and ascended the IJAPO mountains. Here, it was later ascertained, we took the wrong track (see map) and proceeded on a more westerly course on the West Irian side of the border. Descended over a practically non-existent track to the TJAHE River and established camp 1V at VC996005. Schedule at 1630. Only Telefomin heard. Heavy rain during night.

Sunday 8th. December, 1968.

Heavy rain up to 1300 hours prevented patrol leaving camp. The TJAHE in high flood most of day. Remained camp 1V. On last of rations. Now important patrol reaches WUTUNG tomorrow.

Monday 9th. December, 1968.

Departed 0730. No track. Guides and police cutting track through bush. Extremely slow progress. Struck the JAWA Creek at 0900 and continued on to arrive at the MOSO River at 1015. Impossible to determine accurately where we are, no tracks in area. Departed again at 1045 again cutting our way. Guides not sure of area north of the MOSO River. Appears we are heading in a north-westerly direction. Guides questioned several times on our location and direction. Assured we are on the WUTUNG track, the only one they know. Now convinced patrol is now well west of border, but no option but to follow guides. Struck track at 1130. Commenced to ascend the range and continued on over rough to undulating country. Stopped at 1305 to allow patrol to reform. Continued on to arrive at helicopter pad at WUTUNG at 1530. Descended to arrive WUTUNG station at 1600. Met by O.L.C., Mr. T. Try. Patrol stood down.

Tuesday 10th. December, 1968.

At WUTUNG station. Patrol resting and preparing etc. for return trip.

Wednesday 11th. December, 1968.

At WUTUNG. Preparing for return patrol to PAGEI tomorrow. During morning Mr. J. Hicks a/A.D.C., Vanimo arrived by sea from Vanimo and discussions held re patrol matters and airdrop to take place at SUHAMPA on Saturday 14th. December. Police and carriers prepared for early start tomorrow. Mr. J.C. Stewart, C.A.O., is to accompany patrol.

Thursday 12th. December, 1968.

Patrol departed WUTUNG 0830 with an additional member in Mr. Stewart. Two WUTUNG village guides accompanied. Headed south along border track ascending the BOGGAINVILLE range. Accompanied for the first half hour by Police Officer Mr. W. Britton and several Wutung Police. Climbed steeply to arrive at crest of range at 1100. C.P.O., Mr. Kitchens reports ill. Continued on to the JATIU Creek (position WCO15055) where camp V made.

Radio schedule at 1630 with VANIMO.

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Friday 13th. December, 1968.

Patrol away at 0845 in light rain. Mr. Kitchens too ill to continue and returned to WUTUNG. Continued on over ill-defined track, non-existent in parts. Descended steeply to arrive at the MOSO River at 1130. River in flood and much time spent in crossing. Border marker 200 yards downstream inspected. Departed MOSO River at 1230. No track and guides and police cutting way through bush, climbed steadily, following ridges. Arrived at TUAHE River at 1415. Camp V1 at position W0003002 established. Radio schedule with VANIMO at 1630.

During night enormous tree fell into camp. Warning just given in time by an alert carrier, undoubtedly saved the lives of several carriers sleeping in a rough lean-to. This was completely crushed.

Saturday 14th. December, 1968.

Departed camp V1 at 0745 and ascended the IJAWO Range, following a tributary of the TUAHE most of the way. Crossed the range at 1000. Continued on over good track to arrive IAU KAPAU village 1115. Continued on to arrive SUHAMPA, camp 111 at 1345.

Air drop from Vanimo took place at 1500. 100% successful. Further talks with IAU Villagers and 5 members of PPPB group presently camped near IAU NEMO. Slept SUHAMPA.

Sunday 15th. December, 1968.

Carriers tired. Decided to remain day at SUHAMPA. Native foods brought from IAU Villagers.

Monday 16th. December, 1968.

Left SUHAMPA 0900. Followed the JABERI River downstream to the SINANU turnoff. Ascended the KOHARI hills, reaching the peak at 1215. Descended to arrive at the MURON Creek camp site at 1315. Established camp V11 at position WBO51858. Heavy rain all afternoon.

Schedule with Vanimo at 1630.

Tuesday 17th. December, 1968.

Broke camp in light rain 0845 and proceeded over wet and slippery track through limestone country. Track poor and very slow going. Arrived at the SANGKE River at 1115. Continued on in rain over flat and largely inundated track to arrive at SINANU at 1330. Established camp V111 at position WBO58742. Continuous rain all afternoon made conditions unpleasant.

Schedule with Vanimo at 1630.

Wednesday 18th. December, 1968.

Departed camp V111 0745 and proceeded through sago swamp and low lying country. Arrived at SAWAN at 1000. Proceeded on, struck the PUAM Creek and followed this downstream. Arrived at the previous Refugee camp 'SIMI' turnoff at 1115. A police party sent to inspect area while patrol continued on to arrive SEKOTCHIAU at 1145.

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Village leader YUNDUN questioned re border activities. Police party sent to 'SIMI' arrived with six members of a FPPB group claiming to be camped somewhere north of SKOFRO. Mr. Stewart took their photos and group questioned individually.

Schedule at 1630 with Vanimo. Overnight at SEKOTCHIAU.

Thursday 19th. December. 1968.

Departed SEKOTCHIAU after escorting above West Irians to the border. Arrived PAGEI 1500. Patrol stood down.

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PAGEI PATROL NO.7-1968/69.

SEKOTCHIAU - SUHAMPA - WUTUNG BORDER AREA.

SITUATION REPORT.

INTRODUCTION.

This patrol was mounted as a follow-up visit to the areas visited by Mr. T.R. Bergin, A.D.C., Vanimo, and included a patrol of the border between SUHAMPA, MOSO River area and WUTUNG to ascertain whether West Irian settlements were situated within this area, and if so, to return any inhabitants to the West Irian border. Attached are A.D.C., Mr Bergin's patrol instructions.

Mr. K.W. Kitchens, C.P.O., accompanied the patrol for the first half of the patrol to WUTUNG and Mr. J.C. Stewart, C.A.O., accompanied the patrol on the WUTUNG-PAGEI section.

The patrol was of 17 days duration, taking place between the 3rd. and 19th. December, 1968. There were no onward incidents during the patrol.

SITUATION ON SECTION OF BORDER PATROLLED.

Mr. Bergin's patrol into SEKOTCHIAU-NIAU border area within the period 3-12/11/68 found that the FPPB groups at SEKOTCHIAU and SUHAMPA had deserted their camps and had re-established themselves in West Irian. The task of this patrol was mainly to see that there had been no movement back into TP&NG, and that there were no hidden camps in the MOSO River valley - an area which had not been visited for some time. The situation was much as Mr. Bergin left it - no FPPB groups, or any indication there might be, were found. The NIAU group had left SUHAMPA settlement for the time being, at least. It was obvious the dwellings had not been lived in since the last patrol and the generally overgrown state of the area confirmed this.

At SEKOTCHIAU, village leader YUNDUN advised he had heard nothing of the KIBAI group, except that they were at SAWAI-YAMAS, south west of ARSO and that it appeared extremely unlikely they would return to the border area. Never-the-less, their old settlement two miles downstream on the BEWANI River was checked out by a police party. Nothing was found.

On arrival at SEKOTCHIAU on the 18th., a police party was sent to the previous FPPB camp at SIMI. They returned with six West Irians who are subjects of PAGEI I/R 41/68 of the 20th. December. These men, FEWEHAS EHA, JORIE HAMADI, MARTINUS TARAN, NICK SHALL JACARIMILENA, HANOCK FELLE and WEJNAND PULALO, stated they were members of an FPPB group led by HENDRIK EHA and JACOB PRAY who had previously been at SIMI but who were now living in a rough settlement at approximate position VB958731 in the upper northern tributary of the EIWOTJIRI River, between SKOPRO and NEW SANGKE. This group had been found removing produce from the gardens at SIMI. Police stated there had been no new dwellings erected or gardens planted.

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EHA stated there were now some 37 refugees at the EINOTJIRI camp. Being a relative newcomer, he knew very few of them. As well, he stated there was continuous movement between the WARIS and WUTUNG camps.

It would appear that members of the above group regularly cross the TP&NG border, looking for food, hunting, visiting the SEKOTCHIAU's etc., As there is little to impede their coming and going at will. To stamp this out at all would require constant police patrols, say, between the SEKOTCHIAU - SAWAN - SINANU areas where the tracks cross the border. Whether this is warranted is another matter.

There was no signs of recent habitation at the SUHAMPA settlement on our arrival on the 5th. December. The IAU people, for the present at least, are heeding the Administrations directive that they are not to firmly establish themselves here. However, it is obvious they do not intend to leave the area entirely as there have been several acres cleared in the vicinity of the Rest House over recent months and various crops planted. As noted on page 5 of Mr. Bergin's report these people possess an enormous tract of land this side of the border and that they do not take too kindly in being told what they can or cannot do with their land. However, village leaders appear to appreciate the position to a fair degree and it is doubted whether the IAU would actively disobey our wishes and attempt to construct permanent dwellings.

The IAU people are quite friendly towards the Administration, and assist patrols if possible. Fresh foods which are very welcome after a few days without them, may be purchased here.

On our return visit to SUHAMPA on the 14th. December, five members of the FPPB group located at a camp midway between NIAU KOFO and NIAU NEMO, visited the patrol. These West Irians DAAN KAFIAR, DARIUS SESERAY, JIMMY SUWAK, NATAINEL RAWAR and SIMON JOHAN HAMBOR advised they were part of a group of 19 refugees. The remainder were:-

- 6 JOHANNES JARISTOUW
- 7 FERDINAND BURDAMES
- 8 JULIUS LOUIS NUSSY
- 9 MEKKI SABAROFER
- 10 DAAN RONSUMBRK
- 11 JEHEZKIEL JACADEWA
- 12 GERARDUS JANGGRUSERAY
- 13 DAAN JANGGROSERAY
- 14 EDDI JARISTOUW
- 15 MOZES SEROPTOUW
- 16 JERIMIAE SERONDANJA
- 17 OSCAR WERSAY
- 18 JUSUF JARONA
- 19 MENASE ADADIKAM

KAFIAR, the leader, had no matter of intelligence value he could offer, said the refugees were aware that the Indonesian Army Commander SAWA EDI was in the TP&NG at the time and were very interested in the outcome of his visit, as regards themselves.

He asked for what medical supplies the patrol could allow him. A small quantity of aspros, anti-malarials and sulpha-guanadine was given him.

Several small gardening houses at position WBO01951 seen by the District Commissioner flying over the area on the 7th. December, and believed to be a West Irian settlement were checked out. They were uninhabited but new. The IAU people advised they had built them for the sago stands nearby. It is possible the huts were built as a refuge for the NIAU KOFFO people if an Indonesian patrol entered the area.

On the 5th. December, the 'MIA' camp was checked by Mr. Kitchens and five police. No one was found here. However, a police party searching the general area discovered a group of 32 men, women and children, west of SUHAMPA near the border in a garden area. These people were reminded of previous instructions in not constructing permanent housing in Australian Territory and told to move their gardens further west.

The tracks across the MOSO River valley, between the IJAPO and BOUGAINVILLE mountains were found to be poor to non-existent for much of the way. The patrol took two guides from IAU KOFFO who claimed to know the border track to WUTUNG. However, it was apparent that just before crossing the IJAPO range an incorrect track was taken which petered out soon after and the patrol had to cut its way all the way to the MOSO River. None of the tracks in the vicinity of the NEW MOSO as marked on the Border Special Sheet 1, were found to exist, or were so overgrown as to be unnoticeable. At the river we realized we were in West Irian, but were completely lost. The guides were instructed to take a more north-easterly course, but we gradually swung around to the north-west and it is believed we took a course approximately that as shown. We had to cut our way much of the way, but struck a poor track in the southern foothills of the BOUGAINVILLE range which took us eventually to WUTUNG.

The return trip along the border track was just as confusing. The track just did not exist. The two WUTUNG guides however, knew the area quite well. A poor track on the northern slopes of the IJAPO range was struck which connected up to the track an hours walk north of IAU KOFFO.

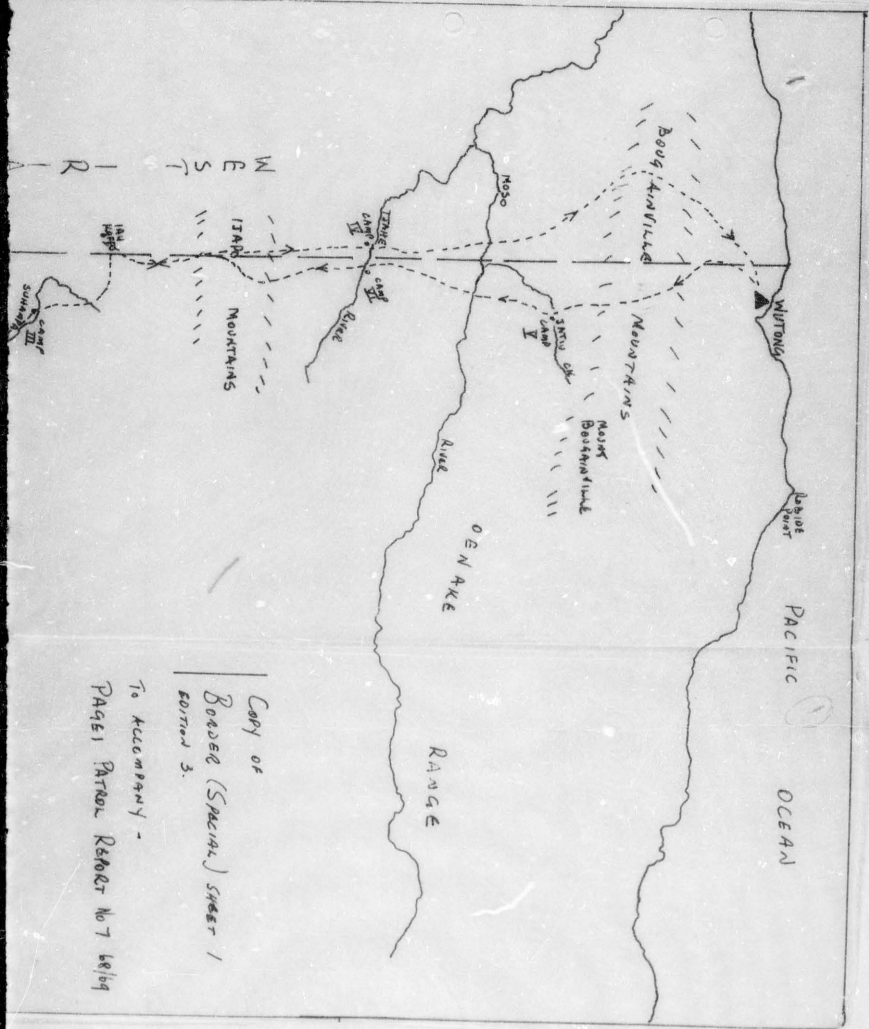
CONCLUSION.

While the patrol did not encounter any groups of West Irian refugees along the border, it did serve to impress upon the minds of the SEKOTCHIAU and IAU peoples that the Government did not want these groups within our borders and would expel them if found.

At SUHAMPA on Saturday 14th. December, an Aerial Tours Ltd. Cessna made an air drop to the patrol. Several IAU people present were most impressed at the proceedings. I feel the IAU people while not being encouraged, should be tolerated. They are quite a friendly group and pro-Australian. I feel that to needlessly harass and 'keep on their backs' regarding their own settlement in the border area may breed animosity we may later regret.

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R.T. FAIRHALL.
a/District Officer.

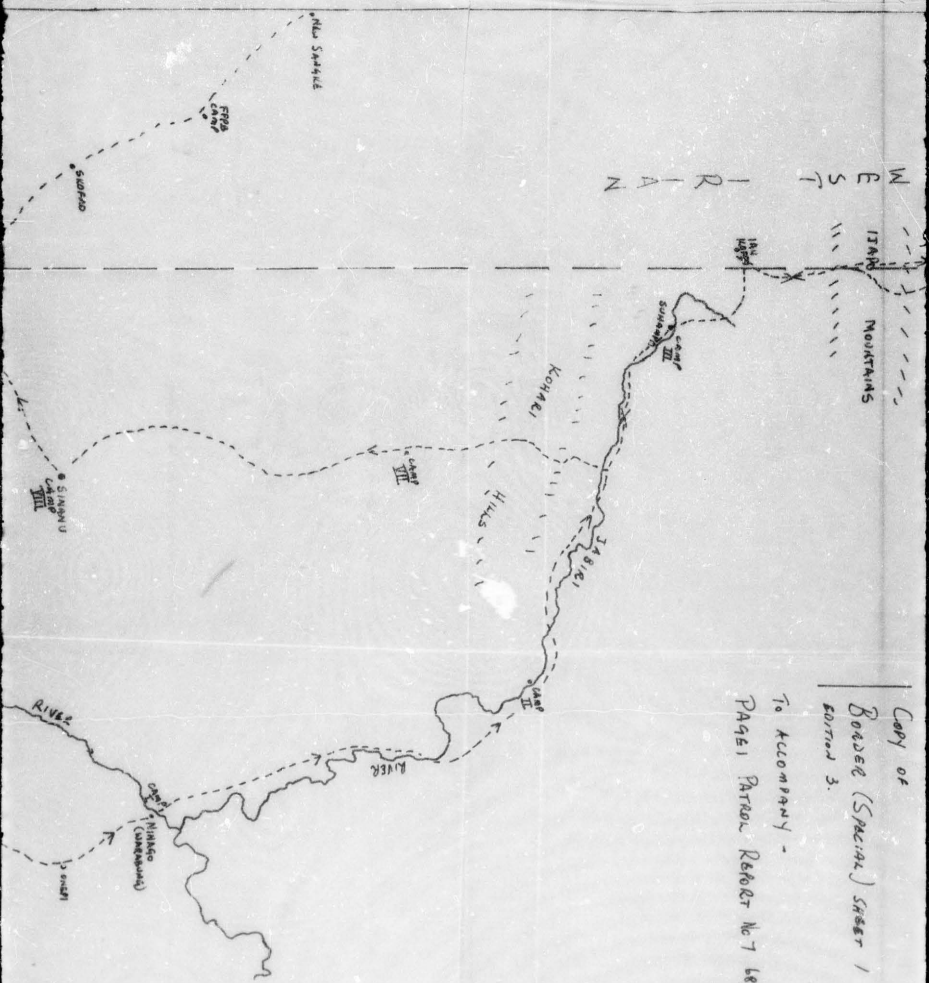
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... **PAGEI NO.8 - 1968/69.**

Subdistrict..... **VANIMO**

District..... **WEST SEPIK DISTRICT**

Type of Patrol..... **SPECIAL PURPOSE**

Patrol Conducted by..... **KARL. W. KITCHENS, C.P.O.**

Area Patrolled..... **KILMERI AREA**

(Council and/or
Census Division/s.)

Personnel Accompanying Patrol
MR. J.C. STEWART (Part of Patrol)
8 MEMBERS OF R.P. & N.G.C.

Duration of Patrol—from **28 1 69** To **3 2 69**

No. of Days..... **7**

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area :..... **4/8/68 to 22/8/68**

Date..... Duration.....

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... **(a) CONSTRUCTION OF PAGEI COUNCIL AID POST AT OSSIMA**
(b) N.M.T.A. TIMBER PAYMENTS (c) ENQUIRY AS TO MISSING STRUTS AND
BOLTS FROM P.H.D. WELL WORKS (d) INSPECTION OF BRIDGE AT JABIRI RIVER
AT KILIPAU AND COMPARISON OF MEASUREMENT WITH OSSIMA.

Total Population of Area Patrolled.....

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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J.E. Wakeford

District Commissioner. *WJ*

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PAGEI PATROL NO.8 - 1968/69

KILMERI AREA.

SITUATION REPORT

INTRODUCTION:

Attached are A.D.C., Hicks patrol instructions. This patrol was for the purpose of:-

- (a) Timber payments to people in Kilmeri area.
- (b) Construction and completion of Aid Post.
- (c) Inspection of bridge at JABIRI RIVER near KILIPAU.

The patrol was accompanied at OSSIMA by Mr. Joe Stewart C.A.O. Mr. Stewart remained at OSSIMA to complete Aid Post while the patrol completed the rest of its assignments. The patrol was of 7 days duration.

SITUATION REPORT:

The patrol left PAGEI at 1000 hrs. Mr. Stewart followed behind in the mission plane. When the patrol arrived at ISI No.2, I spread the word that all timber payments would be made at OSSIMA over the ensuing 4 days and also I would hear any problems. The pump at the well at ISI No.2 is working well and the village was neat and tidy as so too was the house Kiap. I paid off the PAGEI carriers and hired the ISI No.2 Carriers.

The carriers from ISI No.2 were paid off and camp was set up at the house Kiap at OSSIMA. The first Timber payments were paid on Wednesday 29th. January, 1969 and I continued paying them all through this day except for a slight break when the Doctor, Mr. L. Bridges, A.D.C. and Police Officer from Vanimo arrived. Mr. Bridges had come to discuss materials for the Aid Post and the remainder, Doctor, A.D.C. and Police Officer came in to obtain some more information from me and Mr. Stewart as to the condition of a woman in a recent assault case at PAGEI. The four men departed two hours after arrival and I resumed timber payments. Achieved contact with PAGEI and VANIMO on the 510 portable radio.

On the next day, Thursday, I inspected and measured the bridge at OSSIMA. This bridge is a new one the locals have erected because the old one had fallen down. The present bridge is in a better position being approximately 300 yards upstream. The bridge needed a better flooring system than was being used at the time, which was only "Kunda". I suggested that "Limbo" would be a better substitute. The measurements of the existing bridge are:-

Footpath width	-	5	ft
Length of Footpath	-	83	"
Length of Span	-	72	"
Span drop in middle from horizontal	-	9	"
Height from surface of water to floor	-	30	"

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PAGEI PATROL NO.8 - 1968/69.

KILMERI AREA

PATROL DIARY

Tuesday 28th. January, 1969.

Patrol departed PAGEI 1000 hrs. and arrived at ISI No.2 12.55 hrs. Changed carriers and left ISI No.2 at 1400 hrs arrived OSSIMA 1600 hrs.

Wednesday 29th. January, 1969.

N.M.T.A. Timber payments paid out. A.D.C., Doctor and Police Officer from VANIMO arrived OSSIMA 1000 hrs., departed 1200 hrs. Achieved contact on 510 portable with VANIMO and PAGEI.

Thursday 30th. January, 1969.

Inspected and measured bridge at OSSIMA. Located Missing Well struts, gave assistance on Aid Post and new Well site. Arranged building of latrine at school for boys.

Friday 31st. January, 1969.

Held general hearing for any ideas, worries, or complaints from people in area.

Saturday 1st. February, 1969.

Departed OSSIMA 0830 hrs. Arrived ELAV 1020 hrs. and spread word I would be camped at KILIPAU and to come there with problems. Departed ELAV 1045 hrs. Arrived OSOL 1100 hrs, changed carriers and left OSOL 1115 hrs, arrived KILIPAU 1145 hrs. Made camp, held general hearing on all complaints etc. in area.

Sunday 2nd. February, 1969.

Departed KILIPAU 0845 hrs. Arrived bridge at JABIRI RIVER 0900 hrs. Inspected and measured and greased bridge. Departed bridge 0920 hrs. arrived ILUP 1000 hrs, paid off carriers and made camp. Heard general complaints from area.

Monday 3rd. February, 1969.

Departed ILUP 0815 hrs. Arrived PAGEI 1100 hrs. Dismounted patrol.

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It is suggested you check with the Mission and Councillors and do a personal search down the sides of the airstrip and at the well site. at

(4) Inspection of suspension bridge across JABIRI RIVER at KILIPAU.

I wish you to return to PAGEI via KILIPAU in order that you may inspect at first hand the suspension bridge recently built by the Council and the P.I.R. It is this type of bridge which I have recommended to the District Commissioner be built across the PUAL RIVER at OSSIMA and for which a submission will have to be made to the District Co-ordinating Committee before the end of February. The lines this report will take I have already spoken to you about. Whilst at OSSIMA take some figures as to span, etc., in order that a comparison may be made with the bridge across the JABIRI.

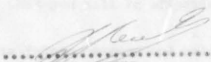
The length of your stay at OSSIMA, I leave to your discretion. This will no doubt depend upon your being satisfied that work on the Aid Post is adequately in hand, and that all possible NMTA payments have been disbursed. Mr. J. Stewart, Civil Affairs Officer, will be able to ensure that work on the Aid Post is concluded.

Have the Mission radio a message through to Vanimo the day you depart OSSIMA for KILIPAU in order that I will know where you are should the border situation necessitate your sudden return to PAGEI.

Arrangements as to the routine running of PAGEI station during your absence will be made between us when I visit PAGEI on a station inspection this week. However, I emphasize that there is no need to hurry the patrol for fear of leaving station work unattended. As G.I.C., PAGEI it is essential you have first hand knowledge of as much of your area as possible. By the time you return you will have acquired much of this.

Your report should be submitted in accordance with the Director's 67-1-0 of 21st. June, 1968, as a Special Purpose Patrol, covered by para.5 of the Director's memorandum. Please note that at the completion of your patrol the report must be submitted without undue delay. It is suggested that if you handwrite your report in an orderly and legible manner you forward it to this office for typing.

I wish you a pleasant patrol.


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J. S. HICKS.
Assistant District Commissioner.

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Department of District Administration

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JRH/JTS.

Sub-District Office,
VANIMO,
West Sepik District.

15th. January, 1969.

Mr. K.W. Kitchens,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
Officer-in-Charge,
Patrol Post,
PAGEI.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS

PAGEI PATROL NO. 7/1968-1969.

KILMERE AREA

SPECIAL PURPOSE PATROL.

Please make all necessary preparations to depart PAGEI on Monday 20th. January, 1969, to undertake a patrol which will take you to OSSIMA and KILPAU.

The objects of the patrol will be:

(1) Commence construction of Pagei Council Aid Post at OSSIMA.

On Wednesday, 22nd. January, I will endeavour to fly to OSSIMA with an indigenous artisan who is employed casually by the Vanimo Council. By the time of our arrival you should be acquainted with what is required in the particular situation at OSSIMA. It is suggested that you arrange for the Councillors of the villages in the proximity of OSSIMA to be present on the Wednesday in order that we will be able to arrange labour if necessary.

(2) NHTA Timber Payments.

On Wednesday, 15th. January, I will give you the NHTA's and an advance covering them, to effect the half-yearly interest payments on money invested by the PAGEI people in the Territory Loan following the lease of their timber rights. Most of the payees are in the KILMERE and IMBIO areas, to which OSSIMA is central. Upon arrival at OSSIMA have the word spread that you will be effecting payments during that week.

(3) Enquiry as to missing joining struts and bolts from PHD well moulds.

Several months ago the Health Inspector, Newak, arranged for the use by the PAGEI Council of well moulds for the construction of a well at OSSIMA. The Health Inspector advises that although the moulds were returned and the struts and bolts necessary to join the moulds were not, and the moulds are now useless without them. The previous C.I.C., PAGEI is of the opinion that these pieces were forwarded. However, I have advised the Health Inspector that a check will be made at OSSIMA at the first opportunity.

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It is submitted that Mr. Kitchens has proved conclusively that there is no foundation in the report and that in fact the reverse is actually true.

REST HOUSE - ILUP.

I have referred Mr. Kitchens to chapter XV of volume 1 of the Departmental Standing Instructions.

OSSIMA BRIDGE SITE.

I have discussed with Mr. Kitchens the procedure to have this information compiled for purposes of a Rural Development submission.

REQUESTS FOR AGRICULTURAL OFFICER.

This is becoming an increasing issue within the Pagei area as the people ^{become} more development conscious. The matter has been fully discussed at District Headquarters level with the already overworked District Agricultural Officer and has been given detailed attention by the Deputy District Commissioner in the covering comments to Pagei Patrol Report No.1 - 68/69.

Also in connection with this problem, following a request from the Pagei Council, I forwarded a request to the District Commissioner that he arrange for the visit to Pagei of a Co-Operative Officer, not necessarily for the instigation of a Co-Operative, but to explain to the Councillors and people what is entailed in such an institution and its various ramifications.

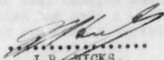
GENERAL.

One feature emerging from Mr. Kitchens report is the commendable manner in which he applies himself to carrying out orders. The specific items as per Patrol Instructions have been thoroughly undertaken.

The formal procedure for attending to the queries brought to his notice during the course of the patrol have been explained to Mr. Kitchens.

Mr. Kitchens is to be commended on his determination to become familiar with the grass roots aspects of field administration.

A useful piece of field work. Once he undertakes a Census Patrol, Mr. Kitchens will prove a valuable Officer to the border areas.


.....
J.R. HICKS.
a/Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Mr. K. Kitchens,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
PAGEI.

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JRH/JTS.

Sub-District Office,
VANIMO,
West Sepik District.

19th. February, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

PAGEI PATROL NO.8 - 1968/69

KILMERI AREA

SPECIAL PURPOSE PATROL

Forwarded herewith is the original and two copies of a report submitted by Mr. W. Kitchens, C.P.O. It is Mr. Kitchens first major piece of field work and his first Patrol Report. The Report, although lacking in some technicalities of presentation, does convincingly show Mr. Kitchens enthusiasm for the work he is doing at Pagei, and the workmanlike manner with which he approaches the job at hand.

Concerning any technicalities of presentation and quaintness of expression, it is to be remembered that Mr. Kitchens is at Pagei without direct senior instruction in this matter, and that it is his first Report. On a recent visit to Pagei I went through the Report with him with suggestions as to improving his style of presentation. At its highest, the point is a minor one which will be eliminated with experience.

AID POST - OSSIMA.

The fact that Mr. Kitchens and Civil Affairs Officer Mr. Stewart were able to carry out the construction work they did on the Ossima Aid Post has meant getting the Pagei Local Government Council Works Programme off the ground at a time when the staff situation was such that it was feared that little would be achieved this financial year. The value of the Aid Post to the inland peoples of the KILMERI and IMBIO Census Divisions is axiomatic. Staffed by qualified nursing sisters, Australian volunteers abroad or Catholic Mission girls, it shows to the Pagei people the emerging role of the Council in an area which to date has been Mission dominated. The actual structure is of brick which has made a building infinitely superior to the one which previously served as an Aid Post.

BRIDGE - JABIRI RIVER.

Subsequent to the writing of Patrol Instructions in which Mr. Kitchens was to visit the bridge across the JABIRI RIVER for the reasons contained therein, a report was received from the Commanding Officer, 2 P.I.R., that people in the KILIPAU area had taken away part of the bridge. As this bridge was constructed as a Civil Aid Project by the P.I.R. this report obviously was viewed with concern by this office and a separate instruction was sent to Mr. Kitchens for him to investigate this report and comment on its ~~veracity~~ *veracity*.

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67-16-50

20th March, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
WANIMO, West Sepik District.


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Your reference 67-1-14 of 12th March, 1969.

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A good first effort by Mr. Kitchens.

With further experience he should develop into a useful field staff officer.


(T.W. ELLIS)
Director.

cc: Mr. K.W. Kitchens,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
PAGEI Patrol Post,
West Sepik District.

Please note that political education must be a continuing process in all situations with the emphasis on the advantages of national unity.

- (1) That the District Agricultural Officer go to KILIPAU and instruct them on rice growing and that he also give them some assistance with general gardening problems as it appears that even pumpkin and Kau Kau are not growing properly. (I have sent a telegram informing the D.A.O. of their wishes.)
- (2) 4 men wanted driver training at Wewak. (I sent a telegram to Wewak asking availability of positions and procedures.)
- (3) 4 men wanted to work on the station line at Aitape. (I have asked the O.I.C. by telegram.

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VANIMO, West Sepik District.


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The present bridge site is by far the best spot that I was able to locate for a distance of approximately 1/2 mile either side of the existing bridge. It has high banks at both sides plenty of sturdy trees to utilize and is approached on both sides by two villages which would be on hand to give fair warning of impending trouble on danger with the bridge. Also the river is quite deep under the bridge and a chance of survival would be higher if a man fell from the 30 ft. bridge to the river at this point, rather than at other points on the river which are virtually sand bars at low tide and do not provide much of a safety factor. Also on this day I asked the local councillor to have a latrine for the boys built at the school and I supervised commencement of this.

The missing struts and bolts from the P.H.D. well moulds were found and are now at PAGEI, I will be sending them to VANIMO in the next day or so.

The Aid Post is well under way by this stage thanks to the arrival of necessary materials by air. Mr. Stewart is working all day at it plus the indigenous artisan sent from Vanimo, also two locals are at work helping them. The new Well was well under way by this stage too using the new fibre-glass well liners which were flown in. The old well collapsed so the new one is being built further down in the village. Besides being handier for the people the present one will not be affected by the drainage from the sink in the Aid Post, which I feel sure the old well site would be affected that is by iodines and other medicines which in time would poison the well.

I asked the council to spread the word about people with any form of complaints, ideas or worries, to come to the house Kiap on the Friday. The response was negligible so I supervised the well construction, latrine construction and bridge work. Contact with VANIMO and PAGEI is still maintained, I sent an informal intelligence report to the District Commissioner about an unconfirmed report on the Friday. I also informed VANIMO I would be moving out on the Saturday morning for KILIPAU.

Saturday I left OSSIMA and arrived at ELAU where I instructed the people I would be camped at KILIPAU that afternoon for any worries, complaints etc. The village of ELAU was neat clean and tidy. I also stopped briefly at OSOL where I repeated my message about problems. I arrived at KILIPAU and KILIWIS and set up camp at the house kiap at KILIPAU. OSOL and KILIPAU were in clean and tidy condition, but KILIWIS was overgrown with grass which I suggested that the Councillor have cut, before I left the next day I instructed inspected KILIWIS and cutting had commenced. That afternoon I had a tremendous response to my "open house for worries" varying from shotgun licences to wasting work. This is most of the requests:-

- (1) That the District Agricultural Officer go to KILIPAU and instruct them on rice growing and that he also give them some assistance with general gardening problems as it appears that even pumpkin and Kau Kau are not growing properly. (I have sent a telegram informing the D.A.O. of their wishes.)
- (2) 4 men wanted driver training at Hewak. (I sent a telegram to Hewak asking availability of positions and procedures.)
- (3) 4 men wanted to work on the station line at Aitape. (I have asked the O.I.C. by telegram.

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(4) One man wanted to be a policeman. (I told him his education standard was not high enough as it was only standard 1.)

I left KILIPAU and inspected the bridge over the JABIRI RIVER which was put up by the P.I.R. The report received about the wood on the footpath section being used for firewood is incorrect as the original wood was carried away by the river, this could be seen by me and I was also assured by the Council from ILUP, KILIPAU and KILIWIS that the story was wrong. The reason the bridge was twisted over in the last heavy rain was that P.I.R. had slung it too close to the waters surface and when the rain came, the water rose and hit and twisted the bridge. The local people have replaced the wood in January and they would hardly have bothered to do this if they had stolen the original wood. As far as I can judge the bridge has been raised about 4 ft. using "Kunda" as the top span and the original wire as the middle span. The bridge is strong and sturdy. I took along a can of grease which I smeared over the wire to check the existing rust and halt future rust. The carrier line did the greasing work. The people of ILUP and KILIPAU have constructed approaches to the bridge which are 15 yards long and have covered "Moreta" roof, this is well done and is an excellent guide as to how unlikely it is that they would steal wood from the bridge as the two approaches of 15 yards each at each end have over 4 times the wood in them that would be on the footpath of the actual bridge. Measurements for the bridge are:-

- (a) Footpath length - 67 yards
- (b) Footpath width - 4 feet
- (c) Drops in span from horizontal - 5 feet
- (d) Height from footpath to top "Kunda" - 6 feet

I proceeded on to ILUP where I paid off carriers and set up camp in the house Kiap. I made a village inspection and was very cross with the Council as the house Kiap, house Police, latrines for house Kiap and House Police were disgraceful (Leaking roofs, fallen in latrines, broken steps etc.) I told him I wanted the whole lot fixed and one villagers house which had its uprights on an angle of about 45 degrees and swayed when I pushed it (it was inhabited and close to falling down the hill). He said he would fix them all, but in the near future he he wanted to move the whole village to a new site one days walk from WARABUNG which is about a days walk from PAGEI towards WUTUNG. I told them to fix ILUP first, see if their gardens would work at WARABUNG then come and talk to me. The reason they wish to move is because their ground at ILUP is unproductive, perhaps a visit from the D.A.O. would solve the problem. While at ILUP I held "Op.n House" again for any complaints and this is a summary of what was requested:-

- (a) 6 men for driver training Wewak. (I have sent a telegram the same as for KILIPAU).
- (b) 7 men for work on Aitape station. (I have sent a telegram the same as for KILIPAU).
- (c) 5 men to work in Electricity Commission, Madang. (I have sent a telegram the same as for KILIPAU).
- (d) 3 men want to work for Malaria Eradication, Vanimo. (I have sent a telegram the same as for KILIPAU).

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CONCLUSION:

The patrol I feel did all that was intended for it to do, but one distracting fact is quite clear, and that is the drift of populace from the urban areas to the towns, this is natural, but possibly disasastrous as far as the Patrol Post being a development centre in the future.

Karl W. Kitchens
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K.W. KITCHENS.
Cadet Patrol Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of WESSE SEPIK Report No. 9. 68/69

Patrol Conducted by W.K. KITCHENS C.P.O.

Area Patrolled IMBIO CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives THREE MEMBERS OF T.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From 20/3/1969 to 1/4/1969

Number of Days 12

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 9/11/1968

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol SPECIAL PURPOSE - PRE - PATROL FOR ELECTION.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

10/7/1969

J. E. Wakeford
District Commissioner
R.E.J.

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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67-16-20

Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
BANGOR, PAPER.

July 30th, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
WAMBLE.

PARCEL NO. 2 OF 1969/69 - BAKIN

Your reference 67-1-14 of 10th July, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report by
MR. KARL KITCHENS to BAKIN Census Division.

Are the principals of the Roman Catholic Mission in the
West Sepik aware of the state of affairs between the Seventh Day
Adventists and their Mission at OMBINA?

A good report.

(T. W. HARRIS)
Secretary,
Department of the Administrator.

c.c. Mr. Karl Kitchens,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
Papel Patrol Post,
West Sepik District.

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national unity.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67.16.80 (2)

Telegrams
 Telegrams
 Our Reference 67-1-14
 If calling ask for
 Mr.



Department of District Administration.

District Office,
 VANIMO,
 West Sepik District.

10th July, 1969.

The Director,
 Department of District Administration,
 KOMEBOBU

SUBJECT:- Patrol No.9 of 1968/69.

Attached please find the following documents arising out of the above patrol of the Iabio Census Division by Mr. K. Kitchens C.P.O.

- (i) Patrol Instructions, 67-1-3 of 13th March, 1969 by the A.D.C. Vanimo;
- (ii) Patrol Report in duplicate;
- (iii) Covering comments, 67-1-4 of 1st June, 1969 by the A.D.C. Vanimo.

2. Mounted for the specific purpose of conducting a pre-election campaign in the Iabio Census Division, the patrol successfully accomplished all its objectives. Mr. Kitchens has submitted a clear and concise report and he is to be commended for the competent manner in which he conducted the patrol.

3. Comments by the A.D.C. Vanimo adequately cover the report.

J. E. Wakeford
 (J. E. Wakeford) *fw*

District Commissioner

67/1/4.

TRG/LBN :

Sub-District Office,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

1st. July, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Department of District Administration,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

PAGEI PATROL NO. 9 of 1968/1969 - IRIIO
CENSUS DIVISION.

Forwarded herewith is the Original and one (1) copy of the Report covering the above mentioned Patrol. The Patrol was for a special purpose, viz., Pre-Election Political Education, prior to the recent PAGEI Local Government Council Elections.

Mr. KITCHENS has carried out a well conducted Patrol, achieved the objects of the patrol, made time to attend to many of the multifarious matters which detail themselves on any Patrol and has reported the existing situation in a clear and competent manner.

Some comments follow :-

POLITICAL SITUATION :

The discussions held by Mr. KITCHENS in this field will undoubtedly help the people from this remote and sparsely populated area.

I feel that it may have been a lack of interest in Council affairs brought by a basic lack of understanding of Local Government aims and functions that caused some of the present Councillors not to seek re-election.

Although they may have expressed the opinion that Council affairs took up too much of their time I cannot support this view. The PAGEI Council is not a progressive unit and Councillors who are inclined to devote time to their respective constituents on local government matters can easily do so without seriously affecting their time for normal Village life.

It is hoped that this Political Education Patrol and similar patrols in future will create a better understanding amongst the people of Local Government and its relationship to the Central Government resulting in a more progressive PAGEI Council.

ECONOMIC SITUATION :

Once again it is pointed out that the people are frustrated over the lack of economic development.

Gardens have been prepared for rice cultivation. Seed rice is now available from the Agricultural Trial Plots at OSSIMA and the District Rural Development Officer has advised me that five (5) bags of Seed Rice are to be flown to PAGEI this week with a Rural Development Assistant who will distribute the rice, assist and educate the people in the correct methods of cultivation.

Rice production would appear to hold the best prospects for economic development within the area. All produce for the first few years can be marketed and consumed locally.

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Copra production, on a small scale, would not be economical in the IMBIO area where transportation and freight costs are such problems. I feel that the few coconut palms that Councillor YAKELI of IMBIO No. 2 would have access to would not be sufficient to maintain a worthwhile economic enterprise. On top of this, any produce would have to be flown out to VANIMO from OSSINA.

The PAGEI Council intends to purchase donkeys to carry produce to the coast and between points within its area. Men are being trained in the care of such animals and as soon as Holding Paddocks are completed the donkeys will be supplied through the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries. Carrying weights for these animals is approximately 54 lbs. per beast daily over terrain such as is found in the area between PAGEI and the Coast. Consequently the amount of produce transported by this means will definitely be limited in the initial stages.

The IMBIO Census Division is outside of the twenty (20) mile Border Animal Quarantine area.

The Applicant for a licence to Trade with Natives from AIRU Village, Mr. YABEN-BUI has since approached me for the issue of a Licence. He has completed the construction of his store at AIRU and has personally raised the absolute minimum finance of \$200 required to start such a venture, suggested in the Director of District Administration's Circular 25/2/0 of 3rd. June, 1966. YABEN has been issued with a Licence and his Trading venture will be both encouraged and assisted by way of supervision from the Department of District Administration staff during each visit to the area.

SOCIAL SITUATION :

The clash between the Catholic Mission at OSSINA and the Seventh Day Adventists is unfortunate but this is not the first time a 'holy' war has evolved within the Territory. The Father-in-Charge at OSSINA's statement that "it was his duty to make life as intolerable as possible for the Seventh Day Adventists so that they would pull out of the area" is hardly the ecumenical approach, to say the least. Such actions reflect back on the people and result in repercussions. Whilst the Administration is doing its utmost to bring the people of the Territory together; create a sense of unity and achieve a common purpose aim; actions such as these by the Priest-in-Charge at OSSINA tend to divide the people and cause disharmony within the area.

The situation between the two Missions and the people of the PAGEI area will be well watched.

Mr. KITCHENS was correct in the action he took when the Mission Teachers at SUNEMORI and IMBRINIS approached him regarding their dissatisfaction over their pay.

MISCELLANEOUS :

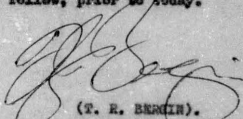
The Tax Rate for the PAGEI Council is \$3.00 for Men and 50c. for Women. This does not present a hardship to be met. A small amount of work will net these amounts for their labour. The people must be prepared to work and a little extra effort in their gardens alone can result in a surplus which will be bought at PAGEI or the Mission Stations for cash.

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Mr. KITCHENS Calls for Camping Allowance
is attached.

I apologise for the late onforwarding of
this Report. Since returning from Leave at the end of
April, arriving in the middle of the Refugee influx after
the Border incident on 26th. April, 1969, the YAKO Camp,
the Border Stations of SUTUNG and PAGEI, changes of Staff
and priority security matters have precluded my attending
to this, and other Reports to follow, prior to today.



(T. R. BERMIN).

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Att.

67-1-3/1020

FJR/JTS.

Sub-District Office,
VANIMO,
West Sepik District.



13th. March, 1969.

Mr. K. Kitchens,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
PAGAI.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - PAGAI PATROL NO. 9 OF 1969.

Please be prepared to depart on patrol following the visit of the Minister for Defence to Pagai on 19th. March, 1969. Detail 3 members of the R.F.M.S.G., Pagai detachment to accompany you.

This patrol will take you into the Imbio Census Division. You should be in the field for 10/12 days. It will be necessary for you to ensure that you are back at Pagai in time to travel to Vanimo on the 18th. April.

The limited nature of your experience will preclude your undertaking census revision. This patrol will be regarded as a special patrol and your report will be compiled in accordance with Headquarters Circular 67-1-0 of 25/5/1968. Please familiarise yourself with the content of this circular as it spells out all that Headquarters consider relevant in apprising local situations.

In particular please attend to the following:-

(1) Local Government Education Programme Elections for the Pagai Council commencing next month. Discuss the Council its aims and its failures with the people. Emphasize the need for strong leadership and complete co-operation between the villagers, their elected councillor and the Administration.

Ensure they are familiar with the mechanics of voting. Please read the booklet "Conduct of elections for Local Government Council".

(2) While in the FUMBINI area keep your ear close to the ground regarding the activities of Mission bodies. I understand that some locals are dissatisfied with the amount of progress, or the lack of progress, being made by Mission bodies.

.....
E.J. HUSSELL.

Assistant District Commissioner.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Patrol Post,
PAGEI.

11th April, 1969.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
VANIMO.

PAGEI PATROL REPORT No. 9 of 1968/1969
IMBIO CENSUS DIVISION.

INTRODUCTION.

Acting on your written instructions of 13th March, 1969, I undertook a patrol of the Imbio Census Division between 20th March and 1st April, 1969.

The District Commissioner had requested me previously to conduct a Trade Store survey on my next patrol and the facts enclosed are a result of this request.

DIARY.

20th March, 1969

Departed Pagei 0830 for SUMMUMUNI. Track very muddy most of the way. After 6 hours 34 minutes walking camped in bush shelters on bank of MAIYU River. Failed to achieve contact with Pagei or Vanimo on 510 portable radio.

21st March, 1969.

Left camp 0745 and after 5 hours walk reached Summumuni. Track very muddy. Paid off carriers. Spent rest of day listening to three complaints, two involving assault, one a marriage dispute. Achieved contact with Pagei on 510. Slept SUMMUMUNI.

22nd March, 1969.

Measured and inspected strip being constructed by SDA followers. Checked trade stores, discussed Aid Post problems. Pre-election talk given to gathering of Summumuni and Yo people. Achieved contact on 510 with Pagei. Slept Summumuni.

23rd March, 1969.

Departed SUMMUMUNI 0830 for IMBRINIS. Road dry and easy walking. Arrived Imbrinis 1230. Paid off carriers. Checked trade stores had informal talks with Councillor. Slept IMBRINIS.

24th March, 1969.

Spent day at IMBRINIS. Inspected village in morning and held pre-election talks in afternoon. Inspected Aid Post site. Slept IMBRINIS.

25th March, 1969.

Departed IMBRINIS at 0800 arrived IMBIO No.1 at 1030 and continued on to IMBIO No.2. arriving 1200. Track rough and swampy. Achieved contact with Pagei and Vanimo on 510 portable radio. Inspected village and held informal discussions with Councillor and village people in afternoon. Slept Imbio No.2.

26th March, 1969.

Spent day at Imbio No.2. checking trade stores and giving pre-election talks. Slept IMBIO No.2.

27th March, 1969.

Departed IMBIO No.2. for SAMARURU at 0800 arriving at 0930. Track very poor and patrol had to swim Bei River which was in flood. Inspected village and gave pre-election talks to people. Slept Samaruru.

28th March, 1969.

Departed SAMARURU 0815 arriving IMBIO No.1. at 1115. Bei River still in flood. Gave pre-election talk to people and inspected village. Slept IMBIO No.1.

29th March, 1969.

Departed IMBIO No.1. 0715 arriving OSSIMA 1215. Track fair. Talked to Mission staff in afternoon in connection with Aid Post and new bridge site. Discussions with Councillors and village people Slept OSSIMA.

30th March, 1969.

At OSSIMA. Gave pre-election talks to OSSIMA, AWOL, AIRU and OMULA. Checked trade stores in area and discussed local problems. Slept OSSIMA.

31st March, 1969.

Departed OSSIMA for ISI No.2. 0830 arriving 1000. Track poor and very swampy. Gave pre-election talk to ISI No.1 and ISI No.2. who gathered at one spot. Discussed local problems and carried out village inspections. Slept ISI No.2.

1st April, 1969.

Left ISI No.2. for PAGEI station 0800 arriving noon. Track good. Carriers paid off and patrol stood down.

END OF DIARY.

SITUATION REPORT.POLITICAL

The main purpose of the patrol was to give pre-election talks in all villages of the census division patrolled. I think that my diary indicates that I did not hurry the patrol. It was difficult to gauge the impact of the talks during the patrol and believe that if I had undertaken the actual election patrol later on I would have been in a better position to assess reaction. However I will no doubt get the opportunity to visit the area again and will follow up.

My talk centred around the importance of Council work in allowing villages people to participate more closely in their development in the political, social and economic fields. I also explained in some detail the system of preferential voting.

It was disturbing to learn that a high percentage of the sitting Councillors had decided to stand down^{at} the forthcoming elections. A variety of reasons were given but in the main I think they felt that Council affairs took up too much of their time.

The Fagel Council has not reached a very high standard of political development but the occasional resolution show that some are beginning to think along progressive lines e.g, trying to get marriage age of girls limited to 15 or above and the purchase of pack animals to carry their produce.

The people are frustrated over the lack of economic development in their area but generally the native situation can be regarded as good.

ECONOMIC.

Interest is being shown in the production of rice and some villages have prepared large gardens for this purpose. Supply of seed seems to be a problem and the results of the trial plantings at Catholic Mission OSSIMA are awaited with interest. If a good grain is produced there will be little difficulty marketing the product locally for some time.

Some people have shown interest in copra production but without proper road communication to the coast the future of this crop would be in the balance.

Councillor Yakei of Imbio No.2. Village enquired of the possibility of getting a loan from the Development Bank to start a copra business. Although I did not openly discourage his enthusiasm to get something going I felt that he would have little chance of a loan if he pursued copra alone.

The Catholic Mission at OSSIMA has agreed to purchase sago from local villages to feed their boarders. The people have not been too enthusiastic to date probably because of the long distances they have to carry it. Pack animals may be the solution to this. However I have some doubts on the care of such animals at village level. Due to the proximity to border such animals would raise problems of quarantine.

An avenue of revenue was suggested to people of OMULA village. They already produce a little copra and carry it to Catholic Mission OSSIMA where it is transported by air to VANIMO. Their village is only about one mile from the Mission station and the existing track could be widened and repaired to take the Mission tractor. The tractor could pick up the copra as well as sago and other foodstuffs the Mission would buy for their boarders and staff. The Mission was agreeable to the proposal.

Four applications were received from people for Trade Store Licences :-

Imbrinis. \$100 capital
Imbio No.2. 2 applications \$100 and \$160 capital
Airu. 1 application \$167 capital.

The desire to operate a trade store appears to me to be more of prestige value than economics.

SOCIAL

The people expressed the wish that an Aid Post be established in the IMBIO Census Division. Aid Posts have already been established in the other two census divisions, one at Fagei and the other at OSSIMA.

I believe that the Imbio do need some form ^{of} medical service for the minor ailments to avoid long walks to the existing Aid Posts. I have suggested to the Councillors involved that they should bring this matter to the attention of the full Pagei Council.

While at OSSIMA I learned that relations between the Catholic Mission and Seven Day Adventists had deteriorated. From my investigations I learned that the the Catholic Mission at OSSIMA has banned SDA people from buying from Mission store, forbidden them to enter CM land and will not allow them to use the OSSIMA Airstrip. I further understand that although fairly desparate for native produce the Catholic Mission will not buy foodstuffs from SDA people. I actually witnessed the SDA teacher being turned away from the store by the Father in Charge at OSSIMA. I questioned the Father on this action and he said it was his duty to make life as intolerable as possible for the SDA so they would pull out of the area.

Retired village officials approached me and said they believed they were to receive some monetary reward for their previous service to the Administration. I had not heard of any such promises but I said I would refer the matter to the Assistant District Commissioner at VANIMO.

Catholic Mission teachers at SUMUMUMUI and IMBRINIS asked me to express dissatisfaction to their Mission at OSSIMA over their pay. They informed me that were receiving only \$4 per month for their services. I advised the teachers that they should take this up with their Father in Charge as it was not an Administration concern. I did however mention to the Father that the teachers had brought the matter to my attention and that I had advised them to contact him direct. He was furious that the teachers had approached me.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Inspections were made at all villages and the following is a summary of the observations :-

SUMMUMUNI. Very neat and clean with many new houses unbr construction. Rest House and barracks in fair condition. Gardens well tended and appeared adequate.

IMBRINIS. Houses clean but environs maddy, suggested some river gravel on paths to houses. Rest House and barracks excellent, the best in the area. Suggested a new latrine for patrol parties. Gardens appeared to be flourishing and large.

IMBIO NO.2. Village clean but houses appeared too small. Rest House fair but barracks in very poor shape. Suggested they repair or rebuild it. Gardens flourishing but appeared small compared to others I had seen.

SAMAUURU. The cleanest and best laid out village in the area. Houses well spaced and village beautified with flowers and shrubs. The gardens were also excellent.

IMBIO No.1. New site, village still under construction. I was able to offer some advice on lay-out of the new village. Area clean but maddy. Gardens were also in process of being prepared near this new site.

OSSIMA. Village clean but dull and lifeless. No attempt to beautify with shrubs or flowers. Gardens appear meagre and it seemed to me people were relying too much on the Mission store.

While at OSSIMA, Brother James asked me about the price of Fibreglass wall moulds being purchased by Pagei Council. I promised I would get the price and advise him.

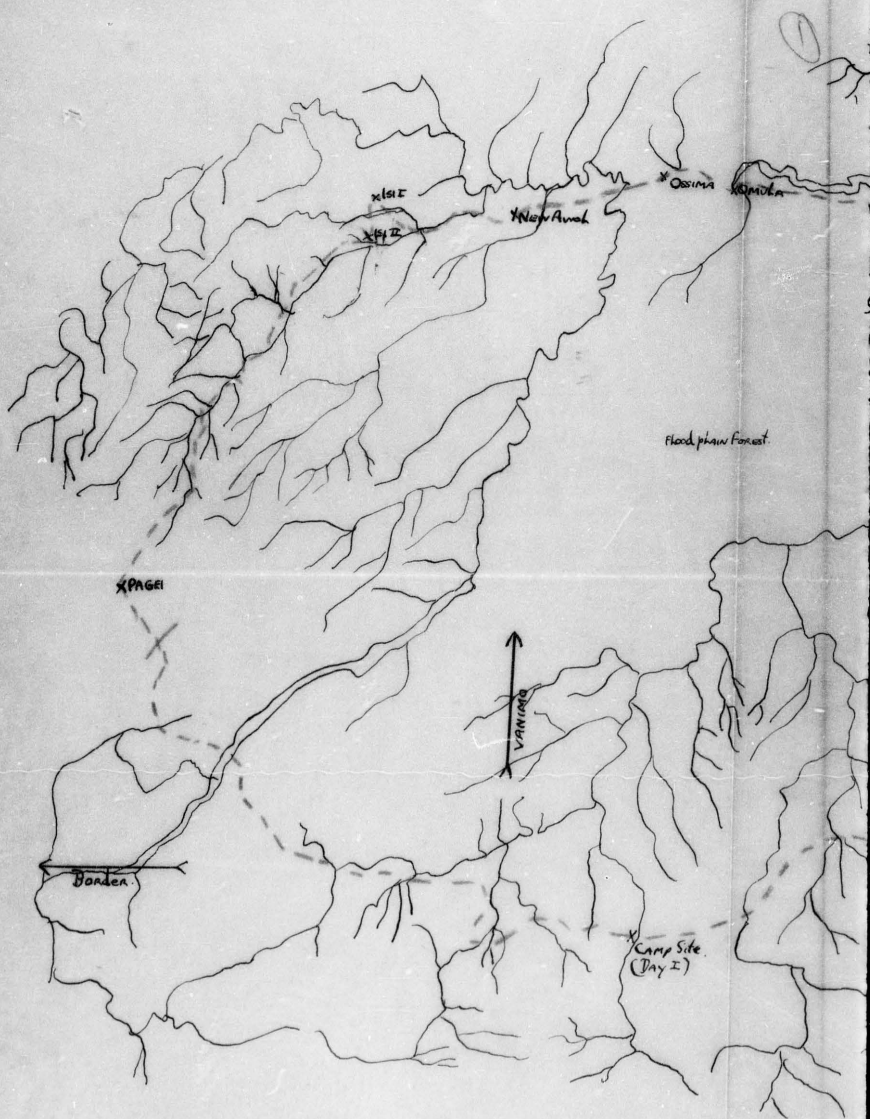
There were considerable complaints re the Council Tax rate. People said they were unable to find the necessary money each year. I explained that even though the economic outlets were limited there were sufficient outlets to obtain the small amount imposed by their Council. I further pointed out that their tax money came back to them in other benefits such as wells, bridges and Aid Posts.

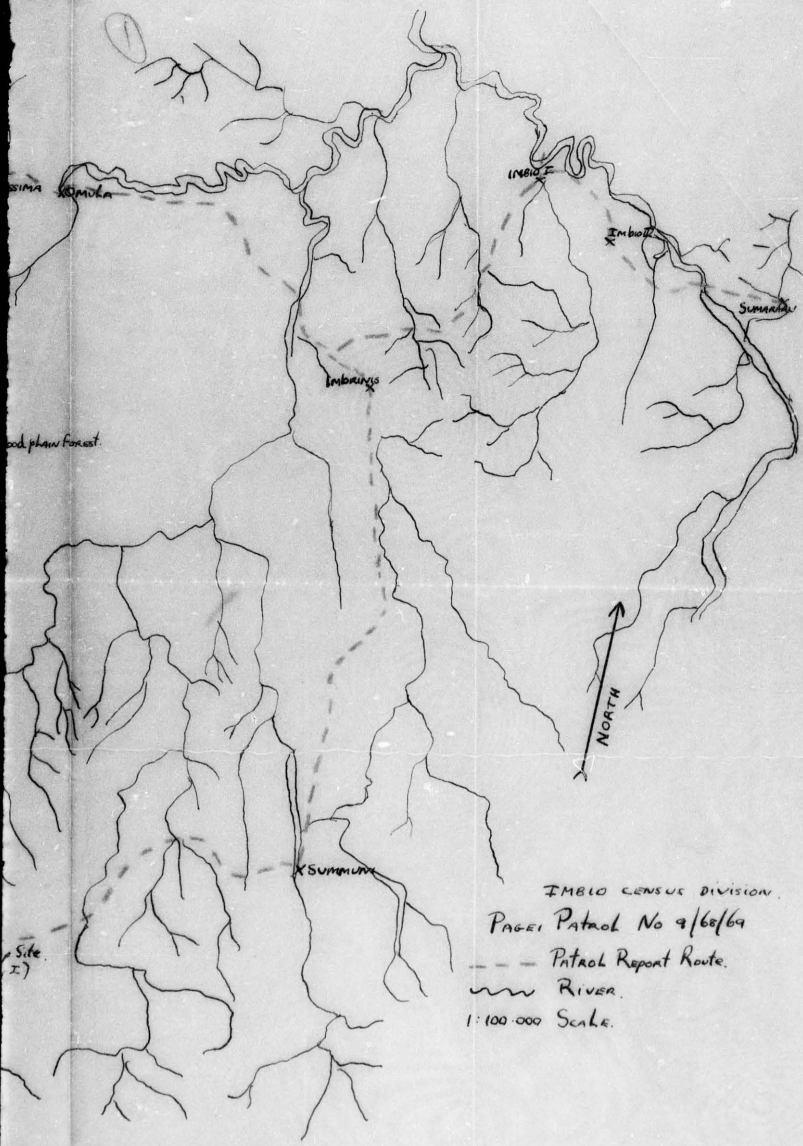
SDA Missionaries had encouraged the Summumuni people to construct an airstrip near their village. The project was understood by SDA to be a self-help project but the people expected some payment for their labour.

The strip will need a lot more work done on it before it becomes operational and following is a brief report :-

Strip length 966 feet.
87 feet wide with extra 18 feet outside markers on each side
18 markers. No windsok
Approach length 300 feet Northern end 1500 feet Southern end
Avershoot areas at each end 174 feet
Surface area has sprinkling of gravel and sand but I do not think it would stand much rain.

Karl W. Kitchens
KARL. W. KITCHENS.
Cadet Patrol Officer.





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IMBLO CENSUS DIVISION

PAGEI Patrol No 9/68/69

--- Patrol Report Route

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

WEST SEPIK DISTRICT

District of VANIMO. (SUB-DISTRICT) Report No. 10 OF 1968/69. PAGEL

Type of Patrol - Local. Government Council Elections.

Patrol Conducted by N. L. MITCHELL. Cadet. Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled OSSDA, IMBRINIS, IMBIO NO. 2, IMBIO NO. 1, and SUMMINI.

Personnel Accompanying Patrol: 1459. 1ST/G. KAPI. 0612. 1ST/G. MANJABANG

Patrol Accompanied by ~~EWING~~ MR. BOGAN ASI. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANT. PAGEL.

Duration - From 9/4/1969 to 17/4/1969.

Number of Days NINE.

~~Medical Assistant Accompanying?~~

Last Patrol to Area by D.D.A. Services 20/3/1969 / 1/4/69.

MedicalXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Duration 12 Days.

~~Map Reference~~

Objects of Patrol 1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS. 2. BRIDGE SITE SURVEY BEI'I RIVER. 3. WELL CONSTRUCTION IMBRINIS VILLAGE. 4. LAND INVESTIGATION SUMMINI VILLAGE.

TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA PATROLLED : 621.

Director of District Administration, PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

10/7/1969

J.E Wakeford 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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Division of District Administration, <sup>57-16-81</sup>

3rd November, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
West Sepik District,  
WANIMO.

PATROL NO. PAGEI 10/68-69

Your reference 57-1-14 of 10th July, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report  
by Mr. N.L. Mitchell, to part KILIMERI and IMBIO Census  
Divisions.

This is a clear, informative report of a well  
conducted patrol. The elections were obviously quite success-  
ful. Mr. Mitchell has done a very sound job.

The delay in acknowledging this report, due to a filing  
error, is regretted.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Secretary

Department of the Administrator.

Mr. N.L. Mitchell,  
Assistant Patrol Officer,  
Patrol Post,  
WUTUNG. West Sepik District.

Please note that political education must be a  
continuing process in all situations with the emphasis on the  
advantages of national unity.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67.16.81

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Telephone  
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Mr.

Department of District Administration.



District Office,  
VANIMO,  
West Sepik District.  
10th July, 1969.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KOMEBOBU

SUBJECT: Pagei Patrol No. 10 of 1968/69

Attached please find the following documents arising out of the above patrol by Mr. L. Mitchell C.P.O. to part of the Imbio Census Division.

- (i) Patrol Instructions, 67-1-4 of 25th March, 1969 by the A.D.C. Vanimo;
- (ii) Patrol Report in duplicate;
- (iii) Covering comments, 67-1-4 of 2nd July, 1969 by the A.D.C. Vanimo.

Mr. Bogan Ahi L.G.A. accompanied the patrol.

2. The patrol was mounted for the special purpose of conducting elections for the Pagei L.G. Council in five (5) Council wards. The elections were conducted in a competent manner and there were no untoward incidents. It is pleasing to note that the pre election talks given by Mr. Kitchens C.P.O. on Pagei Patrol 9 of 68/69 were so fruitful.

3. Mr. Mitchell is to commended for a well conducted patrol and his clear concise Situation Report. The A.D.C.'s comments adequately cover the report.

J.E. Wakeford  
(J.E. Wakeford) <sup>rep</sup>  
District Commissioner.

67/1/4.

TRB/LNH :

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Sub-District Office,  
West Sepik District,  
VANIMO.

2nd. July, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
Department of District Administration,  
West Sepik District,  
VANIMO.

PAGEI PATROL NO. 10 OF 1968/1969.

PART KILIPERI AND IMBIO CENSUS DIVISIONS.

Attached please find the Original and two (2) copies of the Report, submitted by Mr. H. L. MITCHELL, Cadet Patrol Officer, covering the above mentioned Patrol. The main purpose of the Patrol was to conduct Elections for the PAGEI Council in OSSINA, IMBINKIS, IMBIO NO. 1; IMBIO NO. 2 and SUMURUNI Wards. Mr. BOGEN AHI, Local Government Assistant, together with Mr. MITCHELL formed Polling Team No. 1 as Assistant Returning Officer and Polling Clerk respectively. Both of these Officers have carried out their duties competently.

The Report is well written and all aspects of the Patrol have been adequately covered. The section concerning the Elections is detailed and informative. The bridge site survey; BEI'I River, and the siting of a Village Well at IMBINKIS are sufficiently detailed to show that the objectives were attained. Both of these projects will be undertaken by the PAGEI Council at a later date. The Concise Situation Report is a good one.

The Report calls for only a few further comments which follow :-

POLITICAL SITUATION :

The Elections in the remaining Wards of the PAGEI Council were conducted by two (2) other Officers, Mr. K. KITCHENS, Cadet Patrol Officer, and Mr. L. TUGUN, Local Government Assistant. These are the subject of PAGEI Patrol Report No. 11 of 1968/1969.

Mr. KITCHENS had previously conducted a Pre-Election Political Education Patrol through the IMBIO Area. (Refer Report Pagei Patrol No. 9 of 1968/1969) and it would appear that the talks he gave during that Patrol have borne fruit. It is interesting to note that there were nineteen (19) Candidates standing in the six (6) FIVE Wards covered by Mr. MITCHELL's Patrol for the election of only six (6) Representatives. The numbers who were in a position to vote and who actually did exercise their right also show a fair interest in the Elections.

Mr. AHI's comprehensive talks prior to the elections taking place also contributed greatly to the peoples' understanding of election procedures, the functions and aims of Local Government and now the people and the representatives form the basic integral parts of the system.

The Elections have once again given the PAGEI people the necessary regular impetus to their aspirations in the local political sphere.



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ECONOMIC SITUATION :

Five (5) bags of the high yield hybrid dry rice from OSSIMA have, this week, been delivered to PAGRI for distribution as seed rice. Gardens have been prepared in the Villages for rice cultivation and the District Rural Development Officer advises me that a Rural Development Assistant will proceed to PAGRI this week to assist the people in their plantings. The Rice Milling Machine the Catholic Mission at OSSIMA intends to acquire will be an asset to the area and the growers will benefit accordingly.

Mr. MITCHELL reports that the newly elected Councillors wish to increase the agricultural development within the Wards and that this will be achieved by way of coconut plantations. Whilst it is encouraging to read that these people are willing to put their hands to making copra as some form of economic development, I feel that rice cultivation; because of its fast yield and quick return for labour expended; ease of marketing within the local area; source of a supplementary food for their diet and fewer problems likely to be encountered in transportation of their crops to marketing outlets; is the better proposition and that this should be encouraged before copra production within this remote and sparsely populated IMBIO area.

The District Rural Development Officer advises that copra production is to be encouraged in areas where it is easy to get the produce out, by pack animals, to be purchased by the PAGRI Council, but this form of production will only be secondary to rice cultivation.

SOCIAL SITUATION :

It is pleasing to note that the Mission Teacher at OSSIMA and the school children were interested enough in the Elections to request permission to observe Voting procedures in the local Ward. Early education in the political field will assist the younger generation to grasp the essentials of self government which will obviously stand them in good stead in later years.

The details obtained during the land investigation work at SUBUHUNI will be extracted from Mr. MITCHELL's Report and forwarded under separate cover.

Mr. MITCHELL's Claim for Camping Allowance is attached.

Once again I apologise for the late forwarding of this Report. Circumstances as noted in the ultimate paragraph of my 67/1/4 of 1st. July, 1969 precluded an earlier submission.

*T. R. Bergin*

(T. R. BERGIN).

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Att.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone  
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Our Reference... 67-1-4 /1034  
If calling ask for  
Mr.

Department of District Administration,  
Sub District Office,  
VANIMO.  
25th March, 1969

Mr N.L.Mitchell,  
Cadet Patrol Officer,  
VANIMO.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS..PAGEI PATROL NO/8 of 1969/69.

You should prepare to depart Vanimo on the 9/4/1969 and proceed by aircraft to OSSIMA in the Pagei Administrative area.

These you will commence a patrol to carry out Local Government Elections over a portion of the Pagei Council area. You will be accompanied by Mr Bogen Asi, Local Government Assistant, and two members of the R.P.N.G.C. Mr Asi will be in Vanimo and will accompany you to Ossima on the aircraft. The R.P.N.G.C. members will be from the Pagei detachment and will be positioned at Ossima by the 9th April.

Mr Asi will be the Assistant Returning Officer and you will be the Polling Clerk.

The attached schedule showing details of polling places and times of polling should be adhered to as strictly as possible. Please note that more the one members are elected in some wards.

On this schedule you are designated as "Polling Team No 1."

PRIOR to the conducting of the election ensure that a reasonably extensive L.Government propoganda and educational campaign is carried out. Mr Asi is familiar with this type of work.

The elections must be conducted in accordance with the booklet "conduct of Elections for Local Government Councils" issued by the Chief Electoral Officer. Please assist Mr Asi is preparing statistical returns and written rept.

In addition to the elections I wish you to carry out the following :-

1. Bridge Site Survey..BEI'I River. It is intended t at the Local Government Engineer will visit OSSIMA on the 10th April. On the 11th April he will walk to the BEI'I River and inspect brdige sites. You have a "free" day, please accompany the Engineer and render every possible assistance.

2. Well Construction,IMBRINIS village. In the next financial year the Pagei Council intends to construct a well at Imbrinis village. At this stage select a site and instruct the villagers to stockpile gravel and any other necessary local material.

3. Land Investigation,Sumumuni. Please investigate the ownership of the land referred to in Distract Administration Headquarters memorandum 35-5-16 of 13th March, 1969. (copy attached).

Finally, your report should be submitted in accordance with Headquarters Circular 67-1-0 of 25th June, 1968. To this end be sure to collect all the necessary information necessary to compile a situation report.

P. J. RUSSELL,  
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Mr Bogen Asi.

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COUNCIL ELECTIONS

PAGEI LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

POLLING TEAM No. 1

| <u>DATE</u>          | <u>POLLING PLACE</u> | <u>WARD</u>           | <u>WARD</u> | <u>NO: Councillor<br/>to be<br/>elected</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Thursday<br>10/4/69  | Ossima               | Ossima/Oaul/Aitu/Awol |             | 2                                           |
| Saturday<br>12/4/69  | Tabrinia             | Tabrinia              |             | 1                                           |
| Monday<br>14/4/69    | Iabio No. 1          | Iabio No. 1           |             | 1                                           |
| Thursday<br>15/4/69  | Iabio No. 3          | Iabio No. 3/Samararu  |             | 1                                           |
| Wednesday<br>16.4.69 | Sumzini              | Sumzini/Yo            |             | 1                                           |

POLLING TEAM NO. 2

|                      |           |                           |  |   |
|----------------------|-----------|---------------------------|--|---|
| Thursday<br>10/4/69  | Apwanbo   | Apwanbo/Elis/Idoli/Ainbai |  | 2 |
| Friday<br>11/4/69    | Sonbui    | Sonbui/Anci/Hambes        |  | 2 |
| Saturday<br>12/4/69  | Tsi No. 2 | Tsi No. 1/Tsi No. 2       |  | 1 |
| Monday<br>14/4/69    | Ilup      | Ilup                      |  | 1 |
| Tuesday<br>15/4/69   | Kilipau   | Kilipau                   |  | 1 |
| Wednesday<br>16/4/69 | Kiliwis   | Kiliwis                   |  | 1 |
| Thursday<br>17/4/69  | Osol      | Osol/Elap/Auli/Sosi       |  | 2 |
| Friday<br>18/4/69    | Aiyawou   | Aiyawou                   |  | 1 |
| Saturday<br>19/4/69  | Krisa     | Krisa                     |  | 1 |

PAGEI PATROL REPORT NO. 10 OF 1968/69.

DIARY OF PATROL.

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APRIL 1969 :

WEDNESDAY, 9TH. :

Departed for OSSIMA 1400. Arrived 1417. Informed the Councillor that the Elections would be held on 10/4/69. Remained the night at OSSIMA.

THURSDAY, 10TH. :

0745. Elections commenced. Completed by 1500. 1600. Local Government Engineer arrived. Remained the night at OSSIMA.

FRIDAY, 11TH. :

0720. Departed OSSIMA with Local Government Engineer, Mr. W. GUTHRIE for BEI'I River. Track well defined but muddy and slippery due to recent heavy rain. Arrived BEI'I River 1000. Assisted Mr. GUTHRIE and detailed a Policeman, Guide to accompany him back to OSSIMA on the completion of his inspection. Continued to IMBRINIS. Arrived 1400. Informed the Councillor that the Elections would be held on the 12th. April, 1969. Remained the night at IMBRINIS.

SATURDAY, 12TH. :

0745. Elections commenced. Completed by 1100. Voting summaries and statistics completed. Remained the night at IMBRINIS.

SUNDAY, 13TH. :

0825. Departed IMBRINIS for SUMUMINI. A well defined track, very muddy and slippery in places. Crossed BOAP Creek twice and BUOP River once. Arrived SUMUMINI 1200. Informed Councillor of Elections and sent a runner to YO. Meeting of all villagers about Sale of Land to S.D.A. Mission. Remained the night at SUMUMINI.

MONDAY, 14TH. :

0700. Elections commenced. Completed by 1130. 1230. Departed for IMBRINIS. Arrived 1615. Site for Well cleared. Instructions on the amount of materials needed were given to the Councillor. Remained the night at IMBRINIS.

TUESDAY, 15TH. :

0745. Departed IMBRINIS for IMBIO No. 2. IMBRINIS section of the track needs cutting. Councillor informed of this. Otherwise a well defined track. Arrived IMBIO No. 2. 1215. All Villagers assembled and Elections commenced 1400. Completed by 1700. Remained the night at IMBIO No. 2.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH. :

0700. Departed IMBIO No. 2 for IMBIO No. 1. Arrived 0755. All Villagers assembled. Elections commenced 0810. Completed by 1015. Departed IMBIO No. 1 1045. Arrived BEI'I River 1300. Departed 1345. Arrived OSSIMA 1600. Remained the night at OSSIMA.

THURSDAY, 17TH. :

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0745. Worked on Patrol Report. 1530. Departed by aircraft for VANIMO.  
Arrived 1545.

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PAGEI PATROL REPORT NO. 10 OF 1968/69. (11)

PAGEI Local Government Council Wards of OSSIMA, OMULA, AIRU, AWOL: IMBRINIS: IMBIO No. 1 : IMBIO No.2, SAMARARU : and SUMUMINI, YO.

INTRODUCTION.

PAGEI Patrol No. 10 of 1968/69 was primarily carried out as an Election Patrol for all the above mentioned Wards of the PAGEI Local Government Council.

A pre-election Patrol (PAGEI Patrol No. 9 of 1968/69), carried out by Mr. K. KITCHENS, Officer in Charge of PAGEI Patrol Post, had advised all the Villagers of the various Wards of the forthcoming Elections and Mr. BOGEN ASI, Local Government Assistant for the PAGEI Local Government Council had also conducted a campaign to ensure that all eligible voters in the above mentioned Wards were aware of the forthcoming Elections.

In addition the following specific tasks were carried out :

(1). Accompany and assist the Local Government Engineer, Mr. W. GUTHRIE on an inspection of bridge sites on the BEI'I River.

(2) Select a site for the construction of a well at IMBRINIS Village and instruct the Villagers in stockpiling the necessary materials.

(3). Investigate the ownership of land to be sold to the Seventh Day Adventist Mission at SUMUMINI.

(1). OSSIMA.

On arrival at OSSIMA on the 9th. of April, 1969 the Local Government Councillor LIS-OSI was advised that the Elections would be held the following day in the OSSIMA Village.

Nominations were opened on the 10th of April, at 0800 and closed at 0900. There were five (5) Candidates of which two (2) were the retiring Councillors. All Villages were represented by a Candidate and in the case of OSSIMA there were two (2) Candidates.

Polling commenced at 1000 and was conducted in an orderly, quiet fashion. One hour's grace was given for any late Voters and the Poll was closed at 1410. The votes were counted under the close scrutiny of all Candidates and the successful Candidate announced at 1500. Neither of the retiring Councillors were re-elected.

(11) IMBRINIS.

On the Patrol's arrival at IMBRINIS on the 11th. of April, the Councillor FWEZE-LAWO was advised that the Election for the IMBRINIS Ward would be held at IMBRINIS on the following day.

Nominations were opened at 0800 on the 12th. of April, and closed at 0900. There were three (3) Candidates, one of which was the retiring Councillor.

Polling commenced at 0945 and proceeded in a quiet, orderly fashion. Polling closed at 1045 after allowing fifteen minutes for any late Voters. The votes were counted under the close scrutiny of all Candidates and the successful Candidate announced at 1100. The retiring Councillor was not re-elected.

(111) SUMUMINI.

The Patrol arrived at SUMUMINI on the 13th. of April, 1969. Councillor AKWE-SIMENE of SUMUMINI was advised that the Elections for the SUMUMINI/YO Ward would be held on the following day at SUMUMINI. A runner was sent to YO to inform the Villagers there.

Nominations were opened at 0700 on the 14th. of April, and closed at 0800. There were six (6) Candidates, five (5) from SUMUMINI and one (1) from YO.

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The retiring Councillor from SUMUMINI was one of the Candidates. Polling commenced at 0830 in a quiet orderly fashion and closed at 1045 after allowing fifteen minutes for late Voters. The Votes were counted under the close scrutiny of all Candidates and the successful Candidate was announced at 1130. The retiring Councillor was not re-elected.

(iv).  
IMBIO NO. 2, SAMARARU :

The Patrol arrived at IMBIO No. 2 on the 15th. April, 1969. The Villagers of IMBIO No. 2. and SAMARARU ward had been previously informed of the date of the Elections and they were all assembled at IMBIO No. 2 shortly after the arrival of the Patrol.

Nominations were opened at 1400 and were closed at 1430. There were only two (2) Candidates, one from each Village. The retiring Councillor from IMBIO No. 2 stood for re-election.

Polling commenced at 1510 and was conducted in a quiet orderly fashion and was closed at 1700, once again with an allowance of time for late comers. The successful Candidate was announced at 1730. The retiring Councillor was re-elected.

(v).  
IMBIO NO. 1 :

The Patrol arrived at IMBIO No. 1 at 0755 on 16th. April, 1969. The Councillor API-SENWA had been advised on the previous day of the time and place of the Elections.

Nominations were opened at 0800 and were closed at 0845. There were three (3) Candidates including the retiring Councillor.

Polling commenced at 0905 and was conducted in a quiet orderly fashion. Polling ceased at 1000 after the allowance of fifteen minutes for any late Voters.

The successful Candidate was announced at 1015. The retiring Councillor was not re-elected.

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OBSERVATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE ELECTIONS :

The following observations were made in regard to the Elections :-

- ( i ). All Villagers were aware of the Elections and were assembled at the times advised. In each case an extension of time for any late comers was not really necessary.
- ( ii ). The eligible voters, in the majority, were very aware of whom they wished to vote for and showed no hesitation on naming their choice in order of preference. In a few cases, especially where there were a number of Candidates, some of the women and a few of the men, showed a minor degree of forgetfulness in regard to their choice of third, fourth, fifth and sixth Candidates.
- (iii). At all Elections it was clearly pointed out to Voters that they had a free choice of Candidates. If they required assistance in marking their Ballot Paper they could tell the Polling Clerk their preferences and the Ballot Paper they could be marked in accordance to their wishes. In every instance the Voters asked for ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> were given assistance to record their Votes.
- ( iv ). All Polls were carried out in a peaceful and orderly manner. There were not any incidents.
- ( v ). The Polling programme was changed because it was found that it was impractical to try to walk from IMBIO No. 2 to SUMUMINI in one day. Allowing for a change of carriers and rest periods it would have taken 9/11 hours to move from IMBIO No. 2 to SUMUMINI, so for expediency it was decided to alter the programme and the various Villages were notified accordingly. .... / 4.

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( vi ). BRIEF HISTORY OF ELECTED COUNCILLORS :

WOLO-WAI : OSIMA :

Married with four (4) children, from AWOL. Committee Member for two (2) years. Age about 44. Subsistence Farmer. Worked with Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries for three (3) years at KEREVAT Experimental Station near RABAUL as a labourer. No formal education. Appears to be willing to work and learn Local Government Council procedure. Regarded as "Big" man in the villages. Father, was a Headman of the Village and well known throughout the Ward. Has strong support from his Village and should be well supported by the rest of the Ward.

API-OSI : OSIMA :

Married with three (3) children. Ex. Tultul for eight (8) years. Ex. Councillor 1964/65. Age about 40. Subsistence Farmer. Works part time for Catholic Mission at OSSIMA. Worked with the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries at KEREVAT Experimental Station near RABAUL for two and a half years as a labourer. No formal education. Has organised with his Village a new coconut plantation. He is interested in future agricultural development within the area. Father was a "Big" man of the Village and API is well known throughout the area. Should receive support throughout the area. Villagers feel that he has stronger control than the previous Councillor.

SOMBWI-MEME : IMBRINIS :

Married (2 Wives), no children. Worked as a Catechist for twelve (12) years at the Catholic Mission at OSSIMA, then as a Storeman for the Catholic Mission at IMONDA. Educated at OSSIMA Mission School to Standard III. Age 29. Father ex. Policeman. Well known in the Village. Has planted 2,040 coconut palms at IMBRINIS. Has helped the ex. Councillor by giving talks to the villagers. Has strong support within the Village and is interested in the work involved in being a Councillor. Should prove a strong influence on the Villagers as the previous Councillor was not very strong.

YANI-YAPI : SUMUMINI :

Married with four children. Age 40 years. Employed as a general labourer on a Chinese owner Sawmill in RABAUL for one (1) year. Two (2) years as a plantation labourer in RABAUL. Ex. Luluai for ten (10) years. No formal education. Councillor for two (2) years, 1964/65. Has planted 100 coconuts near his village. Has Assisted the Seventh Day Adventist Mission in organising workers for construction of the Mission airstrip at SUMUMINI. Helped the previous Councillor to run the Village. No formal education. Good "Fidgin" speaker and should be capable. Has strong support within his Ward. He feels that Council work is important and will try to enlist more support for Council Projects and aims within his area.

YAKET-KOGO : IMBIO NO. 2 :

Retiring Councillor returned to Office. Married, three children. Served three (3) years with the New Guinea Infantry Battalion during World War II, then joined the New Guinea Police Force for eight (8) years. No rank. Returned to his Village. Two (2) years later selected as a Councillor. Councillor continually for six (6) years. Age approximately 50. No formal education. Father well known throughout the Ward. Interested in developing agriculture within his Ward. Strong support from his Village. Does not have a very strong following in SAMARARU.

BU-PUAN : IMBIO NO. 1 :

Married. Two children. Age 38. Two (2) years at the Catholic Mission school at LEITRE. Remained in his Village. No outside work. Father was an influential man in the Village. Has very strong support from his village. He wishes to improve the agriculture in his village and within his Ward. Inclined to be rather retiring at the moment but could develop into a forceful Councillor.

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| WARD.                        | TOTAL POPULATION. | NO. ELECT. ENROLLED. |      | NO. ELECT. UNAVOID. ABSENT. |      | NO. ELECTORS WHO VOTED. |     | TOTAL VOTERS. |
|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------|-----------------------------|------|-------------------------|-----|---------------|
|                              |                   | M.                   | F.   | M.                          | F.   | M.                      | F.  |               |
| OSSIMA OMULA.<br>AIRU. AWOL. | 358.              | 126.                 | 104. | 28.                         | 17.  | 98.                     | 87. | 185.          |
| IMBRINIS.                    | 138.              | 42.                  | 35.  | 12.                         | 6.   | 30.                     | 29. | 59.           |
| SUMUMINI.<br>YO.             | 200.              | 67.                  | 58.  | 19.                         | 10.  | 48.                     | 48. | 96.           |
| IMBIO NO. 2.<br>SAMARARU.    | 161.              | 48.                  | 49.  | 20.                         | 8.   | 28.                     | 41. | 61.           |
| IMBIO NO. 1.                 | 128.              | 40.                  | 40.  | 7.                          | .... | 33.                     | 40. | 73.           |

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B. BRIDGE SITE SURVEY : BEI'I RIVER :

The Local Government Engineer, Mr. W. GUTHRIE and his Assistant arrived at OSSIMA by Light Aircraft at 1600 hours on 10th. April, 1969. He was met and conducted to the Catholic Mission. Accommodation had been previously arranged.

On arrival at the Mission Mr. GUTHRIE was asked if he would inspect a Bridge site on the PUAL River at the Western end of the OSSIMA Airstrip. The Mission regarded this site as necessary for a bridge to allow the people in the KRISA, OSOL, KILWIS, ~~OSOL~~, KILIPAU, ILUP and other adjacent Villages in the area access to the ~~mission~~ facilities of the OSSIMA Aid Post. Under ordinary circumstances this River is fordable but in times of flood it is completely impassable. Two (2) Kunda type bridges were built by the P.I.R. on two (2) subsidiary creeks half a mile South of the Mission. These bridges did allow access to the Mission but recent floods and the lack of maintenance have caused the complete destruction of both bridges.

Mr. GUTHRIE inspected the site, took the necessary measurements, and said he would forward an estimate to the Senior Local Government Officer at VANIMO.

On Friday, 11th. April, 1969, the writer, a local guide and one (1) policeman, accompanied by Mr. GUTHRIE and his assistant went to the BEI'I River. On arrival at the River, Mr. GUTHRIE inspected the proposed site and decided that it was unsuitable. It was decided to continue upstream to see if there were any better bridge sites. Approximately one (1) mile upstream a better site was found and Mr. GUTHRIE took the necessary measurements.

Mr. GUTHRIE completed his inspection at 1300 and the guide and Policeman accompanied him back to OSSIMA. The writer continued on to IMBRINIS.

Prior to his departure Mr. GUTHRIE informed the writer that he would forward a Report to the Senior Local Government Officer at VANIMO within the near future.

C. WELL CONSTRUCTION : IMBRINIS VILLAGE :

The selection for the site for the construction of a Well at IMBRINIS Village was carried out with the assistance of the Councillor on the afternoon of Saturday, 12th. April, 1969.

The site selected is centrally located in the Village on flat, reasonably good quality soil. There are no rubbish pits or lavatories within the immediate vicinity, so the water obtained should be quite pure. The site is approximately 100 yards from the river and it would only be necessary to dig down to about eight (8) feet to strike water.

The Councillor was told that the Villagers should stockpile sand, gravel, small and large stones. The quantities required of these materials was also impressed upon the Councillor. The Councillor promised that these materials would be gathered within the near future. The only other local material required is timber. It was pointed out to the Councillor that the timber could be stockpiled just prior to the commencement of the construction.

Two (2) days later on the Patrols' return to IMBRINIS it was found that the Well site had been cleared of all undergrowth and the writer was informed that the collection of sand, stones and gravel would commence within the next fortnight.

D. LAND INVESTIGATION : SUMUMINI :

This Investigation was carried out with the assistance of Mr. BOGIN ASI. It was conducted at SUMUMINI Village and all the available members of the NAEFANANA Clan were present.

A detailed list of owners has been submitted under a separate Memoranda to the Assistant District Commissioner, VANIMO.



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| HUSBAND.       | WIFE.    | CHILDREN (M). | APP. AGE. | CHILDREN (F).   | APP. AGE. |
|----------------|----------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
| Tivo-Huri.     | Dead.    | Arobi.        | 10.       | .....           | ...       |
|                |          | Ipe.          | 8.        | .....           | ...       |
| Vulap-Preeae.  | Dead.    | Mema.         | 15.       | .....           | ...       |
|                |          | Kus.          | 8.        | .....           | ...       |
|                |          | Sibora.       | 7.        | .....           | ...       |
| Sumo-Iafi.     | No. 1.   | Kaluwe.       | 5.        | Semi.<br>Yalme. | 12.       |
|                | Esi.     |               |           |                 | 1.        |
| Yan-Iafa.      | No. 2.   | Luga.         | 1.        | Nae.            | 1.        |
|                | Hoyi.    |               |           |                 | ...       |
| Yan-Iafa.      | Asa.     | Sula.         | 12.       | .....           | ...       |
|                |          | Kasi.         | 10.       | .....           | ...       |
|                |          | Senei.        | 5.        | .....           | ...       |
|                |          | Nau.          | 2.        | .....           | ...       |
| Ka'a-Iafi.     | Maltine. | Kellin.       | 12.       | Rai.            | 14.       |
|                |          | Kalimus.      | 8.        | .....           | ...       |
|                |          | Monsi.        | 4.        | .....           | ...       |
| Maivu-Huri.    | Yasi.    | Ninimbi.      | 8.        | .....           | ...       |
|                |          | Sebei.        | 7.        | .....           | ...       |
|                |          | Yapi.         | 5.        | .....           | ...       |
|                |          | Masepu.       | 4.        | .....           | ...       |
|                |          | Purana.       | 3.        | .....           | ...       |
| Iekse-Moeke.   | Dead.    | Wan'pe.       | 20.       | .....           | ...       |
|                |          | Anni.         | 18.       | .....           | ...       |
|                |          | Mala.         | 15.       | .....           | ...       |
|                |          | Alpen.        | 12.       | .....           | ...       |
|                |          | Awasi.        | 10.       | .....           | ...       |
| Magita-Moeke.  | Dead.    | Yawo.         | 20.       | .....           | ...       |
|                |          | Yiltin.       | 18.       | Same.           | 10.       |
| Ieksi-Navalpa. | Dead.    | Wane.         | 8.        | .....           | ...       |
| Sikau-Korai.   | Afo.     | Robert.       | 2.        | Akin.           | 6.        |
| Wanci-Korai.   | Was.     | Obni.         | 4.        | Moris.          | 9.        |
|                |          | wafo.         | 2.        |                 |           |

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The following list is of persons who the listed Male Members of the Clan recognise as having rights to the land, i.e., Communal Clan ownership. They have not been previously listed :

| HUSBAND.       | WIFE.          | CHILDREN.(M)     | APP. AGE. | CHILDREN.(F). | APP. AGE. |
|----------------|----------------|------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| Mayi-Pebi.     | No. 1.         | Kamu.            | 8.        | Anuwa.        | 12.       |
|                | Wis.           | .....            | ...       | Fwan.         | 4.        |
|                | No. 2.         | Tani.            | 2.        | Anae.         | 12.       |
|                | Koko.          | .....            | ...       | Ili.          | 8.        |
|                |                | .....            | ...       | Wogu.         | 4.        |
| Siniawo-Yapi.  | Weni.          | .....            | ...       | Asa.          | 4.        |
| Wari-Pevi.     | Mila.          | .....            | ...       | Buri.         | 7.        |
|                |                | .....            | ...       | Kalsi.        | 5.        |
| Fweri-Mobri.   | No. 1.         | amuz.            | 3.        | Naumo.        | 8.        |
|                | Fefendi.       | .....            | ...       | Tui.          | 12.       |
|                | No. 2.         | Waikiawo.        | .....     | Okusa.        | 11.       |
| Moi-Mobri.     | Dead.          | .....            | .....     | .....         | .....     |
| Imoi-Fi.       | No. 1.         | Satu.            | 17.       | Moskipa.      | 8.        |
|                | Tapui.         | .....            | .....     | Margareta.    | 5.        |
|                | No. 2.         | .....            | .....     | .....         | .....     |
|                | Sesi.          | .....            | .....     | .....         | .....     |
| Paris-Fiaga.   | Kapo.          | Wassae.          | 17.       | Yuwawi.       | 4.        |
|                |                | Butuae.          | 13.       | .....         | .....     |
| Maga-Yanepi.   | No. 1.         | .....            | .....     | .....         | .....     |
|                | Bogupe.        | .....            | .....     | .....         | .....     |
|                | No. 2.         | Nupua.           | 5.        | .....         | .....     |
|                |                | Wagi.            | .....     | .....         | .....     |
| Basi-Oisai.    | No. 1.         | .....            | .....     | Tuok.         | 4.        |
|                | Kepuke.        | .....            | .....     | Ana.          | 2.        |
|                |                | .....            | .....     | .....         | .....     |
|                | No. 2.         | Wini.            | 18.       | Kuake.        | 4.        |
|                | Yuwup.         | Wasi.            | 11.       | .....         | .....     |
|                |                | Moyate.          | 7.        | .....         | .....     |
| No-Yenefi.     | (Resds. Pagei) | Mata             | .....     | .....         | .....     |
|                |                | (Sumumini).....  | .....     | .....         | .....     |
| Yat-Yuwo.      | (Resds. Pagei) | Koko(Pagei)..... | .....     | .....         | .....     |
| Yuwole-Yenefi. | No. 1.         | Tere(Pagei)..... | .....     | .....         | .....     |
|                | (Resds. Pagei) | No. 2.           | .....     | .....         | .....     |
|                |                | Kemene(Pagei)    | .....     | .....         | .....     |
|                |                | .....            | .....     | .....         | .....     |
| Moi-Yenefi.    | (Resds. Pagei) | Kofgi.           | 8.        | Noze.         | 30.       |
| Pebi-Wassae.   | (Resds. Pagei) | Otwuo.           | .....     | .....         | .....     |
|                |                | Tony.            | 8.        | .....         | .....     |
|                |                | Silvan.          | 7.        | .....         | .....     |
|                |                | Kon.             | 4.        | .....         | .....     |
| Akusi-Sinene.  | Famu.          | .....            | .....     | .....         | .....     |
|                | (Sumumini).    | .....            | .....     | .....         | .....     |
| Aiya-Yase.     | Fide.          | .....            | .....     | .....         | .....     |
|                | (Sumumini).    | .....            | .....     | .....         | .....     |

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The following unmarried or otherwise unclassified persons also have claim to the land in question :-

- TENE-YAWAE : unmarried labourer at PAGEI.  
 NEFO : Mother of TENE, Husband died. Resides at SUMUMINI.  
 NERE-PRI : (Parents deceased) - Single. Seventh Day Adventist's School, AMBUNTI. 16 years.  
 WAWEANO-PRI : (Parents deceased) - Single. Resides at VANIMO. 40 years.  
 NAPE-WASAE : (Parent deceased) - Single. Resides at VANIMO. 40 years.  
 PAWOL : Widow. Mother of the above mentioned.  
 AIKUEI-SINENE : Resides SUMUMINI.  
 AIGILO-SINENE : Son of PAWOL. Attends school at OSSIMA Catholic Mission. 15 years.  
 RAWI-KARI : (Parents deceased) - Single. Resides at SUMUMINI. 20 years.  
 TAKAS : (Parents deceased) - Cousin of RAWI-KARI. Resides at SUMUMINI. 5 years.

The following members of the NAEFAMANA Clan reside at IMBRINIS but still retain rights to the land in question :-

| HUSBAND.    | WIFE.  | CHILDRED.(M)    | APP. AGE.  | CHILDREN.(F).          | APP. AGE.         |
|-------------|--------|-----------------|------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Mon-Sou.    | Aul.   | Meme.<br>Yawe.  | 12.<br>6.  | Sosuwa.<br>.....       | 20.<br>...<br>... |
| Pan-Depe.   | Buin.  | .....           | ...        | .....                  | ...               |
| Poyei-Depe. | Baya.  | .....           | ...        | .....                  | ...               |
| Boge-Depe.  | Yambo. | Bel.<br>Mambis. | 15.<br>12. | .....<br>.....         | ...<br>...        |
| Yim-Fewo.   | Yaso.  | Yasu.<br>Suepe. | 8.<br>1.   | Kape.<br>Wau.<br>Wamp. | 10.<br>6.<br>2.   |

NOTE 1 :

MON-SOU = Wishes to represent the IMBRINIS Section and it is agreed that his name should be placed of the Agreement (Agency).

NOTE 2 :

Only adult males have the right to dispose of land but they are adamant that their wives and families also have rights to this land.

NOTE 3 :

All Members of the Clan present agreed that every person represented on this list have rights to the land and that now everyone has been listed. They realise that the individual will receive only a nominal sum, but feel that as everyone has been listed there cannot be any disputes.

NOTE 4 :

All Members wish to sell the land in question.

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PAGEI PATROL REPORT NO. 6 OF 1968/69.

SITUATION REPORT :

(a). POLITICAL :

( i.) LOCAL GOVERNMENT :

As the Patrol was primarily conducted as an Election Patrol the Situation Report will only be a brief resume of the Patrol Report. The people showed an awareness and are most receptive to the Local Government Form of Administration. All voters were aware of the person that they wished to be their representative, and were decisive in naming their choice.

( ii.) POLITICAL EDUCATION :

The Patrol was accompanied by Mr. BOGIN ASI, the Local Government Assistant for PAGEI. At each Polling place, with all Villagers assembled, a comprehensive talk was given by Mr. ASI. He explained Voting procedures, the functions and aims of a Local Government Council and the principles of Local Government.

(b). ECONOMIC :

( i.) GENERAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT :

At OSSIMA, the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries are conducting an experiment in the growing of a new high yield hybrid dry rice. The people in the immediate area have shown some interest in this project.

The Catholic Mission at OSSIMA harvested several acres of a lower yielding rice earlier this year. They intend to continue with this project and are trying to foster interest amongst the local people. The Mission is negotiating to purchase a rice husking machine from Japan and the local people have been told that this machine will be available for their use. This should encourage the production of small plots of rice within the area.

The newly elected Councillors have expressed views in that they wish to increase the agricultural development within their Wards. The development will be in the form of coconut plantations.

(c). SOCIAL :

( i.) HEALTH :

The general health of the people in the OSSIMA area appears to be good. The Aid Post at OSSIMA provides facilities for the immediate area, and these facilities appear to be adequate.

It was noted that in outlying areas such as ~~SUNUMINI~~, ~~SAMAKARU~~ IMBIO No. 1, IMBIO No. 2, SUNUMINI and YO there is a prevalence of grille, respiratory infections, sores, ulcers and minor skin complaints. It would appear that for the treatment of such minor complaints the outlying Villages consider OSSIMA Aid Post too far to travel to obtain medical attention. This assumption was confirmed by the sister in Charge of the Aid Post.

( ii.) MISSION ATTITUDES :

On arrival at OSSIMA the Mission was told of the forthcoming Elections. One of the Mission's European Teachers requested that he be allowed to bring his class to observe the

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Elections. The Junior Classes were given a simplified explanation and the Senior Classes observed the whole Electoral process and the whole process was fully explained to them.

(iii). LAW AND ORDER :

Two (2) Cases of minor assault were reported during the course of the Patrol. On investigation it was found that both cases were of a domestic nature and that there were no witnesses to either assault. No further action was taken.

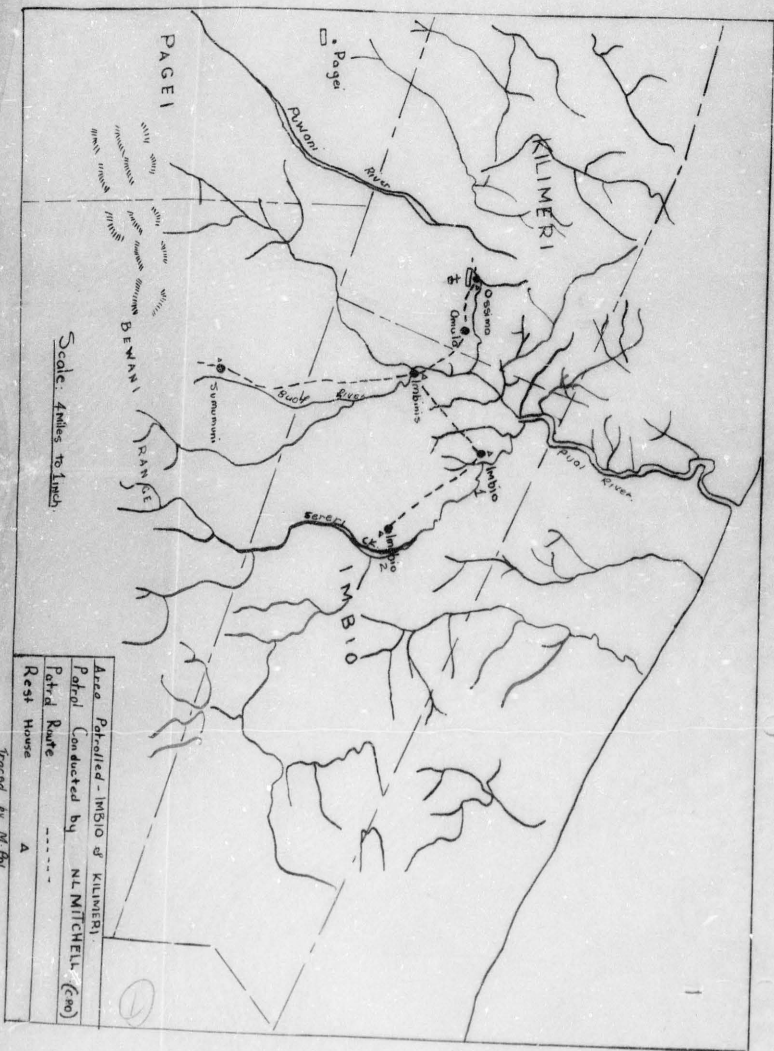
One (1) Case of adultery was reported and investigated. This case has been referred to the Officer in Charge, PAGEI Patrol Post, for further action.

SIGNATURE\*

*S. L. Miller*

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Scale: 4 miles to Inch.

|              |                                   |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| Area         | Patrolled - IMBIO of KILIMERY     |
| Patrol       | Conducted by N.L. MITCHELL (C.M.) |
| Patrol Route | -----                             |
| Rest House   | A                                 |

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

Report Number. PAGEI NO. 11 of 1968/1969

Subdistrict. VANIMO

District. WEST SEPIK

Type of Patrol. SPECIAL

Patrol Conducted by. KARL, W. KITCHENS. C.P.O.

Area Patrolled  
 (Council and/or  
 Census Division/s.) } KIMBERI CENSUS DIVISION  
PAGEI LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL.

Personnel Accompanying Patrol  
Mr. LUGHUM TUGHUM, L.G. ASSISTANT.  
2 MEMBERS RP & NCG.

Duration of Patrol—from 22 4 / 69 To 22 / 4 / 69 (broken)

No. of Days. 7

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area : No. 3 of 1968/1969 23/1/69 to 3/2/69

Date. Jan 1969 Duration. 7

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) Conduct of elections for Pagei Local Government Council  
Siting of Well at Kri-isa

Total Population of Area Patrolled. 1956 (Dec 1967)

Director of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

10/7/1969

J. E. Wakeford  
District Commissioner. *WJ*

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Division of District Administration,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KORORONGI, PAFUA.

4th November, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
West Sepik District,  
VARIMO.

PATROL PAGES NO. 11/69-69

Your reference is 67-1-14 of 10th July, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. K. Kitchens to part KIMBERI Census Division.

The elections appear to have been conducted quite effectively.

Mr. Kitchens' report is brief but sound.

The delay in acknowledging this report, due to a filing error, is regretted.

(T.S. ALLIN)

Secretary  
Department of the Administrator

C.C.  
Mr. K.W. Kitchens,  
A.P.O.,  
Patrol Post,  
PAGEI, West Sepik District

Please note that political education must be a continuing process in all situations with the emphasis on the advantages of national unity.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams  
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 Our Reference..... 67-1-14  
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 Mr.....



Department of District Administration,  
 District Office,  
 VANIMO,  
 West Sepik District.  
 10th July, 1969.

The Director,  
 Department of District Administration,  
KOROROBUT

SUBJECT:- Pageal Patrol No.11 of 1968/69

Attached please find the following documents arising out of the above patrol by Mr. K.Kitchens C.P.O. to part of the Imbio Census Division:-

- (i) Patrol Instructions, 67-1-4 of 2nd April, 1969 by the A.D.C. Vanimo;
- (ii) Patrol Report in duplicate;
- (iii) Covering comments, 67-1-4 of 3rd July, 1969 by A.D.C. Vanimo.

Mr. Eugen Tugan L.G.C. accompanied the patrol.

2. A special purpose patrol mounted to conduct elections for the Pageal L.G. Council. The elections were undertaken in a satisfactory manner and there were no untoward incidents. Comments by the A.D.C. Vanimo adequately cover the report.

3. Mr. Kitchens continues to carry out well conducted patrols.

J.E Wakeford  
 (J.E. Wakeford)

District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office,  
West Sepik District,  
VANIMO.

TRB/LMW :

3rd. July, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
West Sepik District,  
VANIMO.

PAGEI PATROL NO. 11 OF 1968/1969.

KILIMERI CENSUS DIVISION.

Forwarded herewith is the original and two (2) copies of the Report covering the above patrol conducted by Mr. K. KITCHENS, Cadet Patrol Officer, PAGEI.

The main object of the Patrol was to conduct Elections for the PAGEI Local Government Council in KILIMERI and PAGEI areas. A second team was in the field at this time conducting Elections in the IMBIO Census Division. (Refer Report No. 10 of 1968/1969).

The Patrol appears to have been well conducted by both Mr. KITCHENS and Mr. TUGUH.

The Report also calls for a few comments.

The Diary is a little too brief. Mr. KITCHENS will be instructed to give a fuller but concise account of his daily activities in the Diary section of future reports.

It is pleasing to read that Polling at all Centres was most satisfactory, that there no incidents and that the majority of the people had a good general knowledge of the mechanics of voting. Education in the political field will be a continuing process amongst the PAGEI people and emphasis to this sphere of their development will be given during the subsequent Department of District Administration Patrols within the area.

Mr. KITCHEN's proposed form of constructing the Well at KNISA can be bettered, I think. If sand and gravel are not readily available along with other more suitable materials, it will be suggested to the PAGEI Council that they consider the installation of a fibre-glass lined deep well as these materials would be easy to transport to the site and the well easier to construct.

The proposed Capital Works activities of the PAGEI Council for the current year will contribute greatly to maintaining the peoples' interest in the Council and its affairs when the projects are completed.

Mr. KITCHENS did well in encouraging the children from OGOL, KILIPAN and KILIWIS to return to school and attend regularly. Often it is found that the problem of absenteeism at schools does not lie with the children so much as with the parents of the children. Mr. KITCHENS should be commended for his help in helping them at Village level and in the gardens.

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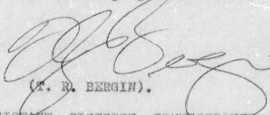
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parents to make them understand the importance and benefits to be gained by sending their children regularly to school.

Civic action work carried out in the KILIMERI area by the Pacific Islands Regiment has helped the local people enormously and has cemented extremely good relations between them and this Branch of the Services.

The Aid Post at OSSIMA has now been completed, This was a Council Project.

Mr. KITCHEN's Claim for Camping Allowance is attached.



(F. B. BERGIN).

Att.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

67-1-4/1035

Sub District Office,  
VANIMO

2nd April, 1969.

Mr K Kitchens,  
Officer in Charge,  
PAGEI.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS..PAGEI Patrol No 11 of 1968/69.

You should prepare to depart on patrol on the 10th April, 1969. Arrange for two members of your detachment of R.P.M.G.C. to accompany you. The purpose of the patrol will be to conduct the elections of the Pagei Local Government Council as outlined on the attached schedule. You are designated as "Polling Team No 2."

Mr Lu um Tugum, local government assistant, will be accompanying the patrol as Assistant Returning Officer. You will be Poll Clerk. The election will be conducted strictly in accordance with the booklet "Conduct of Elections for Local Government Councils" issued by the Chief Electoral Officer. Please assist Mr Tugum in preparing his statistical returns and written reports.

Prior to each election it will be necessary to carry out a reasonably extensive Local Government educational campaign, with the necessary bias on election of officer bearers. Mr Tugum is experienced in this work and will be a big help to you. The schedule allows ample time for this work, so don't rush, this is as important as the elections.

While at Krisa village select a site for the construction of a village wall. The people can then commence to stockpile sand and gravel and other local materials in anticipation of the wall being constructed early in the next financial year.

Your report must be submitted in accordance with the provisions of Headquarters Circular 67-1-0 of the 25th June, 1968 so ensure that you collate all the information necessary for the writing of a situation report.

  
F.J. RUSSELL  
Assistant District Commissioner.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Patrol Post,  
PAGEI.  
West Sepik District.  
1st May, 1969.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Vanimo Sub-District,  
VANIMO.

PATROL REPORT PAGEI No.11. of 1968/1969  
KILIMERI CENSUS DIVISION.

INTRODUCTION.

It was intended that this patrol would commence on 10th April, 1969, but written instructions were not received until 16th April. However since I had a fair knowledge of the APWAMBO/ELIS/IDOLI/AINBAI and SONBUI/AMOI/NAMBES Wards due to their close proximity to the station it was decided to take the polls at these centres on 12th April, 1969. The Assistant Returning Officer, Mr Lagim Tugim actually made this suggestion.

Contact with Pagei station was made on 510 Portable Radio at 1300 hours each day.

DIARY.

12th April, 1969

Left station 0900 arriving SONBUI polling place 0930. Pre-election talk given by Mr Lagim Tugim and polling continued until noon. Proceeded to APWAMBO arriving 1300. Polling completed 1600 and returned to station.

17th April, 1969.

Left station 0800 arriving ISI No.2 at 1100. Short talk given by Mr Tugim after lunch and polling continued most of the afternoon. Slept ISI.

18th April, 1969.

Left ISI No.2. at 0800 arriving ILUP 0900. Polling commenced 1000 and completed 1130. Left for KILIPAU 1200 arriving 1300. Usual talk and polling for KILIPAU and KILIWIS completed 1700. Slept KILIPAU.

19th April, 1969.

Departed KILIPAU 0800 arriving OSOL 0830. Talks and polling completed 1230. Left 1330 arriving AIYAWOU 1400. Talks and polling completed 1630. Returned to OSOL and slept.

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20th April, 1969.

0800 left OSOL for KRISA arriving 1000. Selected site for proposed new Council well while Mr Lugum gave informal pre-election talk. Otherwise observed.

21st April, 1969.

0800 polling at KRISA commenced and was completed by 1000. Left this village 1030 arriving ILUP 1500. Slept ILUP.

22nd April, 1969

Left ILUP 0800 arriving PAGI 1200.

END OF PATROLELECTIONS - PAGET LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL.

The patrol was specifically mounted for the purpose of conducting elections for PAGEI Council. Mr Lugum Tugum, Local Government Assistant AMANAB, was Assistant Returning Officer in charge of the Polling Team while I acted as Poll Clerk and Patrol leader.

The actual polling at all centres went off very well and there were no incidents of any kind to report.

I am convinced that the majority of the people in the area visited have a good knowledge of the mechanics of voting.

Pre-Election talks were given at each Polling Place by Mr Tugum and the people displayed interest.

Councillors elected were as follows :-

WARDCOUNCILLORS ELECTED.

APWAMBO/ELIS/IDOLI/AINBAI.

Mr NALI WOL of APWAMBO

Mr EVI EVI of IDOLI.

SONBUI/AMOI/NAMBES.

Mr AME YIFI of AMOI

Mr EPIPI YUMA of NAMBES.

ISI NO 1 &amp; 2.

Mr IAWI YAPA

ILUP

Mr EEFE WORAU.

KILIPAU

Mr BET IPI

KILINIS

Mr KULAWI HIEI

OSOL/ELAU/AULI/SOSI

Mr ARA ISAI of OSOL

Mr NOGI KERU of ELAU

AIYAWOU

Mr WASO FIA

KRISA

Mr BEMA TOU.

PROPOSED KRISA WELL.

There are three soaks at KRISA. These are used separately for drinking, bathing and washing of clothes. I inspected the drinking spring with Councillor BEMA. It is very close to the village.

Sand and gravel is not available within reasonable walking distance of KRISA but I believe that a corrugated iron cover would be adequate if properly sealed. The only cost would be the corrugated iron and nails in actual covering as bush materials could be used for the frame. It is possible that this type of structure may not be approved by the Health Authorities.

SITUATION REPORT.

POLITICAL.

The Census of KILMARI Division was last revised in December, 1967, and showed a population of 1958. It constitutes two-thirds of the total population of the PAGEI Administrative area.

The inhabitants are fortunately not involved in border problems. I mentioned earlier in the report that the majority of the people had a fair knowledge of actual voting procedures, however there are still many who have little or no idea of the function of their Council. I do believe that continual political education is having its effect and there are definite signs of growing interest. At recent inaugural meeting of new Councillors the Chambers and surrounding areas were crowded with spectators.

With the help of Mr Tukum I tried to convey to the Kilmari people the benefits that could be derived from a healthy Council and the part they should play in it viz :- supporting the Council by paying their taxes, the selection of sensible Councillors to represent their Ward and their continuing interest in Council affairs and projects.

To date the Kilmari people have benefited with the construction of wells at ILUP, ISI NO.2, and OSSIMA. An Aid Post at OSSIMA and a wire suspension bridge over the JABIRI River near KILIPAU. This current year will provide them with wells at KRISA, KILIPAU/KILMIS AIRU and NEW AWOL. A suspension bridge is to be constructed over the PUAL River near OSSIMA.

EDUCATION, SOC 194

OSSIMA and OSOL Catholic Mission Schools provide a fair coverage in the education field. There is still a problem of keeping children to regular schooling and on the patrol I was successful in encouraging 22 children from OSOL, KILIPAU and KILMIS to return to school.

The people in the area are generally law abiding. The most common complaint brought to my attention concerned wife beatings.

To the best of my knowledge there was no indication of any form of cultism in the Census Division patrolled.

I found them a very pleasant people willing to co-operate and help the patrol.



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BRITISH PERSONAL HISTORY OF COUNCILLORS ELECTED  
KILIMAKI CENSUS DIVISION.

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Mr. NAHI MOA of ABERABA. An influential man throughout the Faged Administrative area. Has successful Trade Store at Faged station. He has been a Councillor for five years. He is illiterate but speaks Pidgin fluently. He is an ex Vice-President.

Mr. EVI EVI of IDOBI Village Re-elected by large majority 79-3. He is a very able spokesman. He is Council delegate. Illiterate but speaks Pidgin.

Mr. SANE XIPI of ANBU. Elected against four other candidates. Illiterate but is good pidgin speaker. Has worked on copra plantation near Rabaul as a labourer. He is about 29 years old and married with 2 children. Previously Council messenger.

Mr. FIPIA KIMA of NAWIIS. Elected against three other candidates. He about 26 years old is married but has no children. Is illiterate but speaks good pidgin. Has been a labourer on copra plantation near Rabaul.

Mr. IANI YAPA of ISI 2. Was elected with majority of 72 votes against other candidate (the previous Councillor). He was previously a Councillor. Served during World War 11 in H.M.I. He is an ex labourer. Has two wives and four children. About 50 years old.

Mr. DESE MORAU of ILIPI Elected on large majority. Has worked on a plantation in New Ireland. Married with 3 children. About 30 years old.

Mr. BEI IPI of KILIPAU Elected on large majority. Worked on plantation near Rabaul. He is single and about 26.

Mr. KULANAI IRI of KILIBIS Was in P.M.R. for 5 years in Fort Moresby. He was previously a Council Committeeman. Married with one child and is about 32 years old.

Mr. ARA ISAI of OSOL. Elected on large majority. Was a Councillor when Council first formed. Married with 4 children. Spent about 5 years in Madang District as plantation labourer. He is about 32. Now President.

Mr. NANI KIBI of ISAU Elected by good majority. He is illiterate but speaks fair pidgin. Has worked at Wauk on plantations. One years Course at Bora in medical work. He is married with two children and is about 29.

Mr. MASO IPIA of AIKORON His first time in Council matters. Is illiterate but speaks pidgin. No other details known.

Mr. DEBA TON of KINISA. Re-elected. He is very intelligent and probably the wealthiest man in the Faged Administrative area. He has three trade stores. He was elected vice-president and Council delegate.

N.B. The information is fairly sketchy but it may be of assistance to the Senior Local Government Officer.  
The first four Councillors on the above List are from Faged Census Division.

HARL. W. KITCHENS.  
CADRE PATROL OFFICER.

67-16-74

17th June, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
West Sepik District,  
YAPLEO.

PATROL PAGEI NO. 12/68-69.

Your reference is 67-1-14 of 28th May, 1969.

2. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. K.A. Brown D.D.C. to Fagel Local Census Division.
3. No further comments on report are considered necessary.
4. I trust Mr. Kitchens benefited from the training exercise.

  
(T.W. ELLIS)  
Director.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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67-16-74

To: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telegrams: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Our Reference: 67-1-14  
 If calling ask for \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

Department of District Administration.



District Office,  
 VANIMO,  
 West Sepik District.

28th May, 1969.

The Director,  
 Department of District Administration,  
 KONEBOBU

SUBJECT:- Pagei Patrol Post No. 12 of 1968/69.

Attached please find two copies of the report arising out of the above patrol conducted by Mr. K. Brown.

2. The patrol which was of a border special type arose out of Mr. Brown being temporarily posted to Pagei during the recent Border incident. A number of West Irians were located living within T.P.&N.G. and were returned across the border. This was accomplished without difficulty. I agree with Mr. Brown that regular patrolling will be necessary to prevent any undue migration from across the border in our Territory. Patrolling will have to be intensified as the 'Act of Free Choice' draws nearer.

3. Mr. Brown also utilized his visit to give Mr. Kitchens some practical on the spot training both in Station management and in the field. I am grateful for Mr. Brown for doing this because provided he was receptive Mr. Kitchens should now have a much better understanding of his duties and the manner in which he should conduct such duties.

J.E. Wakeford  
 (J.E. Wakeford)

District Commissioner.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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PATROL REPORT

REPORT NO: PAGEI No.12 of 1968/1969  
SUB-DISTRICT: VANIMO.  
DISTRICT: WEST SEPIK.  
TYPE OF PATROL: SPECIAL BORDER.  
PATROL CONDUCTED BY: K.A. BROWN. DDC.  
AREA PATROLLED: PAGEI LOCAL.  
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL : Mrs K. KITCHENS. CPO (PART)  
Mr. J. STEWART. CAO "  
Inspector POWER "  
S/Inspector TARIHUN "  
14 members RP & NGC.  
DURATION OF PATROL 30th April, to 17th May, 1969.  
NO OF DAYS: 17  
LAST DDA PATROL  
DATE  
OBJECTS OF PATROL. BORDER SURVEILLANCE.  
TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA: 648

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Director Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

26/5/69

J.E. Wakeford  
J.E. WAKEFORD.  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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District Office,  
VANIMO.

23rd May, 1969.

District Commissioner,  
District Office,  
VANIMO.

PAGEI PATROL No.12 of 1968/1969  
PAGEI CENSUS DIVISION

INTRODUCTION.

I was stationed at Pagei to take charge of affairs in the event of an influx of refugees entering the area after the incidents at Wutung at the end of April.

After discussing plans with OIC and CAO I decided to undertake a census revision of Pagei local area as an exercise for Mr Kitchens and to ascertain the degree of migrations with border villages.

The census was taken at Sechotchiau which had not been previously listed in the Village Directory. This will be useful for future patrolling officers.

I attended a Council meeting at Pagei on 30th April, 1969, and chaired while the new President was elected (Mr Ara Isai). I explained to the meeting the reason for the increase in police strength at Pagei. Councillors were unanimous in opposing the establishment of a refugee camp at Pagei. From subsequent discussions I learned the motives were rather selfish ones. Most of them felt that any free handouts should go to the Pagei people and not outsiders.

The necessity to keep constant radio contact with Vanimo allowed less time than desirable in the villages visited but I feel that Mr Kitchens should now feel a little more confident in his approach to the divers problems brought before him.

DIARY.

30th April, 1969

Station inspection and Police parade in preparation visit by H.H. the Administrator. Official party 12.30 to 1.30 pm. Spent afternoon at Council meeting. Arranged itinerary for census with Councillors. Slept Pagei.

1st May, 1969.

Discussions with S/I Britten on police needs. Check of emergency rations and inspection of proposed refugee camp area. Assisted OIC in compiling reports. Slept Pagei.

2nd May, 1969.

Left station 0745. Visited IDOLI and APWAMBA villages. In company with Mr Kitchens CPO and Mr Stewart CAO walked 30 police to PULAN River (1½ hours). Ideal spot located for watching track to Border. Left NCO and 5 Constables who were instructed to report immediately they sighted refugees or Indonesian patrols. Returned Pagei 2pm. Checked files for matters requiring attention in villages to be visited. Slept Pagei.

3rd May, 1969.

Revised census at APWAMBO and IDOLI with Mr Kitchens. Inspected villages and environs and Council projects. Gave short talk and returned station before noon.

In afternoon visited NAMBES, SONBUI, and AMIO by motor cycle with Mr Stewart CAO. Slept Pagei.

4th May, 1969

Assisted OIC to prepare his M.I.S. Slept Pagei.

5th May, 1969.

Left for SONBUI and NAMBES where census revised by Mr Kitchens. Inspected village and Council projects

Mr Kitchens undertook the census revision of AMIO in the afternoon while I remained on station to meet District Commissioner. Slept Pagei.

6th May, 1969.

With Mr Kitchens inspected part of the Pagei-Niau Creek road and assisted him prepare a submission for Rural Development Works funds. Slept Pagei.

7th May, 1969.

Mr Kitchens left for AINBAI and ELIS to revise census. Two West Irian students arrived on station in afternoon with Fundan of Sechotchiau. Questioned them. Slept Pagei.

8th May, 1969.

Continued questioning of West Irian students. Slept Pagei.

9th May, 1969.

District Commissioner arrived with Inspector Power with instructions that I was to proceed to Sechotchiau and ~~conduct~~ <sup>escort</sup> refugees across the border. Prepared patrol gear while OIC and Inspector Power took the entire police detachment to range for fire practice and check of rifles. Slept Pagei.

10th May, 1969.

Left Pagei 0615 with Inspector Power and 14 native police. Arrived Sechotchiau 1200. Set up 510 and made contact with Pagei Spent afternoon questioning people in village. Slept Sechotchiau.

11th May, 1969.

I left 0730 with Fundan and 3 police for refugee camp BUSAMP an hour from village. ~~Inspected~~ <sup>Refused</sup> 9 male adults, 2 female adults and 8 children back to Sechotchiau and questioned them. Slept Sechotchiau.

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12th May, 1969.

Left 0800 with 17 refugees and ~~returned~~<sup>Returned</sup> them to border ( about 20 minutes walk for village). At 1630 a party of 9 refugees ex ARSO arrived in village. Spent evening questioning them. Slept SECHOTCHIAU.

13th May, 1969.

Carried out census of Sechotchiau. 2 West Irian students arrived from Pagei, 2 pm. ~~Returned~~<sup>Returned</sup> the latter and 9 others across border at 2.30 pm. Slept Sechotchiau.

14th May, 1969.

Spent day cleaning up camp and tracks around village. Sub-Inspector Tarihun arrived 3pm to relieve Inspector Power. Slept Sechotchiau.

15th May, 1969.

Inspector Power left for Pagei 0730. Sub-Inspector Tarihun took police for walk to border and along other tracks. Received instructions to return to Pagei on 1.30 schedule. Left village 2 pm arriving Pagei 6.30 pm. Slept Pagei.

16th May, 1969.

At Pagei cleaning up. District Commissioner arrived with instructions that I was to proceed to Imonda. Packed up. Slept Pagei.

17th May, 1969.

Left with Sub-Inspector Tarihun by Gesna for IMONDA 0930.

END OF DIARY.REFUGEES.

The following were ~~returned~~<sup>Returned</sup> across the border on 12th May, 1969.

|                  |              |                              |
|------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| ANTON WELLIP     | MA 40        | Teacher and leader of party. |
| SUSANNA PRAY     | FA 33        | wife of above                |
| LIDWINA WELLIP   | FC 11        |                              |
| PETRUS WELLIP    | MC 9         |                              |
| ROSA WELLIP      | FC 7         |                              |
| ADOLF WELLIP     | MC 5         |                              |
| JOSEFINA WELLIP  | FC 3         |                              |
| MARCELA WELLIP   | FC 1         |                              |
| MODESTA WELLIP   | FC 15        |                              |
| AMBROSIUS PSEWAR | MA 30        | Teacher.                     |
| JOHANA NABAR     | FA 24        | wife of above.               |
| CATHARINA PSEWAR | FC 9 months. |                              |

Anton Wellip stated the two families had left UBRUP in October, 1968 after the West Irian No.2 Kiap JULIANUS JUMBEMA had accused them of association with Freedom Movement. They had gone to Amanab but were told to return. They were making their way to Wutung when Josef Pray met them near ARSO and advised them to stay where they were. They subsequently went to Sechotchiau where Yundan arranged for them to camp at BUSAMP.

The remainder of the party consisted of five young men who joined Anton's group at various times :-

|                    |       |              |
|--------------------|-------|--------------|
| MOSES JU           | MA 20 |              |
| BAAS AKIM          | MA 21 | ex NMO       |
| AMATUS MATAI       | MA 20 | ex Altar boy |
| DOMINGGUS PONATABA | MA 19 |              |
| MENASE TABU        | MA 17 |              |

On the 13th May, 1969, the following group was ~~mentioned~~<sup>returned</sup> to the border marker:-

|                 |       |                        |
|-----------------|-------|------------------------|
| THOMAS MOIAGI   | MA 45 | leader.                |
| HENDRIKA MOIAGI | FA 35 | wife of above.         |
| FABIANA         | FC }  | CHILDREN of above.     |
| FIDORIS         | MC }  |                        |
| CHRISENSIA      | FC }  |                        |
| ALBERTUS KIAWAT | MA 30 |                        |
| BUDINA KIAWAT   | FA 25 | wife of above.         |
| LASURUS KIAWAT  | MC    |                        |
| PAUL BROTIAN    | MC 13 | son of Luluai of ARSO. |

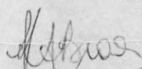
Albertus Kiawat reported that the West Irian flag had been flown at the station on 1st May, 1968. The OIC of the station was in Sukarnopura at the time. On 3rd May, 1969, a plane brought in 10 armed Indonesians who began shooting in Arso village the same day. They shot at dogs, fowls and trees. The two families ran off into the bush so were unable to give any further information. They found the Luluai's son and kept him with them. They knew Sechotchiau was on the same river as Arso and followed it down.

The two University students OBETH RUMKOREM MA 21 and MOSES SAFKAUR MA 23 left Sukarnopura after arrests were being made of student leaders following demonstrations. Obeth spoke fair English.

A fire was seen from Pagei about night of 14th May, 1969. It appeared to have been in the vicinity of NIAUKOFO a fairly large camp close to border on West Irian side. I did not see the fire from Sechotchiau and it has not yet been confirmed that this camp had been burnt.

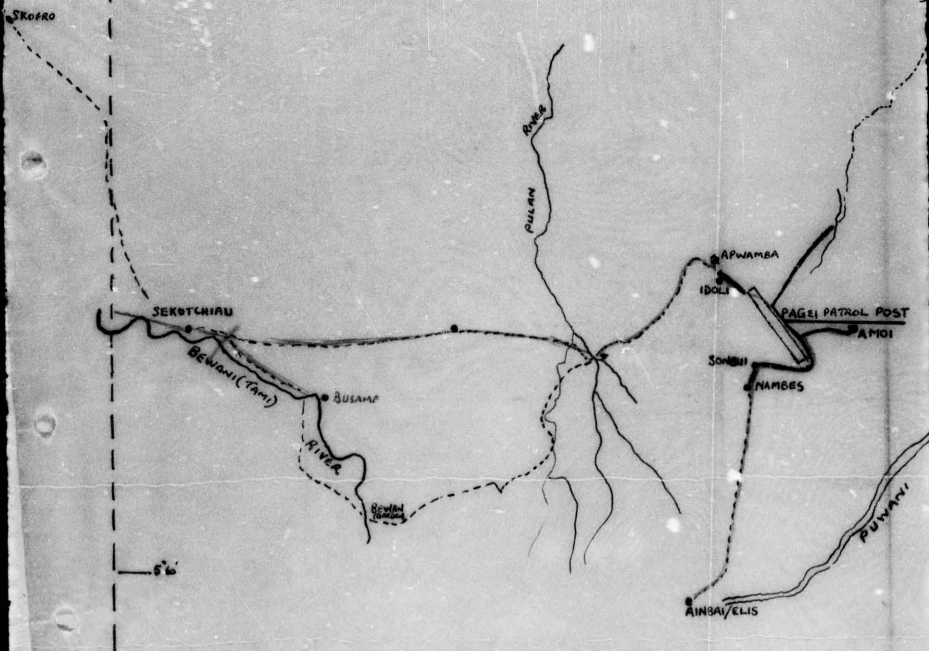
Yundan of Sechotchiau is obviously very sympathetic to the West Irian Freedom Movement and is assisting refugees by arranging camps for them and keeping watch on tracks leading to border.

Regular patrolling of the Sechotchiau area will be necessary if a check is to be kept on the movement of refugees.

  
K.A. Brown.  
Deputy District Commissioner.



PAGEI CENSUS DIVISION



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