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PATROL REPORTS MOROBE DISTRICT 1962/63

WAU

ASEKI

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Conducted by:</u>	<u>Area Patrolled.</u>
Wau 1-62/63	W.L.Smith	Kapau-Kaba Census Division incl. Nanima R. area
" 3-62/63	A.R.James	Wau, Bulolo Valley and adjacent areas
" 4-62/63	A.R.James	Biangai - Biaru
" 5-62/63	A.R.James	Upper Watut Census Division
Aseki 1-62/63	R.I.Campbell	Kareeba - Indivi Census Div.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of hoatse Report No. HOA 1 of 62/63

Patrol Conducted by H. Smith P.O.

Area Patrolled three / Indivis

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans L. I. Campbell epo

Natives 6 P.N.C. / 1 interpreter

Duration—From 22/3/1963 to 4/1963

Number of Days 3

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services ab / had / 1961

Medical April / 1962

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol Corner of corner, compilation of  
Banner roll

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 ..... £.....  
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15th October, 1963.

The District Officer,  
Morobe District,  
L.A.E.

ASEKI PATROL 1-63/64:

I thank you for the report on the above patrol and am pleased to note that the accompanying Cadet prepared a separate report as an exercise. I agree with you that this is useful and it is a practice which should always be followed in similar circumstances for training purposes.

I note that this is only the second full coverage of the area by a Native Affairs patrol. Regular visits are taken for granted by this Headquarters now that the Aseki Patrol Post is well established. Recurrent visits must be made even to the sparsely populated areas.

You have covered the report well in your remarks. In this area again isolation and transport are limitations to economic development but your positive approach in making the best of what opportunities exist is the right one.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.





Telegrams

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Our Reference

If calling ask for

Mr.



Department of Native Affairs,  
District Office,  
L A E...Morobe District.

22nd August, 1963.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.

ASEKI PATROL NO. 1 of 1963/1964.

I am forwarding herewith, reports submitted by Mr. Patrol Officer, W.L. Smith and Mr. Cadet Patrol Officer, R.I. Campbell of their patrol of the Kareeba/Indiwi Census Division. Mr. Campbell has submitted his report as an exercise and I am forwarding it to you as the Cadet has done quite a good job in the presentation of this his first Patrol Report.

No copies of Patrol Instructions issued have been included in this report and I am requesting the Assistant District Officer, Wau to provide copy of instructions as soon as possible. No patrol map has been submitted and I am requesting Mr. Campbell to provide one. A map is valuable to properly appreciate a report in such relatively primitive areas as the Kareeba/Indiwi.

The report has been considerably delayed owing to Mr. Smith's absence in Port Moresby to assist with the survey into cost of living.

This was the second full Native Affairs coverage of the Kareeba/Indiwi. For many years it was very poorly covered by patrols. With the establishment of the post at Aseki it should be possible to ensure good coverage of all of these isolated areas in the future.

The overall native situation as revealed in the report is satisfactory. I am pleasantly surprised to note that there are no pressing land problems. I patrolled the Kapau/Kabu, which is adjacent to the area of this patrol, in 1959 and found that virtually every group had land disputes and problems.

The Eloa River area should be covered from Wau. It is true that there are few people here but they have as much right to patrol attention as do other areas.

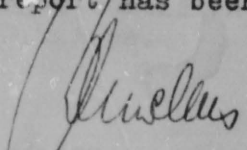
This country will always be difficult to travel. It is highly unlikely that there will ever be any extensive road building activity and future patrols will no doubt have to continue by foot for many years to come.

I agree with Mr. Walters that it is beyond the comprehension of these people to envisage the House of Assembly and elected representatives. We can but continue to patrol these areas and continue to carefully educate the people on these matters. I favour Mr. Walters' suggestion of the School of Instruction at Aseki and I agree that the confirmation of appointment of Luluais could be left in abeyance for the time being.

I do not feel that a purchasing point for coffee should be set up at Aseki at this time but I feel that eventually this will have to be done if the coffee is to be marketed. Experience at Pindiu and Kabwum, both served by small strips and with local mountain population engaged in coffee growing, shows that air freighting of coffee need not necessarily price the product out of the market. The matter will be further discussed with the District Agricultural Officer and I do agree that until Aseki is open for unrestricted Otter operations, future purchases should be made at Slate Creek.

Other aspects of the patrol are well covered by Mr. Walters in his covering memorandum.

Useful reports have been submitted by both Officers and I am pleased to see the start that Mr. Campbell has made. The report has been shown to the District Commissioner.

  
(J.P. SINCLAIR)  
a District Officer.

c.c. A.D.C. WAU.  
Mr. W. Smith, ASEKI.  
Mr. R. I. Campbell, LAE.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference.....

If calling ask for

Mr.....

Patrol Post,  
ASEKI.

Morobe District.  
10th June, 1963.

The Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office,  
WAU.

ASEKI PATROL No.1 of 1962/63.

I have to report that I have completed a patrol  
of the KAREEBA / INDIWI Census Division.

Duration - 22/3/1963 to 21/4/1963  
30 days.


Officer Conducting -- W.L.Smith Patrol Officer.

Officer Accompanying - R.I.Campbell Cadet Patrol Officer.

Personnel Accompanying - 6 members R.P.& N.G.C.  
1 Interpreter.

Last Patrol Native Affairs - February/March 1961  
Public Health - April 1962

Objects - Revision of Census.  
Compilation of Common Roll.  
Routine Administration.  
Consolidation.

  
W.L.Smith  
Patrol Officer.



INTRODUCTION.

The KAREEBA / INDIWI Census Division lies to the east from Aseki.

The division is heavily timbered, sparsely populated and is as rugged and broken as the KAPAU/KABU Census Division. Three main streams drain the area, the KAREEBA, AMWUMGIWA and INDIWI. The ELOA river, even further to the east, was not visited by this patrol and will in future be administered from Wau.

A considerable area south and south west of the previous patrols' limit was visited, no appreciable signs of further population were observed.

All objects of the patrol were achieved, very good relations were established with the people and it is thought that the Administration's position has now been strengthened and consolidated amongst these isolated people.

The patrol spent some time in the upper KAPAU area where a general meeting of Village Officials and leaders was held, this will be discussed under the NATIVE AFFAIRS section of this report.

Clement weather prevailed throughout the patrol thus considerably lessening its duration.

Mr. R.I. Campbell Cadet Patrol Officer accompanied the patrol.

DIARY.March 1963.

- 22nd Departed Aseki 10am. Steady climb for 30 minutes to HAWAMNGA, inspected. Continued along ridge thence down cliff face ladders to ANGABENA 12.30 pm. Further 45 minutes to ANGEIWUNGA. Talks with villagers.
- 23rd Departed ANGEIWUNGA 8am. descended for an hour to HIAKWATA. General talks, village inspection.
- 24th Departed HIAKWATA 8am. forded KAPAU River and climbed over poor track to IAGOBEL. Villagers spoken to regards obeying village officials lawful instructions. Spades issued and new route for track marked. Proceeded on to KOBAKINI arriving 11am.
- 25th AT KOBAKINI.  
General meeting of all KAPAU Village Officials and leaders. Talks and discussions regards economic development, possible road construction establishment of Aid Post and formation of unofficial village councils. Patrol visited by

- 25th (cont.) Mr. A. Cole of the New Tribes Mission, discussions.
- 26th Departed KOBAKINI 9am. in light rain. Proceeded on garden track for an hour, thence on well graded track through KAMIAGAGA Village to rest house on KAPAU River arriving 11.30am. Talks pm. and bridge constructed over ANGGAIE Creek.
- 27th Departed KAMIACAGA rest house 7.30am. General climb on well graded track through KANAKAIMAGI to HOGENEIWA arriving 9.15am. Carriers changed. Proceeded to PAIWINI 10.30am. Carriers changed. Proceeded to PASSAI'A via DUMAUIA 12.30pm. General descent to ANINGI rest house on KABU River 2pm.
- 28th Departed ANINGI rest house 7.30am, proceeded via ANINGI Village to ANDANDORA 10.30am. Route entails continual climb from ANINGI to top of KABU / KAREEBA divide thence steady descent to ANDANDORA. Census revised of ANDANDORA. Proceeded on to PAUAMUNGA 45 minutes on good track. Talks with assembled villagers.
- 29th Revised census of PAUAMUNGA. Departed PAUAMUNGA 12 noon, followed well graded track for 1½ hours to YEIWINI on bank of KAREEBA River. Village inspection, visited coffee 'factory' and gardens.
- 30th At ~~PAU~~ YEIWINI. Census revised by Mr. Campbell. General talks, health matters and economic development.
- 31st Departed YEIWINI 9am. 45 minutes on level track following west bank of KAREEBA upstream to GUMANA. Census revised. Visited coffee gardens and 'factory', general talks on economic development. A responsive group living in a neat village.
- April 1963.
- 1st Returned to YEIWINI. Formal talks during afternoon on economic development and the need to establish individual coffee plantings.
- 2nd Departed YEIWINI 8am, forded KAREEBA and climbed on bush track through thick rain forest to top of divide, descended to AMWUMGIWA River, crossed on log bridge, short climb to MOUINI, arriving 10am. Revised census. General talks.
- 3rd Departed MOUINI 7.30am, followed excellent track skirting main ridge for 1½ hours to YELOWA. Census revised. General talks during afternoon, minor complaints heard and arbitrated.



- 4th At YELOWA.  
Conversation with District Officer, Lae per A510. Signal to Assistant District Officer, Wau regards ELOA area, estimated six days return from here. Inspection of hamlets and informal talks. Heavy rain pm.
- 5th Received advice that ELOA will be patrolled from Wau.  
Departed YELOWA 8.50am. 30 minutes on good track to AMWUMGWIWA River, bridged. Steep climb for an hour to top of range, steep descent to AIM'BAGI Creek, thence up to YAGOIN'E arriving at 11.40am.  
Census revised by Mr. Campbell, informal talks during afternoon, people a little on the sly side.
- 6th At YAGOIN'E.  
Mr. Campbell revised the census of WOMBAGINI who are to settle near here and in future will be known as PIETO.  
Formal talks on the Administrations aims and law.
- 7th Departed YAGOIN'E 6.15am. Steep descent to AIMBAGI Creek, 6.40 am.. AIMBAGI followed downstream, crossing and recrossing until the INDIWI River reached 8.10 am.. INDIWI crossed on cane suspension bridge, repairs carried out to bridge, finally all cargo across by 9.30am. Proceeded on good track to WOMBAGINI arriving at 10.30 am.
- 8th At WOMBAGINI.  
General talks with people regards the Administration aims. Attempts to glean information about the area to the south met with obstructive response.
- 9th Departed WOMBAGINI 7.30am. Climbed on well defined track to the south for an hour. Timber cleared for view to the south and south east. Sharp descent to IMBAIMA Creek, a confluent of the INDIWI. Followed downstream for an hour. Climbed to KWOIPE'A hamlet, 12 noon. Some of these people previously censused with WOMBAGINI, initial contact made with about 20 persons, good relations established but refused to be censused. Proceeded down to the INDIWI, a large stream here, 3 hours spent in constructing a bridge. Crossed and camp set up. KWOIPE'A people appeared with a lot of food, purchased. Heavy rain at night.
- 10th Broke camp and moved for 2 hours to top of ridge. Followed ridge for the rest of the day travelling generally north north west to north. Occasional views to south reveal heavily timbered broken country with no signs of population. Made camp at 5pm. heavy rain.



- 11th. Broke camp at 8am. Climbed steadily along ridge for some distance until old hunting track found, bearing north north west followed and arrived at MAMBUSU a hamlet of Korenga, further 30mts to KORENGA arriving at 1pm.
- 12th. Good Friday observed at KORENGA.
- 13th. Mr. Campbell to HAMUNI to revise census. Census of KORENGA revised by writer. General talks during afternoon.
- 14th. Departed KORENGA and proceeded to ANANDOR, 35 mts. on good track. Census revised. Informal talks.
- 15th. Mr. Campbell proceeded to KAMANAHAI with cargo. Writer to HAWAWETO, census revised, talks. Returned to ANANDOR thence KORENGA thence KAMANAHAI. Census of the latter groupe revised by Mr. Campbell. General talks pm.
- 16th. Departed KAMANAHAI and descended for 2 hours to KAREEBA River, forded with some difficulty, climbed over bush track for 2½ hours to TAUINI. Threat of rain and the fact that no names were remembered from last census precluded census revision. Proceeded to KEKEWANA in heavy rain, 35mts.
- 17th. Mr. Campbell to KWAMPIANG to revise census. Writer revised census of KEKEWANA and TAUINI. Talks on economic development. Proceeded to MEKINI 45mts. Informal talks with villagers.
- 18th. At MEKINI. Revised census and common roll compiled. Formal talks with assembled Village Officials.
- 19th. Departed MEKINI and proceeded to TANGONDIA, 2 hours. Mr. Campbell revised census of TANGONDIA and writer revised census of TANGIAWA. Discussions pm.
- 20th. Departed TANGONDIA and descended sharply for an hour to the KABU River, forded. Steep climb for 2 hours to KORTIO / ANGWETA, rested, talks with villagers. Proceeded on to MUNGO.
- 21st. Departed MUNGO 6.30am. 30 mts down to the KAPAU River, forded. Proceeded to ASEKI via IWATIMNA WINDOWI and WANGIA arrived 10.30am.

End of Diary.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The patrol proceeded to the KAREEBA / INDIWI Census Division via the Upper KAPAU and KABU villages of the KAPAU / KABU Census Division.

This route provided the opportunity to hold a meeting at KOBAKINI (Upper KAPAU). This gathering of Village Officials and villagers discussed the possible establishment of an Aid Post at KOBAKINI and the attached responsibilities; the formation of unofficial village councils; economic development and the construction of vehicular roads; the resultant observations are tabled under 'Appendix - Economic and Political development of the Upper KAPAU area'.

The KAREEBA / INDIWI Census Division has been neglected for many years, the first patrol to cover the area fully was conducted by Mr. Patrol Officer F.N. Harris in February / March 1961, (Wau Patrol No.7 of 60/61). That patrol conducted the initial census. A patrol conducted by Mr. European Medical Assistant K. Siggal visited all groups in April 1962. This report then covers the third full patrol of the Division..

Even with the lack of attention some groups, especially the villages of GUMANA, YEWINI and PAUAMUNGA show a surprising degree of sophistication. This has probably resulted from their intimate association with the people of the Upper WATUT, in fact, all groups within the division have had some contact with the Upper WATUT, far more so, in fact than their neighbours in the KAPAU / KABU.

This patrol visited the people in the area drained by the KAREEBA, AMWUMGIWA, and INDIWI Rivers, the ELOA River area was not visited and this isolated area can be administered much easier from WAO than from ASEKI.

The groups known as ANDANDORA? AWEAKA, KWAPRIANG, TAUINI, KEKEWANA, MEKINI, TANGIWA and TANGONDIA which are situated on the KAREEBA fall of the KABU / KAREEBA divide and were previously included in the KAPAU / KABU Census Division have now been brought into the KAREEBA / INDIWI, a further group HIAKWATO near the headwaters of the KABU River may be included later.

No major crime was reported to the patrol. A few minor complaints were arbitrated without recourse to convening a Court for Native Affairs.

Generally speaking the situation in the area is good, there are no pressing land problems to disturb the people who at the moment are the least affected by external pressures in the area administered from ASEKI. However, in the near future when cash is obtained from coffee production the people will become aware of their isolation. At the moment I can see no way of lessening this, as the possibility of an airstrip appears slight and I doubt that roads would be worthwhile for such a small population.

Some initial contact was made with the people of KWOIP'E half a days walk south from the last group, (see diary entry 9th April.) it is estimated that there are probably 100 uncontacted people in the near vicinity of this group.



CENSUS AND COMMON ROLL.

The census was revised of all groups, an overall increase of 260 was noted, i.e. allowing for the exclusion of the ELOA River area and the inclusion of those villages previously part of the KAPAU / KABU Census Division.

Total recorded population is now 1,950.

No unusual difficulty was experienced with revising the census. As previously stated an estimated 100 persons of the KWOIPE'A group remain to be censused.

The figures provided in 'APPENDIX II' of Mr. Campbell's report seem to shew that there are quite a few adult females yet to appear for census amongst the more backward groups. Time and attention will nodoubt give a complete census.

The common roll was compiled for all censused groups, 994 names were entered. Father's names were recorded when given, but it is doubted if these have any significance.

TRACKS AND BRIDGES.

This has been covered by Mr. Campbell.

It is enough to say that the effort expended by these people shews their increasing regard or acceptance of the Administrations ways.

Some spades and shovels have been made available, but most of the tools allocated to ASEKI are in use constructing roads in the vicinity of ASEKI.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

A list is appended.

The officials appear to have some influence, but usually this only extends to the hamlet in which they themselves live. As is my policy as much encouragement as possible was given to these men and their legal status explained to the people.

All the officials were appointed provisionally by the last patrol. Confirmation of their appointments is recommended.

AGRICULTURE.

A healthy interest in coffee as a cash crop is being shewn by the villagers of the Upper KAREEBA. The people of GUMANA and YEIWINI especially. These people had obtained sufficient cash to purchase a coffee pulper, I believe this purchase has now been made.

KAIMAYEDU the son of the Luluai of GUMANA is an Agricultural Field Worker and he has played an important part in establishing coffee as a cash crop in the area.

Gardens are being prepared in the INDIWI area and if the present enthusiasm lasts the entire division should have fairly extensive plantings of coffee within a year.



AGRICULTURE: (continued)

With any programme of economic development within this division the major problem is buying points. These people, I'm afraid, will have no option but to carry their produce to Slate Creek in the Upper WATUT as this journey is less than the trek to ASEKI.

Few European vegetables are as yet grown, various seeds were distributed to the Village Officials. Staples of Sweet Potato, Taro, Sugar Cane are plentiful and of very good quality. Food shortages in the area would be unlikely.

HEALTH.

A report is appended.

ETHNOLOGY.

The reports appended to Mr. Campbell's report are most interesting and should provide a basis for comparison in the future.

I do not know whether the finding that the average male is five feet tall and the average female four feet seven inches tall will settle the question of whether these people can be called pygmies or merely add fuel to the fire.

The second appendix could possibly be used in the future to judge how much influence the missions have had on polygynous marriages.

MISSIONS.

The KARBEERA / INDIWI Census Division has been subject to some proselyting by the New Tribes Mission, mainly in the form of youths educated in the Watut and sent back to their villages. Little effect has been noted.

EDUCATION.

There are no educational establishments in the division.

CONCLUSION.

A small, sparse population in an isolated area coupled with lack of attention does not give rise to any hopes for great advancement. Thus it is doubted that these people will ever rise much above the subsistence level. This should not discourage the Administration in attempting to rise that subsistence level.

The people of the division have settled down well, no urgent problems confront them or us.

The patrol was of a routine nature and there were no untoward incidents.

  
W.L. Smith

Patrol Officer.

ASEKI PATROL No. 1 of 1962/63.

APPENDIX - Economic and Political Development of the Upper KAPAU area.

The economic status of the Upper KAPAU is becoming such, that some thought must be given to planning for future economic and political development interdependent on one another.

Luluai MOISA of KOBAKINI is at the moment thinking upon lines of a Rural Progress Society and as cash returns from coffee increase this idea will undoubtedly spread. I think MOISA is aware of the need for joint effort in all fields of development.

The idea of a progress society has no doubt come from the Upper WATUT where the idea was mooted a year or so ago. At that time the Upper WATUT people were looking towards the people of the KAPAU as eventual members of a joint one language co-operative.

Unfortunately no recent figures are available at the moment on plantings and production of coffee for accurate conclusions to be drawn regarding future production and the resultant increase in living standards. However, to walk through this area is enough to know how far these people have come and of course how far they have yet to go.

Apropos of 'go', I think that production now warrants the establishment of a buying point at ASEKI. Most of the coffee in the Upper KAPAU is within a days walk of ASEKI and the people are becoming a little weary of trekking the two to three full days into the Upper WATUT.

The following requests were made by the people at the gathering held at KOBAKINI :-

- 1) A buying point should be established at ASEKI, even is only for a few months of the year.
- 2) That one or more Agricultural Field Workers be posted to ASEKI.

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The idea of unofficial councils was suggested by the village officials themselves at a meeting held at ASEKI early in January of this year.

They stated that they received little support save from the persons living in the same hamlet as themselves and that the other hamlets which comprise the villages in this area should have representation when communal projects such as road work were being allocated.

All villages in the Upper KAPAU have now elected representatives from their various hamlets who confer with the village official. At the moment their activities are limited to road work but it is thought that they will soon be able to embrace all community projects.

It is hoped that this system will assist in breaking down the insularity of these people.



ASEKI PATROL No. 1 of 1962/63.

APPENDIX - VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

NAME	DESIGNATION	VILLAGE.
NAWANDO	LULUAI	ANDANDORA.
MENIKUYU	"	PAJAMUNGA.
ODIPO	TULTUL	"
UYAGETO	LULUAI	YEIWENI.
GUYAMATO	"	GUMANA.
HOIPUNGG	"	MOUINI.
HANDEIBUNGO	"	YELAU.
AWETO	"	PIETO.
HEIANGOI	"	YAGOIN'E.
KAUTIDUHO	"	KORENGA.
NANANDEIBUNGO	"	HAMUNI.
GWOIKAMANO	"	ANANDOR.
ATUMANATU	"	KAMANAHAI.
MANETO	"	HAWAWETO.
TIMNO	"	TAUINI.
NEIWENAMOTO	"	MEKINI.
NOINYABUNGO	"	AWEAKA.
HANYAWETO	"	KWAMPIANG.
YENEMEI'O	"	KEKEWANA.
NOIMUNGGO	"	TANGONDIA.
MABANEI'O	"	TANGIAWA.

ASEKI PATROL No. 1 of 1962/63.

APPENDIX - HEALTH.

The health of the people in the KAREEBA / INDIWI appears to be quite good.

The services provided by the Public Health Department are, however, spasmodic. The last patrol by a Medical Assistant was in April 1962.

There is an Aid Post situated at PAUMUNGA on the KAREEBA River. The Aid Post Orderly BENNY, appears to be doing a good job. He is at the moment supplied from PULOLO and requested that supplies be flown to ASEKI from where the people would be keener to carry them. Such a move would also allow the Officer-in-Charge, ASEKI, to ensure that the orderly was receiving support from the people.

It is not thought, however, that such a move would be successful as the Aid Post at ASEKI has been out of supplies since May and no Medical Assistant has visited it for over a year.

If, however, it can be arranged to have regular supplies flown into ASEKI for both Aid Posts, it would be certainly appreciated by the KAREEBA people.



Patrol Post,  
ASEKI.  
WAU Sub-District,  
Morobe District.  
24th., April, 1963.

Assistant District Officer,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
Sub-District Office  
WAU.

ASEKI PATROL NO 1 OF 1962/63.

I have to report that I have accompanied Mr. Patrol Officer W.L. Smith on ASEKI patrol No. 1 of 62/63, into the KAREEBA/INDIWI Census Division.

Duration - 22/3/63 to 21/4/63 -30 days  
Officers Accompanying - W.L. Smith Patrol Officer In Charge -30 days  
Personnel Accompanying - 6 members R.P.&.N.G.C..

Last Patrol - D.N.A. entire January/February, 1961.  
P.H.D. entire April, 1962.

Objects - Revision of Census  
Compilation of a Common Role  
Extension of Administration Influence  
Routine Administration.

*R. I. Campbell*  
R. I. CAMPBELL  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

INTRODUCTION.

The KAREEBA/INDIWI Census Division is subjected to a high rainfall (ASEKI, which is 3 days walk west of the Kareeba registered 205 inches in 1962) consequently the area is deeply bisected by swiftly flowing rivers and streams. The area is extremely rugged and only sparsely populated with hamlets and/or villages often 3 or more hours walk apart on steep, muddy native tracks. However a vigorous program by the people of constructing well graded tracks is easing the difficulties of communication.

The objects of this patrol were primarily, revision of the census, compilation of a common role, extension of Administration influence and routine administration. Also the writer, under the supervision of the officer in charge, conducted a survey to determine (a) the average height and (b) some statistics on polygynous marriages of these people.

It is felt that all the objects of the patrol were achieved. Some difficulty was experienced in the compilation of the Common Role in regards to obtaining fathers names, although on the whole it was easier and more successful than anticipated.

The villages of; ANDANDORA, AWEAKA, KWAMPIANG, TANGONDIA, TANGIAWA, originally were censused as part of the KAPAU/KABU Census Division but owing to their position on the KABU/KAREEBA divide it is felt that it would be more convenient to include them in the KAREEBA/INDIWI Census Division. When comparing the census figures of this patrol with any previous one it should be noted that the above villages were included in this patrol.

The patrol originally intended to include the ELOA river area in its program however it was learnt that it would take at least 6 days to walk in and out through unpopulated country and as the patrol had no tentage it was felt that the area could be more conveniently patrolled from Wau. It is suggested that this could apply in the future.

The comments made in this report are only my observations and it is recommended that it be read in conjunction with the report submitted by the officer in charge, Mr. Patrol Officer, W.L. Smith.

DIARY

March, 1963.

- 22nd Departed Aseki 10 a.m. Mr. Patrol Officer W.L. Smith being accompanied by the writer, arrived ANGABENA 12.30 p.m. 15 minutes rest thence to ANGEIWUNGA arriving 1.30 p.m.
- 23rd Departed ANGEIWUNGA 8.0 am. arrived HIAKWATA 9.0 a.m. Inspected village and gold workings. Lengthy discussions with people. Distributed 2 spades for maintenance of tracks.
- 24th Departed HIAKWATA 8.0a.m. arrived IAGOBEI 8.40 a.m. Issued spades for track maintenance thence to KOBAKINI arriving 10.5 a.m. Sunday observed at KOBAKINI.



- 25th All day at KOBAKINI. Lengthy discussions with local Village Officials about coffee, the setting up of an Aid Post at KOBAKINI and the construction and maintenance of tracks. This was followed by an inspection of the village.
- 26th Heavy rain early in morning. Departed in drizzling rain at 9.0 a.m. arrived KAMIAGAGA R/H 11.30 a.m. During afternoon panned KAPAU river below the R/H for gold. Obtained only a few colours.
- 27th Departed KAMIGAGA R/H 7.30 a.m. arrived HOGENEINA via KANAKAIAMAGGI at 9.15 a.m. Changed carriers and departed 9.30 a.m. arrived PAIWINI 10.30 a.m. Changed carriers departed 10.45 a.m. arrived DUMAUIWIO 11.30 a.m. thence to PASSAI arriving 12.30 p.m. 15 minutes rest thence to ANINGI R/H arriving 2.5 p.m. Panned KABU for gold but only obtained a few colours.
- 28th Departed ANINGI R/H 7.30 a.m. and climbed up steep KABU/KAREEBA divide for 1½ hours then down to ANDANDORA arriving 10.30 a.m. thence to PAUAMUNGA arriving 11.10 a.m. Inspected village and Aid Post. During afternoon panned the KAREEBA for gold but obtained only a few colours. Also inspected coffee gardens and compiled the common role for ANDANDORA.
- 29th Obtained the height of all adults in the village. Departed 12.0 noon arrived YEIWENI 2.0 p.m. Panned the KAREEBA for gold but obtained only a few colours. Compiled the common role for PAUAMUNGA.
- 30th Revised the census and obtained the height of all adults in the village, inspected village and had discussions with the people. Common role for YEIWENI compiled during the afternoon.
- 31st Departed YEIWENI 9.0 a.m. arrived GUMANA 9.45 a.m. Village and coffee gardens inspected and the KAREEBA was panned for gold, a few colours only. Obtained the height of all adults in the village.

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- 1st Departed GUMANA 7.30 a.m. arrived YEIWENI 8.15 a.m. Inspected pig enclosures and more coffee gardens. During afternoon had discussions with visiting Village Officials and compiled the common role.
- 2nd Departed YEIWENI 8 a.m. arrived MOUINI 10.5 a.m. Obtained the height of all adults and compiled the common role for MOUINI.
- 3rd Departed MOUINI 7.40 a.m. arrived YELAUUA 10.5 a.m. (2½ hours very easy walking) Compiled the common role and obtained the height of all adults in the village. Lengthy discussions with the people.
- 4th Radio contact with Lae. Inspected 2 hamlets and held lengthy discussions with the people.

- 5th Departed YELAUUA 7.30 a.m. arrived YAGOINE 10.30 a.m.  
3 hours over rough, steep native tracks. Carriers arrived  
12 noon. Census revised and height of all adults obtained  
village inspected.
- 6th Revised the census and obtained the height of all adults  
from WAMBOGINI.  
This group will move to a new site closer to YAGOINE  
and in future wish to be known as PEITO.  
Common role for both places compiled.
- 7th Departed YAGOINE 6.30 arrived WAMBOGINI 10.30 a.m.  
4 hours following river bed and rough native tracks.  
River below R/H panned for gold but only a few colours  
were obtained. Heavy rain during afternoon.
- 8th Remained at WAMBAGINI and held discussions with people  
about the aims of the Administration. Attempted to obtain  
information about tracks into the KAREEBA and the  
possibility of more population further down the INDIWI.
- 9th Departed WAMBOGINI 7.30 a.m. and climbed steadily through  
thick bush and moss forest to the top of the ridge where  
the carriers cleared the trees so that a view of the  
lower INDIWI could be obtained. Only one hamlet could be  
seen. Descended for 2½ hours along a rough track, a creek  
bed and then up to the hamlet which had been seen from  
the top of the ridge. Arrived KWOIPE'A (the hamlet) 12 noon  
and were met by some people previously censused with  
WAMBAGINI along with some uncensused people.  
After talking with these people for an hour the patrol  
moved down to the INDIWI river arriving at 2.0 p.m.  
Because of the size and speed of the river at this point  
a bridge was built to get the carriers across. This took  
3 hours and at 5.0 p.m. camp was made on the bank of the  
INDIWI out of bush materials. Heavy rain that night.
- 10th Broke camp at 8.0 a.m. Proceeded N.W. climbing steadily  
through thick bush, cutting our way for 3 hours then west  
along another ridge towards the KAREEBA cutting our way  
for most of the time until 5.0 p.m. when the patrol  
made camp. Heavy rain that night.
- 11th Broke camp at 8.0 a.m. climbing steadily along a ridge  
cutting our way for 3 hours then 1½ hours along another  
ridge following an old native track to a hamlet of  
KORENGA village thence to KORENGA arriving 1.0 p.m.  
Carriers arrived 2.0 p.m. Rested during afternoon.
- 12th Good Friday at KORENGA
- 14th Departed KORENGA 8.15 a.m. arrived ANANDOR 8.50 a.m.  
departed 9.0 a.m. arrived HAMUNI 11 a.m. Track well graded  
but a very long climb down from ANANDOR. Revised census  
and obtained the height of all adults at HAMUNI. Discussions  
with people and inspection of village. Departed 1.30 p.m.  
arrived KORENGA via ANANDOR at 4.0 p.m.
- 14th Departed KORENGA 8.15 a.m. arrived ANANDOR 8.50 a.m.  
Obtained height of all adults and compiled the common  
role for HAMUNI and ANANDOR  
Village inspected and discussions with people.



- 15th Departed ANANDOR 8.0 a.m. arrived KBRENGA 8.35 a.m. departed 9.0 am arrived KAMANAHAI 10.15 a.m. Revised census and compiled common role also obtained the height of all adults.
- 16th Departed KAMANAHAI 8.0 a.m. 5 hours across the KAREEBA river valley on rough native tracks to TAUINI thence  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour to KEKEWANA arriving 1.30 pm. Torrential rain all afternoon,
- 17th Departed KEKEWANA 8.0 a.m. arrived KWAMPIANG/AWEAKA R/H 8.35 a.m. New book issued for AWEAKA. Revised census of KWAMPIANG, recompiled census of AWEAKA. Discussions with people. Departed 1.0 p.m. arrived MEKINI via KEKEWANA 2.30 p.m..
- 18th Compiled the common role for; KWAMPIANG, AWEAKA, TAUINI, KEKEWANA, MEKINI.
- 19th Departed MEKINI 8.0am arrived TANGONDIA 10.0 a.m. Revised census of TANGONDIA and compiled the common role for TANGONDIA and TANGIAWA. Discussions with the people. Obtained the height of all adults. The people of TANGONDIA have moved the site of the village to the top of the KARSEBA/KABU divide.
- 20th Departed TANGONDIA R/H 8.0 a.m. arrived KORFIO/ANGWETA R/H 12.0a.m. Departed 1.0 p.m. arrived MUNGO 2.0 p.m.
- 21st Departed MUNGO 6.30 a.m. arrived ASEKI 10.30 a.m.

END OF DIARY.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The patrol moved into the KAREEBA/INDIWI Census Division via the villages of the Upper KAPAU. The patrol spent 5 days in this area primarily to discuss with the people the possibility of the establishment of the much needed Aid Post at KOBAKINI and also to inspect; (a) newly constructed or repaired native tracks and (b) coffee gardens.

The patrol then moved into the KAREEBA/INDIWI Census Division spending 5 days in the Upper KAREEBA villages then moving over into the villages of the INDIWI. From the bottom village in the INDIWI the patrol moved over into the KAREEBA ~~ix~~ travelling in an arc to investigate the possibility of more population in the Lower INDIWI, then moving up the KAREEBA for a short distance covering the remaining villages on the KAREEBA/INDIWI divide and across the KAREEBA valley to the villages on the KAREEBA/KABU divide then back to ASEKI via KORTIO/ANGWETA and MUNGO .

The patrol was well received in all villages and had no difficulty in obtaining fresh native foods.

At KWOIPE'A the patrol contacted some uncensused people but it was felt purposeless to census them for the facts that only a few people had appeared and because of their natural reluctance to give their names. The writer also feels that there are still quite a few people of the WAMBAGINI (now known as PEITO) and HAMUNI groups who have not come forward for census. This is supported by the fact that only 2 polygynous marriages ie. 5% of the recorded marriages, were recorded when the average of this area is about 40%. This could indicate that some men have brought in only one wife for census while his other wife or wives remain in their garden houses. With regular patrols through the area the writer feels that these people will eventually be brought in for census.

Probably due to the fact that there have been no regular patrols through this area in the past these people are inclined to be reticent and it is extremely hard to get them to discuss their problems, but this again appears only as a question of time and confidence in the Administration.

It is very pleasing to note the great improvements in tracks since the last D.N.A. patrol in 1961. At present most good tracks are new and therefore muddy but in the near future it is expected that most villages will be connected with good, well graded tracks.

Most Rest Houses are in good condition and many villages had constructed new ones since the last patrol.

Keen interest is shown in the Upper and middle KAREEBA in the growing of coffee, with the villages of PAUAMUNGA, YEIWENI and GUMANA having already produced coffee that appears to be of a high quality.

The KAPAU, KABU, KAREEBA and a tributary of the INDIWI were all panned for gold but only a few colours were found in each. It is obvious that a much more extensive survey must be carried out before any accurate conclusions can be drawn. A native of PAUAMUNGA has been panning the river below the Rest House and intends to put some sluice boxes in but as yet he has obtained only the same results as the writer.



At YAGOINE the people of WAMBAGINI asked that they be censused there and said that they intended to move to a site closer to YAGOINE. The people also asked that the new village be known as PEITO.

In addition to normal D.N.A. work the writer, under the supervision of the officer in charge carried out 2 surveys aimed at obtaining the average height of these people and to determine some statistics on the polygynous marriages in this area. The results of these surveys are appended (see appendix 1 and 2)

#### CENSUS & COMMON ROLE.

The Census appears to have been very successful with little of the usual difficulty of people having previously given false names to the censusing officer. At PEITO 24 new names were recorded (16 males 3 females). At AWEAKA and TAUNI it was found necessary to issue new books. This was possibly due to the people previously giving the censusing officer false names.

The census figures show that births exceeded deaths by 62 and that migrations in plus new names exceeded migrations out by 95. At the time of writing the census figures of the initial and previous are not available so that comparisons cannot be drawn.

The common role was compiled from the revised census books. Previously fathers names were not recorded in the census books because of the peoples traditional custom of never speaking their fathers name. On this occasion however fathers names were obtained from most people. If these names are correct then it could be indicative of a growing confidence in the Administration.

Every censused adult over the age of 18 has (including people who will have attained the age of 18 at the time of election) been included in the common role.

#### TRACKS AND BRIDGES.

As mentioned above the terrain in this division is extremely rugged and the rainfall very high making the construction of good tracks very difficult. At present the tracks in the area vary to the extremes. Tracks in the Upper and Middle KAREEBA are generally of a high standard being well graded and in good condition also the tracks into the KAREEBA from ASEKI are generally of the same high standard, those which aren't will, in the near future be on a par with the rest. Only one good track crosses the KAREEBA/INDIWI divide going from HAMUNI to YAGOINE but as there are no tracks connecting YAGOINE with the other villages of the INDIWI this is not a big asset to the division. At present work is being done on a good, well graded track from MOUNI on the AMWONGWIWA river to YEIWENI on the KAREEBA river, and as both these villages are connected by excellent tracks to most other villages in their areas it will ease the difficulties of communication that exist with the present system of tracks. A well graded track from KAMANAHAI on the INDIWI/KAREEBA divide and TANGONDIA on the KAREEBA/KABU divide is partially built and when completed will be of great benefit to future patrols.

Unfortunately almost all rivers have to be forded at present as only the INDIWI below YAGOINE is bridged. This fact means that at times of heavy rains travel between river systems is impossible. Owing to the huge volume of water that comes down these rivers after heavy rain the problem of bridging them cannot be solved by the people using their present equipment.

#### VILLAGES AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Before discussing Village Officials it is necessary to understand that these people very rarely live in villages in the accepted sense of the word. Although they have constructed houses in a community which could be called a village they are not permanent type structures and the people spend most of their time in their 'garden houses' which are a more permanent type house. It is this therefore that has prevented the appointment of village officials who have had marked authority over all members of any one group. On the whole the Village Officials appear very conscientious and loyal to the Administration, however due to their isolated position they have received little instruction and guidance from the Administration. To this end it is suggested that a Village Officials course would prove very profitable. Throughout the patrol it was endeavored to impress on the people the responsible and authoritative position held by the Village Official. In most cases the Village Officials displayed natural qualities of leadership and have instigated a program of track building.

All houses of the villages inspected were of a satisfactory standard from the point of view of health and most villages have adopted the accepted form of sanitation i.e., the use of pit latrines and the burying or other similar disposal methods of rubbish.

#### AGRICULTURE.

At this stage very few European type foodstuffs are grown but the supply and quality of the staple foods such as sweet potato, taro and tapioca are good.

In the Upper and Middle KAREEBA coffee is being instituted as a cash crop and as previously stated all the coffee gardens inspected were well cared for and appeared to contain healthy trees. Some of the Upper KAREEBA villages intend to purchase a coffee pulper which should increase the productivity in that area.

In the past there has been a tendency to grow and process coffee on a collective basis. This tendency is gradually disappearing and they are now growing coffee on their own ground.

In the near future the villages of the Middle KAREEBA will produce their first coffee and the money gained from this should improve their own economical position.

#### HEALTH.

The general health of the people appears very good as is demonstrated by the fact that the birth rate exceeds the death rate by 121.2%. Generally village hygiene is of a good standard.

Infant mortality is rather high, especially in the 1-4 years age group (7 males, 10 females compared with the 5-13 years age group 2 males, 2 females) and appears, as far as can be ascertained, from dysentery. Because the area is patrolled, at the most only annually it is impossible to gain accurate figures for the mortality rate of deaths in births and the 0-1 month group although it is estimated at a rather high rate. As far as can be ascertained infants are born in the bush, in special huts, over a pit. The mother is assisted during childbirth by other women of the group. It is felt that this procedure is the main cause of the high mortality rate in this age group.



Whilst at PAUAMUNGA the writer inspected the Aid Post and found that the Aid Post was in excellent condition. However the Aid Post was desperately short of supplies. Supplies are obtained from BULOLO and are brought from SLATE CR. by the people of PAUAMUNGA who it appears have supported the Aid Post very well. Aid Post Orderly, WENI stated that on his last trip into BULOLO ~~KRG~~ for supplies his requisitions were not completely filled and those supplies that he did receive were inadequate for the successful functioning of the Aid Post. While the writer feels sure that every effort is being made to supply this Aid Post fully it must be stressed that any dissatisfaction by the people would be extremely detrimental to the fostering of confidence in the administration. An Aid Post in an area such as this which through its isolation has been partially neglected is a great asset and every attempt should be made to supply it well.

CONCLUSION.

It would appear that this area has been subjected to little administration influence and in consequence appeared reticent to the patrol. However the people were co-operative and appeared to have a good deal of respect for the administration.

It is felt that regular patrols through the area would greatly increase the peoples confidence in the administration.

The newly contacted people of KWOIPE'A will undoubtedly be visited by future patrols. The writer feels that due to their unfamiliarity with the administration it would be best for them to approach the administration about census first.

The patrol was of a routine nature and all objects were accomplished with a fair degree of success.

R. I. CAMPBELL  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX 1.

This survey was conducted to ascertain the average height of the male and female <sup>(adult)</sup> in this census division.

Whilst essentially conducted on a census division basis it was also conducted on a village basis. Over ~~800~~ eight hundred adults were measured and the following results obtained

VILLAGE	AV. HT. of MALES		AV. HT. of FEMALES	
YEIWENI	4	ft 10 in.	4	ft. 6 in.
GUMANA	5	" 0 "	4	" 7 "
MOUINI	5	" 1 "	4	" 7 "
YELAU	5	" 0 "	4	" 6 "
YAGOINE	5	" 0 "	4	" 8 "
HAMUNI	4	" 11 "	4	" 6 "
KORENGA	4	" 11 "	4	" 6 "
ANANDOR	4	" 10 "	4	" 6 "
KAMANAHAI	5	" 0 "	4	" 6 "
AWEAKA	5	" 1 "	4	" 7 "
TANGONDIA	5	" 1 "	4	" 8 "
PENTO	4	" 11 "	4	" 6 "
KWAMPIANG	5	" 0 "	4	" 8 "
KEKEWANA	4	" 10 "	4	" 7 "
MEKINI	5	" 0 "	4	" 8 "

On the overall result it was found that the adult male in this division is 5 feet and the female 4 feet 7 inches.

The height of the men ranged from five feet four inches to four feet eight inches and the height of the women ranged from five feet one inch to four feet two inches.



APPENDIX 11.

This survey was conducted to find out some statistics concerning the polygynous marriages of these people.

The results of this survey appear below.

VILLAGE	% of marriages polygynous	Av. No of wives in polygynous marriage	Ratio of married men to women.
ANDANDORA	22.7% (2 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>22</sub> )	2.8 wives	1:1.4 (22:31)
PAUAMUNGA	23.5% (8/34)	2.0 "	1:1.3 (34:44)
YEWENI	21.7% (5/23)	2.0 "	1:1.2 (23:28)
GUMANA	33.3% (4/12)	2.0 "	1:1.4 (12:16)
MOUINI	30.0% (6/20)	2.2 "	1:1.4 (20:27)
YELAJA	30.0% (10/32)	2.3 "	1:1.4 (32:45)
YAGOINE	21.4% (3/14)	2.3 "	1:1.3 (14:18)
PEITO	00.0% (0/18)	-	1:1.0 (18:18)
HAMUNI	8.3% (2/24)	2.0 "	1:1.1 (24:26)
KORENGA	56.2% (9/16)	2.1 "	1:1.6 (16:26)
ANANDOR	40.0% (10/25)	2.4 "	1:1.6 (25:39)
KAMANAHAI	43.0% (6/14)	2.3 "	1:1.6 (14:22)
HAWAWETO	40.0% (6/15)	2.3 "	1:1.5 (15:23)
AWEAKA	44.4% (12/27)	2.3 "	1:1.6 (27:42)
KWAMPIANG	55.6% (10/18)	2.6 "	1:1.8 (18:32)
MEKINI	57.1% (8/14)	2.5 "	1:1.9 (14:26)
KEKEWANA	44.0% (9/21)	2.2 "	1:1.5 (21:31)
TAUINI	36.0% (5/14)	2.2 "	1:1.4 (14:20)
TANGONDIA	46.1% (6/13)	2.5 "	1:1.7 (13:22)
TANGIAWA	25.0% (3/12)	2.0 "	1:1.2 (12:15)
<u>TOTALS(AVERAGE)</u>	<u>33.0% (127/386)</u>	<u>2.3 "</u>	<u>1:1.4 (386:551)</u>

This can be interpreted as ; Of 386 marriages in this division there are 127 known polygynous marriages (this figure could be increased by the probability of further polygynous marriages being recorded in the Lower INDIWI in the future).

At present 33% of all marriages in this division are polygynous, and the ratio of married men to married women is 1:1.4 (386:551).

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINRA

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ASEKI PATROL REPORT NO.1 of 1962/63

Forwarded for your information and comments please find a report submitted by Mr. Patrol Officer, W.L. SMITH covering his observations of conditions in the KAREEBA-INDIWI Census Division. Mr. Smith was accompanied by Mr. Cadet Patrol Officer, R.I. CAMPBELL who has also forwarded a report which is also attached.

Delay in forwarding the report was caused by Mr. Smith's absence in Port Moresby, for some considerable time, to assist, in that centre, with a survey of cost of living.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

Good progress is now being made in this sparsely populated area and with the establishment of the Patrol Post at ASEKI there should be no reason for the neglect of this area in the future. Visits by patrols should be possible at least twice per year.

The ELOA RIVER area, is a problem area as walking time from any access point takes three days. The small population hardly warrants a patrol but it is much easier to patrol from WAU and information required for the Common Roll was gained on a patrol originating from WAU. An examination of the possibility of a track linking the ELOA RIVER with the BIARU Census Division has been made and it now appears that a worthwhile track can be surveyed and cut. If this track proves practicable a recommendation will be made to have the ELOA RIVER area included in with the BIARU Census Division. The total population of the KAREEBA-INDIWI Census Division now includes the ELOA RIVER area.

Isolation of the area will always be the problem and I cannot see any improvement being made to the position in the future. Roads to the area are out of the question as the distance involved and the inhospitable country would make road construction difficult and costly.

CENSUS AND COMMON ROLL

The present Census has shown an increase on the



population that was estimated to be in the Census Division. No comparison is yet possible and I consider that future Census patrols will locate additional people in excess of the 100 now estimated.

The elections in this Division will not mean a great deal to the people as I am sure that it is beyond their comprehension to envisage the House of Assembly and elected representatives. As mentioned by Mr. Smith, father's names have been recorded but probably have only been given to satisfy the Patrol Officer. This attitude has prevailed throughout the area and I cannot see the people taking an interest to vote for persons who they do not know.

#### TRACKS & BRIDGES

It is pleasing to note the interest being shown by the people in improving the walking tracks and every effort should now be made to stimulate this interest.

#### VILLAGE OFFICIALS

A school of instruction could probably be set up at ASEKI in the near future to encourage the traditional leaders.

I would prefer that the appointment of the LULUAIS be deferred until future patrols have had the chance to observe their activities more closely.

#### AGRICULTURE

Until the Department of Agriculture find a substitute for coffee, it now appears that in remote areas such as this Division, that coffee production must be the economic cash crop that the people can develop. Whilst the people are prepared to pack their coffee out to market for sale they will have the chance of earning a small income, however, no encouragement should be extended to the people that the Administration may improve the lines of communication.

The setting up of a purchasing point at ASEKI raises the problem of freight. Whilst it is possible to offer a fair price for coffee at SLATE CREEK, if this coffee was purchased at ASEKI a freight component of 6d. per lb would have to be paid by the producer as I do not consider that Administration charter aircraft would be in sufficient numbers to move the crop in the future, and therefore I would not like to see a purchase point set up at ASEKI and recommend that all purchases be made at SLATE CREEK.

Dependant on the sale of timber rights in the NAUTE area, a road is proposed to be built up the west bank of the WATUT River and if this eventuates a road can be built up SLATE CREEK, to MENYI Village, without any great difficulty.

More emphasis should be placed on the improvement of the staple diet and introduction of additional food crops should be undertaken by the Department of Agriculture.

HEALTH

May the Regional Medical Officer be approached concerning the lack of medical supplies supplied to both Aid Posts.

The situation at ASEKI has always been a problem but I consider that now that the Patrol Post is established that firm arrangements can now be made to maintain sufficient medical stores at the two Aid Posts.

The two Aid Posts are the only source of medical aid for a population of approximately 12,000 people and I consider that they should be given priority over other posts that are closer to main centres.

GENERAL


The situations compiled by Mr. Campbell may be of assistance to the Anthropologist.

I do not foresee any chance of the Department of Education becoming active in this division for many years to come.

The reports submitted by Mr. Smith and Mr. Campbell gave a good indication of the present situation in the division and whilst a great deal of progress has not occurred the general situation is as well as can be expected.

Mr. Campbell has submitted a good report for a Junior Officer and is to be congratulated in the manner in which he has taken up his interest in the problems of the people.

Claims for camping allowance are attached for your approval please.

  
K. VALJINS  
Assistant District Officer

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