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1968-1969

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

SUB District of NIPA SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. ONE OF 1968/69

Patrol Conducted by MR. D.H. AGG. CADET PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled PAPUA NEW GUINEA BORDER AREA OF MARGARIMA TO KANDEP
ROAD MARGARIMA CENSUS DIVISION MARGARIMA COUNCIL AREA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 2 P.P.N.G.C. 1 INTERPRETER

Duration—From 4/7/1968 to 17/7/1968

Number of Days 18

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services MARCH/1968

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

Map Reference EXTRACT FROM NIPA SUBDIST FOURMIL MAP ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol WORK SUPERVISION ONLY TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF THE
MARGARIMA TO KANDEP ROAD IN PREPARATION FOR A
PYRETHRUM PLANTING DRIVE COMMENCING LATE JULY 1968

Director of District Administration,
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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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: 67-15-1

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. Papua.

2nd September 1968.

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL NO. NIPA 1-68/69

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Memorandum
* of ~~Papua~~ Patrol Report covering patrol by ~~.....~~ D. H. Agg, C.P.O.
to ~~.....~~ Part Margarima Census Division.

This was an informative report for a junior officer but there were some instances of carelessness in preparation. The maps did not show the positions of some villages mentioned such as TUNDARA, UOU, LIULIU and BIAKO. The spelling of YENAGARI (IENAGARI) was inconsistent. BIAKO does not appear to be a census unit in either the Southern or Western Highlands Districts.

The excellent progress of the KANOHU- MARGARIMA road indicates that the officers and people concerned deserve commendation.

J.W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
Director /s/

* Delete as necessary.

G.C. Mr. D. H. Agg,
C/- Sub-District Office,
MARGARIMA,
Southern Highlands District.



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Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

15th August, 1968.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Nipa Report No 1 of 1968/69
Road Maintenance, Magarima.
Mr. D.H. Agg, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Attached please find:-

- (a) Original of report,
- (b) Copy of memorandum 67-2-3 dated 26th July, 1968 from Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa.
- (c) Map of area patrolled.

2. I have the following comments to make on this report.

(1) Roads and Bridges.

Excellent progress is being made on the Kandep-Magarima road. It has only been trafficable for some few months but is already taking shape as a possible trunk road for the future to link Magarima with Mendi via Kandep.

(2) Political

Mr. Agg should be aware that Kandep Station is actually in the Territory of Papua geographical but for Administrative purposes it has been considered expedient to have the Papuan people to the direct north of Mendi and Magarima Administred from Kandep. It is only natural that people located on or near the boundaries of two sub-districts tend to be unsettled and undecided as to where their allegiance should lie. In the matter of Biako Village I am sure that they will eventually decide their own destiny.

It is hoped that Mr. EBBI'IAL, M.H.A. continues to visit Magarima with some regularity as most of the criticism directed towards the Southern Highlands District elected members in the 1964 House of Assembly was that they did not visit their electorate regularly, if at all.

(3) Economic.

Pyrethrum is and will be the major crop for Nagarina for many years. The pyrethrum "Push" this year will introduce further plantings into the area and, when mature, there will be a production of ninety tons per annum. This production can be increased, of course, if farmers wish to extend their holdings.

There has always been difficulty in arranging for the marketing of cash crops in the Southern Highlands District when reliance has to be placed on aircraft for movement to marketing centres. Regular aircraft movements are generally difficult to arrange as they are subject to inward loading. To arrange for this, plus the back loading of say one thousand lbs of potatoes in that aircraft, is a herculean task.

SOCIAL

Kagarima is actually much better off than some other areas in this District. It has had a field staff Department of District Administration officer there for only four years and during that time there has been remarkable progress in the area. I do not believe that there is any real frustration in the area at all as the Nagarina people have always been co-operative with the Administration. The report state that only two disputes were brought to the attention of the patrol and that this is causing frustrations. I would suggest that the reason could be that there has not been a patrol in the area since March 1968. The whole of the Nagarina area requires constant patrolling and the Officer-in-Charge of that station should spend most of his time in the field even if it means neglecting, to a certain extent, routine office work on the station.

4. This report should have had a Nagarina number as the area patrolled is exclusively Nagarina. The Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa will be asked to ensure that a copy is placed on the Nagarina patrol file.

5. A good report by Mr. Agg who continues to do good work in the Nipa Sub-District.

E. J. Emanuel

(E. J. Emanuel)
a/District Commissioner.

67-2-3

Sub-District Office,
NIPA.
Southern Highlands District.

26th., July 1968

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District.
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL No. ONE OF 1968/69.

Enclosed please find three copies of the above numbered Patrol Report, as attached sketch map, Patrol instructions and claim for camping allowance by Mr. Agg.

This Patrol has been most satisfactory and the instructions carried out well by Mr. Agg.

1. This difficult section of road is now of a standard able to withstand the heavy traffic it will be used by over the next few months as the Agricultural Department embarks on its Pyrethrum extension programme in the area.
2. There still remain some small sections on the Kandep/Margarima road that could give trouble but these are receiving attention. Given reasonably dry conditions the Agricultural Department will encounter little difficulty with their vehicles.
3. The pyrethrum industry in the Margarima area is relatively assured although the people have expressed dissatisfaction with the current price of 15c per lb being offered them. Little unrest can be expected from this as there is no other cash crop in the area and no immediate likelihood of one.
4. The Supiri Trading Company referred to is prepared to pay 2c per lb for potatoes at Margarima for freighting to Mount Haven. The reaction has not been enthusiastic to date but may develop once an initial load has been sent. The Company concerned is still planning the project.
5. The local MHA is taking a keen interest in affairs at Margarima and will be rewarded for his interest by the people's acceptance of him in time. I am certain there is no hostility in his present non-recognition by the Margarima MHA and equally sure he will gain such recognition over the next six months or so. The present indifference is based on the fact that TMBI is not a Muri.
6. The Margarima area is developing well and will take further strides with increased pyrethrum plantings and also the eventual Tari / Margarima Road which will place Margarima in a vital spot as far as wealth and development from and to Tari is concerned. The advantages that will accrue from such geographical positioning promise to be many.

Mr. Agg is rapidly gaining a good knowledge of the many facets of culture and its inherent problems that mitigate against fast development of the Sub-District.

For your information, please.

John S. Hicks
John.S.Hicks

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Sub-District Office,
NIPA.
Southern Highlands District.

27th, June 1968.

Mr. D.H. Agg,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
NIPA.

NIPA PATROL NUMBER ONE OF 1968/69

Please prepare to depart on Patrol to the Margarima area on the 28th., June 1968. The purpose of your patrol will be road supervision near IANIGARI Village on the Kandep Road; encouragement and explanation of the forthcoming pyrethrum expansion programme in the Margarima area; bridging and culverting and general administration.

The Nipa Petrol driven tractor will be leaving for Margarima on the 28th., June; please have your patrol gear, mail for Margarima and also some 4x2 and 4x3 timber loaded on this tractor for Margarima. You will take the Nipa Honda motor bike for use during your Patrol.

Constable WANE of the Nipa Detachment will accompany your Patrol and interpreter, fuel for your motor bike and a further Policeman will be supplied by the Officer-in-Charge, Margarima. He will similarly issue you with supplementary instructions to these and provide an outline of the expected pyrethrum development in the area.

On completion of your Patrol, which is expected to last three weeks, your gear will return to Nipa with the Tractor and you will proceed this Station per motor bike. Your Patrol Report which will be Nipa No.1 of 1968/69 is expected three days after your return to Nipa.

A copy of these instructions should accompany your Patrol Report.

For your information and attention, please.

John S. Hicks
John. S. Hicks

a/Assistant District Commissioner.

Report of Nipa Patrol No. 1 of 1968/69.

Sub District Office

NIPA.

Southern Highlands District.

23rd. July 1968.

The Assistant District Commissioner

NIPA.

REPORT OF NIPA PATROL NO. 1 OF 1968/69 TO PAPUA- NEW GUINEA

BORDER AREA OF KANDEP TO MARGARIMA ROAD MARGARIMA C.D.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: Mr. D.H.Agg Cadet Patrol Officer

AREA PATROLLED: Work supervision patrol only to Margarima to Kandep road in border area.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL: R.P.N.G.Constable WAME of Nipa
R.P.N.G.Constable ILAN of Margarima
Interpreter HAPI of Margarima

DURATION OF PATROL: Monday 1st. of July to Thursday 18th July
(17 nights)

LAST PATROL TO AREA: Electic patrol for H. of A. elections
March 1968.

OBJECTIVES: As outlined in patrol instructions; to supervise
work on the Margarima-Kandep road.
Routine administration as necessary.

D. H. Agg.

(D.H.Agg)

Cadet Patrol Officer.

Patrol DiaryMonday 1st. July

Departed Margarima after discussions with O.I.C. at 10 a.m. Arrived Yenagari 1 p.m. Inspected area where I was to supervise roadwork in coming weeks. Talks with various subclan leaders regarding my proposed efforts.

Establishment of camp. Night spent Yenagari.

Tuesday 2nd.

Proceeded to various roadwork sites and gave specific objectives of work to various groups. Delegated work to police. In afternoon had an unannounced "rollecall" using the census book for the Panduaga 1 group. Several absentees- instructed councillor regarding his duties as overseer of his group. Arranged to have those absent make up the time lost. Night spent Yenagari.

Wednesday 3rd.

As for yesterday. Checked proceedings at various worksites. Checked attendance figures of Panduaga 2 group. Night Yenagari.

Thursday 4th.

Checked and supervised work of those who had volunteered to work 5 days a week during my stay. Allocated work for police. Night Yenagari.

Friday 5th.

As for yesterday; checked and supervised work. Night Yenagari.

Saturday 6th.

Travelled by motorcycle to Margarima to report progress and to receive any additional instructions.

Afternoon returned to resthouse. Night Yenagari.

Sunday 7th.

Day of rest observed. Night Yenagari.

Monday 8th.

Inspected and checked proceedings. Allocated work to police. Checked attendance figures from census book for Tundaka group. Night Yenagari.

Tuesday 9th.

Checked and supervised roadworks at the various sites. Checked attendance figures for the Ugu group. Night Yenagari.

Wednesday 10th.

Work supervision as for yesterday. Allocated and checked work of policemen. Night Yenagari.

Thursday 11th.

Checked work proceedings of those groups who had volunteered to put in extra time. Night Yenagari.

Friday 12th.

As for yesterday. Self and police supervised work. Night Yenagari.

Saturday 13th.

Proceeded in Yenagari to Margarima for talks with O.I.C. regarding further work, progress etc. Returned in afternoon. Night Yenagari.

Sunday 14th.

Day observed. Night Yenagari.

Monday 15th.

Allocated work to police; inspected and supervised progress of Ariaka group. Checked attendance figures of this group using census book. Night Yenagari.

Patrol Diary (cont.)Tuesday 16th.

As for yesterday; checked and supervised progress of various groups. Night Yenagari.

Wednesday 17th.

) As for yesterday. Checked and supervised various groups working along road route. Night Yenagari.

Thursday 18th.

Patrol packed up and returned to Margarima. Self via motorcycle. Due to misunderstanding unable to carry on to Nipa by tractor, as planned. Night spent Margarima.

Returned to Nipa in morning of Friday 19th.

End of Patrol ~~Notes~~ Diary.Work Completed by the Patrol.

As indicated by the patrol instructions, the purpose of the patrol was to supervise further constructions on the Margarima to Kandep road and generally raise the standard of it to at least an all weather road.

All village groups involved worked moderately well, although they had to be cajoled and coaxed to a considerable degree to get full attendance.

The entire population with whom I had contact are Huri speaking; these people have a reputation for their own particular style of cooperating or at times coexisting with the administration and I found this to be indeed true; the general aloof and flippant attitude is very marked and has to be allowed for at all times.

Never the less a satisfactory amount of work was, I felt, achieved. The four mile section on which I concentrated is now I think of a standard which will allow it to remain passable by four wheel drive vehicles in all weathers, as long as traffic does not become too heavy during wet weather.

The road pavement was widened where necessary, several of the steepest and sharpest corners were recut and banked better, and all inclined sections were stoned, as were all sections where the soil is such that drainage is poor. As well, drainage culverts were cut in all places where they did not exist, and were remade where the bank had caved in, to allow runoff of storm water and seepage from the bank formed by the side of the road.

Rain almost every afternoon hampered progress but allowed patches of badly draining soil to be recognised and dealt with using appropriate drainage ditches and culverts.

Groups engaged in work were from the village areas of Yenagari, Pandaka 1 and 2, Ariaka, Tundaka, Ugu, Liu-Liu and Diariu. As well the group Biako who are administered from Kandep in the Western Highlands worked on a particularly bad section inside the Kandep Administered section, stoning a long steep incline. These were supervised with the A.D.C. Kandep's permission; this group showed little evidence of having done any roadwork in some time, and were most reluctant to do any at my suggestion at first. Talking about advantages to be gained had no observable effect; obviously they had been talked to in the same way before with no result, or very little, and my talking about the forthcoming visit of the Agricultural team to plant out pyrethrum fell into the same category. This observation was common for all groups in this area with whom I was working.

Situation Report

Political.

The village group Biako, already mentioned as being Kandep-administered, are very keen to be reincorporated in the Margarima council area. Apparently they are much more affiliated with the people of this latter council area than with Kandep. Discussions are or have taken place between the relevant O.I.C.'s regarding the feasibility of this taking place; certainly from an administrative angle the change seems desirable but the fact that Margarima is in New Papua while Kandep is in New Guinea may be of unfortunate consequence.

Tegi E'ial, the M.H.A. for Nipa Open Electorate, visited the Margarima council meeting while I was at Yenagari. Reaction to his election seemed to be one of general indifference. Being from Nipa he is of course of a different Linguistic group and as such seems to be regarded as being of little consequence to them as a group.

It is to be hoped that time and events modify this attitude.

The L.G. Councillors of the area seemed to be only nominally the leaders of their groups; "committee men" mainly in the Ariaka and Panduaka groups, seemed to me to have the bulk of the influence over the people; thus traditional headmen seem very much to run the society.

Economic.

Pyrethrum is the only cash crop in the area but this as yet is only of limited importance. About 2000 dollars was paid for the dried flower in the financial year just ended, but this was to the whole Margarima area. The roadwork was carried out for facilitation of the coming Pyrethrum planting drive in this whole area; this will of course raise the area under the crop and so the income derived there from.

Potatoes have been found to grow quite satisfactorily in this area; I feel that this could possibly be turned to more advantage in the future. A trading company which is becoming firmly established in Nipa and Tari Sub Districts has expressed interest in backloading potatoes to Hagen by air if sufficient volume (1000 lbs) can be found.

Little has been done about this to date but I feel that every possible avenue of development should be fully explored if morale of the people is to improve.

No other gainful employment for the masses exists to date.

Social

The administrative "T" school has an attendance of a little over a hundred; no other schools exist in the Margarima area to date.

Two wards of the hospital at Margarima were burnt down recently and a hospital has just been opened at Panduaga by the Methodist Mission; this latter is staffed by A.P.O.'s with a Medical Assistant in charge, and is enthusiastically patronised by the people around as concrete evidence of some sort of concern for their welfare. An Aid Post is being built by the council at Ugu.

Missions are thoroughly entrenched in the area, the main ones being the Catholic and Methodist both having European or Asian staffed stations close to Margarima, and small churches throughout the area where I was working. Various Mission groups from Kandep have influence throughout as well, and there seems to be quite some rivalry, at least among the organisers (the teacher-preacher church outpost staffs) for the religious control of the masses.

General law and order are reasonably satisfactory, but this general attitude of restless frustration with the Administration may be causing the people to settle their own problems more than is possibly desirable. Only two disputes were brought to me for arbitration, giving me the idea that, far from the community being excessively peaceful it was perhaps unhealthily uninterested in government participation in their affairs.

Miscellaneous

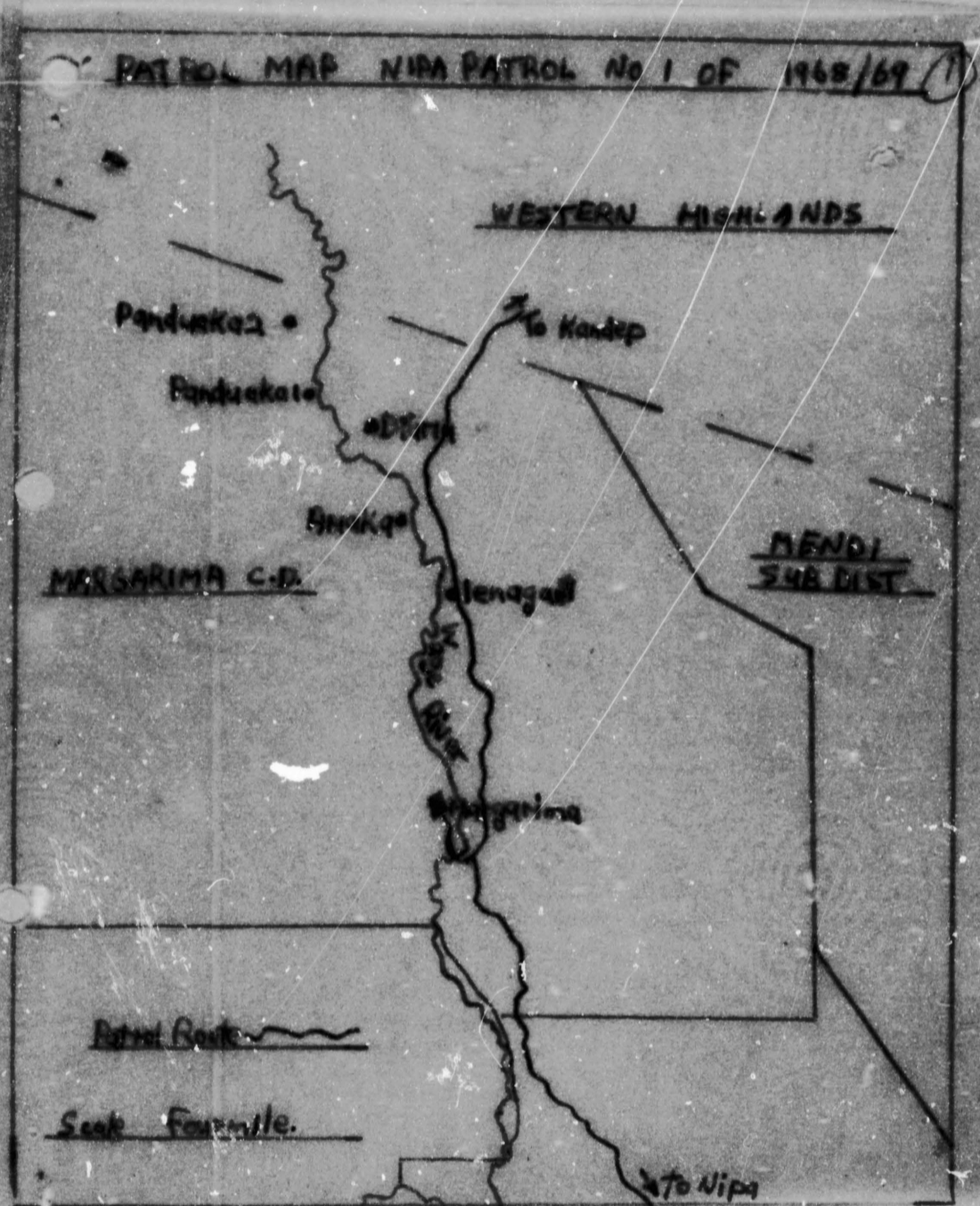
Generally, then, the people of the area, being as I think they are naturally volatile, are as stable and contented (if that is the word) as can be expected. Their apparent indifference to my efforts and the administration generally stems, I suppose, from a long period of static development; a long period, that is, for people who are naturally (I think) forthright and spirited to a marked degree.

My reception was satisfactory in the main; however the people were as aware of my inexperience as I. This has doubtless affected their general attitude to me and consequently the views expressed in this report.

D. H. Agg.
(D.H. Agg)

Cadet Patrol Officer.

PATROL MAP NIPA PATROL No 1 OF 1968/69 ①





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... NIPA No. 2 OF 1968/69

Subdistrict..... NIPA

District..... SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

Type of Patrol..... SPECIAL - LAND ALIENATION.

Patrol Conducted by..... JOHN SYDNEY HICKS a/ADC

Area Patrolled.....

(Council and/or..... NIPA BASIN

Census Division/s)..... NEMBI PLATEAU

Personnel Accompanying Patrol.....

Constables AWA'ALI.....

..... MARAI.....

Interpreter SUWELI.....

Duration of Patrol—from 2/8/68 To 21/3/68

No. of Days..... FIFTEEN

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area :..... H OF A ELECTIONS

Date..... February 1968..... Duration..... 16 days

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... Chain and Compass survey of Land possible for
alienation; Road supervision; Routine.

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 17500

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

713/1969

District Commissioner.

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21st March, 1969

The Director,
Department of Mineral and Geology

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MEMBE.

PATROL NO. NIPA 2/68-69.

Your reference 67-3-4 of 11th March, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report
by Mr. J. S. Hicks, A/Assistant District Commissioner to
parts of Nipa Basin and Nandi Plateau Census Divisions.

Report is of value in detailing land which could,
if required, be alienated for both small and large scale
economic development in the Nipa Sub-District.

Patient re-iteration of the need for and advantages of
land alienation for both expatriate and local economic
enterprises must be effected by our officers at every
opportunity.

(T. V. Ellis)
DIRECTOR.

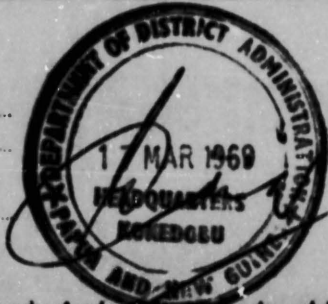
c.c. Mr. J. S. Hicks,
Assistant District Officer,
A.S.O.P.A.,
MOBMAN.....N.S.W.

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



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Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

11th March, 1969.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEBOBU.

PATROL REPORT NIPA 2 OF 1968/69

Attached please find a report of a patrol to the Nipa area submitted by the Nipa a/A.D.O., Mr. J. S. Hicks.

The purpose of the patrol was to make a survey of the availability of land for alienation and attitudes of the title-holders towards parting with land. The latter is the main problem at the moment as the young men are, as usual, quite prepared to release the land, but the men responsible for it are reluctant. However, this is not a matter for undue concern as it is obvious from the first reaction to our enquiries that land will be relatively easy to obtain.

The latest figures are not yet to hand, but I think there would be well in excess of two hundred trade stores in the district. Most of these are prestige businesses only, but many of them are genuine attempts by progressive men to achieve by some degree of material success a higher standing in society and a better standard of living. It is time that some assistance and training was given by Business Advisory Officers to these people. I discussed this matter with the Assistant Ministerial Member on a recent visit, and he appeared to favour visits by the training section of his Division to hold short business training courses for small businesses.

The people of the Nipa area, like everybody else, want development - particularly economic development. I do not think I know anyone who opposes the idea, but no-one has yet to come to grips with their mental attitudes towards sacrifice to achieve it. The energy required is land and work and leadership. The latter will have to come from people, expatriate and local, who have belief in the ideal and the determination to make it real.

(Signature)
(D. J. CLANCY)
District Commissioner.

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- 2nd., August; Departed Patrol 1500. Inspected road and bridge construction EBIL and SEMIN. Discussions Councillors re land alienation. Slept INJIP.
- 3rd., August; Heard complaints INJIP. Inspected land possible of being alienated and discussions re willingness of various groups to sell. Marked land for cattle project. Inspected local coffee plots.
- 4th., August; Surveyed an area of 60 acres - 3 groups involved. Slight chance only of extension.
- 5th., August; Departed INJIP 0745 arriving ENJUA 1000. Road inspection and supervision. Marked cattle block for local project. Heard complaints. Recorded names for those wishing to work on MENDI/IALIBU Road.
- 6th., August; Departed ENJUA 0800 arriving PUMBEREL 1300. Inspected and advised on road construction en route. Marked cattle project at UBA and inspected local trade store at this place. Discussions re land alienation and other development this area. Heard complaints.
- 7th., August; Advised on local bridge construction. Departed PUMBEREL 1200 arriving SEMIN 1500 inspecting road and bridge construction en route. Discussions with local re land alienation and availability of land for same.
- 8th., August; At SEMIN surveyed block of land - 50 acres. Discussions re extending same. Heard many complaints - minor debts and marriage disputes.
- 9th., August; Discussions with SEMIN's re land extension for alienation. Heard more complaints. Inspected local road construction. Departed SEMIN 1500 arriving station 1800.
- 10th., to 14th., August; On station.
- 15th., August; Departed Patrol 1530 for HONT arriving 1615. Discussions with locals re land alienation and availability of land.
- 16th., August; Commenced survey of land - of 200 acres. Heard complaints General discussions re development this area and need for land.
- 17th., August; Completed land survey - 250 acres. Discussions re extending same to join SEMIN land. Complaints heard. General discussions.
- 18th., August; Departed HONT 0830 arriving INJIP 1100. Heard several complaints. Completed an extension to land survey for alienation here. A total of 60 odd acres only.
- 19th., August; Departed INJIP 0800 arriving BOIA 1130. Inspected road construction to UNGUBI and HALILINJA. Discussions re pyrethrum development. Inspected to land blocks possible of alienation.
- 20th., August; At BOIA. Surveyed 150 acres for alienation. Discussions re extending same. Heard several disputes.
- 21st., August; Departed BOIA 0900. Discussions re land at UNGUBI. Patrol returned NIP 1245. Stood down. Ends.

SPECIAL PATROL REPORT OF 1968/69 - NIPA:

GENERAL:

This Patrol was mounted for the express purpose of finding land capable of alienation with the hope of encouraging expatriate development in and of the area. It is an unfortunate fact that initial enthusiasm of the people to alienation and consequent development is dramatically lowered when a boundary survey is carried out. The Patrol was concerned with the surveying of land which was an indicator to the actual enthusiasm of people in the NIPA Basin towards alienating land for development. It was originally thought some 2500 acres of land were available in this area for alienation. This Patrol surveyed a total of 500 odd acres which may possibly be extended to 700 acres in four separate blocks. It is stressed that this land is contained within the NIPA Basin only leaving a probable 500 acres on the NEMBI Plateau that could be alienated. This last estimate is made with the lessons of this Patrol in mind.

Copies of surveyed land blocks are appended herewith and full investigation reports and recommendations for purchase will be forwarded when it becomes obvious that such land cannot be extended further.

The present position is that the younger (20 to 35 age bracket) are keen to part with land if this will mean development of their area. The older men remain extremely reluctant to part with land for any reason whatsoever and will continue to voice their objections as long as they live. From this it could be assumed that the possibilities of obtaining land for expatriate development will get better as time goes by; however, population pressures will increase which could well balance out this factor. The Local Government Council at NIPA is embarking on a programme of land rationalisation which could mean better use of existing land and the employment of better methods in agriculture. This is a long term project and the possibilities of greater areas of land being available for alienation will not be realised/eight or ten years.

A present actual estimate of land available in the NIPA area for alienation is:-

NIPA Basin:

- 250 acres of timbered land at EGRINDA. (surveyed)
 - 250 acres of tea/cattle land at SEMIN-HONT. (survey)
 - 130 acres of tea land at BOIA. (surveyed)
 - 70 acres of cattle land at INJIP. (surveyed)
 - 200 acres of cattle/tea land at UNGUBI. (estimate)
 - 100 acres of land extension on above. (estimate)
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- 1050 acres total. 750 acres surveyed
300 acres estimated.

NEMBI Plateau:

500 acres of tea/cattle land (estimated).

Giving a grand total of 1550 acres of land possible for alienation in the NIPA area made up of eight different blocks. All blocks are linked by good four wheel drive road.

These blocks are:-

Block 1. INJIP:

This block of 50 acres is bisected by the main NIPA/POROMA road and is four miles distant along this road from NIPA. The block contains 20 acres of flat slowly drained swamp land; 15 acres of timber (millable quality), and the remaining 20 acres of sloping pit pit and kunai all of which has been gardened at some time.

Block 2. BOIA:

Containing 130 acres of gently sloping kunai and pit pit with small scattered stands of millable timber along the fringes. The block is bisected by the NIPA/UNGUBI Road and is five miles distant from NIPA.

Block 3. SEMIN-HONT:

Land lies adjacent to the NIPA/POROMA Road and contains an

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area of 372 acres; 120 acres of this may not be available due reluctance to sell on behalf the owners, leaving an area of 252 acres only. 372 acres, however, have been surveyed comprising 5% timber and 40% kinal flats; the remainder being undulating pit pit country. This block is nine miles distant from NIPA along a good standard road (all weather).

These blocks were those surveyed and discussed by this Patrol. Discussions also took place at UNGUZI for a further estimated 200 acres and indications are that this group will prove willing to sell this land.

People on the NEMBI Plateau seem willing to part with land there. An inspection was made of possibilities and an estimated area of 500 acres seen. This will probably be in two lots of 250 acres each within four miles of one another.

250 acres of timbered land at EGEMDA (20% Cedar) has been surveyed by the Dept of Forests and a report is expected on this land in the near future.

Thus it can be closely estimated that some 1500 to 1700 acres of land will be available for alienation in the local NIPA Area. Estimates at POROMA - 2500 acres and MARGARIMA - 5000 acres will lift the Sub-District total to 12,200 acres of alienable land. This may in turn be increased by a further 5000 acres possible in the Margarima area. It is anticipated that the majority of this land will be surveyed and investigation reports submitted this financial year.

For the NIPA area therefore; working on an average purchase price of \$10.00 per acre, a total of \$17,000 will be required to pay for land this financial year or early in the next financial year.

A. POLITICAL:

The member for the House of Assembly, Mr. TEGI EBEL'AL MEA., accompanied the Patrol for two days in the BOLA Region and held informal discussions with the people as to the necessity of parting with land for economic development of the area. These discussions were helpful and will result in possible extension of land for alienation in this area.

The NIPA Local Government Council has discussed the matter of making land available for economic development by expatriates. All are in favour but have varying ideas on the amount of land required. A large portion of land to their minds is some 30 acres which tends to be mainly the poorer land that they find no use for in gardening. Surveyed land has therefore comprised areas where two or more groups land boundaries join.

The Council 'idea' is now well embodied in the area patrolled. The NEMBI Plateau region are keen to participate in the NIPA Local Government Council and will be included before the end of the year. This together with the POROMA/KUTURU Council in process of formation will give total Local Government cover to the entire Sub-District.

B. ECONOMIC:

Three blocks of land (25 acres each) were marked at ENJUA, INJIP and UBA for cattle projects by three local men. Each of these men have sufficient money available to buy fencing material and four or five cattle to stock their projects. All were and are enthusiastic and introduced grasses and legums have been planted.

A native owned Trade Store at UBA was also inspected and found to be doing very well. The owner - PEI has an average turn over of \$120.00 per week and has to credit some \$500 in his Saving account. PEI has also commenced the first cattle project at UBA.

Coffee gardens were inspected at INJIP, EBIL, ENJUA and UBA. These groups have some 66 acres of coffee planted at a fairly young stage but all are well tended and should do well with a minimum of D/SF supervision.

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Large scale economic development will not be possible until the Sub-District can persuade some private investor of means to take up agricultural and/or pastoral activities in the area. The Patrol was aimed at an accurate assessment of land possible for such development and education among the people of the necessity to encourage the private investor.

C. SOCIAL:

Numerous minor complaints were heard during the course of the Patrol. There tended to be mother-of-pearl shell debts and marriage complaints. Certainly a sign of the establishment of law and order in the area and the acceptance of same. It will be difficult to escape the 'Paternal' administrative image during the next five years; however, as greater understanding of Local Government is achieved, the people will become increasingly aware that success or failure of their Sub-District will depend ultimately on themselves and their ability to solve their minor squabbles and cultural hurts.

Most villages visited are adherents at one or other of the ~~three~~ four Missions operating in the area. These missions provide literacy classes and primary education for the majority and provide an excellent cover of the area.

Health services are adequate with Missions contributing to services and Administration Aid Posts within comfortable distance of every three or four villages.

D. CONCLUSION:

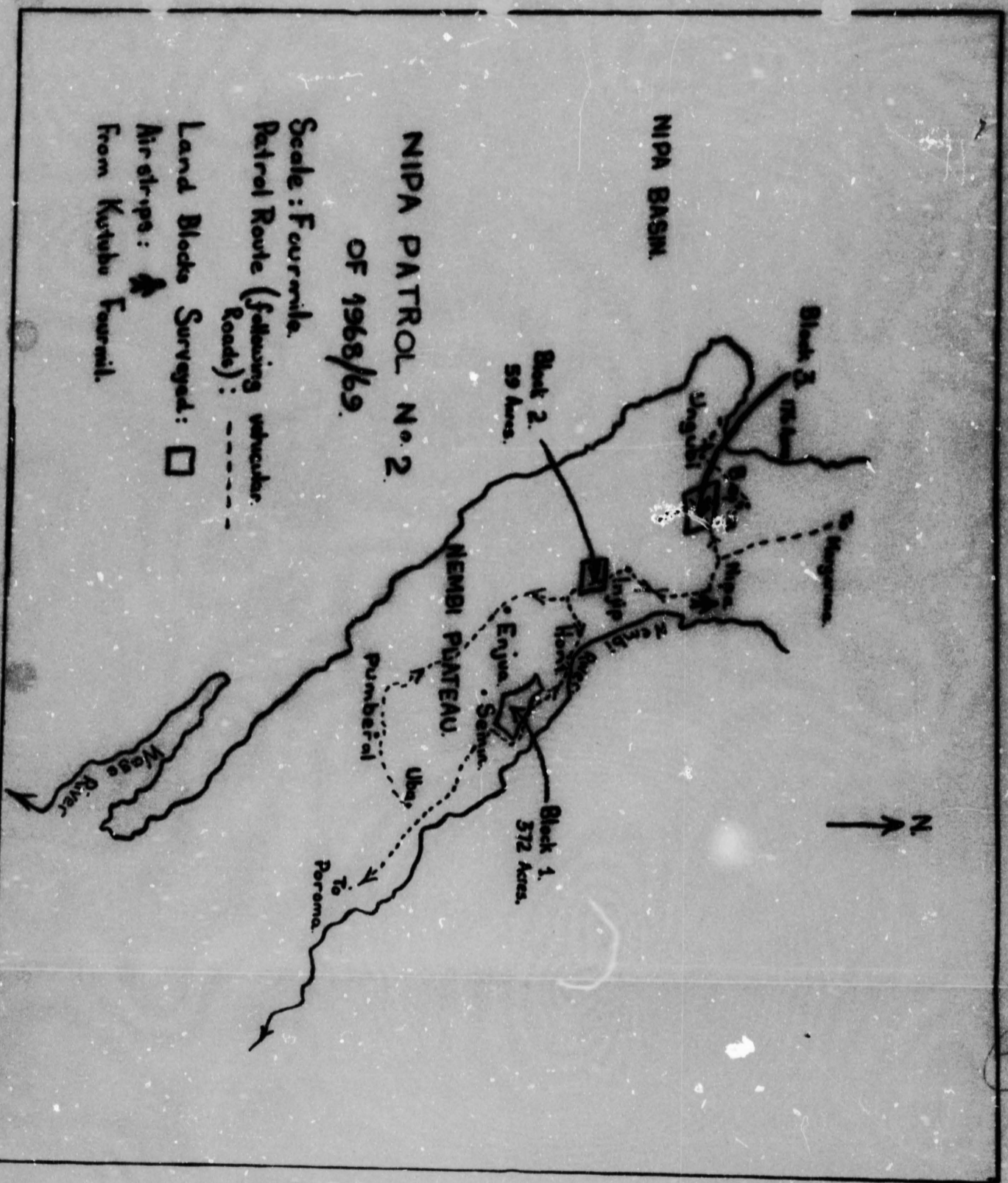
The objects of the Patrol in assessing the availability of land for alienation and the attitudes of the people to same were interesting and informative. The situation of the area is good and the people slowly coming to grips with the new economic society. Road line service every village in the area and maintenance on these roads is constant resulting in a very good standard.

There appears little prospect of large scale plantation concerns in the immediate area; however there is hope for these at POROMA and MARGAR-IMA. The NIPA area may interest the smaller investor (ie Mission or private enterprise) to take up cattle blocks on 200 to 300 acre basis; or even tea for process at factories established 1 hour's drive down the valley at POROMA. Missions may also be interested in the establishment of an Agricultural School in the area using a 200 acre block for various projects. Sawmilling is also a possibility for the NIPA area.

For your information, please.

J. S. Hicks
John S. Hicks

a/Assistant District Commissioner.



NIPA PATROL No 2

OF 1968/69.

- Scale : Four miles.
- Patrol Route (following vehicle Roads) : - - - - -
- Land Blocks Surveyed : □
- Air strips : ✈
- From Kutubu Fourmil.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... **Nipa No. 3 of 68/69**

Subdistrict..... **NIPA**

District..... **Southern Highlands**

Type of Patrol..... **Special**

Patrol Conducted by..... **Christopher Philip Dangerfield P.O.**

Area Patrolled
(Council and/or
Census Division/s.) } **NIPA L.G. Council Area
consisting of NIPA Basin C.D. 9111
part NEMBI Plateau C.D. 1837**

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

Interpreter : Suweli Karit
Cons : Salewagena
: Andagana DWINI.

Duration of Patrol—from **29/8/68** To **16/10/68**

No. of Days..... **23 Days**

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area : **J.S.Hicks a/A.D.C.**

Date..... **August 1968** Duration..... **15 days**

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... **Tax Collection**
Political Education

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... **10948**

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

7/13/1969

District Commissioner.

67-15-63

18th March, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
NIPAL.

PATROL NO. NIPA 3/69-62.

Your reference 67-3-4 of 6th March, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. C.P. DANGERFIELD, Patrol Officer to NIPA BASIN and PART NEMRI PLATEAU Census Divisions.

A good report which gives a clear picture of the area.

It is to be hoped that the proposed tea development comes to fruition as this will give the area a much needed boost.


(T.W. ELLIS)
DIRECTOR.

cc:
Mr. C.P. Dangerfield,
Patrol Officer, A.D.D.
Sub-District Office,
NIPA. S.H.D.

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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Mr.



Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

6th March, 1969.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT - NIPA 3 OF 1968-69.

Herewith a report of a patrol to the Nipa Local Government area submitted by Mr. C. Dangerfield, Patrol Officer.

These people are at a difficult stage of development. They are still primitive and illiterate but they are not fools. They can see or hear of other areas achieving material possessions but cannot see how they themselves can do the same. The same problems exist elsewhere and the only answer is to be patient in the face of criticisms and push hard to teach and encourage the villagers to use what assets they possess to fulfil their aims or needs. This can be done but it takes time and effort.

The United Church is investigating the possibility of engaging in a large scale tea project near Nipa. Land is available, the missionaries are keen and currently they are discussing finance with overseas organizations in a position to help, provided the justification is there.

(D. J. CLANCY)

District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office,
NIPA.
Southern Highlands District.

12th., November 1968.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District.
MORUJI.

NIPA PATROL NUMBER THREE OF 1968/69 - 'SPECIAL'


Enclosed herewith please find three copies of the above numbered Patrol Report plus sketch map and claim for camping allowance from Mr. Dangerfield.

The broken nature of this Patrol was caused by Sub-District Office Staff changes that necessitated Mr. Dangerfield's presence on the Station for economic development (land) matters and Council affairs.

1. The Patrol collected \$1923.00 in tax this financial year; an increase of \$340 over last year's collection. With an increase in Tax rate next year (expected to be \$1 and 50¢) collection should be over \$4000. Councillors have already stated that they want an increase.
2. The incident at AUGU Village was isolated and is not expected to have any repercussions throughout the Council Area. This particular Village was one previously administered from Lake Kutuba and is one of the most remote Villages in the Sub-District. These people are rapidly migrating into other areas closer to the Nipa road network, and only 10 families remain of a population of 230 some two years ago.
3. Mr. Dangerfield has commented well on the developmental barriers that are before this Council area and its people. They are barriers not only restricted to Nipa and will be overcome in time and with greater experience of the twentieth century. The Council is fortunate in having Mr. Tegi Ebei'al M.H.A. as its President, and the understanding and beginnings of knowledge he is able to bring to his post.
4. Tea Development schemes by the United Church Mission are the subject of separate correspondence. Land will certainly be available for this Mission to go ahead on its planned 1000 acre estate project.

A necessary and useful Patrol carried out with the ability and competence expected from this Officer.

For your information, please.

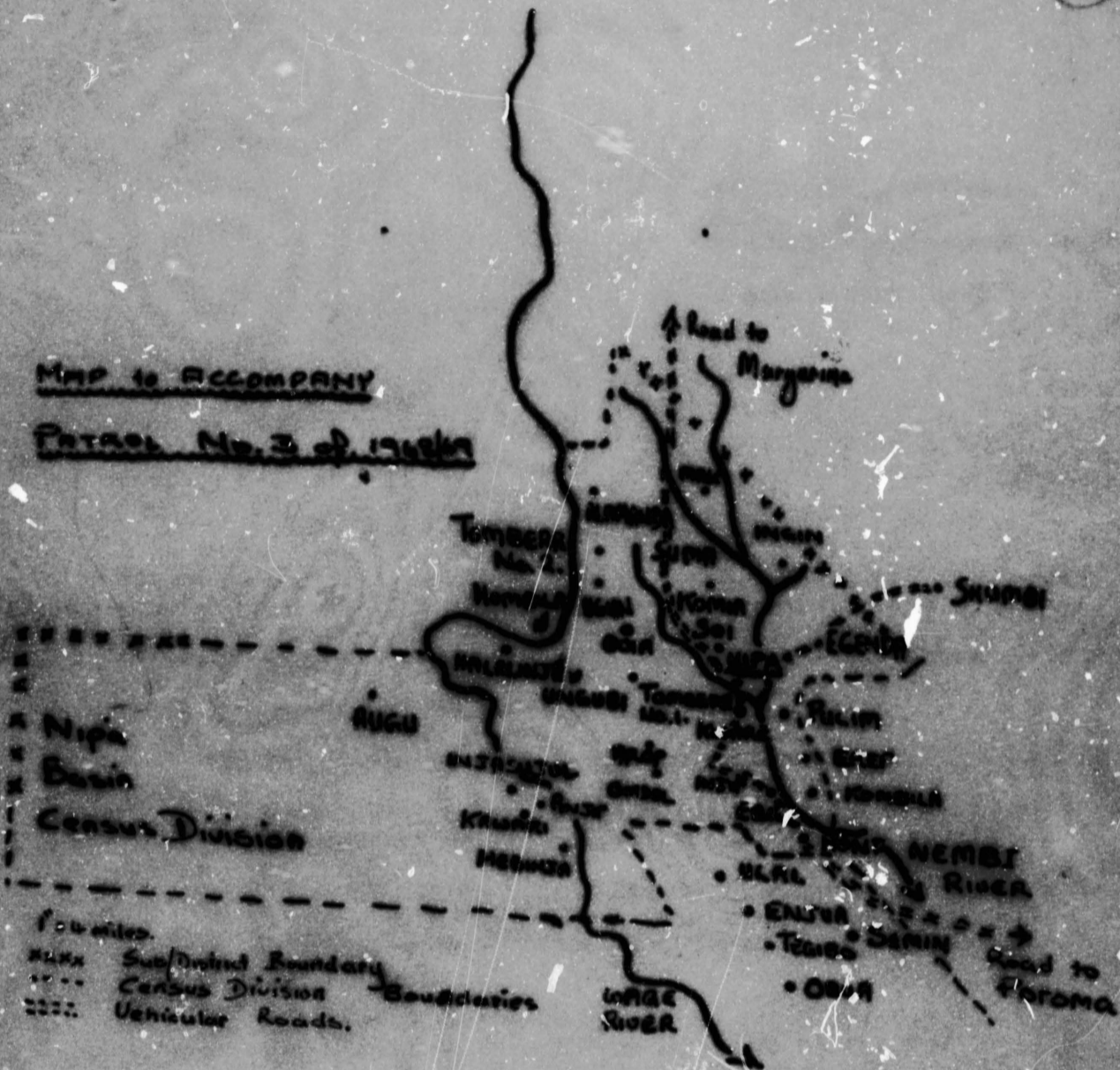

John S. Hicks

a/Assistant District Commissioner.

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MAP to ACCOMPANY

PATROL No. 3 of 1968/9



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Sub-District Office.
NIPA.
Southern Highlands District.

26th., August 1968.

Mr. C.P. Bangerfield,
Assistant District Officer.
Sub-District Office.
NIPA.

NIPA PATROL NUMBER 3 OF 1968/69.

Please prepare to depart on Patrol of the NIPA Local Government Council area on Thursday the 29th., August 1968. The duration of your Patrol will be from 3 to 4 weeks and will be accompanied by Constable SALEMBA and Constable DIKIN plus the Council Tax Committee and Interpreter WOISS.

The objects of your Patrol will be:-

1. Collection of NIPA Local Government Tax for the year 1968/69
2. Explanation of the Local Government system in general and the purpose of Tax Collection in particular.
3. Selection of various individuals with money (about \$300.00 minimum) and inclination to commence cattle projects; and recommendation of such individuals to NIPA Patrol No. 4 - Mr. D.H. Agg.
4. Please commence your Patrol at HAILILINJA Village thus completing those villages involved in the Pyrethrum Expansion Programme initially. Explanation and encouragement for Pyrethrum and Road construction in these areas is also required.

The NIPA Transport Tractor will accompany your Patrol where possible and be available for local road maintenance assistance.

Your Patrol Report will come under the heading of 'Special'. Please refer the Director's circular of the 21st., June contained on our file 67-1-

For your information and attention, please.

Jenn. S. Hicks
Jenn. S. Hicks

a/Assistant District Commissioner.

e.e. To accompany Patrol Report.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Our Reference P/R 3-68/69
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Department of District Administration,
Sub/District Office, by
NIPA House, Compended East
Southern Highlands District.
4th November, 1968

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub/District Office,
NIPA, S.H.D.

NIPA Patrol No. 3 of 1968/69

NIPA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL AREA

Patrol Number :	NIPA No. 3 of 1968/69
Sub/District :	NIPA
District :	SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS
Council/ Non-Council :	NIPA L.G.C. Area
Conducted by :	Christopher Philip Dangerfield Patrol Officer
Designation :	NIPA LOCAL GOV. COUNCIL AREA:-
Area Patrolled :	Consisting at present of - NIPA Basin C.D. 9111 Part NEMEI Plateau C.D. 1837
Personnel accompanying Patrol :	Interpreter : Suweli Karit R.P.N.G.C. Cons. Salewagena Cons. Andagama
Duration of Patrol :	29/8/68 to 16/10/68 (broken) 23 Days actual Patrol.
Objects of Patrol :	1. Council Tax Collection. 2. Political Education with emphasis on purpose of tax. 3. Selection of people with money for cattle projects.
Total population of area patrolled :	10948.
Map Reference :	Attached sketch map.
Village Population Register :	None attached.

Chris Dangerfield
Chris Dangerfield P.O.

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Diary of Patrol.August 1968.Thursday 29th.

Departed Nipa 9am per tractor accompanied by Mr. D. Agg, G.P.O. Arrived Suma Rest House. Commenced Tax Collection Tombera, Suma. Work finished 1750 hours. Slept Suma.

Friday 30th.

Completed Tax Collection for Alamanda. Mr Agg completed Census for Tombera, Suma, and Alamanda. Gave talk to assembled people regarding Local Government and Tax, and General Political and economic development. Also spoke regarding the necessary co-operation required from the people by Mr. Liptak D.A.S.F., if the Pyrethrum push was to be successful. People responded well to these talks but it is felt they were not particularly keen on Pyrethrum as a cash crop. Slept Suma.

Saturday 31st.

Heard two Court Cases then departed at 9am for Boia arriving there at 9.40am. Completed Tax Collection for Boia/Ugun. Mr. Agg completed Census. People again responded well to talks and discussions with the people continued until 7pm. Slept Boia.

September 1968.Sunday 1st.

Fifty minute ~~Fifteen~~ walk to Ungubi Rest House. Some discussion with local people. Rest of day observed. Slept Ungubi.

Monday 2nd.

Completed Tax Collection for Ungubi/Hombila. Long talks with people regarding all aspects of development with emphasis on Councils and economical development. People were willing to part with some land if this could be used by a Company. Slept Ungubi.

Tuesday 3rd.

Self and Mr. Agg department Ungubi at 9am for Augu. Arrived Wage bridge 10am, continued onto Augu arriving there at 12.20pm. Rest of party arrived 1300. Collected Tax from Augu people. Local Committee Member was somewhat obstructed towards the Tax Collection Committee in the performance of their duty. Despite this the people were generally most co-operative. Spoke to the people regarding development but they appeared somewhat lethargic due to their awareness of isolation. Slept Augu.

Wednesday 4th.

Departed Augu 0800 and arrived Halalinji 1150. Patrol party arrived by 1300. Collected Tax and held discussions with people. Slept Halalinju.

Thursday 5th.

Heard several Local Court Cases then departed Ungubi at 1300 where met tractor and continued onto Nipa. Patrol broken.

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6-7/9/68 Attended Methodist Mission gathering at Pwrlil with Mr. J. S. Hicks A.D.C. Nipa, and Mr. J. Wallis D.A.O. Mendi. On the 7th toured the Nipa Sub District with Mr. Hicks and

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Mr. Wallis and Members of the Methodist Mission Synod. to inspect available land for possible tea developement.

Patrol Diary continued

Monday 9th.

Drove to Tombera No. 2 Rest House and collected Tax for Tombera and Kalal. Discussed Council work with the people also explained need for land for economic developement. The people said they would part with land in the Nipa Basin if the people of Kware and Yalal would do likewise. Returned to Nipa.

Tuesday 10th.

Collected Tax from Ingin/Mak, and Komia at the Nipa Council Chambers. Returned and slept Nipa.

Wednesday 11th.

Discussions with Kware and Yalal regarding the availability of land. Slept Nipa.

Thursday 12th.

Collected Tax from Soi at the Nipa Council Chambers and discussed with the people of Ingin/Mak and Komia; Soi the need for co-operation with other groups if possible chances for economic developemnt were to be exploited. Slept Nipa.

Friday 13th.

Further talks with the people of Kware regarding land. After considerable discussion the large majority of owners decided that they wished to give land if the Methodist Mission was going to develop for tea. Self explained that the Administration only wished to survey initially a suitable amount of land. No moves to purchase the land would be made until the Methodist Mission confirmed its decision to develop a Tea Plantation, and the Department of Agriculture had done a soil suitability survey. Slept Nipa.

14-17/9/68 Patrol Broken. Council, correspondence & courts.

Wednesday 18th.

Tax collected from Kware/Yalal. More discussions. Slept NIPA.

Thursday 19th

Drove to Shumbi Rest House. Collected Tax and held usual talks with these people. Good response. Drove then to Egenda and collected tax until 1800. Returned and slept Nipa.

Friday 20th

Completed Tax Collection Egenda. Slept NIPA.

21-22/9/68 Broken. Spent period on Station.

Tuesday 24th

Drove to ULAL. Collected tax and held discussions with the people. Returned and slept NIPA.

Wednesday 25th

Drove to Enjua. Collected Tax and held discussions with people. Returned and slept NIPA.

26/9-3/10/68 Patrol broken. Office work & Council meeting.

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26-30/9/68 Patrol broken.

October 1968

Tuesday 1st.

Drove to Tegibo and arrived 1000. Collected tax from TEGIBO/OBUA (for the first time) as newly incorporated into Nipa Council. Usual talks and discussions. Returned and slept NIPA.

Wednesday 2/3rd Patrol broken for Council meeting.

Friday 4th.

Collected tax from SEMIN. This also a newly incorporated ward of the Nipa Local Government Council. Returned and slept NIPA.

5-7/10/68 Patrol broken.

Tuesday 8th

Taxed EREP, HONT, ERIL, KOMBILA and KOROP at Ebil. Tax completed at 1730. Returned NIPA.

9-14/10/68

Patrol broken.

Tuesday 15th

Taxed INJIP, AROP, and OMDCL. Slept NIPA.

Wednesday 16th

Taxed HEBINJA, KAWARI, PINJIP, and INJASUJUL. Talked to the people for an hour and a half. Returned NIPA. Patrol finished.

Total Days : 23

Nights Camped : 7

XXXXXXXXXX END OF DIARY XXXXXXXXXXXX



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub/District Office,
NIPA, S.H.D.

Special Patrol No. 3 of 1968/69
REPORT ON TAX COLLECTION 68/69

The incorporation of Enjua, Tegibo, Obua, and Semin into the Nipa Council at the beginning of the year mainly explains the ~~increase~~ increase over last year from 1591.70 to 1933.40. This is a percentage increase of 20%. The corresponding increase in Tax-Payers was from 5583 to 6907, a 24% rise. The difference in percentages is due to the ~~fact~~ fact these new words are from the outer parts of the Council Area, and a greater number of exemptions and partial exemptions were granted.

There were few difficulties encountered in the collecting of the Tax. The only exception to this was when a Committee Member for AUGU in the Halalinja Ward tried to dictate and obstruct the Tax Committee. He wanted the people to pay what he felt was right. It was explained to him that the isolation of the area would be taken into consideration. He persisted and encouraged the people not to pay more than 20% for each man. The people took notice of him at first but when it was explained that consideration would be given to exemptions and partial exemptions, they quickly agreed to follow the Tax Committee ruling. The Committee Member was arrested. He said later he was ashamed because his people took no notice of him.

Generally the people understood that the tax was going to be used on their behalf. For your information please.

C.F. Dangerfield P.O.

C.F. Dangerfield

factors. In this case the majority voice of the aged men overrode that of a few old gentlemen. They said later that if this was the wish of their sons they would defeat one of the aims of fatherhood by opposing them.

Social: 6. (10) The rule of law is accepted, unfortunately offences are still quite frequent.
(11) This was a violent society previously. What harmony there was within groups was for self-protection. It is my impression only, that these people lack discipline as children, and tend to consider only their own rights in any dispute.



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4th November 1968

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub/District Office,
NIPA S.H.D.

NATIVE SITUATION REPORT FOR
NIPA PATROL No. 3 of 1968/69

Political:

1. There has been a greater ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ development in this field than in the social or economic field. The development of understanding is naturally limited by lack of education.

2. The salient features of the situation are :- (i) A basic respect for the aims of the administration. (ii) Awareness that they are economically ill-equipped for the political demands of the time. This awareness has been fostered by Mr Tegi Ebei'al and through the Local Government Council. (iii) A general passiveness of the mass of the people. Initiative must still come from the top except on the part of some of the leaders and younger men. This is not a negative passiveness. It is due to lack of knowledge on how to use the institutions that have been introduced into the society.

3. There is perhaps some tendency on the part of the older men to look upon the Council as basically a policing system. Some of the Councillors have to be watched in that they see themselves as bosses, and have not really grasped the representative function, or their duty to explain to the people what is done at Council meetings. This is not yet a serious problem. Greater co-operation between the older head-men and the Councillors will have to be encouraged. Too often committee members are not influential spokesmen but just Boss Bois for the roads. There are some conservative Councillors who are a little frightened to offend the Head-Men.

Economic:

4. Status is a matter of wealth with these people as in most places. While the older men generally still count M.O.P. Shell and pigs as important, the desire for money has markedly increased among all, particularly the youthful. Awareness of the outside is flowing back through the greater body of returned Highland Labour Recruits. Probably a rather garbled account too

5. After long discussions the people of Wolal, Yalal, Kalaa, and Tombera in the central basin area agreed to the marking of land for purchase if the Methodist Mission are able to raise the capital for Tea Development, and the soil is suitable. It was agreed that actual purchase procedures should await these two factors. In this case the majority voice of the young and middle aged men overrode that of a few old gentlemen. They said later that if this was the wish of their sons they would defeat one of the aims of fatherhood by opposing them.

Social: 6. (i) The rule of law is accepted, unfortunately offences are still quite frequent.

(ii) This was a violent society previously. What harmony there was within groups was for self-protection. It is my impression only, that these people lack discipline as children, and tend to consider only their own rights in any dispute.

(iii) The atavistic ~~XXX~~ contempt for women lingers on mingled with some fear. The women carry too much of the burden in this society. It is common to see a stalwart middle-aged man with his younger brides standing with a bag of bones who is his first wife - and generally a few years younger than the husband. The common concept that in primitive societies women are better mothers is here refuted. Woman's prime function is to supply food, and she does not have that much time to care for the children. Although the situation is improving, there is also a tendency to use the younger women for "fall guys" in road work. The Councillors are frightened in some cases to charge men for absenteeism but are quite eager to see the girls go to jail.

(iv) The above has been exaggerated but seems to the writer to have some truth in it.


C.P. Dangerfield P.O.

Nipa No. 3 of 68/69

NIPA

Southern Highlands

Special

Christopher Philip Dangerfield P.O.

**NIPA L.G. Council Area
consisting : NIPA Basin C.D. 9111
part NEMBI Plateau C.D. 1837**

**Interpreter : Suneli Karit
Cons : Salewagana
: Andagara**

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23 Days

J.S.Nicks a/A.D.C.

August 1968

15 days

**Tax Collection
Political Education**

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... No 4 - 1968/69.

Subdistrict..... NIPA.

District..... S.H.D.

Type of Patrol..... CENSUS AREA STUDY

Patrol Conducted by..... D. AGG. C.P.O.

Area Patrolled..... NIPA BASIN

(Council and/or.....

Census Division/s.).....

Personnel Accompanying Patrol..... 2 R.P. & N.G.C.

..... 1 INTERPRETER.

Duration of Patrol—from 29/8/68 To 19/9/68

No. of Days..... 15

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area : August/September 1968

Date..... 29/8/68 to 16/10/68 Duration..... 23 days.

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... Compile Area Study, Census.

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 9954.

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

No Area Study

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner.

Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
KCMEDOHU.

67-15-65

10th October, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MEMBI.

PATROL NO. NIPA 4/68-69

Your reference 67-3-4 of 1st October,
1969.

2. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of
Annual Census and Situation Report by Mr. D. Agg,
Assistant Patrol Officer, to NIPA BASIN Census
Division.

3. The delay in the submission of this
report is quite unacceptable. I note that Mr. Agg had
to break his patrol to work on the MEMBI-LALIBU road,
nevertheless I do consider that he should have been
able to submit a report much earlier. Please let me know how
long Mr. Agg actually worked on the MEMBI-LALIBU road.

4. At this late stage there is no point in
commenting on the matters raised in the report.

(T.W. ELLIS)

Secretary

Department of the Administrator

c.c.

Mr. D. Agg,
Assistant Patrol Officer,
Sub-District Office,
LALIBU. Southern Highlands 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. 15. 65 (a)

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Telegrams

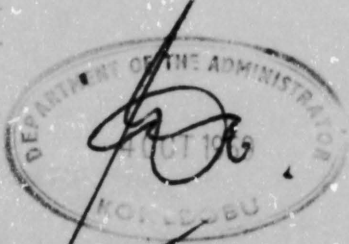
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If calling ask for

Mr.

Division

Department of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
Southern Highlands District,
NENDI.



1st October, 1969.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
HONEDOBU.

NIPA PATROL NO. 4 OF 1968/69

1. Please find enclosed the original and one copy of the above report submitted by Mr. D. Agg, Assistant Patrol Officer, together with covering memorandum 67-3-3 dated 16th September, 1969, from the A.D.C. Kipa.
2. The delay in submission is regretted and to some extent, but not by any means completely, was unavoidable.
3. It was unavoidable that Mr. Agg had to break his patrol to work on the Menzi-Lalibu road. Officers from all stations were rostered for this work and from memory there was no alternative but to get Mr. Agg's services.
4. The revision of census needs further comment from the A.D.C. Nipa, especially to cover the points raised by Mr. Agg on page 3.
5. Mr. Agg still has a lot to learn about setting out a report and using a typewriter.

D. J. Clancy

(D. J. CLANCY)
District Commissioner.

67-2-3.

Sub-District Office,
NIPA.
S.H.D.

16th September, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.
S.H.D.

COMMENTS - NIPA PATROL No. 4 of 1968/69 - NIPA BASIN CENSUS

DIVISION - Mr. D. AGG P.O.

Please find attached three copies of Nipa Patrol No. 4 of 1968/69. The patrol was conducted by Mr. D. Agg, C.P.O. and visited the Nipa Basin Census Division. Objects of the patrol are as listed in the attached patrol instructions.

An area study should have been completed during the patrol. This was precluded by Mr. Agg's transfer to Mendi to supervise work on the Mendi - Ialibu Road shortly after the commencement of the patrol. This necessitated his rushing the remainder of the patrol thus leaving him with no time to gather the necessary information for an area study.

The same reason, in part, explains the extreme late submission of the Report. Mr Agg did not have ready access to material required for the compilation of the report.

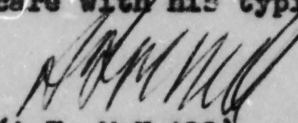
It should be noted that no area study was compiled for this Division during 1968/69. Being on leave at the time of the patrol, and until early December, I was under the impression that a study was being compiled. A patrol is now in the Division collecting material for the 1969/70 study.

As regards the contents of the Report comments have been made on subsequent reports touching all of the matters raised in this one. The Mission Tea Project is in the process of being organised, pyrethrum still suffers from a lack of enthusiasm on the part of the growers, and native cattle projects continue to be initiated and stocked.

As regards the final paragraph all of the matters raised have since been attended to.

It is a pity that Mr. Agg was not allowed to complete the patrol and the report satisfactorily. The result has been that the patrol was of little use and might just as well have not been mounted.

Mr. Agg should exercise more care with his typing.


(A.F. McNeill).
Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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

Department of District Administration,
Sub District Office,
NIPA.
Southern Highlands District.
6th. June, 1969.

A/Assistant District Commissioner,
NIPA.

NIPA PATROL NUMBER 4 OF 1968/69.

Patrol Conducted By :- Mr. D.H. Agg Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled :- Part Nipa Basin Census Division

Type Of Patrol :- Annual Census Patrol.

Personnel Accompanying Patrol :- R.P.N.G.C. KORO and ANDAGAMA
Admin. Interpreter Sueli/Karit.

Duration of Patrol :- Thurs. 29/8/69 to 5/9/69 (~~Days~~) Thence forced by District Office to break the patrol as per accompanying letter and the census was completed as follows :-
Day trips from Nipa on Mon. 9/9
Tues 10/9
Wed 11/9
Thurs. 12/9
Wed. 18/9
Thurs. 19/9

Thence returned from Mendi, to where I was transferred, and completed the Census Division on Mon. 7/10

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area :- Nipa census patrol of 1967 (No. 5) and other "special" patrols in the interim.

Objects of Patrol :-

- (1) Census of Division revision
- (2) Area study revision
- (3) Siting of cattle projects as recommended by Nipa patrol no. 3
- (4) Siting of small coffee blocks as per A.D.C's instructions
- (5) Inspection of existing dams and ponds for possible fish-stocking.

D. H. Agg.
(D. H. Agg.)
Cadet Patrol Officer.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegram.....
Our Reference.. -7-2-2
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
NIPA,
Southern Highlands District.
26th., August 1968.

Mr. D.H. Agg,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
Sub-District Office,
NIPA.

NIPA PATROL NUMBER 4 OF 1968/1969.

Please prepare to depart on Patrol of the NIPA Basin and NEMBI Plateau Census Divisions on Thursday the 29th., August 1968. Your Patrol will be accompanied by Constables KORO and ANDAGAMA plus Interpreter SURELI and will be of from 3 to 4 weeks duration; the actual length of time to be determined by yourself.

The objects of your Patrol will be:-

1. Revision and compilation of Census for the two Census Divisions named.
2. Compilation of an Area Study for the NIPA Basin Census Division and revision of the Area Study for the NEMBI Plateau Division as per NIPA Patrol No.1 of 1967/68:- Mr. C.P. Dangerfield. Please also refer the Director's circular of the 21st., June as listed on our file 67-1-1.
3. Nipa Patrol No.3 will be in the area at the same time as yourself collecting 1968/69 Local Government Tax. Please liaise with this Patrol where practical.
4. Siting of cattle projects as recommended by Nipa Patrol No.3.
5. Siting of 300 acres of coffee land on blocks with road access. Such blocks will be of from one to two acres in select villages and will be a village project. The total area is not to exceed 300 acres throughout both Census Divisions. Please have the blocks cleared, fenced and rows of Albissier shade planted 13' apart with Casurina trees planted at 13' intervals.
6. Inspection of any existing fish ponds. Please have pond owners come into NIPA on the 20th., September to collect fish for stocking established ponds.

Your Patrol Report will be an 'Area Study' of both NIPA Basin and NEMBI Plateau Divisions. This latter Division, however, will need updating only with reference to NIPA Patrol No.1 of 1967/68.

For your information and attention, please.

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John S. Hicks
John S. Hicks

a/Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. To accompany Patrol Report.

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Patrol Diary, NIPA patrol no. 4 of 1968/69

- Thurs. 29/8 Prepared and departed from station 9 a.m. Arrived Suma II a.m. Completed census of Suma and Tombera 2 village groups at 6 p.m. Area survey research in evening. Night Suma.
- Fri. 30/8 Census for Alamanda village group in morning. Afternoon spent compiling census figures and area survey notes. Night Suma.
- Sat. 31/8 Departed Suma 7.30 a.m. for Boi'ia rest house. Census of Boi'ia and Ugun groups in afternoon. Area survey study notes compiled in evening and long discussion with the group regarding their ideas on economic development. Night Boi'ia.
- Sun. 1/9 Broke camp and departed for Ungubi resthouse. Arrived about 1 p.m. Established camp, talks with people of the area and worked on area study notes. Night Ungubi.
- Mon. 2/9 Census of Ungubi and Ombala village groups. Sited several possible coffee blocks and discussions with people concerned about work involved in and general growing of coffee. Inspected a dam owned by the Councillor from the Ward for assessment of its suitability for fish stocking. Left instructions for cleaning, after which it will be checked again. Worked on compilation of census figures in evening. Night Ungubi.
- Tues 3/9 Walked from Ungubi to Halalinja, thence to Augu rest house, a five hour walk all told. Census and area survey study notes for area in afternoon. Talks with people of area. Night Augu.
- Wednesday
4/9 Returned to Halalinja resthouse. Area study notes and census. Compiled census notes in evening. Night Halalinja.
- Thurs 5/9 Compilation of census figures in morning prior to arrival of transport at roadhead at Boi'ia. Walked to Boi'ia, thence to Nipa by tractor, as per A.D.C.'s instructions.

Due to District Office instruction at this juncture, the patrol was broken at this juncture, and the census division was completed as follows:-

Mon. 9/9 By car to Sesenda resthouse for census of Tombera no. I and Sesenda.

Tues 10/9 To council house for census of Mak, Ingin, Soi'i census groups.

Wed 11/9 To Omdol resthouse for census of Omdol, Pinjip, Habinja Injasujul and Kawari. A very long day, a most unsatisfactory way to do a census, both for self and for people concerned.

Thurs. 12/9 Census of Injip group at their resthouse.

Returned Nipa and worked on census figures in a/noon.

Wed. 18/9 Kware and Yalal groups census at Kware.

Thurs. 19/9 To Shumbi and Egenda for census and area study.

Fri. 7/10 Pulim, Ebil and Hont groups censused.

End of census for Nipa Basin C.D. Between 9/9 and 7/10 census work was done by day trips from the station, as I was awaiting uplift to Mendi on Temporary transfer.

PATROL REPORT FOR NIPA PATROL NO.4 OF 1968/69.CENSUS REVISION AND ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.Introduction.

(1) The NIPA BASIN census division consists of a centrally located valley which geographically extends from Poroma in the South to ~~IKOMBO~~ around the border separating the Nipa and Margarina administered sections of the Nipa Subdistrict. The inhabitants of this valley, the Nemi Valley, together form probably something over a half of the total population of the Subdistrict. The actual census division is marked on the map accompanying this patrol report. In addition to the inhabitants of the Nemi Valley, groups of people of numerical note live in the Wage Valley and to the North West in a small pocket called the Augu Valley, through which the Augu ~~Valley~~ winds its course. All people of the Census Division are of the same linguistic group, and marital and other sociological affiliations extend from one end of the C.D. to the other.

(2) The completed census figures for the S census division are herewith forwarded with this report. Since my abrupt departure from Nipa just after the start of this patrol I have been continuously on patrol seven and one half months on the Mendi Laliba road and for the past five weeks on the Gilawe T.R.P. consequently I was not able to compile an area study as normally required and as indeed I would have had my transfer from Nipa been temporary and for five weeks as I was told at the time by District office. For this reason also forwarding of this report has been somewhat delayed.

Situation Report(1) Political

As is usual all local Government councillors assisted in marshalling the populace for census and although in many cases there were long walks and unsatisfactorily hurried conditions for census turn up was very good and there were relatively few ~~aprehensions~~ apprehensions and later convictions for failing to appear for census.

(2) EconomicPlans for Development

This patrol ~~might~~ visited several coffee plots of around one to two acres in the first few days as per written patrol instructions and left instructions to have two suitable natural dams cleaned out in order that they can be later be stocked with fish. This unfortunately was the extent of actual active work achieved as far as projects were concerned. However, extensive talks regarding the large scale tea project being considered for Nipa by the Methodist Mission were held with the people with the idea of introducing some kind of land pooling scheme also being considered as a means of releasing a suitable area of land for such a project at a later date.

The pyrethrum planting programme was in progress at the time of the patrol and assistance was given to the Agriculture Officer at Suma in an effort to increase enthusiasm in the scheme which was flagging after a good start. Discussions were held regarding post-planting care of the pyrethrum plants, marketing and probable incomes, about which the people concerned seemed somewhat hazy.

An area of ground inspected by Nipa patrol No. 1 at Ungubi was again inspected with the idea of starting a native owned cattle project. Although there is little money in the area enough was owned by three head men at Halalinja and Ungubi to make a start if more enthusiasm could be worked up. The area is naturally very suitable

for a minimum cost, small scale cattle project and the pursuance of this idea would be a worth while aim. The younger men professed great willingness to clear the fifty or so acres of under-growth and showed much constructive interest in the idea which was surprising considering the relative remoteness of their area. The ground concerned is immediately adjacent to and below the Ungubi rest-house; the people are actually willing to sell the ground outright.

A local trading store chain has opened a small store at Poi'ia and this has proved financially quite successful initially; however, concern was expressed at this new source of fund-removal, the area being as it is completely devoid of any source of income.

(3) Social

During the course of the census of the people from the Wage River area, a large number of quite severe conjunctivitis (eye-complaint) cases were noticed and escorted or sent to the hospitals at the Methodist Mission and Nipa. I learnt later that the majority of cases were responding rapidly to antibiotic treatment but an unfortunate few showed signs ~~in~~ of damage to their eyesight. There are no aid-posts in the Wage area at all, or in the Suma to Halalinja area, although considerable numbers of people habitate both.

Only three criminal complaints necessitating arrest were made; this was no doubt due to the haste with which I was forced to conduct the census of the majority of the people.

As will be noted from the census figures, the people from Awari village, which was a nine hour walk from Halalinja, on the edge of the area containing the bulk of the population have all migrated to other villages in the Poi'i census division adjacent to Lake Kutubu. Several members of Augu village, about four hours' walk nearer Nipa had also migrated to other parts. These migrations were due, I was told by the remaining people at Augu, to the absolute absence of any possibility of any kind of economic development in their area either in the near or very distant future. An example of the unfortunate state of affairs which exists in this Augu pocket is the fact that the council tax which was collected by Nipa patrol No. 3 which was in the general area at the same time had to be dropped from its normal modest rate of 50 cents per male head to 20 cents, simply because there was no money to be taken in taxes.

(4) Roadworks

Some supervision was given to continuing construction of the "Wage Valley road" and quite a good deal of work was done while the patrol was in the area. The people volunteered to work five days in the week that I was there; further evidence of the keenness of the people of this area for some kind of assisted development.

(5) Missions

The Apostolic Christian Mission exerts considerable influence in the Suma to Halalinja area; however, unfortunately this influence is to date only of a spiritual nature and the people here have not visably ~~xxx~~ benefited as yet. Perhaps, though, betterment of the soul is a worth while gain, even if in absence of anything else.

Conclusion

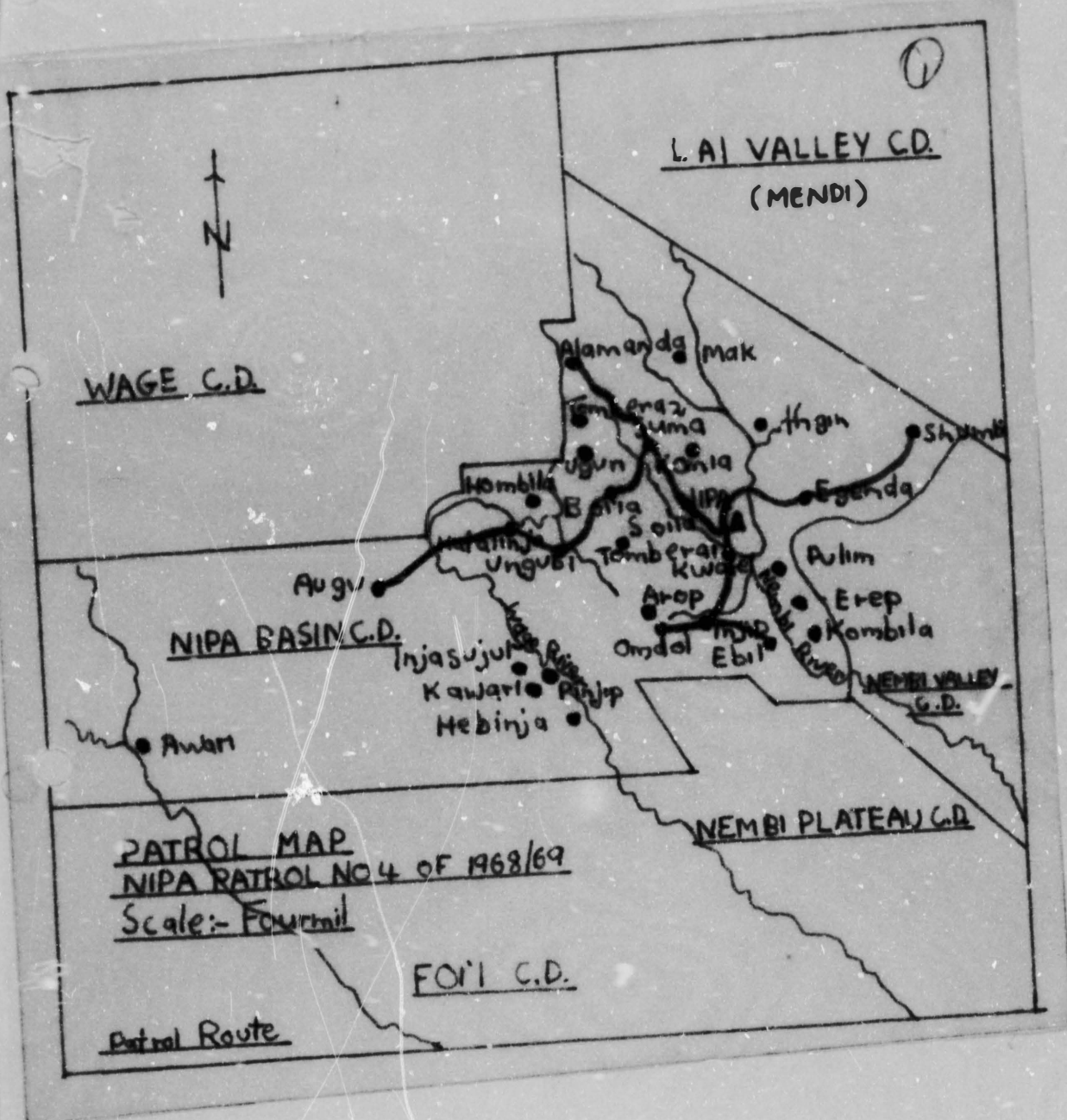
My observations have been, unfortunately, restricted to the area in which I actually patrolled. As previously mentioned, the patrol was broken and uncompleted as a patrol by telegraphed instructions from District office and two-thirds of the people of the C. were censused on day trips in as large numbers as possible. This, of course,

is particularly unfortunate and unsatisfactory, both to myself and to the people concerned in the census. I had, of course, intended visiting every rest-house in the census division.

The lateness of this report, as previously mentioned, has been due to eight months unbroken patrolling since my forced hasty departure from Nipa, although rough notes for the patrol report were prepared many months ago.

The census books for this census division include Injasugul, Kawari, and Pinjip which are not entered in the official Village Directory. Also, Herap, which is entered as a village census unit in the Directory, had no census book for it and I had not heard of the name until I noticed it in the Directory. Awari, mentioned as having been abandoned as a village by its inhabitants, and with a census ~~book~~ roll book, is not entered in the Directory in this or any other census division. If I had been able to return to Nipa to make out this patrol report I may have been able to straighten out these discrepancies myself, however, I can now merely bring this to the A.D.C.'s attention.

END OF PATROL REPORT



WAGE C.D.

LAI VALLEY C.D.
(MENDI)

NIPA BASIN C.D.

NEMBI PLATEAU C.D.

NEMBI VALLEY C.D.

PATROL MAP
NIPA PATROL NO 4 OF 1968/69
Scale:- Four mil

FOI C.D.

Patrol Route



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

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

Subdistrict.....NIPA

District.....Southern Highlands

Type of Patrol.....Special

Patrol Conducted by.....B.Munn, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled.....Margarima and Wage C/Ds

(Council and/or.....Margarima L.G.C.

Census Division/s.).....

Personnel Accompanying Patrol.....1 Interpreter

.....1 R.P.N.G.C.

Duration of Patrol—from 2 / 9 / 68 To 13 / 9 / 68

No. of Days.....12

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area :.....PATERSON W.R. P.O.

Date.....MARCH Duration.....20 days

- Objects of Patrol (Briefly) 1. Carry out land investigations on 3 mission leases
2. Give assistance to pyrethrum planting campaign
3. General Administration.

Total Population of Area Patrolled.....7000

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

6/3/1969

District Commissioner.

67-13-66
67-13-11



Department of Internal Affairs
Southern Highlands District
18th March, 1969.

18th March, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MEKILI.

PATROL HIPA NO. 5/68-69.

Your reference is 67-3-4 of 5th March, 1969.

- 2. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. B. Mann, P.O. to Parts of Margarina and Wage Census Divisions.
- 3. A routine report on which no further comments are required.

[Signature]
(T.W. ELLIS)
Director.

cc: Mr. B. Mann, P.O.,
Patrol Post,
POROMA.
Southern Highlands District.

Please note that political education must be a continuing process in all situations.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67. B. 66. (4)

Telephone
Telex
Our Reference 67-3-4
If calling ask for
Mr.



Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MOENDI.

5th March, 1969.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBUI.

PATROL REPORT - NIPA 5 OF 1968-69.

Herewith a report of a patrol to the Margarima
and Wage Census Divisions, submitted by Mr. B. Munn.

The purpose of the patrol was to clear up some
long outstanding land matters. This was achieved.

D. J. Clancy
(D. J. CLANCY)
District Commissioner.

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17/6

Patrol Diary.2nd September 1968:

Drove to Margarima Patrol Post from Nipa. Afternoon spent in preparation for land investigations.

3rd September 1968:

Land investigation Dadabe 0900 hrs to 1400 hrs. Paper work at station.

4th September 1968:

Land investigation Keme. Paper work on station.
Land investigation Hualia.

5th September 1968:

Land investigation Abiate. Paper work on station.

6th September 1968:

Departed Margarima for Ienagari. No carriers at rest house. Slept Ienagari.

7th September 1968:

Departed Ienagari 0700hrs. arrived Panduka 1100hrs. Land investigation in afternoon. Slept Panduka.

8th September 1968:

Departed Panduka 0700hrs arrived Margarima 1430hrs.

9th September 1968:

Paper work pertaining to land investigations. Arrangements for movement to Sabenda tomorrow.

10th September 1968:

Departed station 10.30am arrived Sabenda 1230hrs. Land investigation Kapandaga in afternoon. Slept Sabenda.

11th September 1968:

Departed Sabenda 0715hrs for Songura. Did land investigation Solapas and continued to Songura arriving 1130hrs. Land investigation Sii in afternoon. Slept Songura.

12th September 1968:

Departed Songura 0540hrs and walked to Margarima. Patrol moved to Margarima/Nipa road to await vehicle. Work at Margarima.

13th September 1968:

Departed Margarima 0620hrs and rode motor-bike to Nipa. Patrol stood down.

END OF DIARY.

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NIPA Patrol No. 5/68-69.

The patrol was mounted for the express purpose of completing 8 land investigations for mission leases in the Margarima area. These were:-

Methodist Overseas Mission (United Church):

Dadabe - Lands File : Margarima File 35-3-5 (b)
District Office File 35-3-6

Habiato - Lands File : Margarima File 35-3-5 (a)
District Office File 35-21-20

Panduaka - Lands File : Margarima File 35-2-3 (c)
District Office File 35-21-29

Capuchin Friars Minor Mission:

Kere - Lands File : Margarima File 35-3-3 (a)
(Porondaga) District Office File 35-20-87

Humaidia - Lands File : Margarima File 35-3-1
District Office File 35-3-5

Kapandaga - Lands File : Margarima File 35-3-3 (c)
District Office File 35-20-85

Songura - Lands File : Margarima File 35-3-2 (B)
District Office File 35-29-88

Solapen - Lands File : Margarima File 35-3-2 (d)
District Office File 35-29-88

All but the Humaidia investigation were completed. At five of these leases it was found that the missionaries had neglected to clearly define the boundaries of the land they wished to purchase. Not only were the catechists or pastors at the stations uncertain as to where the boundaries ran but the owners of the land were also uncertain. At one station I was told by the Councillor that the priest merely stood on a hill with him and indicated an area which would be suitable. The owners of the land were not consulted by the missionary, it was left to the Councillor to advise them. The boundary was only vaguely indicated.

The people were nevertheless, in all cases, willing to sell to the mission involved.

I was forced to leave the Humaidia land because of the complete disagreement amongst the owners, as to just what land the mission wanted. Once again they had not been clearly informed of the boundaries.

I completed the other surveys, following the boundaries indicated by the locals who had some idea of the piece of land required. I have since spoken with the missionaries and they have accepted the areas and boundaries surveyed.

The investigation reports have been forwarded to the appropriate offices.

Agriculture:

During the patrol every opportunity was taken to speak to the people about the pyrethrum at present being planted in the area.

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The people seemed enthusiastic to plant pyrethrum because of the money they receive for selling it. They have some reservations however. Most of these stem from the failure of pyrethrum in the area previously. Many of them feel they are doing this work for nothing and that pyrethrum will again fail.

My discussions with the people and with Agricultural Officers have given me the impression that there has not been sufficient buildup to the planting and that some form of educational programme could have been used to prepare the people; give them a clearer understanding of what was to happen and perhaps overcome some of the apathy which is creating some of the difficulties now being encountered.

During the patrol, D.I.E.S. officer was in the area with films on pyrethrum but this may have been left too late to be of much use.

The faults seem to be not with the people on the job, but with the programme itself.

B. Munn

B. Munn,

Patrol Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... WIPA No. SIX OF 1968/69

Subdistrict..... WIPA

District..... SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

Type of Patrol..... SPECIAL

Patrol Conducted by..... JOHN SIDNEY NICHOLSON /ADC

Area Patrolled..... MATUBU Council AREA.

(Council and/or..... MATUBU

Census Division/s.).....

Personnel Accompanying Patrol.....

..... NIL

Linked with Poroma Patrol.....

conducted P.C. Murn.....

Duration of Patrol—from 26/9/68..... To 30/9/68

No. of Days..... FIVE

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area :..... Poroma Patrol No 9 of 1967/68

Date..... June, July,..... Duration..... sixty days

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... Attend Matubu Local Government Council Meeting.

..... See Proposed Strip site and possibilities.

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Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 3,000 people

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

8/13/1969

District Commissioner.

67-15-68

18th March, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL NIPA NO. 6/68-69.

Your reference is 67-3-4 of 6th March, 1967.

2. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. J.S. Hicks, c/A.D., to Part of Foi'i Census Division.
3. A routine patrol which calls for no further comment by this Headquarters.

CEO
(T.W. ELLIS)
Director.

cc: Mr. J.S. Hicks,
A.S.O.P.A.
MDSMAN H.S.W. 2088

Please note that political education must be a continuing process in all situations.

57-13-68

18th March, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL NIPA NO. 6/68-69.

Your reference is 57-3-4 of 6th March, 1969.

2. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. J.S. Hicks, a/A.D.C. to Port of Fof'i Census Division.

3. A routine patrol which calls for no further comment by this Headquarters.

Geo
(T.W. ELLIS)
Director.

cc: Mr. J.S. Hicks,
A.S.O.P.A.
MOSMAN K.S.W. 2038

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67.15.4.5

Telephone

Telegram

Our Reference 67-3-4

If calling ask for

Mr.



Department of District Administration.

Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

6th March, 1969.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT - NIPA NO.6 OF 1968-69

Please find attached a report of a patrol to Lake Kutubu submitted by Mr. J. S. Hicks, a/A.D.C.

The report needs little comment, as the position as it exists is well covered by the report. The FOI'I/FASU is a conservative bush-man of quick intelligence who fears that the world is passing him by and is annoyed by the fact, but is unable by reason of his geographical position to do much about it.

The aerodrome site referred to by Mr. Hicks is slated for inspection by the Department of Public Works. The suggested road to the Samberigi is a feasible one if there is an economic justification for it. This will depend on the possibility of extending a road from Erave to the South Coast - a fact that is inevitable.

A good report.

D. J. Clancy

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District Commissioner.

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PATROL DIARY:

26th., September 1968:-

Departed NIPA per MAF arriving GROKANA 0930.
Discussions with Missions re development, airstrip etc.,
Proceeded Council Chambers with PO Mann. Slept Council
Chambers.

27th., September:-

At KUTUBU. Attended Council meeting. Addressed Councillors.
General discussions. Slept KUTUBU Council Chambers.

28th., September:-

At KUTUBU. Inspected proposed airstrip site. Inspected
proposed land for alienation for citrus and other Council
projects. Departed Council Chambers 1630 for IFICI Village.
Slept IFICI.

29th., September:-

Departed GROKANA 1615 walk through rain to KUNJULU arriving
1600.
General discussions with V.C. and villagers re road and
development. Slept KUNJULU.

30th., September:-

Departed KUNJULU 0730 walking over partly made road to
TOINORA arriving 0930. Met by NIPA Car. Proceeded NIPA
via POROMA. (Discussions with CIC) arriving 1630. Patrol
Ends.

NIPA SPECIAL PATROL No.6 OF 1968/69:-GENERAL:

This Patrol was mounted for the express purpose of attending a meeting of the KUTUBU Local Government Council and seeing a proposed site for a possible new airstrip in the area.

The Council meeting was routine and general discussions were held in respect development and the proposed amalgamation of the KUTUBU and POROMA people in one Council. I also considered a visit to this area necessary to better assess their attitudes to the Council amalgamation and to general development of their area.

Inspection of a possible airstrip site was also carried out and this has been the subject of subsequent correspondence and a request made for a Civil Aviation officer to do a full survey in November of this year.

Ground for the Council Citrus venture was also seen and the owners appear only too happy to part with any amount of land that the Council may require.

Mr. Mann, Patrol Officer, who is the Administrative Advisor to the Council was on Patrol in the area during this time. I accompanied him during my time in the Kutubux region and discussions were mutually profitable.

The return walk from Grokane to Poroma again made clear the extraordinarily difficult terrain that exists in this area and the near impossibility of even a direct road link between Poroma and

than a very fair walking track will ever be achieved without massive sections of blasting and cut. These are beyond the resources of the labour available in the area. (3)

POLITICAL:

The Kutubu Local Government Council contains some of the most sophisticated Councillors of the District while the Council itself remains the most isolated, low income organisation in the District. A Council population of 3,000 is a contributing factor to this although it appears obvious that a tax raise will be both possible and desirable next financial year. Traditional trade in Blaggass Oil is increasing and are the number of returning indentured labourers from the coast. Many of these are skilled artisans who should be able to contribute to the development of their area.

All Councillors voiced their support for the building of a road link to NIPA, POROMA or ERAVE and the construction of an airstrip near the Council Chambers. As the Administrative Advisor pointed out, however, there is a large difference between talking about development and construction programmes, and actually getting on with them. The Kutubu people are hindered in this regard by a small population and their inability to work as long and as hard as their more robust cousins in the Highlands.

It is felt that the people are slowly recovering from the shock of losing their Patrol Post at Lake Kutubu. The sullen, hurt, attitude is being replaced by a degree of forward 'looking' and interest in what they themselves can achieve for their region. Their willingness to incorporate in a larger Lake Kutubu/Poroma Council is an indication of this and could well be the kind of association needed to finally bring them 'out of the wood'.

ECONOMIC:

The economics of the Kutubu area still revolve about traditional trade and will continue to do so for many years to come. The proposed Council citrus venture, pepper and perhaps weaving (commercial) are avenues that area being explored at the present time. Enthusiastic support for the citrus scheme is encouraging and ample land has been made available for this. Any development, however, revolves about communications and access which remain the great obstacle between Kutubu and prosperity of any sort.

Roads have been marked and possible routes still being explored but the drawbacks are immense with a water-logged countryside surrounded by razor-backed range after range to separate this area from the rest of the Sub-District. Possibly the most likely route is following the Samberigi Valley to Erave; this route would only be logical if a Southern Highlands/Alared Road ever eventuates.

The costly alternative to roads is an airstrip of fair commercial proportions. Perhaps alternative is the wrong word to use; however, an airstrip will be required for many years at Kutubu if any development of any sort is to take place. The existing strip at CROKANA of just over 1500 feet cannot be extended and although surface upgrading is possible this is not thought desirable for so small and restricted a landing area. The other avenue is the siting and construction of a new airstrip at some location central to the area and of sufficient dimensions to enable medium aircraft to operate from it allowing a reasonable cost factor and return for produce grown.

A site has been inspected and was seen on this Patrol near the present Council Chambers and adjacent to the proposed citrus farm. The site is some 3,000 feet long and 400 feet wide with low approaches from the East only. Locals claim that the area is not subject to flooding although it is possible that for 2 months of every year the natural load of water in the ground could cause restricted operation on the strip.

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have an airstrip constructed in this area. A request has been forwarded for a qualified officer to inspect this site early November.

SOCIAL:

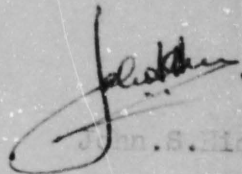
The Unevangelized Fields Mission at ORWANA, now the only European residents of the Kutuba area, have a large social influence among most of the 3,000 people comprising this section of the Sub-District. An assisted Primary 'T' School is operated by them as is a small Hospital; literacy classes and elementary technical skills classes. This Mission also runs a herd of 16 cattle, plus goats and fowls. The cattle are a great success and local butter, cream and milk is available for the immediate population if they need it. Milk is at present available at a rate of 20 gallons per day and surplus is given away to patients and other needy people.

In spite of this lead it is felt that only a surface scraping of improved social conditions has ever been acknowledged by the Nambudians. Park clocks remain very common as do other forms of traditional clothing. In all, thirty years contact with Europeans has done little to change their inherent culture; its ideas, methods and inability to adapt to a world that has past them by.

It is hoped the Local Government Council and forthcoming associations with the Poroma people will bring about a broadening of outlook and a quickening of social change. Their alternative is to remain a curiosity shop for anthropologists on a backwater of development that is bleeding so rapidly elsewhere in this Territory.

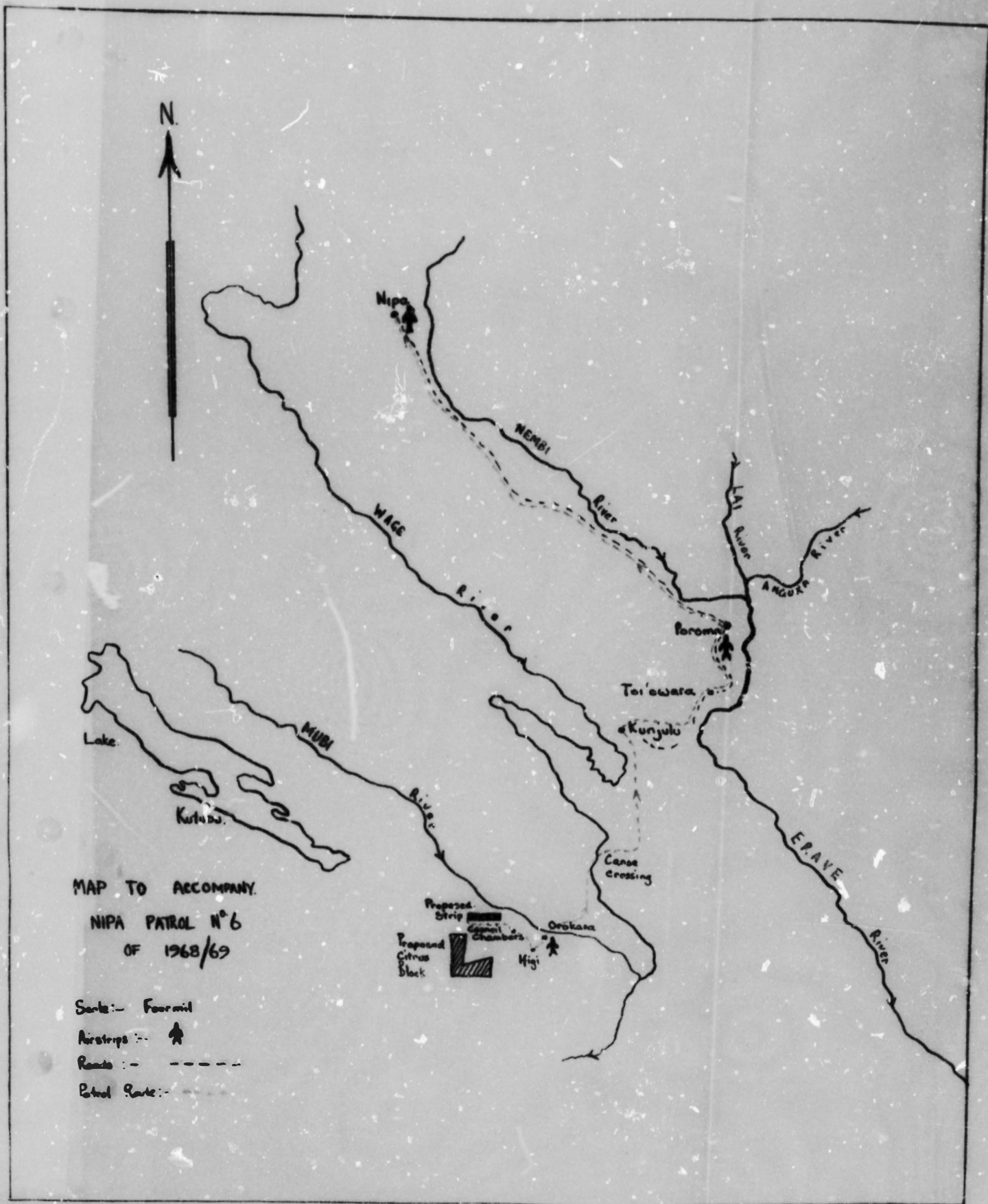
With a little bit more assistance at this time, in way of airstrip and communications; it is my opinion that the people of the Kutuba area will respond and develop along with the other segments of the Sub-District.

For your information, and consideration, please.



John S. Hicks

a/Assistant District Commissioner



MAP TO ACCOMPANY
 NIPA PATROL N°6
 OF 1968/69

Scale: - Fourmil
 Airstrips: - ★
 Roads: - - - -
 Patrol Route: - · - · -



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highland Report No. 7 of 68/69
 Patrol Conducted by C.P. Dangerfield
 Area Patrolled NEMBI PLATEAU + PART NPA BASIN
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans MR IAN JOHNSON - SUBINSPECTOR
MRS M. McGRATH - Leprosy Control
MISS V. BOCK
 Natives 1 INTERPRETER - 3 R.P.N.G.C.
 Duration—From 31/10/1968 to 23/11/1968
 Number of Days 18
 Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No
 Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Aug/1968
Medical/...../19.....
 Map Reference Sketch map attached
 Objects of Patrol Land Dispute - Shumbri - Census
and Area Study Nembri Plateau

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

6/3/1969

W. Blom

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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18th March, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI, Southern Highlands.

PATROL NO. NIPA 7/68-69

Your reference 67-3-4 of 6th March, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Report by Mr. C.P. Dangerfield, Assistant District Officer, to Nendi Plateau and Part Nipa Basin Census Divisions.

The report is somewhat spoilt, as pointed out by Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa, by generalities and furthermore reference to a previously submitted Area Study makes it difficult to assess the full worth of this present report.

I am pleased to note that Mr. EBBI'AL is making frequent visits to his constituents in the Nipa Sub-District.

Has the District Inspector, Mendi, any firm plans for the establishment of a Primary T School in the area?

T. W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
Director, N.S.

CC. *Mr C.P. Dangerfield,*
A.D.O.,
Nipa, Southern Highlands.

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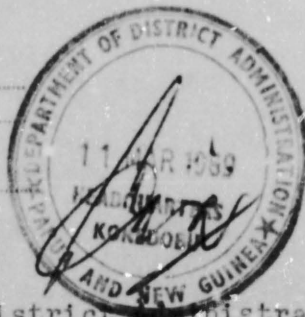
Please note that political education must be a continuing process in all situations.

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Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

6th March, 1969.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
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PATROL REPORT - NIPA 7 OF 1968-69.

Herewith a report of a patrol to the Nemi Plateau submitted by Mr. C. Dangerfield, A.D.O.

Sub-Inspector I. Johnson spent six months in the Southern Highlands working with Department of District Administration officers to gain an insight into the work of Field Staff. He was a keen young man and very pleasant. He worked hard and learnt a lot including the knowledge that walking is hard work.

I always await the Pandanus season with trepidation, for although deaths over it are not so frequent, perjury is still with us. A Southern Highlander has no finer sensibilities where this nut is concerned.

The "races" referred to are competitive public displays of wealth at ceremonial feasts. These displays consist of groups or individuals amassing as many pigs, cassowaries or mother of pearl shell as they can and then on the big day displaying it to all and sundry as a visible demonstration of the owners' shrewdness, wealth and charm. The winner crows over his defeated opponents whose chagrin is not lessened by the tone and content of the bandinage to which he is subjected. Intense illfeeling results, which often leads to riotous behaviour charges in court. It was this practice that Mr. Momei Pangial, M.H.A. referred to some time ago in the House of Assembly.

Funds have been requested on next year's Rural Development Programme for upgrading of the roads in the Nipa Sub-District which form part of the Koroba-Tari-Margarima-Nipa-Mendi road.

D. J. Clancy
(D. J. CLANCY)
District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office,
NIPA,
S.H.D.

14th February, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

COMMENTS - NIPA PATROL REPORT No 7 of 1968/69 - C.P. DANGERFIELD.

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B. POPULATION AND TRENDS.

The area continues to show healthy population growth, namely 1.9% per annum.

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Traditional leaders are understandably conservative in their outlook. They must fear that their hard won position within the clan is threatened by change within the village, as it undoubtedly is.

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There is little hope of any large scale alienation of land for economic development in this area, with the possible exception of the 370 acres that has been offered at Semin Village.

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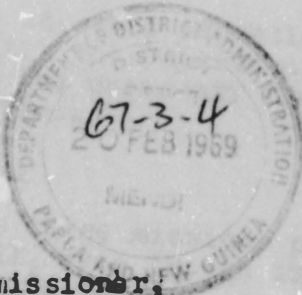
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Patrol Dairy

Thurs: 31st Oct.

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Frid: 1st Nov.

Younger men cleared boundaries of disputed land. Self completed genealogies and statements. Slept SHUMBI.

Sat: 2nd Nov.

Inspected and marked cleared boundaries of disputed land. Party and self departed on Tractor and MotorBike for NIPA Station at 1500 hours through heavy rain. Tractor bogged and arrived NIPA 1900 hours.

3rd and 4th: At NIPA -broken

Tues: 5th Nov.

Party by ~~XXXXXX~~ Toyota, self by M/Bike to SEMIN. Commenced clearing coffee garden. Heard number of complaints. Slept SEMIN.

Wed: 6th Nov.

Good turn up and clearing continued and ground turned over. Slept SEMIN.

Thurs: 7th Nov.

Planted casuarina shade by 1000. Party then to MERUT. Some MERUT people asked to clear fall of rock on steep descent of road above Merut. Mr John Hicks, a/ADC Nipa, Mr Noel Wright, ADO Poroma, and S/Inspector, Ian Johnson (MENDI) arrived MERUT. Mr Hicks continued on to NIPA per Toyota. Mr Wright, Mr Johnson and self camped MERUT. Bridge (cane) over NEMBI replaced. Slept MERUT (Tindem).

Frid: 8th Nov.

Mr Wright and self talked with assembled KONGU and MERUT people as to whether they wished to join the Nipa or the proposed Poroma Council. Kongu elected to enter the NIPA Council, and MERUT the POROMA Council. Self by M/Bike, party by Tractor to NIPA after lunch.

9th to 12th Broken : At Nipa.

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Wed. Thurs: 13th Nov.

With Leprosy Control Sisters, Miss V. Bock, and miss M. McGilvray, and Party down NEMBI Plateau Road to TOBUA Rest House. Commenced clearing Coffee Garden. Slept TOBUA.

THURS Frid: 14th Nov.

Census TOBUA and ENEP and inspection for Leprosy. Garden cleared. Political Education talk given, and discussions re Council. Departed 1600 for PUMBAREL in Leprosy Control LandRover. Clearing

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Patrol Diary

14th Nov: Continued -

garden for coffee commenced. Slept PUMBAREL.

Frid: 15th Nov.

To UBA. Meet Mr Noel Wright and Ian Johnson. UBA people elected to enter POROMA Council. Censused UBA. To PENAROP in Leprosy Control vehicle. Mr Wright and self spoke to assembled people. PENAROP elected to enter POROMA Council. Mr Wright returned UBA, Mr Johnson S/Inspector, and self returned PUMBAREL. Censused PUMBAREL and IOMO Groups. Slept PUMBAREL.

Saturday: 16th Nov.

Coffee Garden cleared and shade planted. People commenced new Rest House and Police Barracks. Self S/Insp I. Johnson, and Leprosy Control Sisters per vehicle to NIPA. Mr Johnson and self returned in afternoon. Slept PUMBAREL.

Sunday: 17th Nov.

Frame for Police and Rest Houses completed. Thatching commenced. Heard several disputes. Slept PUMBAREL.

Mon: 18th Nov.

Talked to assembled PUMBAREL people re development and Councils. With Leprosy Control Sisters to KERUNGULI. Census, Talks, and then Coffee Garden clearing. Slept KERUNGULI.

Tues: 19th Nov.

Forty five minute walk up to KAM Rest House. Censused KAM and MUL. Two Coffee Garden sites cleared. Several disputes settled. Slept KAM.

Wed: 20th Nov.

With S/Insp Ian Johnson walked to TEGIBO, arriving 930 hours. Census for Tegibo and Obua conducted, and clearing of Garden for Coffee near completion. Slept TEGIBO.

Thurs: 21st Nov

Mr Johnson and Misses V. Bock and M. McGilvray returned to NIPA. Self held discussions with TEGIBO/OBUA people. Then to ENJUA on Christian Union Motor Bike. Censused ENJUA while party continued to camp at ULAL. Garden clearing at ENJUA commenced. Continued on to ULAL where Coffee Garden was being cleared. Censused ULAL. Slept ULAL.

Frid: 22nd Nov.

Heard several Local Courts and Disputes. Party to sent to SEMIN. Self on bike to Moantanda - Christian Union Mission. Surveyed 20 acre extension block. Then to SEMIN. Heard many disputes at SEMIN in the evening. Slept SEMIN.

Sat: 23rd Nov.

Census for SEMIN conducted, and Leprosy Control Sisters arrived to inspect Leprosy Cases. Group still slovenly. Finished 1400 and party per Tractor to NIPA. Patrol stood down.

END OF DIARY

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NATIVE SITUATION REPORT

Political :

SHUMBI Area : Dispute between WANK of SHUMBI and OBAL of KIP Rest House over ground still looms large in local mind. PINT a Clan now censusing at Kware Rest House is neutral element in dispute in that they were original owners. Land has been owned at different times by all groups. Pandanus Nut Palms are the main issue, and the harvesting season is soon to commence. Most of the people are willing to accept that certain Pandanus belong to certain groups. There are a large percentage of Pandanus owned clearly by either Wank or Obal. Disputes occur over Pandanus planted by the PINT Clan, which PINT having been driven off, does not bother to harvest. WANK attempts to use it's affiliation with the Nipa area to appear good boys and put it over the OBALS - who in turn are willing to perjure themselves in court. With no impartial onlookers these people attempt to use court for means of putting it over. The following applies to all the groups visited and can be seen in action in areas where these people have had longer contact - these people being the MENDI type. They appear to have realised that our Legal Code is based upon evidence, and that we take the word of witnesses if they don't contradict themselves. They have no compunction about using the system to their own ends.

Nembi Plateau Division: Have improved a great deal. Their political insight has grown through media of the House of Assembly Elections, visiting meetings of the NIPA Council, and through efforts of Mr TEGI EBEL'AL, M.H.A.. It is continually stressed to them that they must realise they and their wishes are only small in the overall picture of New Guinea and Papua. In talks they seemed to grasp that their political future was tied up with economics - they would have to have some economic development if they were to be heard in the future. It is still obvious that Councillors at TEGIBO/OBUA, SEMIN, ULAL, and ENJUA although in theory committed to advancement, fail to see that economic development depends upon political and social factors to. TELAP of SEMIN is smarter than at first apparent, but hopelessly and deliberately backward in his attitude. Elal of TEGIBO/OBUA is a potentially useful Councillor, but gets into squabbles with HENIS the Head Man of TEGIBO, and like both KOL of ENJUA, and IRAP of ULAL, is hesitant when it comes to applying the law to the more powerful men in the group. It is perhaps not deliberate but it appears that they will take quick action against poor men, youths, and ~~many~~ women, but are loathe to offend the Big Boys, in matters relating to disputes over women, wealth, or land. This situation only exists regarding certain offences. The Councillors complain that the people don't listen to them, but when asked to name people, invariably become vague. They have a hard job.

Economic Situation : All want economic development and through continual discussions realise that this implies more than selling a few cabbages at NIPA. They are all aware of there being a possibility of a Tea Industry at NIPA. If this should come about progress is very much dependant upon the attitude of the Head-Men. For the present those groups visted are on the periphery of things. The money that does come is suprising. Sale of pigs, kema Shell, Cassowary, and Tagaso Oil is responsible. They have been encouraged not to use these items for "races" with one another but to take advantage of the keen demand for these items in other areas outside NIPA, which have more money.

Social Situation : Health and Hygiene is still poor in the NEMBI Plateau Area. The people have been told that a patrol will possibly be mounted in a few months to concentrate on this aspect.

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The Social pattern remains understandably traditional. The trend to be watched is that the traditional pattern may become exaggerated. Traditional economic activity has become more intense with cessation of regular warfare. This increases disputes, and the vacuum left after cessation of fighting can become filled and has by this economic rivalry, and only regulation of custom firmly applied, and the offering of economic opportunity can prevent this.

C.P. Dangerfield
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6/12/68

The area is described in detail in Para. 1.4.17 of the 1967 report. Briefly, the Numbi Valley Division consists of the center and northern part of the area and forms to the north the Numbi Division as the former report. The Numbi area has several rivers, the main source being the Numbi area, which is particularly rich in timber, and specific crop cultivation areas (larger than for the people on the heavily populated Plateau).

Because of the land is fertile the population is actually increasing faster than at first apparent. It is of greater density than that of the low Numbi Valley area, with low steepness of the rugged southern side of the Numbi Plateau which has been into the Numbi Division.

It is a feature in that it is a raised area, the hills of the Numbi on the west and Numbi on the east, and in that the base of level remains a gentle fall towards the Numbi. The Numbi valley is however locally broken into small hills and depressions. From Numbi and Numbi in the north there is a low irregularly a high east to the west area (depression) between Numbi and Numbi, south of this, in the Numbi Valley is the Numbi Plateau nature of the Numbi valley.

Soils on the plateau are in the Numbi Valley area of the Numbi Valley Plateau Division, and are similar to the fertile soils of the Numbi Valley Division. The soil is similar to that in the previous study. Briefly, fertile soils are in the Numbi valley, but the coverage is patchy. The soil conditions are not right to build up such pockets of soil.

Location and Access

Division boundary of the Numbi valley area is a line from Numbi valley area to Numbi valley area. The boundary is a line from Numbi valley area to Numbi valley area. The boundary is a line from Numbi valley area to Numbi valley area.

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AREA STUDY 2 NEMBI PLATEAU CENSUS DIVISION - 1968

(A) Introduction

This is a revision of a study done during Patrol No. 1 of 1967/68 preparatory to introduction of Local Government. This former study was for the old Nembi Cenus Division. Since then the area has been split into the Nembi Plateau C.D., (under NIPA), and the Nembi Valley C.D. (POROMA Patrol Post). This Area Study is a revision of the former as applied to the Nembi Platea Area.

(1) Geographic:

1. The area is described in detail in Para. 5, 6, & 7 of the 1967 Study. Briefly, the Nembi Plateau Division consists of the western and northern part of the area referred to as the Nembi Census Division in the former report. The Plateau area has scanty timber reserves, the main source being the Wage area, which is basically an hunting, and specific crop cultivation area (ginger etc) for the people on the heavily populated Plateau.

2. Because arable land is scanty the population is actually ~~scantier~~ denser than at first apparent. It is of greater density than that of the now Nembi Valley Area, with the exception of the rugged southern third of the actual plateau which has gone into the Valley Division.

3. It is a Plateau in that it is raised above the valleys of the Wage on the west and Nembi on the east, and in that the general level maintains a gentle fall towards POROMA in the south-east. It is however locally broken into cones of limestone and depressions. From SEMIN and ULAL in the north three valleys run irregularly south east to the more open depression around Tobua and Pumbarel, south of this, in the Nembi Valley Division the limestone pinnacle nature of the country is more marked.

4. Soils on the plateau and in the Wage Valley area of the Nembi ~~Plateau~~ Plateau Division, do not compare with the more fertile ones of the Nembi Valley Division. They are detailed thoroughly in the previous study. Briefly, fertile soils occur in the limestone depressions but the coverage is patchy. The poor surface drainage might help to build up such pockets of soil.

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Location and Access:

5. Division commence at an east west line 8 miles south of Nipa. Eastern border: a line from Korop south east across the escarpment between plateau and valley to Uba and Penarop; south border: an east west line through to the Wage River; west border: follows course of WAGE north west till parallel the north border running west from Ulal Rest House.

6. In the 1967 Study reference is made to a planned road, branching off at EBIL 6 miles south of Nipa, on the NIPA-POROMA Road and to run into the NEMBI Plateau area. This road is now open from EBIL through to UBA a distance of 15 miles.

7. There are no airstrips in the division although a light aircraft strip at Penarop, and a medium Category "B" site is possible at SEMIN. In the adjacent Nembi Valley Division there are light strips at Udjabia (Christian Union Mission), and Del (Capuchin Friars Mission). Also the strip at POROMA Patrol Post which is in the process of being up-graded to Category "B" standard. The Category "C" strip at NIPA remains the closest by road.

8. From NIPA the present distance by road to MENDI H.Q. is 42 miles, or three hours in fair conditions.

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History

9. This is detailed under the former Study. It is a history of violent reactions to the introduction of law and order, which has changed to a keen interest in what we can offer materially, but antipathy towards any maturing of their social outlook which could threaten the present economic trend. These people have a closer dialect tie with the people in the Mandi Region than have the people in the Nipa Basin. It may account for their previous attitude in that they feared anything that threatened their use of any nastiness to obtain their materials ends, and had heard that this was being stopped in contacted areas. A history of intense clan warfare, martial success, and fear might account for it. Despite all this their reactions were more violent than in other regions possibly because through numbers, and the rugged terrain they could afford to be.

10. For a short period in 1963-65 there were rumours that the people in the Tobua, and Pumbarel areas were trying to use magic to cause the Administration to leave them alone. There were further such rumours.

11. Since then realisation of Administration permanency have accepted presence, have realised there are reasons, particularly economic for co-operating, and have worked well on roads etc.

12. Future depends upon whether or not economic development follows these initial gains.

(B) Population

13. Latest Register : Attached Appendix "A"

14. Neo-Mortality Figures : Attached Appendix "B"

15. Total population of division is 6466 in an area of 90 square miles of which some 20 miles is good arable land.

(i) Distribution

16. The population is distributed in the three areas described in paragraphs 25, 26, and 27 of the 1967 Area Study - Upper Pwe Creek, Lower Pwe Creek, and Semin Plateau. The population is concentrated in the fertile depressions. The valleys are not completely arable so population is fragmented by spurs that divide the valleys into a series of small basins.

17. The people of the PWE Creek areas have land rights extending into the WAGE, but only one Clan - TERENAIS - of KAM Rest House live permanently on the crest and fall of the plateau to the WAGE River. The exception being a few individuals from other groups who prefer the WAGE. Generally the WAGE is used to grow Marata, Ginger, Taro, and Bananas, and to gather and hunt.

(ii) Trends

18. Cessation of fighting has seen resettlement of areas formerly to vulnerable to attack.

19. The people of Pumbarel and Penarop are moving back into the lower PWE, and those of OBUA and ENJUA in the upper PWE. Many of these people lived in the WAGE previously, some to get away from Administration control.

(C) Access to Population

Continued overleaf.

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20. The new road running from EBIL to UBA runs through the land of the following Rest House Groups - Kerunguli, Ulal, Enjua, Tegibo/Obua, Tobua, Pumbarel, Penarop, and Uba. Kam Rest House is only an hours walk from the road at Kerunguli - and other priorities dictating it will be possible to build a road in the future from the Christian Union Mission at Tegibo up to Kam. Semin Rest House is ~~in~~ with the ENEP Rest House Group not connected by road, however SEMIN is only $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the NIPA/POROMA Road, and ENEP is only $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the NEMBI Plateau Road. Therefore there is now a good road coverage, and it is now necessary to continue the improvement of the present roads.

21. Due to the establishment of the road the old patrol tracks are not used but there is apart from Patrol Tracks a good coverage of native paths which are in better condition than most because of continual useage and the ~~scarcity~~ scarcity of timber to block out the sun.

Social Groupings (D)

22. The full coverage of this heading in the previous Area Study applies as there as been no change.

23. The previous study should be read with reference to the following groups :-

<u>Clan:</u>	<u>Rest House</u>	
ULAL	ULAL	Upper Pwe Creek
ENJUA TEMBIRIL	ENJUA	" " "
KARINJ	TEGIBO/OBUA	" " "
HELKEMBIL	TEGIBO/OBUA	" " "
TERENAIS	KAM & MUL	" " "
SIGIRIBA	KERUNGULI	lower PWE Creek
IB	TOBUA	" " "
WERUT	ENIP	" " " off shot Valley
KOIN & IOMO	PUMBAREL	" " "
PUBI & PENAROP	PENAROP	" " "
PALOM	UBA	" " "
KOROP	KOROP	Upper Numbi Valley
MIRENA SEMIN	SEMIN	Semin Plateau
SIBARA	SEMIN	" " "

Leadership (E)

24. Again refer former Study. The general patterns remian the same as before stated. Refer former study for the traditional leaders of the above groups. The Traditional Leaders are still a thorn in the side of the Administration, and in the NEMBI Plateau area on this patrol, the suspicion was gained that despite the co-operation on road work and interest in finding avenues to gain money, there will be many problems in the social and economic developement of the area due to the innate conservatism and greed of these men. They will acknowledge that their continual search for Kena Shell is stopping their progress, and leads to brutal treatment of women, and an inability to tell the truth if Kena debts are involved. It is apparent that some other form of gaining status throu h wealth is required, if the area is not to revert. Application of any Council Rules concerning regulation of native custom ~~is~~ will be an important factor in the future of the area.

Land Tenure and Usage (f)

25. For description of the basic structure of land useage and tenure refer previous report and Area Study.

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26. It is apparent that there is little land available for alienation on a scale suitable for large plantation in the Upper and Lower Pwe areas. There is here a growing land problem, particularly in the following groups - Kerunguli, Enjua and Pumbare. In this area the services of an Agricultural Officer are required for the future to improve the agricultural techniques. It also appears that the men in this area are pulling these weeds in clearing new gardens. A number of older gardens in the Enjua and Kerunguli areas have been left until there appears little life left in the soil.

27. There is land on the west bank of the PWE opposite TEGIBO which offers potential for TEA growing by the local people if a Tea Industry is established at NIPA.

28. There are 370 acres available for alienation in the SEMIN area 9 miles south of NIPA by road. This block might be able to be extended to contain some land owned by the MERUT people of the Nembi Valley Census Division, between SEMIN and UBA.

29. I feel that if these people were encouraged later on to organise a village system, instead of the present system of spotted hamlets and gardens the following advantages could be had.

a. Better utilisation of land. With assistance from Agricultural Officers the people of a particular clan could know how much land they needed each year for subsistence farming, and over a period of years for rotation cropping. Subsistence farming could then be localised within a said area and would leave a section of land for commercial cash crops.

b. At present the system leads to wastage of valuable economic land in that land between isolated gardens which not including that required for rotation, is a considerable area but because it is not in one unit it is unsuitable for commercial development. Organisation would allow Agricultural Officers to increase the subsistence yield per acre.

c. A village system would allow greater control of hygiene and law and order - so many cases occur in isolated areas where there is no impartial witnesses. With a set area for commercial crops any development of Tea by the ~~the~~ Methodist Mission could be followed up by local efforts.

Literacy (g)

30. There are no recognised schools within the Plateau Division. The nearest school is the Christian Union Mission "T" School at KA in the adjacent Valley Division. This Mission is considering establishing a large boarding school at KA.

31. The people want schooling and cannot understand why they are not getting a school in the area. The Department of Education's policy could have a serious effect on this area. In other areas a greater coverage of schools was provided free by the administration prior to introduction of councils. The Council then had less further schools to assist with, and being established after some economic progress had been made, ~~the~~ are in a better position to help financially. It seems unfair that here no schools have been provided, and ~~despite~~ the fact that the Council has no real source of income, its introduction in the area will deprive the people of schooling, unless the Council can assist out of its meagre resources. Surely it would be more just to ask those areas with greater progress to contribute more to their school system, and make exception to undeveloped areas like this.

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32. There has been discussion of the Nipa Council building a school at SEMIN, with local assistance. A better site more central to the population could be between KERUNGULI and TOBUA. The people in both areas are willing to build a school complex of native materials there. The Nipa Local Government Council would be able to supply hardware items and cement for such a project. The determining factor would be whether or not the Department of Education could or would supply teachers.

33. Literacy classes in Pidgin and English are provided at MOANTANDA at the Christian Union Mission for all ages 5-20 years. Mr Ted Meckes has tried a number of vegetables and shown what can be done with poor soil.

34. Standard of Living: (H) This remains as described in the previous study.

35. One point needs amplification: that is the role of women.

36. A different role does not imply an inferior role, but in this society the two terms are synonymous. Except where disputes or problems come to the notice of an officer, dissatisfaction on the part of the women is latent. In most cases the role is probably accepted as natural. The disparity of rights and awareness of this on the part of women is usually only brought out in the course of disputes.

37. Ideals of Human Rights are not based upon a purely physical or temperamental idea of humanity, but on a ideal that we all share some common characteristics of humanity.

38. The disparity of rights was formerly a necessary thing in a society where warfare was the order of the day. Physical prowess marked the superior, and in this physical sense women were regarded as inferiors, and so regard themselves. Woman's superiority in motherhood, and her common humanity were often disregarded. Now women still carry out the traditional role as food gatherers, gardeners, and guardians of the pigs. If anything the natural biological role of motherhood suffers.

39. Marriage settlements in the area are profit orientated, and in the Penarep area it is suspected that a number of child marriages have been effected for profit. The profit motive accounts for spiralling of bride price as much as the increase of traditional wealth.

40. Women are important in this society - but it is to a great extent the importance of a valuable commodity - which in a certain sense is natural enough - but not if this leads to a denial of rights which humanity holds in common through the assumption that there is above the biological level, and temperamental level, a commonness of nature.

41. Greater respect for women should be encouraged, and though certain rights of ownership and property are denied for preservation of a Patrilineal system, denial of other rights should be prevented. Also there is too much of a tendency to ~~not~~ treat a woman as an equal and free factor in disputes, and as equally responsible, when in fact she is not.

(I) Non-Indigenies

42. There are no commercial establishments controlled by private non-indigenies as yet.

43. Non-Indigenies : Christian Union Mission -MOANTANDA
- 2 Europeans - 4 Religious Instructors - Native Non-Indigenous.
5 Catholic Mission Catechists.

(J) Missions

44. Since the last Study the Christian Union Mission has established a new Station at Moantanda near Tegibo Rest House, and this will be the centre for the C.U.M.s activity in the Nembi Plateau, although there are plans afoot for another Station near Pumbarel. Mr Meckes has applied for a 20 acre agricultural block at Moantanda, as the present 6 acre block is not suitable for development. This extension was investigated on this patrol, and the report will be forwarded. Mr Meckes has a keen interest in agriculture and plans to grow Tea, and raise cattle on the new area. This will help the people in the area by example. This mission has native religious instructors at most Rest House centres in the area.

45. The United Church Mission has an outstation at ULAL only, and provides an infant welfare clinic at ULAL, run each week or so by Sister Helen Young.

46. The Catholic Mission Capuchin Friars are active in this area, and have teachers of religion at most centres. Both they and the C.U.M. are hoping to localise their teachers as there have been incidents caused by the employment of poor quality individuals from Kagua, Mendi, Chimbu and other Highland areas. Nembi people have commented upon the hypocrisy of some of these men whose main interest (apparently) is going to courting dances and ceremonies with the young girls.

47. Religion seems to have a greater appeal to women, offers a consolation possibly, but the men and especially the Head Men prefer their own materialistically oriented cult which helps them gain religious status through wealth.

(K) Communications

50. A road is now completed to UBA from EBIL which is 6 miles south of Nipa on the NIPA/POROMA Trunk Road. The Nembi Plateau Road runs through Ulal, Enjua, Obua, Tegibo, Kerunguli, Tobua, Pumbarel, Penarcp, to Uba, a distance of 15 miles. It is the main road servicing the great majority of the Divisions population. From Uba to NIPA - 21 miles. Uba to Mendi via Nipa 63 miles. It is feasible to build the road on from Uba to Kum in the Valley Division, and then east down to the Christian Union Mission at KA. If the route from NIPA to DEL via the LAI River to MENDI becomes the main outlet to MENDI, this planned extension of the Plateau Road will give a shorter access road to MENDI.

51. A half mile road would connect SEMIN Rest House with the NIPA POROMA Road, and a 2 mile Road could link ENEP with the Plateau Road at PUMBAREL. Korop, a small group, will in the further future be linked to either NIPA or TINDOM Rest House in Nembi Valley.

Sea:

52. From UBA to LAE the present distance by road is 500 miles. Horizontal distance to MADANG is 185 miles, to KIKORI -85 miles.

53. As mentioned no strips in Division. Nearest are also previously mentioned. Main commercial strip for the area is for the present NIPA - Cat. B.

54. The present road coverage need only be extended a little more, but the main task is to up grade the roads so that the people only have to spend a few days a ~~week~~ month maintaining them.

(L) Stage of Political Development

55. These people know about the House of Assembly through

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officers of D.D.A., and through the efforts of Mr Tegi Ebei'al M.H.A. who is particularly active in the field of Political Education. They are aware that other areas are further along the road of economic progress. In talking to these people it was stressed that their orientation would have to change if they were to have a chance for progress. It was stressed that without economic progress their political progress had no material foundation, and they might be ignored in the future if they could not contribute to their own progress. That they need to change some of their social attitudes was pointed out. The administration was not there to maintain the status quo but to help them progress. Several people responded to this and the general desire was for economic progress, but some were worried about the scarcity of land for such progress.

56. The younger generation is getting the message. It is ~~however~~ obvious that the people are aware of the facts of life more, but are hemmed in by many obstacles. They see the need for money, schooling, and realise now that Europeans are not here permanently - that they will have to run their own affairs some day. This worries them very much because of their present backwardness, but the initiative must come from the top to overcome these obstacles. These people have a culture similar to that around Mendi - dishonesty in business transactions is part of the way of life. Without warfare to keep them occupied all their energies are directed towards acquiring wealth. This wealth is used to gain Status. In Mendi this has promoted old rivalries. It appears that the assumption is made that with political understanding, and a desire for money progress is inevitable. The social factor has been forgotten. Until old attitudes can be altered and new incentives offered there will be little progress. If a lucrative source of money can be offered soon the consolidation of the above tendencies will probably be prevented. It is obvious in this area that many of the Head Men have no intention of altering their direction, and using their ability in a different way.

Economy of the Area (M)

57. There are no commercial cash crops in the area. The only close market for vegetables is the Christian Union Mission at Moantanda. Despite this there is more money than at first apparent because of trading native articles to more monied areas, and acting as agents for Lake Kutubu items like Tagaso Oil. Some areas like Tegibo and Enjua benefit most from the presence of the Mission.

58. A conservative estimate is that \$2500 comes into the area annually at the present rate.

Possibilities of Expanding Economy (N)

59. At SEMIN and between SEMIN and UBA there is land available, but for the rest the land is only sufficient for local cash cropping because of scarcity and terrain, the possible exception being the basin at Penarop. Development is very much dependant upon the establishment of a Tea Plantation at Nipa. If this takes place then these people could establish 2 acre blocks. This also depends upon the capacity of any factory established at Nipa.

Attitude to Local Government

60. The people wish to enter the Council, and through observing the council in action around Nipa have a fair idea of it's functions.

61. Presently Ulal, Enjua, Tegibo/Obua, and Semin are members of the Nipa Council and it is my impression that the Councillors need to wake up. They come to meetings at Nipa, and mouth their approval and then return to their areas and do nothing. They are afraid to act ~~against any of the~~

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in any way which might offend their traditional leaders. It appears that they are worried that any such action on their part will lead to them not being returned at another election. They have been asked to pursue a just attitude. It could be that the establishment of a Village Constable system would be a good idea. These men being appointed by the Administration or the Council, would be more impartial because they would not be frightened of losing favour.

Chris Dangerfield
Patrol Officer
5/12/68

Chris Dangerfield

Appendix "A" attached
Appendix "B" attached
Map - Attached

APPENDIX 1.

COFFEE GARDENS

Two acre gardens were cleared and Causarina Shade planted at the following places - SEMIN, ULAL, ENJUA, TEGIBO/OBUA, KAM, MUL, KERUNGULI, TOBUA/ENEP, and PUMBAREL. Total acreage of nurseries will be approximately 18 acres.

APPENDIX 2.

NEW WARDS - NIPA COUNCIL

These will be drawn up and submitted. It is planned as follows to include the following groups into individual wards :-

<u>Rest House</u>	<u>Groups</u>	<u>Number of Councillors</u>
Kerunguli	Sigiriba	1
Kam & Mul	Terenais	2
Tobua & Enep	Ib & Werut	1
Pumbarel	Koin & Iomo	1
Kongu	Kongu	1

Uba and Penarop elected to enter the POROMA Council.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of **SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS** Report No. ^{E11NT} ~~SWN~~ 1968/1969

Patrol Conducted by **D.P.M. SHUPPELL** Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled **Section of NIPA BASIN CENSUS DIVISION**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **Nil.**

Natives **Nogea Wiru (Interpreter)**
Win Hosa (Trainee Patrol Officer) 2 days
Ilu Ribung (Lands Field Assistant) 5 days

Duration—From **18/2/1969** to **3/3/1969**

Number of Days **14**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **NO**

Last Patrol to Area by **District Services** **Sept** /1969..

Medical **August** /1969

Map Reference **Kutubu Forail**

Objects of Patrol **Chain and Compass Survey of Proposed United Church Tea Block.**

Director of District Administration,
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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Dept of the Administration,
District Development
Southern Highlands District,
NSHD.

67-15-60

22nd August, 1969. August, 1969

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
NSHD.

PATROL NHPA NO. 8/1968-69.

Your reference is 67-3-4 of 8th August, 1969.

1. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report
by Mr. D.P.W. Showell, A.P.O., to Fort Hupa Basin Comm. Division.

2. A tin estate at Hupa would indeed be a progressive step
in the economic development of the area. I trust that your efforts
to obtain additional land are successful.

3. Please find enclosed the original and 1 copy
of Mr. Showell's report. His report is a very reasonable effort.
dated 28th July, 1969 from the Assistant District Commissioner,
Hupa.

By comments above:-

I make it 10 days (T.N. 6118) well and 2 days
for Mr. Hupa - total 12 max days as ~~indicated~~

I enclose ~~Department of the Administration~~ the area
which will reach at least 1000 acres.

cc: Mr. D.P.W. Showell,
Sub-District Office,
NHPA, Southern Highlands District.

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

(S. N. 6118)
District Commissioner

Your suggested that in 1969 a ...

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District Commissioner



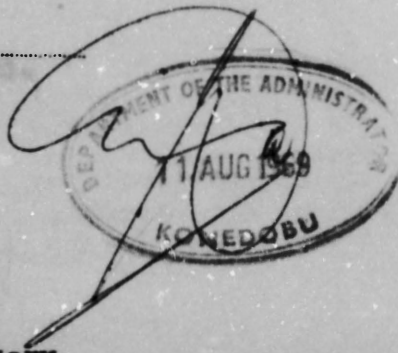
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Mr. MH/mk

Dept of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

8th August, 1969



Sub-District Office,
Mendi,
Southern Highlands District,
8th July, 1969.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBUBU.

Nipa Patrol No 8 of 1968/69.

Please find enclosed the original and 1 copy of the above report submitted by Mr. D. Showell, Cadet Patrol Officer, together with a copy of covering memorandum 67-2-3 dated 28th July, 1969 from the Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa.

My comments are:-

1. I make it 10 days for Mr. Showell and 2 days for Mr. Hera - total 12 man days and not 14.

2. A nucleus tea estate at Nipa will be an important step forward in the economic development of the area. I hope the total area will reach at least 1000 acres.

3. It is pleasing to note the land owners are enthusiastic.

We will now have to acquire another 400 acres of land adjoining the existing... total block size of just over... which the United Church requires to... plantation.

(D.J. Clenoy)

District Commissioner.

The reason for... is some confusion over... which the black would be regarded as...
Mr. Showell has submitted a brief, though informative report that is well written, and neatly typed. His spelling however leaves something to be desired and it has been suggested that he use a dictionary when compiling his next report.

(D.J. Clenoy)
District Commissioner.

67-2-3.

Sub-District Office,
NIPA,
S.H.D.

28th July, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDEI.

COMMENTS - NIPA PATROL No. 8 of 1968/69.

PART NIPA BASIN CENSUS DIVISION.

Please find attached three copies of Nipa Patrol Report No. 8 of 1968/69. The Patrol was conducted by Mr. D. Showell to the Kwara/Boi'ia area of the Nipa Basin Census Division.

It is pleasing to note that Mr. Showell has had success in his dealings with the local people on his first solo patrol, particularly when the objective of the patrol was the alienation, or at least the preliminary work involved in alienation, of a large area of land.

We will now have to acquire a further 400 acres of land adjoining the existing block. This will give a total block size of just over 900 acres, the area which the United Church requires to establish its Tea Plantation.

The reason for the delay in submitting the Report is some confusion over whether the days spent surveying the block would be regarded as Patrol or Fields days.

Mr. Showell has submitted a brief, though informative Report that is well written and neatly typed. His spelling however leaves something to be desired and it has been suggested that he use a dictionary when compiling his next Report.

(A.F. McNeill).
A/Assistant District Commissioner.

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Purpose of the patrol was to carry out a chain and compass survey of the external boundaries of the proposed United Church Tea Block. The patrol was to (a) find the total area of the block and (b) to make sure the land was being used in accordance with their lease before the United Church resumed with further negotiations.

Sub-District Office,
NIPA,
S.H.D.

16th February, 1969.

PATROL BLANK.

Mr. D. P. W. Showell,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
NIPA.

Monday 17th February.
Reported from Station 900 accompanied by Trainee Patrol Officer Wira Wira, Local Government Councillor Nonga and members of Wanga Villages. Sounded the United Church Mission Post at 1000 and commenced chain and compass survey. Detached to station at 1000.

Monday 17th February.

INSTRUCTIONS - NIPA PATROL No. 8 - 1968/69.

PART NIPA BASIN CENSUS DIVISION.

Thursday 20th February.

Reported from Station 600 and commenced marking the Bot'ia boundary at 0930. Survey commenced by 1000 and returned to station at 1000.

Please prepare to conduct a patrol to the Kwara/Techera No. 1/ Bot'ia areas of the Nipa Basin Census Division, on 18th February, 1969.

The objective of the Patrol will be to conduct a chain and compass survey of an area of land that the people of the area wish to have alienated for a United Church Tea Plantation. On completion of the survey you are to calculate the area of the block in order that we can ascertain whether or not there is sufficient land available for the Tea Plantation.

Patrol Interpreter Nonga Wira will accompany you during the Patrol.

(A.F. McNeill).

A/Assistant District Commissioner.

Thursday 27th February.

Reported from station 1100 accompanied by Patrol Officer Wira Wira. Arrived at the Techera No. 1/ Bot'ia area at 1000 and commenced survey. Detached to station at 1000.

Friday 28th February.

Reported from station 1100 accompanied by Patrol Officer Wira Wira. Arrived at the Techera No. 1/ Bot'ia area at 1000 and commenced survey. Detached to station at 1000.

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INTRODUCTION.

The purpose of the patrol was to carry out a chain and compass survey of the external boundaries of the proposed United Church Tea Block. The patrol was only a preliminary survey to (a) find the total area of land available for alienation, and (b) to make sure the land owners were willing to part with their land before the United Church continued with further negotiations.

PATROL DIARY.

Tuesday 18th. February 1969.

Departed from Nipa Station 0900 accompanied by Trainee Patrol Officer Win Hera, Local Government Councillor Konga and members of Kware Village. Reached the United Church Mission Post at 1000 and commenced chain and compass survey. Returned to station at 1600.

Wednesday 19th. February.

Departed from station at 0800 accompanied by Trainee Patrol Officer Win Hera, arriving at yesterday's completion mark at 0930. Completed the Kware eastern boundary by 1400 and thence returned to station.

Thursday 20th. February.

Departed from Station 0900 and commenced marking the Boi'ia boundary at 0930. Survey continually hampered by heavy rain.

Friday 21st. February.

After having completed station pays and banking departed from station on motor cycle at 1000. Completed marking the Boi'ia section as far as the Wage River Road and thence returned to station.

22nd. and 23rd. February.

Week-end observed.

Monday 24th. February.

Departed from station at 0830. Completed marking the northern boundary, the boundary running along the Wage River Road. Once again hampered by heavy rain. Returned to station at 1530.

Tuesday 25th. February.

Arrival of Ilu Ribung, Lands Field Assistant from Mendi. Departed with him at 1000, arriving at Wage River Road at 1100. Remarkd the northern boundary, this time securing a small portion of land on the other side of the road. Unable to obtain more due to a Sing-Sing ground. Returned to station at 1600.

Wednesday 26th. February.

Departed from station with Field Assistant, arriving at yesterday's completion mark at 0930. Completed marking the Boi'ia section by 1730 and thence returned to station.

Thursday 27th. February.

Departed from station 0800 together with Field Assistant arriving at the Tombera No. 9 boundary at 0930. The days work hampered by rain. Returned to station at 1630.

Friday 28th. February.

Departed from station accompanied by Field Assistant arriving at yesterday's finishing mark at 1000. Completed survey of land owned by Tombera No. 1, and small section owned by the Yalal line as far as the Sesenda road. Returned to station 1600.

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1st. and 2nd March.

Weekend observed.

Monday 3rd. March.

Departed from station at 0800 with Lands Field Assistant. Completed marking the southern boundary, a small portion of it following the Sesenda road, and then cutting across to the survey starting point, the United Church Mission Post, thus completing the external boundaries of the land available for the proposed Tea Block. Returned to station at 1500 and patrol stood down.

END OF DIARY.

THE LAND.

The area surveyed known as Urua consists of approximately 530 acres, varying in width from 400 to 700 meters and approximately 3000 meters in length. The block is situated less than a mile (closest point) and 250 degrees west of the Nipa Sub-District Office.

The land itself is a raised plateau, flanked on the western side by a marked limestone ridge, and on the eastern or Nipa side by undulating hills sloping down to the floor of the valley. The block comprises mainly of gently undulating hills, covered with pit-pit and kunai grasses and small areas of light forestation, with several steep stream cut valleys, and several small patches of limestone out-crops.

It is difficult to estimate the land actually suitable for cultivation, but I would not estimate it at more than 75%.

Assesibility at the moment is restricted to two minor unsealed roads, the Wage River road flanking the northern end of the block and the Sesenda road running along a portion of the southern boundary.

AVAILABILITY OF EXTRA LAND.

The western border of the block is right against a backdrop of limestone ridges and mountains, and no suitable extra land could be acquired on the western side. However if the acreage of the block needs to be increased the obvious way would be to increase the width on the eastern or Nipa side. This would give a better shaped and more workable block.

I feel sure that the additional land could be secured, especially once the land holders realize that the economic future of the area would depend on the parting of additional land.

OWNERSHIP AND CURRENT LAND USAGE.

The land is owned by four lines or clan groups, namely Kwara, Tombera No.1, Yalal (Sesenda) and Boi'ia, the largest section being owned by the Tombera group.

The land is sparsely populated with not more than fifty inhabitants who utilize a very small section for subsistent farming; kau-kau gardens etc. There is very little timber on the block.

Consequently resettlement is not a problem that should be difficult to overcome.

RECEPTION OF PATROL AND PEOPLES ATTITUDES.

Generally the patrol was favourably received, due largely to the fact that on several previous patrols the establishment of a Tea Plantation and what it would bring directly and indirectly to the people in terms of wealth was carefully explained.

The respective Councillors and members of the various lines accompanied on this survey, and it was these landholders that in fact marked the land that they were prepared to sell. Very little pressure was applied to secure extra land.

As a whole the people realize what the establishment of the plantation will mean to them, and their enthusiasm about the venture leaves little to be desired. Indeed I have been asked countless times when will work actually begin. Their enthusiasm is so great that I feel that if the project does not eventuate the people will feel to a certain extent that the Government has let them down, although of course nothing has been promised to them.

The United Church are now involved in negotiation and the raising of the necessary finance, but at date of writing no concrete decision either way has reached this office.

CONCLUSION.

It is sincerely hoped that negotiations are successful. Perhaps it is wrong to say that the future of this area rests with the future of this block, but I feel sure that immediate development or that of the near future lies with the establishment of this Tea Block, or that of a venture of a similar size.

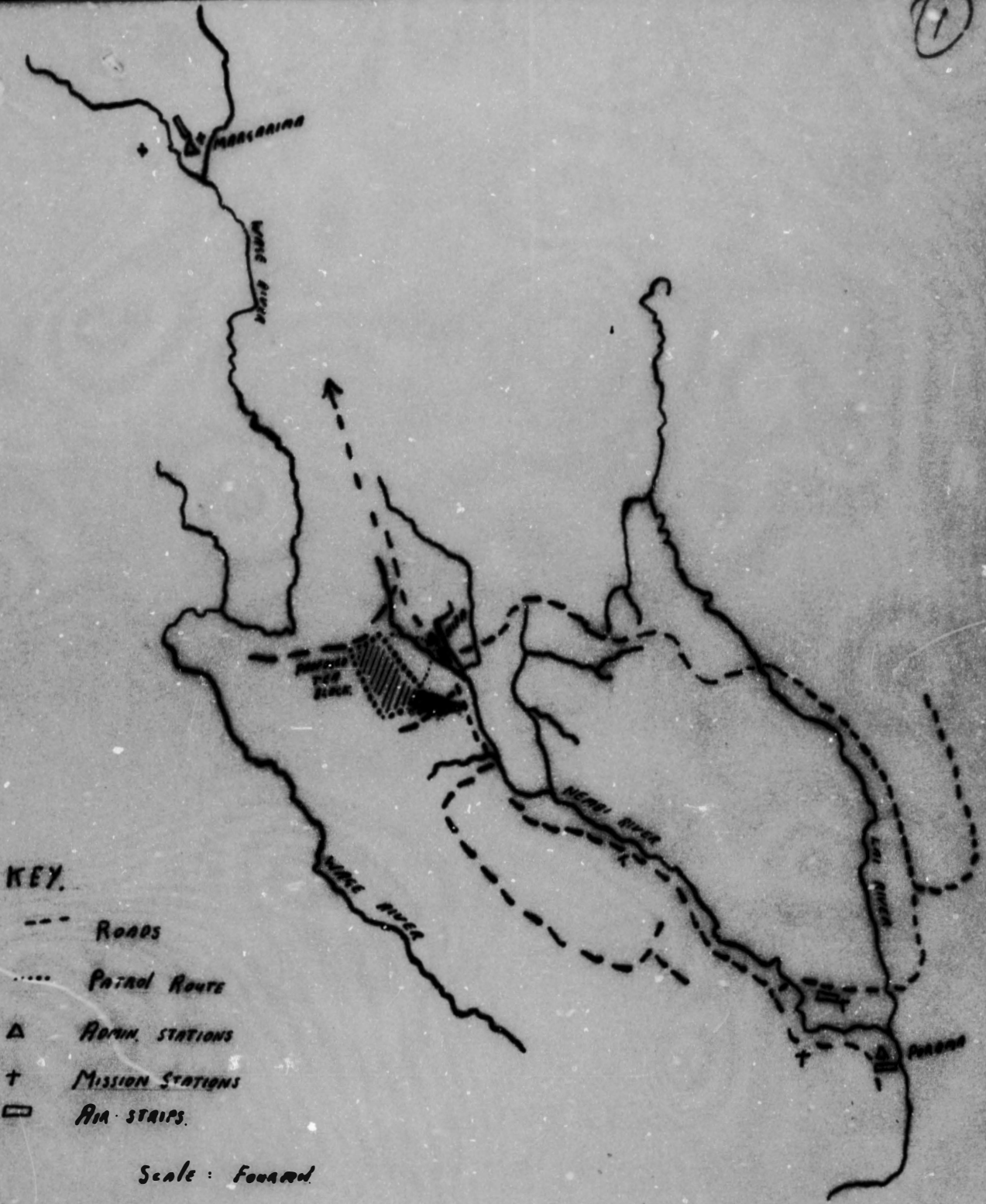
This patrol report was completed on the 19 June 1969.

D. W. Showell

David P. W. Showell

CADET PATROL OFFICER.

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KEY.

- Roads
- Patrol Route
- △ Admin. Stations
- + Mission Stations
- Air Strips.

Scale: Forward

S. Howell. 17/6/69.

MAP TO ACCOMPANY NIPA PATROL REPORT NO 8

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS..... Report No.....9-1968/69.....

Patrol Conducted by.....A.F. McNEILL A/A.D.C.....

Area Patrolled.....NIPA BASIN CENSUS DIVISION.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Miss V. BOCK, Miss M. McGILVRAY,
Mr. WIN HERA, TRAINEE PATROL OFFICER.
Natives.....1 INTERPRETER, 3 B.P. & N.G.C.

Duration—From...18/12/1968...to...20/12/1968...and 24/2/69 to 17/3/69.

Number of Days...25 DAYS.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?...No.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...SEPT...../1968.

Medical AUGUST/...../1968.

Map Reference.....KUTUBU FOURMIL.....

Objects of Patrol...LEPROSY CONTROL, LAND ACQUISITION FOR TEA BLOCK,
ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.....

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

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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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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone
Telegrams
Our Reference 67-3-4
If calling ask for
Mr.



Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

16th June, 1969.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBUBU.

Nipa Patrol Report No 9 of 1968/69.

Please find enclosed two copies of the above report submitted by Mr. A.F. McNeill, a/Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa.

The delay in submission, both from Nipa and this office, is regretted.

The staff position in the Nipa Sub-District is now; 1 Assistant District Commissioner, 2 Assistant District Officer's, 3 Patrol Officer's, and 1 Cadet Patrol Officer, and 1 Local Government Assistant. I understand a second Local Government Assistant is being sent to Poroma. This leaves the Magarima Council without an Local Government Assistant but it has top priority when staff becomes available.

In regard to Agricultural Staff the present Rural Development Officer stationed at Margarima is being moved to Nipa. His replacement at Magarima will be a Local Officer.

While it would be most desirable to have Agricultural Officers at Poroma, Nipa and Magarima this is not possible at present.

Economic development is a difficult proposition anywhere in this District but at least some crops are being tried and encouraged. For Nipa, a big step forward will be the United Church tea project which I understand will rely a lot on developing native tea blocks as well.

In regard to the social problem of divorce I can only suggest that the Council formulates rules according to native custom which will give guidance to the Magistrate and help to prevent divorces which are the result of Minor Domestic quarrels.

In regard to schools action should be initiated through the Councils to the District Education Committee. It must be understood there is little chance of getting a school unless the Councils are prepared to give their full support and financial assistance.

The District Inspector Advises that it is not policy to have boarding schools at Primary "T" Level. A little thought will show that if you increase the number of children at a school beyond the desired ratio of 1 teacher to 30 pupils therein effect you need additional teachers and these could just as well be placed at a separate school located where the extra children come from.

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(Signature)
a/District Commissioner.

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3rd July, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL NO. NIPA 9/68-69.

Your reference 67-3-4 of 16th June, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. A.F. McNeill, a/Assistant District Commissioner, to Nipa Basin Census Division.

A good report from Mr. McNeill.

Your comments should provide guide lines to follow-up action required on matters raised in the report.

Copies of your covering memorandum are returned herewith for appropriate distribution.

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(T.W. ELLIS)
Director.

c.c.
Mr. A.F. McNeill,
a/Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
NIPA.
Southern Highlands District.

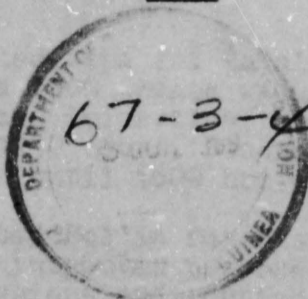
Please note that political education must be a continuing process in all situations with the emphasis on the advantages of national unity.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
NIPA.
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17/4/69.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.
S.H.D.

NIPA PATROL No. 9 - 1968/69 - NIPA BASIN CENSUS DIVISION.

Report No: 9 - 1968/69.

Sub-District: Nipa.

District: Southern Highlands.

Council Area: Nipa.

Patrol Conducted by: A.F. McNeill A/A.D.C.

Area Patrolled: Nipa Basin Census Division.

Personel Accompanying Patrol:
Miss V. Bock.
Miss. M. McGilvray.
Mr. Win Hera, Trainee Patrol Officer.
Nongea Wiru, Interpreter (Patrol).
Constable Kana, No. 1715.
Constable Marai, No. 1781.

Duration of Patrol: 18/12/68 to 20/12/68 and
24/2/69 to 17/3/69.

Date of Last Patrol: September, 1968.

Objects of Patrol: Leprosy Control, Acquisition of Land
for economic development, Routine
Administration.

Total Pop. of Area: 9,172.

Map Reference: Kutubu Fournal.

Village Population Register: Not Enclosed.

(A.F. McNeill).
A/Assistant District Commissioner.

Patrol Diary.

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- 18/12/68. Departed Nipa for Halalinja 0900. Vehicle left at Boi'ia 1000 thence walked to Halalinja and return for road inspection, arrived Boi'ia and established camp 1230 hours. Discussions and routine administration until 1600 hrs. Slept Boi'ia.
- 19/12/68. Departed Boi'ia for Sesenda 0900 hours, arrived 1130, inspected proposed tea block en route. Discussions and routine administration with Tombera No. 1. and Sesenda at Sesenda. Slept Sesenda.
- 20/12/68. Departed Sesenda 0800 for Kware for interviews with Kware and Yalal. Inspected proposed tea block en route. Arrived Kware 0930. Discussions and routine administration with Kware until 1400 thence returned to Nipa.
- 24/2/69. Departed Nipa for Injip 0900 by vehicle, arrived 0945. Leprosy control until 1400 thence discussions with Injip until 1530. Returned Nipa 1600. Slept Nipa.
- 25/2/69. Departed Nipa 0900 for Omdol, arrived 0945. Leprosy control until 1230 thence discussions until 1430 hrs. Returned Nipa 1515. Slept Nipa.
- 26/2/69. Departed Nipa for Ebil 0830, arrived 0915. Leprosy control with Ebil and Hont until 1200 thence discussions until 1430. Returned Nipa 1500. Slept Nipa.
- 27/2/69. Departed Nipa for Merep 0800, arrived 0930. Leprosy control with Kawari, Pinjip and Injasujul, followed by discussions and courts until 1430 thence to Kombila. Arrived 1630. Slept Kombila.
- 28/2/69. Discussions with Kombila, Korop and and Erep Villages commenced 0830 followed by leprosy control and routine administration until 1430. Thence returned Nipa, arriving 1630. Slept Nipa.
- 1/3/69. Observed Nipa.
- 2/3/69. Observed Nipa.
- 3/3/69. Departed Nipa by vehicle for Shumbi 0830, arrived 1000. Discussions and routine administration until 1300 thence roadwork supervision until 1630. Slept Shumbi.
- 4/3/69. Departed Shumbi for Egenda 0800, arrived 1000. Road inspected en route and tasks set. Discussions and routine administration until 1400 thence roadwork supervision until 1600. Slept Egenda.
- 5/3/69. Departed Egenda 0800 for Ingin, arrived 1000. Leprosy control with Ingin and Mak until 1400 thence discussions, Courts and routine administration until 1645. Slept Ingin.
- 6/3/69. Departed Ingin 0800 for Komia, arrived 0930 for leprosy control discussions and routine administration. Completed by 1400. Returned Nipa, arriving 1630. Road inspected en route and tasks set. Slept Nipa.
- 7/3/69. Departed Nipa 0915 for Soi, arrived 0930. Leprosy control, discussions and routine administration

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- until 1400, thence returned Nipa. Slept Nipa.
- 8/3/69. Observed Nipa.
- 9/3/69. Observed Nipa.
- 10/3/69. Departed Nipa 0845 for Alamanda, arrived 1030. Leprosy control, Discussions and routine administration with Alamanda and Tombers No. 2. until 1700. Slept Alamanda.
- 11/3/69. Departed Alamanda for Suma 0800, arrived 1000. Leprosy control, discussion and routine administration until 1500 thence inspection Suma Hill section of Nipa/Margarima road in attempt to locate a possible diversion. Slept Suma.
- 12/3/69. Departed Suma for Boi'ia 0800, self proceeded Nipa to meet D.C. for discussions re Administrators visit. Returned Ungubi 1645. Slept Ungubi.
- 13/3/69. Leprosy control, discussions and routine administration with Ungubi and Hombila until 1400. Thence road inspect to Halalinja until 1615. Slept Halalinja.
- 14/3/69. Leprosy control, discussions and routine administration with Halalinja and Augu until 1330 thence returned Nipa, conducting road inspection en route. Returned Nipa 1615. Slept Nipa.
- 15/3/69. Observed Nipa.
- 16/3/69. Observed Nipa.
- 17/3/69. Departed Nipa for Pulim 0830, arrived 0900 for leprosy control, discussions and routine administration. Returned Nipa 1200.

END OF PATROL.

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POLITICAL.

Local Government.

- (1) The people of the Nipa Basin Census Division form the core of the Nipa Local Government Council. The Council was formed in late 1966. Unfortunately its success to date has been limited by staff shortages, particularly Local Government Assistants.
- (2) This lack of success has caused some minor discontent, usually voiced as 'before the Council was established we had money in our pockets, now we have very little because we have to pay tax'. In fact the discontent is probably more concerned with having to pay taxes for the first time rather than the Council itself. If the Council was operating more efficiently the idea that the Council was responsible for a so called lack of cash would certainly be forgotten.
- (3) An illustration of the peoples concern for money has been the initial reluctance of the people to increase Council tax from a nominal 50c for males and 20c for females to 80c and 30c respectively. The reluctance has been overcome and the tax rates listed above have been set.
- (4) In fact there is now a great deal more money in the area than three years ago, an estimated 70,000 dollars as against 30,000 dollars three years ago.
- (5) The Nipa Council is now starting to overcome its teething problems with some of the projects that will directly benefit the people nearing completion. These include the purchase of a tractor and trailer and the completion of an agricultural project and piggery.
- (6) Apart from staff shortages the Council has suffered from a lack of money. With the additional anticipated revenue from the new tax rates and the hire of the tractor this problem should be overcome to some extent.

Local Government Councillors.

(7) Local Government Councillors in general suffer from a lack of experience and knowledge, this is understandable considering that the Council has only been operational for some three years and that Nipa itself was only established ten years ago. We can anticipate that these problems will be overcome in time through political and general education.

INDIGENEOUS ATTITUDES.

(8) The attitude of the people to the Administration, missions and other social groups within the area is all that could be desired. The people are helpful and co-operative, even to the extent of voluntarily constructing roads and buildings for little or no payment. The people are anxious for any form of development and are not loath to help themselves in an effort to achieve this development.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

- (9) Now that the people have a member from their own area, who is freely available for consultation, their understanding of the functions of the House has increased considerably.
- (10) The member is Mr. Tegi Ebei'al. In my opinion he carries out his duties in a most effective and conscientious manner.

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ECONOMIC.

General Rural Development.

Tea.

(11) A great deal of time was spent during this patrol on matters pertaining to economic development, particularly in respect of the availability of land for a tea plantation. This plantation is planned by the United Church and efforts are now being made by that body to raise the necessary capital.

(12) During the patrol a successful effort was made to link together two separate areas of land, previously known to be available for alienation. One block is owned by the Boi'ia people, the other by the Tombera, Kware, Yalal and Kalal people. In all approximately 560 acres have been set aside, an adjoining 300 acres is now being investigated as regards suitability and alienability.

Cattle.

(13) A number of new cattle projects were initiated during the patrol. These are located at Injip (2), Boi'ia, Egenda, Sesenda, Soi, Ondol and Kware. An additional six persons are now gathering the necessary capital to establish blocks.

(14) During discussions, held throughout the patrol, the people were advised of the principles and economics of small scale cattle projects. A great deal of interest was expressed and it can be safely assumed that there will be a great deal of development in this sphere during the next two years. Provided of course that stock become more freely available.

Coffee.

(15) Limited plantings of coffee (quota set by D.A.S.F.) have been made for some time, and are still continuing. To date approximately 20,000 trees have been planted out at an average of 300 per block, these blocks will be increased as soon as possible to the more economic size of 500 per block.

(16) A further 30,000 seedlings are still in nurseries, most of these are due to be planted out within six months.

(17) 20 pounds of seed per month will continue to be planted in nurseries by villagers wishing to establish coffee blocks.

Other Potential Crops.

(18) Two other possibilities for economic development in the area suggest themselves; these are sericulture and the production of chinchona.

Sericulture.

(19) This could have distinct possibilities if the Silkworm and its food, Castor Bean leaves, thrive as well in Nipanas they do at Poroma.

(20) A trial plot of Castor Bean has been established on the Nipa Station. Though it is still too early to be sure of the suitability of the species planted at Nipa the actual growth rate to date has been wholly satisfactory.

(21) The production of silk, even if only in the cocoon form, appears to be suited to the area in that it involves cultivation techniques similar to those already in use for the cultivation of subsistence crops. The actual production

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of the silk cocoon and the care and feeding of the worms themselves appears to be simple in the extreme. Even more interesting is the fact that the establishment of this form of economic development involves no cash capital, a necessary criterion for the establishment of any form of economic development in an area such as Nipa where money is so scarce.

(22) It is anticipated that the first crop of silk, on an experimental basis, will be produced in August or September, 1969.

Chinchona.

(23) Another cash crop that appears to have some potential is Chinchona. It is hoped that an experimental block will be established at Nipa within three months to determine the suitability of the crop for the area.

General.

(24) If we are to shift emphasis in this area to economic development our greatest need will be for an Agricultural Officer, based at Nipa. If one cannot be posted we will need sufficient staff from our own Department to supervise the establishment of cattle projects and coffee blocks.

(25) Inadequate supervision in the past has led to the misdirection of the peoples labour. Coffee nurseries have occasionally been sited on unsuitable land, pasture grasses have been incorrectly planted and coffee has been planted out in blocks with inadequate shade or on infertile land.

(26) Since the establishment of Nipa in 1959 Administration Officers have been mainly concerned with the establishment of a reasonable communications network. This network has now been largely completed in the Nipa Basin Division where a comprehensive road network now exists.

(27) With the completion of these communications it is now desirable that the Administrations efforts be concentrated on economic development in the form of cash cropping. If this change of emphasis is to be achieved effectively we must have an Agricultural Extension Officer working in the area.

Roads.

(28) Improvements continue to be made to the roads within the Division. Grades are being reduced, corners aligned, benches widened, bridges replaced with timber culverts and additional surfacing added.

(29) Arrangements are in hand for the completion of one major project on the Nipa-Margarima Road at Suma. A half mile section of steep, winding road is to be re-aligned and regraded.

(30) Though the surface of the Nipa-Margarima Road between Suma and Alamanda is excellent a great deal of labour and funds will be required during the 1969/70 financial year for the re-alignment of this section.

(31) Due to a sparsity of population and the lack of supervision work on surfacing the Wage Valley road is proceeding at a disappointingly slow rate. The visit to the area during this patrol should serve to reinforce the peoples enthusiasm for the project.

(32) The possibility of constructing a road through Pulim and Erep to Tindom, thus avoiding the Tindom Hill on the existing Nipa-Poroma Road, was investigated during this patrol. Even a cursory examination shows the route to be impractical.

(33) The grades and alignment on this route would be no improvement on those existing on the Tindom Hill. Thus no purpose would be served by constructing this road.

(34) However the possibility of constructing an access road link as far as Erep should not be overlooked. This road would give access to about 1,000 people. The diversion of funds from other roads would not be warranted for want of economic justification for the road. Thus it would have to be constructed by the villagers on a purely voluntary basis.

SOCIAL.

Health.

(35) The main object of this patrol was to carry out a leprosy control survey for the Nipa Basin Census Division, the last remaining area in the Sub-District to be so covered.

(36) For this purpose the Patrol was accompanied by the United Church Leprosy Control Unit comprising a Mission Aid Post Orderly and Sisters V. Bock and M. McKEGILVray.

(37) The general idea was to discover any remaining unknown cases, record them and ensure that they received subsequent treatment. To achieve this aim the people of various Council Wards were lined, as for census, and a medical examination was carried out by the Leprosy Control Team.

(38) This system worked extremely well, with 99% of the population submitting themselves for examination. It can be safely assumed, with at most, two or three exceptions, that all existing leprosy cases in the Basin are now on record and receiving treatment.

(39) General health facilities in the Division consist of two child welfare clinics cum Aid Posts, one at the Apostolic Christian Mission, Tiliba, and the other the United Church, at Puril; both staffed by qualified Sisters. The other facility is the so called Nipa Aid Post/Hospital which is in a deplorable state. Fortunately sufficient funds for the construction of three semi-permanent materials wards and an office/dispensary/operating theatre are due to be made available during the 1969/1970 financial year.

Marriage.

(40) The greatest social problem that is evident at present in this Census Division concerns traditional marriages, or more precisely, divorce.

(41) Prior to the establishment of administration control in this area permanence of marriage was guaranteed to some extent by threats of, or actual, violence to the offending party. With the advent of law and order ~~this~~ this sanction for permanence had to be abandoned. The result is an excessive number of divorces by native custom and a great deal of friction between married couples. This of course, has a most undesirable effect on the social structure of the society.

(42) The point has now been reached wherein divorces are effected following minor domestic quarrels. An even more serious aspect can occur when one of the parties desires a divorce in order to marry another person. The party wishing to remarry will quite often deliberately seek to offend their

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partner in order to acquire a reason for a divorce.

(43) There appears to be no way in which the problem can be eased in the immediate future. Education and missionisation may reduce the problem in time.

Missions.

(44) There are three missions operating in the area patrolled, the Apostolic Christian Mission, the United Church and the Capuchin Catholic Mission. These missions and their adherents co-exist extremely well together.

Education.

(45) There are three schools in the Division, one run by the United Church at Puril, one by the Capuchin Mission at Soi and a Primary 'T' School at Nipa. These schools cater for 10,000 people.

(46) Immediate additional educational requirements are for two Administration 'T' Schools. One located at Ungubi and one at Omdol. The former would cater for 2000 people and the later for 4,000. Unfortunately there is little possibility of schools being established at these locations in the near future.

(47) The only obvious method of extending education at Nipa is to establish boarding facilities at the three existing schools.

(48) The possibility of having the Nipa Council construct these dormitories, for children from outlying areas, is now being investigated. The plan would also involve the participation of parents, two or four of whom could live in with the children for a week at a time.

Law and Order.

(49) Though major crimes are now virtually unknown in the Nipa area there has been a considerable increase in the number of thefts. These are usually committed by boys between the ages of 12 and 18. I am at a loss to explain the reason for the increase, unless it is related to a newly found knowledge of the ease in which detection can be avoided or the establishment of law and order which now prevents the amputation of a finger to punish an offender and to render him recognisable as a thief in the future.

(A.F. McNeill).

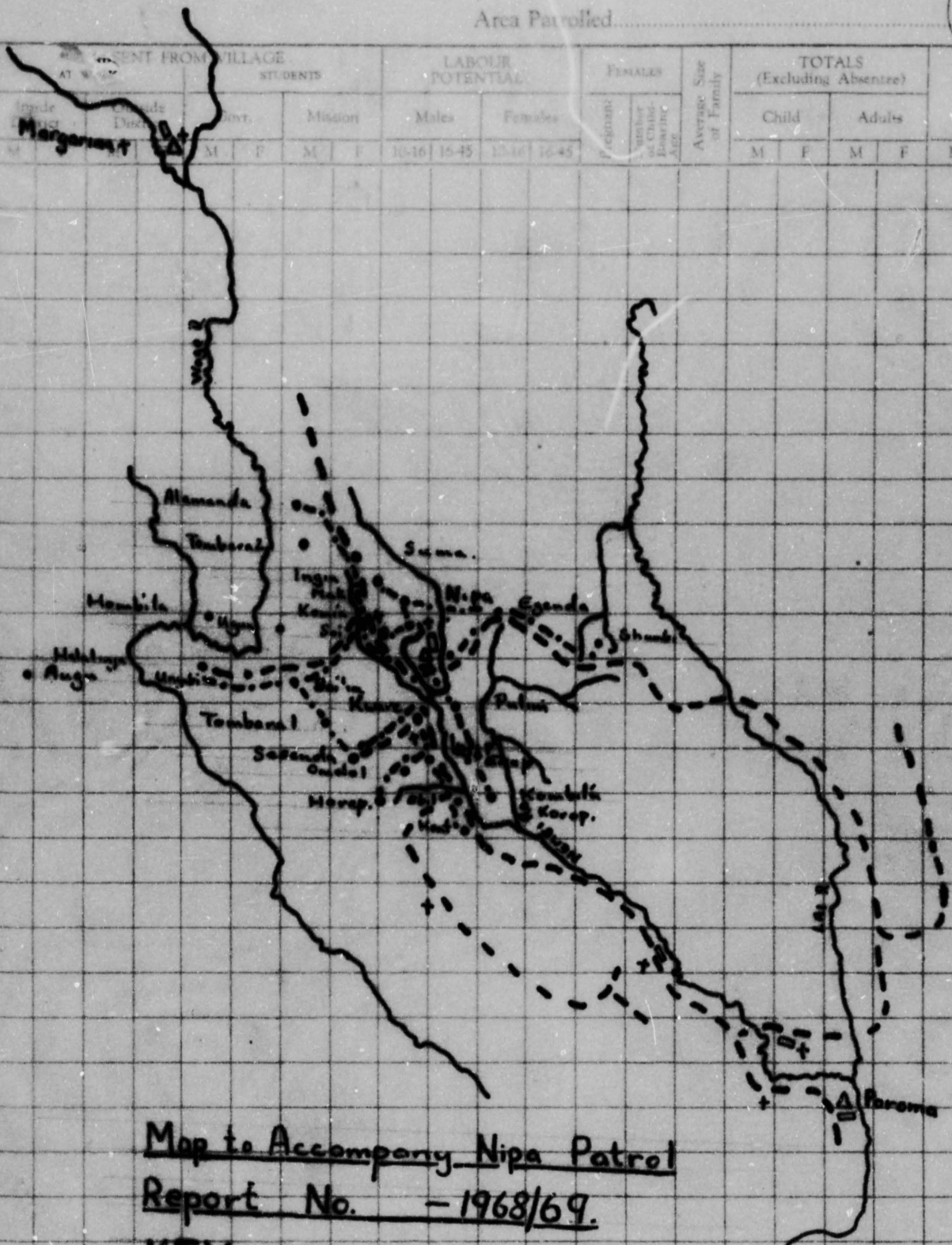
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Area Patrolled.....

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Map to Accompany Nipa Patrol
Report No. - 1968/69.

KEY
 Vehicular Roads -----
 Patrol Route - - - - -
 Village •
 Government Station Δ

Scale 1" = 4 miles

Apr 24/4



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands. Report No. 10 of 1968/69

Patrol Conducted by D. P. W. Showell Assistant Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Part Nambi Valley.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Natives Constable Mienure 662.

Duration—From 31. / 3. / 1969 to 21. / 5. / 1969

Number of Days 33

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Dec. / 1968

Medical Dec. / 1968

Map Reference Patrol map attached.

Objects of Patrol Special Patrol. Roadwork.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

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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

67-15-80

6th January, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL NIPA NO. 10/68-69.

Your reference is 67-3-4 of 10th December, 1969.

2. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. D.P.W. Shewell, A.P.O., to parts Nambi Plateau and Nambi Valley Census Divisions.
3. The patrol appears to have completed a lot of effective work on the Nipa-Mendi road.
4. Apart from the delay in submission, which is excessive and seemingly without excuse, the report is a particularly disappointing effort. Mr. Shewell spent 33 days in the field, and while it is appreciated that the main aim of the patrol was road work, his report contains little of value. It is the responsibility of the A.D.C. to ensure that junior officers submit reports of an acceptable standard.
5. Please ensure that all your Assistant District Commissioners are fully aware of their responsibilities in this regard.

(T.W. ELLIS)

SECRETARY
Department of the Administrator.

c.c.
Mr. D.P.W. Shewell,
Sub-District Office,
NIPA.
Southern Highlands District.

Whilst political education is a continuing process it is becoming a more specialised task, and you are still expected to participate fully in its extension at every opportunity.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Our reference:
67-3-A

Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.



10th December, 1969.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

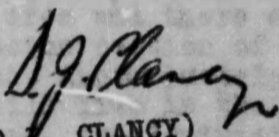
NIPA PATROL NO. 10 OF 1968/69.

Please find enclosed the original and
1 copy of the above report submitted by Mr. D. Shewell,
Assistant Patrol Officer. There is no covering
memorandum from the Assistant District Commissioner,
Nipa.

The patrol covers the period 31/3/69 -
21/5/69; the report was written on the 23/11/69, and
received at Mendi on the 6th December, 1969.

There is little point in making any
comment at this stage after such a delay.

I will request a written explanation from
the Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa and from
Mr. Shewell why it took six months to write six pages.
This is a very poor start from Mr. Shewell and I
trust he will try to improve in future.


(D. J. CLANCY)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegram.....
Our Reference..... 67-1-2.
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Department of District Administration.
Sub-District Office,
NIPA.
S.H.D.
26th March, 1969.

Mr. D. Showell,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
Sub-District Office,
NIPA.

8/69

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - NIPA PATROL No. 10 - 1969/70. 2

Please prepare to proceed on Patrol to Shumbi Village in the Nipa Basin Census Division on Thursday, 27th March, 1969. You will be accompanied on the Patrol by Mr. Win Hera until 31st March.

The object of this patrol will be initially to acquaint Mr. Win Hera with road construction techniques on that section of the Nipa/Mendi vehicular road traversing the Nembu/Lai River Divide Range.

On Monday, 31st March you are to proceed to Tindon Village in the Poroma Administrative area and there effect the re-grading and re-alignment of chosen section of the Tindon Hill on the Nipa/Poroma vehicular road. Approximately 250 labourers are to be recruited, they will live in their home villages and will supply their own food, the Administration will provide funds for the payment of this labour.

Routine administration will be carried out as necessary.

Estimated duration of this patrol will be approximately 30 days.

I wish you an enjoyable and rewarding first solo patrol.

(A.F. McNeill).
A/Assistant District Commissioner.

Patrol Diary:

Monday 31st. March 1969.

0930 Departed Station on motor cycle.
1045 Arrived at Tindom Rest-House and established camp.
Recruited labour from Semin, Tindom and Kongu Lines.
Distributed spades, picks and crowbars.
Inspected section of road with O.IC Poroma.
Slept Tindom.

Tuesday 1st. April.

Organized the three groups into separate working parties.
The Kongu's widening and improving the grade and road surface on the Ka side of the bridge, whilst the Tindoms and Semins concentrated on the Nipa side.
Slept Tindom.

Wednesday 2nd.

Work lines continued same as yesterday.
Inspected section of road with a/ADC and marked a large section for regrading and realignment.
Slept Tindom.

Thursday 3rd.

Supervision of labour lines.
Cleared a path through pit-pit for the new road.
1630 Returned to Nipa.
Slept Nipa.

Friday 4th. to Monday 7th.

Easter observed at Nipa.

Tuesday 8th.

Public Holiday observed at Nipa.

Wednesday 9th.

0800 Departed Station on motor cycle followed by ADC in vehicle.
0845 Remarkd a small section of road with ADC which should improve grade considerably.
Cleared this section and commenced to cut a bench.
Slept Tindom.

Thursday 10th.

Supervision of road construction.
Section on the Ka side of the bridge completed.
Heard and settled various disputes.
Slept Tindom.

Friday 11th.

Continued work on the cut and fill of new section of road.
Supervision of Labour lines.
1630 Returned to Nipa.
Slept Nipa.

Saturday 12th. and Sunday 13th.

Week-end observed at Nipa.

Monday 14th.

0745 Departed Station on motor cycle.
0830 Arrived at road works site.
Supervision of roadworks.
Slept Tindom.

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Tuesday 15th.

Continued work on the cut and fill of new section.
Mornings work hampered by continual rain.
Cleared several small slides which resulted from
the heavy rain and strengthened the side of the
bench with stones.
Heard and settled several minor disputes.
Slept Tindom.

Wednesday 16th.

Supervision of labour lines.
Rode to Ka checking road work .
Slept Tindom.

Thursday 17th.

Reorganization of labour lines so that the three
groups were not working as one but competing against
each other.
With the use of T-bars marked an even grade on new
section of road. More cut and fill required.
Slept Tindom.

Friday 18th.

Commenced stoning road.
1200 Arrival wages for the 3 lines.
Distribution of pay.
1700 Returned to Nipa.
Slept Nipa.

Saturday 18th. and Sunday 20th.

Week-end observed at Nipa.

Monday 21st.

0900 Departed Nipa, on motor-cycle.
Supervision of road work which was continually hampered
by rain.
Replaced several culverts .
Heard and settled several minor disputes.
Slept Tindom.

Tuesday 22nd.

A large section of new road had slid away.
This was repaired and section was shore-d with timber
and stone.
Commenced surfacing the lower section of road.
Slept Tindom.

Wednesday 23rd.

Completed the drilling of holes ready for blasting.
The Kongu's continued the work of surfacing whilst
the Semins and Tindoms continued the cut and fill
Heard various disputes.
Slept Tindom.

Thursday 24th.

Supervision of road works.
Continued work on bench cut and surfacing of lower
section.
1700 Returned to Station.
Slept Nipa.

Friday 25th.

Anzac Day observed at Nipa.

Saturday 26th. and Sunday 27th.

Week-end observed.

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Monday 28th.

In the absence of the a/ADC the day was spent on the station. General office and station duties.

Tuesday 29th.

0800 Departed station on motor cycle.
Completed cutting and filling new section of road.
Transferred bulk of the labour force to the upper section of the road.
Widening the road, cleaning and digging drains and re-stoning.
Slept Tindom.

Wednesday 30th.

Semins started work on the top of the hill re-shaping a bad corner and re-surfacing this section.
Tindoms and Kongu's continued stoning new road and widening several corners of the old road.
Heard and settled several disputes.
Slept Tindom.

Thursday 1st May 1969.

Work continued as yesterday.
Supervision of work force.
Slept Tindom.

Friday 2nd.

Work continued as yesterday.
Supervision of work force.
Heard several disputes.
0600 Returned to station.
Slept Nipa.

Saturday 3rd. and Sunday 4th.

Week-end observed.

Monday 5th.

0900 Departed station on motor cycle.
Inspection of road by a/ADC.
Still more fill required on new road.
Tindom and Kongu lines carted stones to build up certain sections of road which will result in an even grade.
Semins continued work on the top of hill.
Slept Tindom.

Tuesday 6th.

The Semins completed top section of hill and commenced work on the old bench cut, the steepest section of the hill. The line concentrated on widening the bench and using the stone as fill to maintain an even grade.
Tindoms and Kongu's ; building up new road.
Slept Tindom.

Wednesday 7th.

Work continued same as yesterday.
Supervision of work force.
Slept Tindom.

Thursday 8th.

Worked as yesterday.
Slept Tindom.

Friday 9th.

Arrival of a/ADC who blasted a large section of rock.
Section of road cleared.
Distribution of wages to 167 individuals.
1800 Returned to Nipa.

Saturday 10th. and Sunday 11th.

Week-end observed.

Monday 12th.

0800 Departed station on motor cycle.
Closed the road and built up new section of road.
Bulk of work force concentrated on old bench cut and
building up middle section with about 6 feet of fill.
Slept Tindom.

Tuesday 13th.

Work continued as yesterday.
Hauled one log for the replacement of bridge.
Slept Tindom.

Wednesday 14th.

Hauled another two logs for bridge replacement.
Supervision of road works.
Slept Tindom.

Thursday 15th.

Removed several small land slides caused by heavy rain.
Removed old bridge and built up approaches ready for
laying new bearers, and hauled another two logs.
Surfacing completed road work.
Slept Tindom.

Friday 16th.

Const. Meimure supervised construction of new bridge.
Whole work force, except those engaged on bridge construction
carted gravel and stone for the widened bench cut.
1700 Bridge completed and road open for traffic.
1745 Returned to Nipa.

Saturday 17th. and Sunday 18th.

Week-end observed.

Monday 19th.

0800 Returned to work site on motor cycle.
Whole work force concentrated on improving road surface.
Heard several disputes.
Slept Tindom.

Tuesday 20th.

Work continued as yesterday.
Completed surfacing all new road work.
Slept Tindom.

Wednesday 21st.

The three lines worked as one re-surfacing small section.
Collected all tools and talks given on the importance
of maintaining all new road works.
1700 Returned to Nipa and patrol stood down.

End of Diary.

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Nipa Patrol No. 10 Of 1968/69.

Special Report: ROADWORK.

The patrol was conducted for the purpose of regrading and re-aligning a certain section of the Nipa-Poroma vehicular road, namely that section known as the Tindom Hill. This section of road is the steepest in the Nipa complex rising over 800 feet in less than a mile from the floor of the Nembi Valley to the top of the ridge.

The work of improving this section of road was under-taken by three village groups ; Tindom (MERUT) and Kongu in the Poroma Administrative area and Semin in the Nipa Administrative area. Nearly two-hundred labourers were employed for the job.

This section of road contained some comparatively level stretches and others with gradients of up to 1 in 3. The job was tackled with the idea of spreading the grades out to maintain one uniform grade. This necessitated the construction of 200 yards of new road, and rejoining the old road at about 8 feet above the old level and then continuing the grade upward. With the use of a series of T bars a uniform grade was obtained.

The old bench cut along the side of the ridge was widened, a portion of it by blasting, with the rock being used to build up the road which considerably improved the grade. This entire section was widened and the corners re-aligned.

In all the three village groups worked and succeeded in improving the entire hill by completely regrading the worst two sections, restoning and resurfacing the existing road, re-shaping the corners and improving all drainage. The bridge at the bottom of the hill was replaced and several small culverts were constructed.

A total of nearly \$900 was paid to the three lines for the work accomplished. This averaged out at about \$4 for each individual.

Generally the three groups worked well each group concentrating on their own allotted section. However close supervision had to be maintained at all times. The workers themselves realized that a certain amount of work had to be achieved or they would not be paid. Their enthusiasm during the first month left little to be desired but towards the end of the job their enthusiasm dwindled and the constant work became boring. The novelty had worn off.

The patrol accomplished its objectives and the section of road has been greatly improved and should no longer be a nuisance to traffic. However the writer believes that the grades are still too steep to cater for light trucking. If, in the future this road is to be used for any form of commercial trucking this entire section of road must be re-routed. This would at this stage not be practical and would be a major task. The present road is certainly adequate for the time being.

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Situation Report.

The situation in the area patrolled appears to be very good. The people seem to have complete confidence in the Administration and understand that they live in a backward area and that development is a gradual process.

Economic;

There is still no form of economic development in the area. The people as a whole are content to follow their normal village existence. However many of the younger men are eager to leave their villages and obtain work. Money however does not appear to be the main reason for this unrest but the yearning for excitement and to see new places and things.

Political;

Political development has far out-grown economic or social development. They are conscious that the Local Member is their representative and that he has a voice in the development of the area. However their political thinking does not extend beyond the perimeters of the Sub-District.

Local Government.

Both the Tindom and Kongu groups expressed a strong desire to join the Nipa Local Government Council. Both these groups are in the Poroma Administrative area. They have seen other villages absorbed into the Nipa Council and feel that the Administration has let them down by not including them. These two village groups feel closer to Nipa than Poroma the reason being mainly due to clan affiliation.

It is expected that both these villages will become a part of the Poroma Local Government Council upon its establishment.

Social;

The traditional social structure is still found. Law and order has forced them to abandon many practices, but often these still exist in a different or disguised form. An example of this was one small incident between the Tindom and Semins. These two groups have always ~~been~~ been traditional enemies. They worked side by side and it appeared that there was no animosity between the two groups. However hostility between the two groups erupted when the Semins accused the Tindoms of putting a curse of black magic which resulted in ~~the~~ death. Verbal threats and a few stones were thrown. The writer does not feel that real fighting would have developed because of fear of punishment and the people's respect for the law.

Marriage or the non stability of marriage still appears to be one of the biggest social problems. Marriages often break up over petty and trivial things. Under the old system a husband would beat his wife and the couple would remain together. Now respect for the Law leads to divorce.

Law and Order.

Many minor disputes were settled mostly concerning the repayment of bride price and the ownership of disputed property be it pigs or kina shells. The writer feels that the Councillor or V.C. should settle many of these small disputes. But perhaps the people feel that every village person has a personal interest in the dispute and something to gain from the settlement and thus his judgement would always be biased.

Patrol Report completed 23/11/69.

D.P.W. Showell

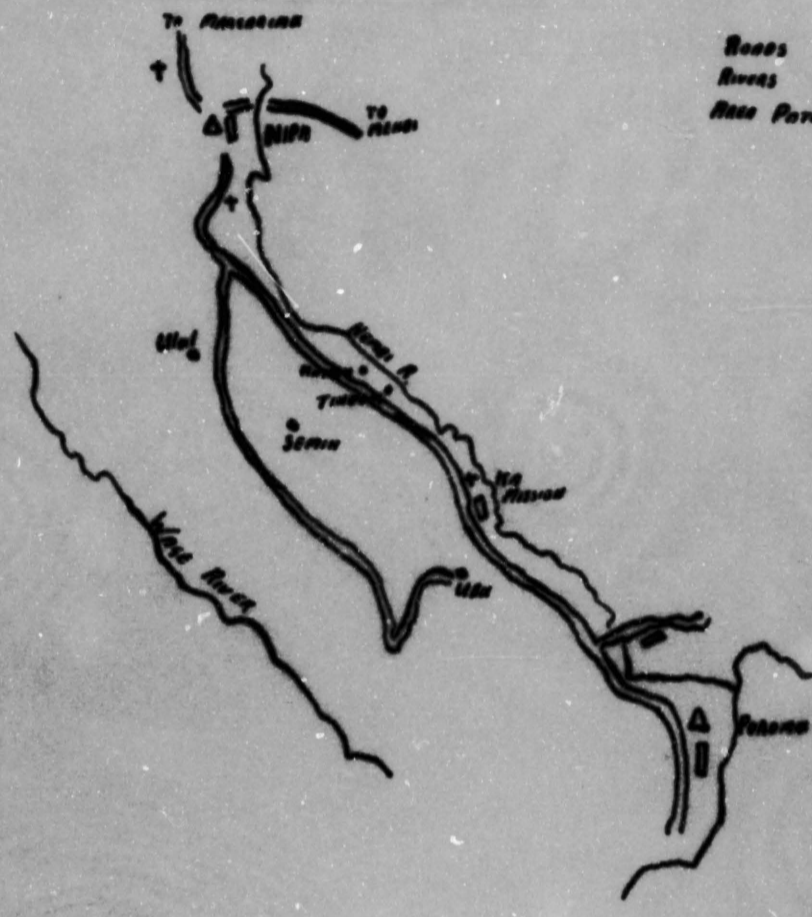
D.P.W. Showell

Assistant Patrol Officer.

MAP TO ACCOMPANY NVA PATROL REPORT NO. 10. 1968

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Boons =
Rivers =
Base Perimeter =



22/11/68



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. 11 of 1968/69

Patrol Conducted by W. Hera. (Patrol Officer)

Area Patrolled Part Nipa Basin C/D.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Natives Interpreter -----Nogea Wiru.

1 R.P.N.G.C. --- Const. Dikin No.0674.

Duration From 27 / 3 / 1969 to 29 / 5 / 1969 43 days

Number of Days 35 nights 57 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? None.

Last Patrol to Area by District Services August / 1968.

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

Map Reference Not attached.

Object of Patrol Special Patrol (Road work)

Director of District Administration,
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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Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU, PAFUA.

67-15-62

22nd August, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL NO. NIPA 11/68-69.

Your reference 67-3-4 of 8th August, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special
Report by Mr. W. Hera, Patrol Officer to Part NIPA BASIN
Census Division.

Your comments, and those of the Assistant
District Commissioner, Nipa, provide a good coverage of this
patrol.

I am pleased to note that you are requesting
all Assistant District Commissioners to issue written
patrol instructions to their officers.

Mr. Hera's report is quite a sound effort.

He has made some thoughtful comments.

(T.W. ELLES)

Secretary

Department of the Administrator.

cc:

Mr. W. Hera,
Sub-District Office,
NIPA, Southern Highlands 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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Department of the Administrator

Division
Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

Telephone
Telegrams
Our Reference 67-3-4
If calling ask for MH/JD
Mr.



8th August, 1969.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KOME DOBU.

NIPA PATROL NC.11 OF 1968/69

... Please find enclosed the original and one copy of the above report submitted by Mr. W. Hera, P.O., together with a copy of covering memorandum 67-2-3 dated 28th July, 1969, from the A.D.C. Nipa.

My comments are:-

1. There is a patrol map attached to the report.
2. While it appears Mr. Hera got patrol instructions, they were either not in written form or not forwarded. I am requesting all A.D.C.'s to issue written patrol instructions.
3. There is a large amount of self-help on all road projects in this District. This patrol worked on part of the Nipa-Mendi road, which is in bad repair at present. Funds are available for maintenance and have been allocated to this road.
4. Mr. Haywood saw the section Mr. Hera repaired and reports it is a good job.

D. J. Clancy

(D. J. CLANCY)
District Commissioner.

67-2-3.

Sub-District Office,
NIPA.
S.H.D.

28th July, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

COMMENTS - NIPA PATROL No. 11 of 1968/69

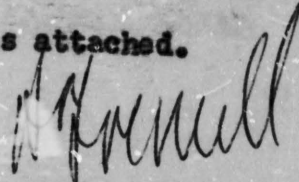
PART NIPA BASIN CENSUS DIVISION.

Please find attached three copies of Nipa Patrol Report No. 11 of 1968/69. The Patrol was conducted by Mr. Win Hera, Patrol Officer, and was conducted in the Egenda/Shumbi area of the Nipa Basin Census Division. The Object of the Patrol was to re-align and surface a section of the Nipa-Mendi motor road.

Mr Hera completed the objective of the patrol in an exemplary manner and is to be congratulated on his efforts.

The Report is well written apart from some gramatical errors and a tendency from time to time for the style to become rather flowery.

Claim for carping allowance is attached.



(A.F. McNeill).
A/Assistant District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office,
NIPA.
Southern Highlands District.

13th June, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District.
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL No.11 OF 1968/69.
PART NIPA BASIN CENSUS DIVISION.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: W.Hera.

DESIGNATION: Patrol Officer.

AREA PATROLLED: Part Nipa Basin B/D.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL: Interpreter----Nogea Wiru.
1 R.P.N.G.C.----Const. Dikin No. 0674.

DURATION OF PATROL: 27/3/69 to 29/5/69. (broken periods)

LAST PATROL TO AREA: August, 1968.

OBJECT OF PATROL: To surface and re-align chosen sections of the Nipa/Mendi vehicular road where it crosses the Nambi/Lai Divide Range.

PATROL MAP: Not attached.
Because of the nature of the patrol, actual contact with the people of the area was fairly limited. Consequently, this Report will be limited to subject of actual experience and relevance as per Patrol Instruction. Therefore, a Patrol Map was considered irrelevant.

(W.Hera)
Patrol Officer.

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KIPPA PATROL ROL. 11 31 1961/62
PART KIPPA BASIN BERING DIVISION.

INTRODUCTION.

The main purpose of this patrol was to surface and re-align chosen sections of the Nipa/Monah road which it crosses the Nemi/Lai Divide Range.

LABOUR FORCE.

The patrol worked with three main groups of labourers in this Road Patrol. Namely, the Administration recruited labourers from other villages in the Nipa/Monah District and Shumbi and Benda villagers, who live along this road.

All these groups were given different sections of job to do on the road.

Other people from Benda and Shumbi villages came for work on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays only and worked without pay. Whereas, the rest of these villagers whose names were recorded for pay do work with the patrol for five days a week and get paid for Thursdays and Fridays only.

The other labourers from other villages get paid for all work days throughout the patrol.

The approximate labour force was about 200 people. The patrol included 100 labourers who worked for five days a week during the entire patrol.

ROAD WORK.

The patrol commenced work on the better section of the road leading to Benda village in this divide range. Work gradually worked up to Benda village and then to other villages and Shumbi village. The work was done in this section of the road. Whereas, Benda village workers worked with the patrol and worked their way towards Benda.

The work was slow and difficult as one can imagine. As time went on the work became more difficult as it took as long as two or three days to finish a section of cutting and at times up to one week. There was heavy frost in the area. This made the work in some places impossible. In such circumstances the work was called off and traffic on the road occasionally interrupted and this created repetition of work. The main reason for this was the main obstacle for the labourers on the road.

Shumbi villagers with the labourers from other villages were engaged in the Benda section of the road. This was the biggest section of the road. It is about 4 1/2 miles in length and the main road direction is directed towards widening and regrading.

The section was originally very narrow and without curves. Now, this is the best section of the Nipa/Monah road and this is where the work was done. It has now been widened to about 15 feet and the surface of the road regraded so that more directions can be followed along this section.

Before the patrol, this particular section was a nuisance to traffic. It was necessary work have been done it is now better and they drive as possible. Still there will not necessarily be considerable excess.

It was necessary to regrade a lot of this section to make it a better road.

Labourers have done about 300 yards of road. Not much of the work was done on the surface of these cuttings with stones. In addition, they regraded sections which have already been surfaced with stones. More work was done in cutting of corners to achieve better results.

The work was quite slow because tools were inadequate and unimproved. It was during the patrol caused some delays in the progress of the work.

Labourers also regraded a bridge with a culvert in their section of work.

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I have admittedly encountered some problems when amount of work load was seen immense and impracticable. Consequently, two of those corners were so colossal that one may say that the person who marked it out must certainly be crazy. However, some force were injected and eventually over came these problems.

In addition, people challenged when other minor jobs on the road were imposed on them. People argued to work the road according to their way. But in almost in most circumstances I got the work done in my way to cope with the instructions. This kind of disturbances occurred when people were indolent and tired. But, most of the period workers worked gaily and everything went systematically.

Before the patrol this section was more of a wave from the sea than anything else. To add to it, numerous little corners which made more turning of steers of vehicles, but most of these corners were out back and more straight direct route can be taken. The Patrol has brought the road into a more trafficably and all weather condition than it originally was.

The patrol achieved its aims and completed the set tasks. A great help was given by native influential leaders in supervision of work force.

PAYMENT.

At an average the roadworkers from other villages received \$8.50c for the work done in the whole patrol. Whereas, Shumbi and Egenda villagers were paid at an average of \$5.50c each for the work done on Thursdays and Fridays over the duration of patrol.

All roadworkers were paid at .25c a day. No deduction was constituted when paying, except absentees were penalized. But in general, all workers got a daily pay of .25c for the work done during the patrol days.

I think this manner of money being allocated for road work is a good way of getting native people to participate into cash economy and further their participation into modern ~~commodity~~ commodity.

NATIVE ATTITUDE.

People were enthusiastic and keen. They understood the benefit and advantages of this road in their area here and worked industriously throughout the whole patrol. In addition, they were obedient and carried out instructions when asked to do required jobs.

All different groups worked gaily side by side and cooperated. No ill feelings were created amongst them throughout the patrol and this situation was impressive.

LAW AND ORDER.

Although this was not specified in the Patrol Instruction, but I undertook the opportunity and considered most of their worries and doubts. I managed to settle most of their discrepancies. Only one major case concerning rape was heard and forwarded to Nipa for proper hearing. The person involved was sentenced at the Nipa court. Apart from this, the patrol was a happy one without serious disturbances.

Though my actions were contrary to per Patrol Instruction, I wish to claim that this sign of people seeking justice from the Administration officers available in their area is extremely ~~tax~~ a good show of interest towards the Administration, unless consequences are apparent.

CONCLUSION.

I think the Patrol has achieved its goal in this patrol. Before the patrol, this particular section of the road was a nuisance to traffic and vehicles often bog. Now easy riding will be possible. I would like to recommend the use of gravel in this particular section of the road in future to make it even better for the riders.

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PATROL DAIRY.

- Thur.(27/3) The Patrol left Station at 9.45 a.m. by truck to Shumbi village with Alan McNeill (a/A.D.C.) and David Showell (C.P.O.)
On route a/A.D.C. indicated sections for the Patrol to work on. He left for Nipa at 11.00 a.m. In the afternoon Dave and I did some organisation. Day ended at 4.00 p.m.
Slept at Shumbi.
- Fri.(28/3) Left Shumbi at 8.00 a.m. to Nambi, Lai Divide Range (the work-site) towards Nipa. Resumed work here. Finished work at 3.00 p.m. because rain. Returned to Nipa by truck.
Slept at Station.
- Mon.(31/3) From 7.45 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. prepared for patrol. left Nipa at 9.00 a.m. by tractor, with Interpreter Noga and Constable Dikin. On route recruited more roadworkers from Egenda village.
Two temporary houses were built for Patrol use here. Patrol location is about 2½ miles from Shumbi. People were already at work by our arrival.
Slept at Shumbi.
- Tue.(1/4) Roll-call 7.30 a.m. and all despatched to work by 8.00 a.m. Finished at 4.00 p.m.
Note: A temporary Roll Book was compiled and maintained throughout the patrol in order to consider payment for the roadworkers.
Slept at Shumbi.
- Wed.(2/4) All started work at 8.00 a.m. Rain hampered work by 9.00 a.m. and part afternoon. Ended for the day at 4.00 p.m.
Slept at Shumbi.
- Thur.(3/4) Work commenced at 8.00 a.m. Work progressed well today. Finished work at 3.00 p.m. and retreated to Nipa by truck for the Easter vacation. Roadworkers were told to return to work on Wednesday (9/4/)
Slept at Shumbi Station.
- Wed.(9/4) Resumed patrol. Walked to work-site + 8.30 a.m. Arriving at 10.30 a.m.(Walking time 2 hrs.) People were already at work. Ended the day's at 4.15 p.m.
Slept at Shumbi.
- Thur.(10/4) Started work at 8.00 a.m. Minor disputes heard and settled. Finished work at 4.00 p.m.
Slept at Shumbi.
- Fri.(11/4) Work started at 7.45 a.m. Good progress achieved in the roadwork as to date. Finished work at 4.00 p.m. and returned to Nipa by truck.
Slept at Station.
- Mon.(14/4) The Patrol walked from Station at 9.00 a.m. Arriving at 11.45 a.m. Heavy rain by 3.15 p.m. interrupted the work. Minor disputes heard.
Slept at Shumbi.
- Tue.(15/4) Early morning rain delayed the work. Resumed when rain ceased. Work concluded today at 4.00 p.m.
Slept at Shumbi.

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- Wed.(16/4) All people started work by 8.00 a.m. Some disputes heard. Finished for the day at 4.30 p.m.
 Slept at Shumbi.
- Thur.(17/4) Dispatched all to work by 8.00 a.m. Some complaints from the roadworkers settled. Finished at 4.00 p.m.
 Slept at Shumbi.
- Fri.(18/4) All worked at 8.00 a.m. Rain prevented the work after lunch and sent everybody to their homes at 4.00 p.m. Returned to Nipa by truck.
 Slept at Station.
- Mon.(21/4) From 7.45 to 9.45 a.m. did required jobs at the Office then proceeded to patrol by truck at 10.00 a.m. Labourers were already at work when we arrived. Today repeated the work done last week. No work was done in the afternoon because rain.
 Slept at Shumbi.
- Tue.(22/4) A new colossal corner was removed today for straightness this morning after roll-call. Rain hampered the work but, however, started again when rain ceased. Day's work ended at 5.00 p.m.
 Slept at Shumbi.
- Wed.(23/4) Roll maintained at 7.45 a.m. then dispatched them to work. Repeated the work done yesterday. Shumbi villagers are surfacing the road with stones. Finished at 5.00 p.m.
 Slept at Shumbi.
- Thur.(24/4) Assembly dispatched to work at 7.45 a.m. Work was still on the same spot. Finished work at 4.30 p.m. An argument arising from the Shumbi villagers was heard and settled.
 The Patrol left for Nipa for the on coming A.N.Z.A.C Day Public Holiday on Friday (25/4).
 Slept at Station.
- Mon.(28/4) Resumed patrol. Patrol left at 9.00 a.m. for the work-site. People were already at work when we arrived at 10.00 a.m. by truck. Remained the work done last week. First Aid given to some people and minor disputes heard. Finished work at 4.00 p.m.
 Slept at Shumbi.
- Tue.(29/4) Work started at 8.00 a.m. Sores ~~trauma~~ treated for the roadworkers. An argument over pandanus trees was settled. Work today was on a new section towards Nipa way. Good progress in roadwork today.
 Work ended at 4.30 p.m.
 Slept at Shumbi.
- Wed.(30/4) Labour Roll Book maintained this morning and send for work at 7.45 a.m. A fair bit of work was done today. Another complaint from the roadworkers was heard and I managed to satisfy their worries. Finished work at 4.00 p.m.
 Slept at Shumbi.
- Thur.(1/5) Roll-call was not constituted this morning because Roll was send to the Station to determined pay for the roadworkers. A fair bit of road was maintained today, but little slow up in stone transportation.
 We stopped work for the day at 4.00 p.m.
 Slept at Shumbi.

- Fri.(2/5) Work started this morning at 9.00 a.m. because rain. Work today was impressive. Two disputes were heard. The Patrol returned to Nipa by truck at 4.00 p.m. Slept at Station.
- Mon.(5/5) From 7.45 to 10.30 a.m. I calculated money owed to all roadworkers at the Office, then proceeded to patrol by truck. Money obtained was \$960.50 All were at work. Finished work at 4.00 p.m. and paid all Shumbi villagers by 5.00 p.m. Slept at Shumbi.
- Tue.(6/5) Roll-call indicated a few absentees from Shumbi village, but this was relatively a small percentage. Every body worked by 8.00 a.m. Two cases of disputes were heard and the other of this was forwarded to Nipa for further hearing. Finished work at 4.00 p.m. and paid all Egenda villagers by 5.00 p.m. Slept at Shumbi.
- Wed.(7/5) All present this morning, but a few absentees from Egenda. Work progressed well today. Finished work at 4.00 p.m. All other roadworkers from other places in the Sub-District were paid by 6.00 p.m. Slept at Shumbi.
- Thur.(8/5) There were some absentees from all three groups of workers today. Rain prevented the work by 3.00 p.m. but rain did not cease, so send everyone home by 4.00 p.m. Slept at Shumbi.
- Fri.(9/5) All work gang commenced work at 8.00 a.m. A few absentees again today. Those present worked industriously. Finished the day's work at 4.00 p.m. Returned to Station by truck. Slept at Station.
- Mon.(12/5) Left Nipa at 10.30 a.m. by truck to the work-site. Arriving at 11.15 a.m. People ~~were~~ were already at work when we reached our destination. Work in the afternoon stopped at 4.30 p.m. Slept at Shumbi.
- Tue.(13/5) Work commenced at 8.00 a.m. Work progressed well today. A few disputes heard and sores treated. Finished work at 4.00 p.m. Slept at Shumbi.
- Wed.(14/5) Roll-call showed a small percentage of absentees. Work commenced by 8.00 a.m. Today's work was quite satisfactory. A complaint was presented to me from roadworkers from other areas, in the Sub-District who claimed that they have been away from for over a month now and demanded to finish work by week-end. But I managed to reach an agreement. No complaint such as this from Egenda and Shumbi villages as to date. Finished for the day at 4.00 p.m. Slept at Shumbi.
- Thur.(15/5) Work started at 8.00 a.m. No new vast cuttings except edges cut back for straightness and other maintenance tasks plus more stone surfacing on chosen sections. Finished work today at 3.45 p.m. because rain. Slept at Shumbi.
- Fri.(16/5) Checked attendance and tools this morning then despatched everyone to work. Minor cases heard and cuts treated. Patrol returned to Nipa at 4.00 p.m. Slept at Station.

Mon.(19/5)

The Patrol left Station by truck at 10.30 a.m. The Patrol was accompanied by a/A.D.C. We proceeded to Kip in the Mendi Administrative area and he allocated sections to be maintained by the people of the area there. We then retreated to my work-site by 2.00 p.m. and a/A.D.C. returned to Nipa.

An immense corner was chosen to be removed. Every body worked on this task. Finished work at 4.00 p.m. Slept at Shumbi.

Tue.(20/5)

Send everybody to work at 8.00 a.m. All worked on the same spot today. Stopped work at 4.00 p.m. Cuts treated. Slept at Shumbi.

Wed.(21/5)

At 7.30 a.m. Roll maintained and send them to work. Continued the on the same cutting. A fair bit of road was maintained today. Finished work at 4.00 p.m. Slept at Shumbi.

Thur.(22/5)

Work commenced at 8.00 a.m. Work still on same spot. Progress was at a slow rate, but as to date lot of work been done. Work concluded at 4.30 p.m. Slept at Shumbi.

Fri.(23/5)

Roll maintained by 8.00 a.m. then all started work. A few absentees this morning. Two minor complaints heard. Finished work at 3.30 p.m. then walked to Station, roadworkers carried our cargoes. Arrived at 5.00 p.m. Slept at Station.

Mon.(26/5)

Forenoon did Office duties while truck was under repair. Patrol left Nipa at 12.30 a.m. by truck. People were already at work when we arrived. A further \$547.00 was obtained today for the labourers from other villages only. Shumbi and Egenda villagers are to get pay later. Finished work at 4.00 p.m. Slept at Shumbi.

Tue.(27/5)

Work started at 8.00 a.m. Lot of work done today, ~~not~~ by all workers. Finished work at 4.30 p.m. Slept at Shumbi.

Wed.(28/5)

All worked at 8.00 a.m. Little was done today because rain. Cuts treated for roadworkers. Ended the day's work at 4.15 p.m. Slept at Shumbi.

Thur.(29/5)

All work gangs dispatched to work at 7.45 a.m. The huge corner was completed today. Work ended at 4.15 p.m. Slept at Shumbi.

Fri.(30/5)

All send to work by 8.00 a.m. Work today was only surfacing of this section with stone. Today's was tremendous fr. Finished work at 3.30 p.m. I collected patrol tools. Fifteen spades were given to Shumbi villagers and other eleven to Egenda people. These villagers were told to attend work on Monday to Wednesday of next, also they are to get paid by next week. The Patrol returned to Station by truck. Patrol stood down.

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