



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN Report No. 2nd 1971-72

Patrol Conducted by Mr. Russell Waiburu, Assistant District Officer (I.C.)

Area Patrolled Collingwood Bay Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Mr. Waiburu ADO (LG) Mr. J. Binjkon Clerical Asst. Maripak, Outboard Operator

Duration—From 1/9/1971 to 9/9/1971

Number of Days 9 Days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? Nil

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 5/1/1971 (Port Census Division only)

Map Reference Medical Sixth General Elections for the Cape Nelson Local Government Council

Objects of Patrol Government Council

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

Amount Paid for D.M.E. Trust Fund \$.....

SITUATION REPORT
ISFI PATROL NO. 7 1971-72.

INTRODUCTION

The prime purpose of this patrol was to conduct the sixth (6th) General Elections for the CAPE NELSON LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL in Colling Wood Bay Census Division. The patrol camped out for nine nights and three nights were spent at Tufi Station. The patrol was moved from village to village by a dinghy powered by the 20 H.P. 'Mercury' Outboard Motor.

The patrol commenced on 25th August, 1971 and was terminated on 10th September, 1971 (see Patrol Diary, Appendix 4). The personnel accompanying me were Mr. Joseph Binjikon, Clerical Assistant District Local Government Office, Hasondotta, and Mr. Maripa Kele an out-board motor operator, Tufi. This report is covered for team two only. Mr. McCrua and Mr. Robbins will prepare separate reports.

The election report was prepared under separate cover (see O.L.G.S. File 41-3-3)

POLITICAL

The Cape Nelson Council was established in 1961/62. The Colling Wood Bay Census Division was not in the Council until the year 1965/66. People do not seem to be satisfied with the work of the Cape Nelson Local Government Council. They do not feel very much interest in council work. People have been paying Council tax for six years, and the Council has done very little in the area. The following projects were put or done by the Council and were inspected during this patrol.

- a. three water wells - one at Lake Unserviciable, two at Wanigela, one is working and the other is unserviceable. Councillors in those Wards have reported this to the Council office but as yet nothing has been done to repair them.
- b. A Tractor was located at Wanigela in order to carry out the Wanigela Airstrip Maintenance.
- c. One Aid Post at Sinifera. (Permanent building) - and
- d. the Council is building a road from Wanigela to Itoto Point (not inspected). This project was started last financial year 1970/71.

People do not really know what Local Government Council is or its functions. They do not know what work Cape Nelson Council does to improve its area. It was noticed that people do not care whether they have a Local Council. No Council Rules are kept. A good example was seen in this Census Division that the houses are in poor condition, villages are not kept clean. People are only thinking about garden work and fishing and this is common to this country. They do try to improve their ways of living but this is limited. No questions were asked on how the Council spends its Revenue, how much work the Council has done in the area, projects that were completed or were to be done or any future work program. The Cape Nelson Council tax rate is seven dollars (\$7) and only men pay tax. The Council clerk has collected tax for this financial year 1971/72 in the Colling Wood Bay except for Kauansasap Villages.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Very little work was done on political education which was very disappointing. People do not fully understand the meaning of 'Self Government' and 'Independence'. I feel that more political education work must be done in future in the area. Quite a number of men own radios and listen to the news.

Mr. Paulus Arak, Ijivitari Ugan M.H.A., comes from Wanigela. People were told the closing date of the third House of Assembly Elections. No other questions were raised.

ECONOMIC

The main cash economy is copra: cocoa, coffee and chilly are subsidiary cash crops. People in this area are very good in making TAPA CLOTH, CLAY POTS and broad leaf PANGGUS MATS. The best places to get Tapa Cloth is at UIAKU and Clay Pots is at WANIGELA. The Cape Nelson Council area has a big problem and that is the area is big and has a very poor area in economic point of view. The other thing is on the first time people are encouraged to grow and produce more cash crops and when the time comes and crops are ready for sale and by this time people find nowhere to sell their produce or nobody to come and buy their produce. People are not that lazy to produce anything to earn money but on the other hand everyone wants to receive something on return. I do not know why Mr. H. G. Milne owns a boat and not going to the villages and buy copra or to trade anything with natives. A trader like him should make a fortune if he does this type of trading. I suggest that the Cape Nelson Council should make a rule to select a central buying points for copra, cocoa and coffee, and Council should try to recruit Maisin Co-operative Society or any interested trader to buy their produce. The other thing council should consider is to build a copra hot air drier on these spots. There are two Co-operative Societies - MAISIN Co-operative Society Ltd. at UIAKU and WANIGELA Co-operative Society at WANIGELA. There are number of small trade stores own by village people, and two are own by European Traders, Mr Criedland, Wanigela and Mr Wolf of Menapi in Milne Bay District owns a temporary building trade store at AILALA.

TOURIST

One of the good businesses in the area is tourist business. People are getting to understand that it is one way to earn money. Mr. Cruedland a business man in Wanigela is running a tourist business and he is making a fortune. People have complained that Mr. Cruedland is stopping them not to sell artifacts or anything to tourist except to Mr. Cruedland. He wants to make a good market for himself. People in nearby villages spent two weeks dancing for tourist and took them around by canoes to see surrounding places. People must be encourage to try to learn on this type of business.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The Cape Nelson Local Government Council started to build a road from Wanigela to Itoto Point. This project was started last financial year and it is progressing. Seeing in the Government Gazette No 7 of 26th July, 1971, there are 83 blocks are advertised and the applications will be closed on 15th September, 1971 at 3 P.M. Notice No. 164/71 - NORTHERN DISTRICT. It was checked with Lands Officer that a Surveyors will be sent to carry out a survey work at ITOTO & KEPPEL blocks. People from Wards 6 to 8 are moving out from their villages and taking up a blocks at Keppel and Itoto points. These villages has not enough land, they live on plateau and the area is too rugged. They travel from village to other village is by means of canoes. It is very encouraging to see people in taking up blocks. Agriculture Officers should pay regular visit to these people to advise right ways of growing cash crops and so on.

SOCIAL

EDUCATION: There is no other schools established in the area except three (3) Anglican Mission Schools. They are at UIAKU, WANIGELA and NANIU, Primary Schools, classes from standard one to standard six. (Wanigela school has standard six, Uisaku has standards one to five and Nanio has standard one to three). Uisaku and Nanio schools are staffed by Native Teachers only and the Wanigela school has a European Head Mistress, Miss M. J. Young. The classrooms are

built from bush materials and Wanigela ones are semi permanent. There should be one establish at LAKO (GEGERAUA) because these villages; KEWANSASP, LAKO, LEACA, MANDA and AILALA have no school. These villages are too far to go to Uaku or Wanigela. Very few children from these villages are attending Uaku and Wanigela schools, as borders. Most children are living in the villages.

HEALTH

There are two Aid Posts were seen, one at Kewansasp, bush material building with very few medicine left in the aidpost, unstaffed; and the other one is at Sinifara, a permanent building. The aid post was left unstaffed for months, nobody care to cut grass or to clean its surrounding. There is a small hospital at Wanigela Mission, staffed by Trained European Nurse, Miss Roberts. She goes out with her staff to villages and do welfare clinic.

VILLAGES: The villages are not really in good condition. Houses are in poor condition. Pigs and dogs waste seen everywhere. Toilets are not properly kept, pigs are living in the villages. The Kewansasp village is the worst. People were told to try and pull down old houses and re build them. I suggest the Cape Nelson Council should employ a Rules Inspector whose duty is to go around to villages and inspect and to see that every body keeps village clean, houses are repair and so on. If villages people disobey to do anything he would bring them to court. I think this would, may make people to change some ways of living in better life. There is no other illness or epidemic was encountered and the whole people appear healthy and fit. One case of elephantiasis was seen at SINAPA.

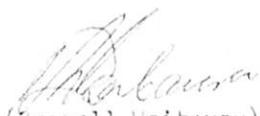
MISSION: The only Mission in the area is the Anglican Mission.

CLUBS: The Cape Nelson Councils employs a Welfare Assistant Miss L. Undaba who goes seldom, and teach village women how to sew, play basket ball. There is a women's club at Wanigela and has a licence to run a small store or to sell drinks etc. (L.T.U.N. No. 33075, Receipt No 61026 of 10th September, 1970, due for renewal of licence).

MISCELLANEOUS

The reception in the villages were friendly. People were made sure that we did not leave without having some food, fruit or a drink. The only village that nothing was offered is Wanigela. We were disturbed from sleep, people were playing guitar, ukulele, and local dance just beside the rest house. They were asked to move away from the rest house but instead they made it worse. There was no guitar playing or dancing before 9-00 p.m and as soon as we put light off ready to go to bed people began to make all these nonsense. There was only the matter occurred in the patrol, and on the other hand the patrol was good. There were no complaints or any other serious trouble met in the patrol. It was my first patrol in the area, and I gained a lot of experience in the field.

Finally I wish to thank Joseph Binjikon, Clerical Assistant, C.L.G.O Popondetta and Maripa K, the Outboard Motor Operator, Tufi, who gave every assistance during the patrol which I am grateful.


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