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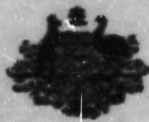
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PATROL REPORT OF: WABAG ACC. No: 496.

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10	1-1948/49	R.I. MACILWAIN	WABAG - SOPES	map	3/7/48 - 22/7/48	
11	2-1948/49	P. MOLONEY P.O	POBERA RIVER - WABAG	map	23/5/48 - 3/8/48	
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of C.H.D. WABAG Report No. 1 of 45/46

Patrol Conducted by _____

Area Patrolled WABAG - PAUS - RAU-UNDA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Native 2 CONSTABLES, 1 INTERPRETER

Duration—From 21/5/1946 to 27/5/1946

Number of Days 6

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? _____

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / /1946

Medical — / /1946

Map Reference _____

Objects of Patrol 1. INSPECTION OF ^{POULTRY} PASTURE PLOTS

2. INTRODUCTION TO THE PEOPLE OF SIRIP-PAUS-ARMUNDA.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... £ _____

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund ... £ _____

Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund ... £ _____

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CENTRAL (WESTERN) HIGHLANDS
WARAG SUBDISTRICT

PATROL REPORTS:

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA.

DS 21-1-1

Department of District Services
and Native Affairs.
PORT MORSBY.

30th July, 1946.

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Headquarters,
New Guinea Police Force,
P.N.G.

PATROL REPORT NO. 13/46 WABAG Sub-District.

Extracts from the Patrol Report No. 13/46
by Patrol Officer, Mr. R.E. Mellvain, in the WABAG Sub-
District, for the Month of May, 1946, are appended for your
information:-

Reg. No. 2602 Const. TOZANGASA. : This constable is reliable
(District, Rabaul) and efficient. Has had a
good deal of experience in
semi-controlled and uncontro-
lled areas. Is in charge of
police at Wabag if no N.C.O.
is present.

Reg. No. 2, 133 Const. KANGAL. : Const. Kangal is keen and
(District, MT. HAGEN.) reliable. Has been acting as
orderly at Wabag. Is shortly
to be returned to Hagen Sub-
district.

MRH
for ACTING DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA.

DS 16-2-9.

Department of District Services
and Native Affairs.
PONT MORSBY.

30th July, 1946.

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Director of Public Health,
PONT MORSBY.

PATROL REPORT NO. 18/46 WABIG SUB-DISTRICT.

Extracts from the Patrol Report No. 13/46
by Patrol Officer, Mr. R.I. Holliman, in the WABIG Sub-
District for the Month of May, 1946, are appended for your
information:-

HEALTH. "The day before the commencement of the
patrol two women both rather old were brought to Wabig
suffering from dysentery. One was from Kenki and the other
from Bas-unda. The opportunity was taken whilst on patrol
to impress upon all encountered, the necessity of maintaining
a constant guard against this disease. No more cases were
discovered and the patients were out of danger by the time
of my return.

Some bad cases of scabies were noticed at
Paus especially among children. There is medicine at the
station, and they were told to get them attended to. The
cause of the fight at Walya was through a man with a skin
disease that had spread to his family and pigs, and was
endangering others. The S.M.A. of Hagen has been advised, and
he will shortly be passing through these areas.

Generally speaking the Huga speaking natives
are very healthy and very hardy. However a patrolling S.M.A.
could find plenty to do in the area."

WRH
for **ACTING DIRECTOR.**

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA.

DS 24-2-9

Department of District Services
and Native Affairs,
PORT Moresby.

30th July, 1946.

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Director of Public Works,
PORT Moresby.

PATROL REPORT No. 12/46 WABAG SUB-DISTRICT.

Extracts from the Patrol Report No. 12/46
by Patrol Officer Mr. R.I. Mellvain, in the WABAG Sub-
District for the Month of May 1946, are appended for your
information:-

ROADS A. BRIDGE " Road work is progressing in the Pambobus
sector and the completed portions are creditable. Work is in
progress from the boundary on the road going towards Kirip,
with drainage the main problem. Doubt if this work will be
completed without the aid of outside labour as it will pass
through a thinly populated area. There should be no such
trouble at Pambobus.

The road being constructed from Wabag to
Kirip has come to a halt pending some surveying. Where the
road is completed it gets every attention, none off this and
no-one gives a thought to improving the track as a temporary
expedient. Hope to get this work started again as soon as
possible.

A new arched bridge has been constructed over
the Lai River between Wapanamunda and Paus, and is of substan-
tial build. Without a good bridge this crossing would be
hazardous. "

W.R.H.

for **ACTING DIRECTOR.**

TERRITORY OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA.

DS 16-2-9

Department of District Services
and Native Affairs.
FORT MURKBY.

30th July, 1946.

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Director of Agriculture,
Fort Murkby

PATROL REPORT NO. 13/46 WABAG SUB-DISTRICT.

Extracts from the Patrol Report No. 13/46
by Patrol Officer, Mr. R.I. Halliwell, in the WABAG Sub-
district for the month of May, 1946, are appended for your
information.

AGRICULTURE "The lower Lai evidenced no shortage of
food. More could be produced there if necessary, but the
natives have only their own immediate needs to attend to.
Introduced vegetable seeds have been planted at Wapenapuna,
Fumbabus, and Paus and appear to grow without much difficulty.
This is not so at Wabag."

W.R.H.

FOR ACTING DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA.

DS 30-9-14.

Department of District Services
and Native Affairs.
PORT MORSBY.

29th July, 1946.

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
HABU.

PATROL REPORT NUMBER NO. 18/46 by MR. E. McILHAIN.

Reference is made to the paragraph relative
to Native Customs contained in the above-mentioned report.

Will you supply a report covering the
mentioned "Intertribal gift exchange" for insertion in
the next Annual Report.

MR. McILHAIN

for **ACTING DIRECTOR.**

TERRITORY OF PAPUA/NEW GUINEA.



District of Morobe,
Headquarters,
L A E.

12th July 1946.

Director of District
Services,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT - MR. R.I. MACILWAIN.

Attached please find report of patrol
conducted Pombobus-Paus sector of Wabag Sub-District.

This is Mr Macilwain's first patrol and
this was of a routine nature only.

The employment of permanent labour lines
to work on roads to assist local natives is favoured.

Could the A.D.O's remarks regarding poor
quality stock be brought before the notice of the
Agriculture Department.

D.M. Farlow
(D.M. FARLOW)
A/DISTRICT OFFICER.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA/NEW GUINEA.

District of Morobe,
Headquarters,
L. A. E.

18th July 1943.

Director of District
Services,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT - MR. R. I. MACILWAIN.

Attached please find report of patrol
conducted Bomboke-Peus sector of Wabag Sub-District.

This is Mr Macilwain's first patrol and
this was of a routine nature only.

The employment of permanent labour lines
to work on roads to assist local natives is favoured.

Could the A.D.O's remarks regarding poor
quality stock be brought before the notice of the
Agriculture Department.

R. I. Macilwain
(R. I. MACILWAIN)
A/DISTRICT OFFICER.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

Sub-District Office,
HAGEN.

20th June, 1946.

The District Officer,
MOROBIE District,
M.B.

Patrol Report MOROBIE No. 19/46
Report of patrol by Mr. R.A. Mollwain (Patrol Officer)
covering an inspection of Police Post in the WABAG Sub-Dist.

The patrol was of a routine nature, undertaken essentially with the object of permitting Mr. Mollwain to familiarize himself with the Pombobus - Paus sector of the Sub-District.

The report indicates a gratifying native situation, despite the setbacks to be expected from the frequent changes of officers.

It is considered that the re-opening of the RAUWANDA Police Post is not warranted.

The question of employing permanent labour lines to assist local natives in the construction of main roads through sparsely populated areas is one which is applicable to all Sub-Districts. To render such assistance is favoured, and the District Officer's views would be appreciated.

Isolated cases of dysentery must be expected to appear. The C.I.O. WABAG has been advised to accept every opportunity to impress upon the natives the necessity for their complete co-operation in maintaining adequate precautionary measures against disease.

The scanty meat proportion in the native diet in WABAG Sub-District is a very serious question, and requires early attention. In 1945, Mr. Patrol Officer Foley got the WOGS Farm Piggery under way along lines similar to that at KORN, in the HAGEN Sub-District, and the completion of this project was advanced considerably during the late Mr. George Tucker's term at WABAG. However, those of us who plan along such lines cannot achieve our objective without the assistance of better quality stock.

There is not a reliable map of the Sub-District available due, primarily, to the fact that reliable compasses have not been available to officers in the Sub-District. Requisitions in this regard are being prepared.



Geo. G. G. G.

(Geo. G. G. G.)

TERRITORY OF PAPUA-NEW GUINEA.

SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE,
WABAG.
29 May, 1946.

To Department of District
Services and Native Affairs,
Port Moresby.

PATROL REPORT
WABAG No.1 of 1945/46 by R.I. Macilwain.

AREA PATROLLED : From Wabag along the Lai River to Pous.
Then S.W. across to Aramunda. On to
Rau-unda, and return to Wabag.
OBJECTS OF PATROL : Inspection of Police Posts, particularly
Pombobus and Pous.
Introduction to the people between Birip
and Pous, and from Pous to Aramunda.
DURATION OF PATROL: From 21 May to 27 May, 1946.
Personnel accompany-
ing Patrol : Reg No.2609 Const. Tovango
" " 2133 " Kangal
Interpreter Kibunki of Puzani, Wabag.
Appendix : Report on Police.

DIARY.

Tues.21May. Wabag to Birip arriving 1300 hrs. Discussed
the recent dysentery cases with different groups
along the road. Two runners from Hagen and Cpl.
Remi arrived in the afternoon. The Station is
being well maintained and the natives co-operative.
Wed.22May. Moved to Pombobus in 4 hrs. Whilst passing through
Wabigini was puzzled by a plane circling over
Wabag, which afterwards turned out to be off its
course. Being my first visit in this area
encountered many natives. Had a dispute to settle
here which was finalised early the next morning.
A matter of the ownership of a pig.
Thurs.23May. Reached Wapanamunda in 2 hrs. Such a gathering
that I stopped the night there.
Fri.24May. To Pous in less than 2 hrs. The assembly ground
was packed with natives. Here as at other gather-
ings told the people what was expected of them.
Sat.25May. Climbed out of the Lai valley moving south west-
wards along native paths to reach Aramunda in 5
hrs. Const. Humdi of Welya here with the partic-
ipants in a fight. One sent to Hagen for medical
treatment. Several local minor matters attended to.
Sun 26May. Spent some time at Ugos with Cpl. Remi who is about
to hand over the station to L/Cpl. Berom. Then
on to Rau-unda in 5 hrs.
Mon27May. No developments at Birip, and back to Wabag by
1300 hrs. No fresh dysentery cases were reported
in the affected areas.

NATIVE SITUATION.

The residents between the crossing of the Lai River and Wabag, which represents about two thirds of the journey to Birip, have been reporting to Wabag with foods and firewood. Likewise they assisted when the grass on the airstrip was cut. They are according their share of help. They are endeavouring to prevent any outbreak of dysentery.

Have previously met many who report to the Birip Station. The position here is satisfactory. From Birip to the Pombobus boundary appears to be relatively sparsely populated. However the natives are working on the continuation of the road from the boundary to Birip. Moving on towards Pombobus the population increases, and there is every sign of interest in Government activities. Those who did not remain at work moved in with the patrol to the station.

Had no intention of remaining at Wapanamunda the meeting place of the Yaguman tribe, but they turned up in such large numbers. The Rest House had been built of their own volition, and they were eager that it be used, so I spent the time getting acquainted with them. With their efforts under Const Hanken's guidance, the place was an agreeable surprise. Pombobus, this constable's headquarters has also been developed on practical if not decorative lines. At Paus there was a large attendance, some of whom had travelled a considerable distance.

From the Hinjambi River after leaving Paus, the track went from hamlet to hamlet passing through the Weima country, and revealed a prosperous countryside. The track joins and joins the line of communication between Wabag and Egen either Aramunda or Uges. Here a crop of minor disputes were brought to be settled. However a certain amount of pig stealing and reprisals had occurred when no officer was in the Sub-District.

Rau-unda previously a Police Post is well maintained, and there has been a good attendance on both occasions that I have been there. The people have asked for a constable to be stationed there again. Mainly I think because Birip less than an hour away, is a Police Post, and they feel that they are being over looked.

The natives encountered have been friendly and helpful, and keen about the Government. However some are probably keeping out of sight, with a view to being out of mind. Others who are strategically placed, are carrying on their old practices in some cases.

ROADS & BRIDGES.

Road work is progressing in the Pombobus sector and the completed portions are creditable. Work is in progress from the boundary on the road going towards Birip, with drainage the main problem. Doubt if this work will be completed without the aid of outside labour as it will pass through a thinly populated area. There should be no such trouble at Pombobus.

The road being constructed from Wabag to Birip has come to a halt pending some surveying. Where the road is completed it gets every attention, move off this and no-one gives a thought to improving the track as a temporary expedient. Hope to get this work started again as soon as possible.

A new arched bridge has been constructed over the Lai River between Wapanamunda and Paus, and is of substantial build. Without a good bridge this crossing would be hazardous.

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HEALTH.

The day before the commencement of the patrol two women both rather old, were brought to Wabag suffering from dysentery. One was from Lenki and the other from Mau-unda. The opportunity was taken whilst on patrol to impress upon all encountered, the necessity of maintaining a constant guard against this disease. No more cases were discovered and the patients were out of danger by the time of my return.

Some bad cases of scabies were noticed at Faus especially among children. There is medicine at the station, and they were told to get them attended to. The cause of the fight at Walya was through a man with a skin disease that had spread to his family and pigs, and was endangering others. The M.M.A. of Hagen has been advised, and he will shortly be passing through these areas.

Generally speaking the Enga speaking natives are very healthy and very hardy. However a patrolling M.M.A. could find plenty to do in the area.

AGRICULTURE.

The Lower Lai evidenced no shortage of food. More could be produced there if necessary, but the natives have only their own immediate needs to attend to. Introduced vegetable seeds have been planted at Waganamunda, Pumbobus, and Faus and appear to grow without much difficulty. This is not so at Wabag.

These people seem to have more pigs than other places. Generally speaking there is a definite shortage of pigs, the only meat supply.

NATIVE CUSTOMS.

Shortly the inter-tribal gift exchange will take place. This seems to furnish a topic of conversation for some considerable period before the event takes place. Mau-unda has already got the ground staked out for lining the pigs.

One of the main difficulties of the people is to find something to change the sameness of their existence. Often when a group comes into the station with firewood and food they decorate themselves for the occasion. They get into formation, the men in front with the timber, and the women behind with the food. As they have good chanting voices, the entrance is quite spectacular.

SKETCH MAP.

Cannot supply a sketch map at present. Have no suitable map to copy from, nor compass to create a map as desired.

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H.I. Macilwain
O.I.C. WABAG SUB-DISTRICT.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of C.H.D. WABAG Report No. 2 of 45/46

Patrol Conducted by R. I. MacLWAIN. P.O.

Area Patrolled EASTERN SECTOR OF WABAG.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans

Natives 2 CONSTABLES.

Duration—From 19/6/1946 to 26/6/1946

Number of Days 7.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?

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

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

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol 1. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION 2. INSPECTION OF POLICE POSTS WEST OF WABAG. 3. CHECK ACTIVITIES OF UGOS. STATION.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund £

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HEADQUARTERS,
NEW GUINEA POLICE FORCE,
L.A.E.

POLICE PERSONNEL REPORT.

PATROL

MR. R.I. MACILWAIN

WARAG SUB-DISTRICT.

22nd JULY, 1946.

Reg. No. 3146 Const. Amugugi
(District Chimba)

: Freshly arrived from Mt. Hagen. Conduct and bearing good, and suited to the work.

Reg. No. 2110 Const. Ewa.
(District Mt. Hagen)

: Const. Ewa is an enthusiastic & temperamental person. By become steadier & time.

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DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE,
PORT MORSBY.

AGRICULTURE.

PATROL

MR. R. I. MACILWAIN VARIO SUB-DISTRICT.

22nd JULY, 1946

"With the dry weather there was much burning off preparatory to preparing the ground for planting. Wet weather is expected shortly when a further stage in the preparation for planting yam, taro, and greens will begin. This is part of a system and it will be interesting to watch the further developments.

The imported boar at Ugas has spent his time to some purpose. Kaba a chieftain of Welga acquired both an imported boar and sow in the past, and has a rival piggery. If a sow was purchased from him it should help Ugas. A great boost to prestige would result if an effective medicine could be supplied to combat the "short-wind" sickness in pigs. There are frequent requests for medicine from all over the place.

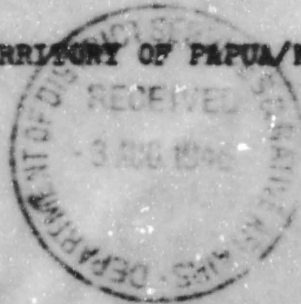
Much work has been done on the farm which was previously waste-land. Extensive drainage has been necessary, and more revetting must be done. The crops are satisfactory with the exception of pea-nuts. These may do better in rotation to legumes."

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA/NEW GUINEA



Morebe Patrol Report
District of Morebe
Headquarters
Lae.
22 July 1946.

The Director of District Services
and Native Affairs,
Port Moresby.

PATROL REPORT No. 17/45-46 by MR. R.J. MACILWAIN
(PATROL OFFICER) OF THE EASTERN SECTION OF THE
SUB-DISTRICT, MT. HAGEN

Above report is forwarded please, with comments by
Mr. Gresthead, A.D.O., Mt. Hagen.

With approximately 60,000 natives under his immediate
control Mr. Macilwain has quite a burden of responsibilities
and appears to be handling them very satisfactorily.

It is agreed that the fostering of the interests of
these people in road construction is not only doing much to
open up these areas but also provides the people with common
interests, aims, and obligations which help to destroy their
former inter-tribal prejudices. By means of good roads,
possibly traversed by bicycles, the benefits of good admini-
stration will be more and more available to these people.

R.M. Parlow

(R.M. FARLOW)
A/District Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA-NEW GUINEA.

SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE,
WABAG.
28 June, 1946.

TO DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT
SERVICES AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT
WABAG No 2 of 1945/6 by R.I. Macilwain.

AREA PATROLLED : The road from Wabag to Welya. Down the Minyamba Valley, and across the divide into the Lower Lai Valley to Paus. Thence back along the Lai Valley to Wabag.

OBJECTS OF PATROL : Check on the activities at Ugos station and piggery.
Inspection of Police Posts east of Wabag.
Routine administrative duties.

DURATION OF PATROL : From 19 June to 26 June, 1946.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL : Reg No. 3146 Const. Amanguagi.
" " 2110 " Kuva.
Interpreter Kibunki of Pumani, Wabag.

APPENDIX : Report on Police.

DIARY.

Wed. 19 June. Moved from Wabag to Birip, and after a short stay proceeded on to Rau-unda. Made a trip along the previous road direct to Wabag late in the afternoon.

Thurs. 20 June. Reached Ugos in 4½ hours with rain falling. Afternoon spent inspecting piggery and gardens.

Fri. 21 June. Lined the labour, and obtained their particulars. Outlined the more immediate tasks to L/Cpl. Berom. Moved on to Aramunda in the afternoon and inspected the station.

Sat. 22 June. Reached Welya within 5 hours. The constable in charge Doar was away on duty to Mt. Hagen. However the place was in good condition.

Sun. 23 June. Down the Minyamba Valley, and then climbed onto the divide between the Minyamba and Nok Rivers. An excellent view is obtained, and some time was taken up observing land marks. The patrol was met by a large number of natives at Yaramunda, who followed on to Paus. Time taken on trip was 5 hours. The afternoon was spent gathering evidence of a killing, and settling some minor matters. N.M.O. Berom arrived with mail.

Mon. 24 June. Const. Guri left for Mt. Hagen with prisoner, and patrol proceeded to Wapanamunda. Inspected gardens and nearby works, then moved on to Pombobus, arriving at 1300 hours.

Tues. 25 June. Spent the morning at Pombobus while some people were apprehended. Left for Birip, and met Const. Hurandua at Wabagini. He added three sick to the patrol. Arrived Birip at 1700 hours.

Wed. 26 June. Departed Birip 0830 hours and arrived Wabag at 1200 hours.

NATIVE SITUATION.

No disturbances have been reported during the month from the Birip area. The eastern portion has been actively engaged on road making. Placed Enga speaking Const. Peirak at Rau-unda during the month, and the improvement is noticeable. Hope to be able to leave him there until the road is completed from Pombobus. Then one constable can reside alternatively at Birip and Rau-unda.

The inhabitants of the Tali Valley have been engaged in supplying materials and assisting in the construction of Ugos station. Aramunda was untidy showing the effects of having no constable, and Ugos demanding attention. Told Korbio the leading man that I had hopes he could maintain the place, and made arrangements accordingly. The Pauakaka tribe inhabiting the wooded mountain sides east of Aramunda have not been too helpful, otherwise this area is satisfactory.

Word had not reached Welya of my proposed visit. News usually travels quickly. Most of the residents were at an opossum feast at Tomba in the Mt. Hagen district. However quite a number turned up in due course. Will endeavour to give better warning in future as these people appreciate a visit.

The Lower Lai Valley people continue to afford little bother. They haven't been called upon to do much other than live orderly lives. Good attendances have been registered when a patrol is in the area. At Paus a man had intervened in a squabble between two women and managed to kill one of them. Gathered evidence of the incident and despatched him to Mt. Hagen.

The Yaguman tribe presented no difficulties and Wapanamunda was in good condition. The house Const. Mankon was sleeping in had burned down during the night. He was hauled to safety by an Irugan headman who had accompanied him. His rifle and gear were lost. A native house also caught alight at Pombobus roasting three women and two children. There has been dry weather for some time, and gusts of wind must have blown ashes around. Had some people brought into Pombobus from a hamlet named Aick of the Aruni tribe in between Pombobus and Ugos. Some had been attending one station and some the other causing confusion. There has been a good deal of activity in the Pombobus area, and the results are very satisfactory.

During the month the native situation in the area covered by the patrol has compared favourably with that in the balance of the Sub-district.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Work during the month in the Pombobus area exceeded my expectations. A stretch mid way between Pombobus and Wapanamunda remains unfinished. Also a swamp near the latter place is only partly overcome. Made a dry passage through it but under good weather conditions. West of the Police Post the road is completed.

The continuation of this road in the Birip area likewise made surprising progress and has reached Wabagini

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

and has passed by most of the swampy country. Using this as an example I hope to inspire the Yakan tribe to complete the Lenki-Birip road supplying them with supervision and a few experienced workers. This is a matter of co-ordinating the work with their other activities personal and Government.

Otherwise roads were completed some time ago or dont exist. The later roads are of superior construction to those completed earlier. There is need for a road from Ugos to Rau-unda, in which case there is a stony mountain in the middle, or to Pombobus. However other work is engaging the areas concerned at present.

The bridges throughout have been kept in order.

HEALTH.

Little sickness was encountered. A woman from Aramunda with infected scabies on her breasts was sent to MT.Hagen. Three cases of advanced venereal disease have also been sent there from the Birip area. Whilst pitiful to see, they had the effect of showing the consequence of concealing the disease. No dysentery was reported from outstations.

AGRICULTURE.

With the dry weather there was much burning off preparatory to preparing the ground for planting. Wet weather is expected shortly when a further stage in the preparations for planting yam, taro, and greens will begin. This is part of a system, and it will be interesting to watch the further developments.

The imported boar at Ugos has spent his time to some purpose. Keba a chieftain of Welya acquired both an imported boar and sow in the past, and has a rival piggery. If a sow was purchased from him it should help Ugos. A great boost to prestige would result if an effective medicine could be supplied to combat the 'short-wind' sickness in pigs. There are frequent requests for medicine from all over the place.

Much work has been done on the farm which was previously waste-land. Extensive drainage has been necessary, and more revetting must be done. The crops are satisfactory with the exception of pea-nuts. These may do better in rotation to legumes.

NATIVE CUSTOMS.

The inter-tribal gift exchange was in progress earlier in the month at Welya, Aramunda, and places at the eastern end. At present it is operating in the Sau River area which is uncontrolled.

There has been considerable opossum hunting. The Yakan tribe which possesses plenty of timbered country hold a feast. The visitors brought whatever commodity they were rich in. Those from the west of Wabag brought salt which they manufacture. Something similar accounted for the absence of the Welya people when the patrol was there.

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R.I. Macilwaig
O.I.C. Wabag Sub-district.

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APPENDIX TO PATROL REPORT WABAG NO.2 of 1945/6

REPORT ON POLICE PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL.

Reg.No. 3146 Const. Amaguagi : Freshly arrived from MT.Hagen.
(District, Chimbu) Conduct and bearing good, and suited to the work.

Reg.No. 2110 Const. Kuva : Const. Kuva is an enthusiastic
(District, MT.Hagen) if temperamental person.
May become steadier in time.

.....R.I. Macilwain.....
R.I. Macilwain.
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA/NEW GUINEA

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The District Officer,
 Morobe District,
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Patrol Report, No. 2 of 1945/46.
 Report of a Patrol by Mr. R.I. MacIlwain,
 Patrol Officer in Charge, Wabag Sub-District, of
 the Eastern section of the Sub-District.

Above report is forwarded herewith, please.

The report indicates a gratifying native situation throughout the areas patrolled. Probably the most pleasing aspect is the sustained good progress in the Lower Lai sector as far as Pans. The re-opening of the Rania Police Post would complete the Hagen-Wabag link up very quickly.

Attention is drawn to the fact that Patrol Officer MacIlwain has under his immediate control approximately 60,000, but he is not a Member of the Court for Native Affairs. In this regard the A/ADM Hagen has not had sufficient personal contact with Mr. MacIlwain to submit a recommendation. Prisoners being sent to Hagen are not being charged, as the policy is to hold them for their own educational benefit. Results to date are proving very satisfactory, and often it is felt that they are sorry to leave Hagen when the time to return home arrives.

Progress on road construction is indicative of the good native situation and, at the stage that these people are now going through, there is no more advantageous method of occupation than road construction to destroy inter-tribal prejudices.

Patients sent from Wabag have made good progress at the Hagen Native Hospital.

Better quality sows will be sent to the Uges Farm-Piggery during August. It may also be possible to make available another young boar.

The report indicates good progress in the Sub-District.

Geo. Greathead
 (Geo. Greathead)
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of C.H.D. WABAG Report No. 1 of 46/47

Patrol Conducted by R. I. Mac IHWAIN P.O.

Area Patrolled WABAG - CHIRKE MUNDU - LAGIBOS - BAP - PANGAS - REU - UNDA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans _____

Natives 3 Constables 1 N.M.O. 1 Interpreter 2

Duration—From 15/8/1946 to 23/8/1946

Number of Days 8

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? _____

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services _____/_____/19____

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Map Reference _____

Objects of Patrol _____

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

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District Commissioner

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APPENDIX TO PATROL REPORT WABAG NO. 1 of 1946/7

REPORT ON POLICE PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL.

- Reg.No. 2814 Const. Andruve : Had pre-war training, is
(Aitape) experienced and efficient.
- Reg.No. 2609 Const. Tovangaga: Experienced and efficient.
(Fabsul)
- Reg.No. 161 Const. Peiray : A local native with the
(Wabag) advantage of knowing the
language and the people.
Carries out his work to the
best of his ability, and is
a very useful person to have
in these parts.

These personnel were selected for the patrol to the
San River Headquarters.

R.I. Macilwain
 R.I. Macilwain
 O.I.C. Wabag Sub-District.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA.



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District of Morobe,
Headquarters,
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21 Sep 48.

Director of District Services
& Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT -- NO. 5 of 1948/47
WABAG SUB-DISTRICT.

Attached please find report of patrol
conducted by Mr R.I. MacIlvaine, together with comments
of A.D.O. WABAG.

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(R.M. FARLOW)
A/DISTRICT OFFICER.

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Department of District Services
and Native Affairs.
PORT MORESBY.

1st. October, 1946.

MEMORANDUM FOR:

District Officer,
Morobe District,
L.A.S.

PATROL REPORT NO. 5 of 46/47 H4846 Sub-DISTRICT.

Receipt is acknowledged of the above report which
has been read with interest.

Please advise Patrol Officer Macilwain that a
sketch map should have accompanied his report.

(E. Taylor)
ACTING DIRECTOR.

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DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE,
PORT MORESBY.

AGRICULTURE.

PATROL

P.O. B. I. MACILWAIN WABAG SUB --

27th AUGUST, 1946.

Ground is being cleared and fenced throughout. The favoured sites for gardens of yam, taro, and greens is under or near casuarina or such like woods. The Yakan tribe which is centred near the junction of the Imbun and Lai Rivers is well favoured in this respect, and has been preparing gardens for some time. Some of the ground appears to be cultivated for the first time. These people had a reputation for being shy and rather backward with their help. Time has apparently altered their outlook, and I have always met a ready response from them. Wabag is drawing little food from nearby natives at present. While at Chickamunda a good supply of food was brought to the patrol, and 3 cwt. of sweet potato was sent to the Station.

Work has progressed at Uges farm and a new and larger pig run has been completed. The only cross-bred sow by a previous sire has a litter of four by the imported boar, two female piglets resembling the boar, and a male and female the sow. The revetting of the drains in the gardens is nearing completion. Other than growing produce out of former waste lands there is little to recommend the gardens. They are well laid out and drained and may eventually give better yields.

Corn is spreading throughout these parts. It grows well, and is suited to the primitive cooking methods of the people. Soy bean grows easily but is not eaten by man or beast. European vegetables are not in demand, probably through lack of cooking facilities. "

TERRITORY OF PAPUA/NEW GUINEA

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Sub-District Office,
HAGEN,
8th September 1946.

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

Patrol Report Wabag No. 1 of 1946/47.
Report of patrol by Mr. R.I. Macilvain,
Patrol Officer-in-Charge, Wabag Sub-District,
of the North and Eastern Sectors of the Sub-District.

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Above report is forwarded, please.

NATIVE SITUATION The patrol probably marked the first occasion on which the inhabitants on the northern side of Ambun-Lai junction had been visited.

ROADS & BRIDGES The roads completed will be of inestimable value in the main Lai Valley, and what they mean to travellers is indicated by the suggestion of the tendency of carriers to proceed from Wabag to Wapenamanda via Wabag.

It is agreed that until the status of Wapenamanda is decided the question of new roads in this sector can be well left in abeyance.

HEALTH The general absence of dysentery is very gratifying.

AGRICULTURE The clearing of new cultivation areas is a healthy sign.

Ugos Farm lacks what Kora Farm at Hagen lacks - fresh blood in the swine. We have been hearing a lot about pedigree swine being imported for a long time, but this advance appears as far off as ever.

Maize is an excellent native food crop and it is gratifying to see that it is spreading throughout the Sub-District.

The natives will require education in the preparation of Soy bean before it is introduced into their diet.

Geo. Greathhead

(Sec. Greathhead)
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA- NEW GUINEA.

Sub-District Office,
Wabag.

27 Aug., 1946.

TO DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT
SERVICES AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT
WABAG No. 1 of 1946/47 by R.I. MACILWAIN.

AREA PATROLLED : From Wabag across the Ambun River to Chiakamunda. Then eastwards along the Ambun Valley to Lagibos. Continuing along the north side of the Lai River to Birip. Along the Lai Valley Road to Pombobus. Then over the divide into the Tali Valley to Ugos-Aramunda. Out of the Tali Valley into the Minyamba Valley and on to Welya. Re-entered the Lai Valley and on to Paus. Then to Wapanamunda and back along the road to Birip. Visited Rau-unda and returned to Wabag.

OBJECTS OF PATROL: (i) Inspection of the Police Posts to the east of Wabag.
(ii) Using alternative routes to gain a better appreciation of the people and their activities.
(iii) To note the state of health and food position.
(iv) Consolidation and general administration.

DURATION OF PATROL: From 15 Aug. 1946 to 23 Aug. 1946.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL : Reg.No. 2814 Const. Andruwe.
Reg.No. 2609 " Tovangaga.
Reg.No. 2161 " Peirak. (From Wabag to Birip)
N.M.O. Sabukan.
Interpreter Kibunki, as from 19th. Aug.

APPENDIX : Report on Police.

DIARY.

THURS. 15 Aug. Departed Wabag 0930 and met Interpreter Kerapin at Tori at 1200 hours. He was returning to Wabag with the airmen's remains that the patrol was about to recover. A report was made on the matter, and arrangements made for everything to go to Hagen. Patrol continued on to Chiakamunda arriving at 1600 hours.

Fri. 16 Aug. Departed Chiakamunda 0815 moving east and south along the Ambun River Valley. Reached Lagibos which has a suitable camping site at 1215 hours. Camp established just before heavy rain set in.

Sat. 17 Aug. Carriers returned to Wabag with surplus gear. Consts. Andruwe and Tovangaga proceeded to Birip with the balance via road. Const. Peirak accompanied self along tracks north of the R. Ambun-Lai to Birip.

Sun. 18 Aug. Proceeded to Pombobus along the road.

Mon. 19 Aug. Detoured to the south-east to visit the Bisip hamlets an hour from Pombobus. Climbed for three hours then moved westward along the range-top. Descended to Ugos by the track taken by the carrier arriving in heavy rain. From 1600 to 1800 hours were spent in inspecting the farm.

Tues. 20 Aug. Spent an hour at Aramunda then continued on to Welya, arriving at 1530 hours.

DIARY.
 Wed. 21 Aug. Departed Welya 0745 and arrived Paus 1200 hours. Inspected the Station, addressed the assembled natives, and a medical inspection was held. Moved on and arrived at Wapanamunda two hours later.
 Thurs. 22 Aug. Arrived at Birip after calling at Pombobus. A visit was paid to Rau-unda during the afternoon.
 Fri. 23 Aug. Returned to Wabag arriving at mid-day.

NATIVE SITUATION.

The patrol was originally prepared to proceed to a wrecked plane. The native reconnaissance party was met bringing all the remains and papers that they could find and reported that the plane had exploded and burnt on crashing. Plans were altered to visit Chiakamunda where a camp had been prepared, and then continue along the Ambun Valley to the eastern areas. The patrol was very well received while in these parts. This is a border-line area in respect to present Administration activities, and language and custom of the Enga speaking peoples. The opportunity was also taken to journey along the north side of the R. Ambun-Lai to Birip.

The Birip-Rau-unda inhabitants are busy completing the present phase of road work. The inside of the Rest House at Pombobus has been renewed, and the people are now busy with their own affairs. Here word reached me from remarks that the pilot had passed when delivering food to Wabag, that plenty of cargo was to be delivered at the week end. Wishing to be present if that was the case, the rest of the patrol was rather hurried. An improvement was noticed in the Tali Valley in that previous visits were only accorded a formal sort of welcome. Settled conditions continue to prevail in the Minyamba Valley. At Paus a new rest house has been erected in the nature of a surprise. One has come to anticipate a good response and attendance here.

No disturbances nor discontent were encountered or reported.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Except for a stretch near Birip the road between there and Wapanamunda is completed. The next month or two will be devoted to preparing gardens, and road work will go into recess. There has been a tendency for carriers to take advantage of the road by going from Welya to Wapanamunda. The Tali Valley is by-passed. No time is saved but there is much less climbing to be done.

Investigations have been made to determine if there is any advantage in going from Wabag to Ugos via Pombobus. However the present route via Rau-unda is much quicker though rougher and more mountainous. Otherwise until the question of whether Wapanamunda is to become the centre of activities is settled there is no point in projecting new roads.

HEALTH.

The patrol was accompanied by H.M.O. Sabukan. The eastern areas have been free from dysentery for months, and no dysentery has occurred near Wabag for a month. A case reputed to be beri-beri was found at Welya, and arrangements were made for the patient to go to Hagen. Otherwise the medical orderly conducted an inspection where there was a gathering of people and attended to any minor ailments.

There has been a complete change of weather during the last fortnight. Conditions have been wet and cold both day and night, and may have some bearing on the health position.

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NATIVE CUSTOMS.

The women of the western Engas achieve a grotesque appearance when in mourning. Ropes of a small grey shell are piled around their neck and breasts, and their skin is covered with grey mud. These decorations are worn for six or seven months after the bereavement. The practice is only occasionally seen in the eastern areas. The gift exchange of these people centres around the dead. In due course after a fight when reconciliation is desired, the kin of those lost in battle are duly recompensed. Score boards have been noticed. Each side recording the number of deaths they imposed by making parallel notches up the trunk of a tree. Deaths from natural causes likewise give rise to the exchange of gifts among relatives.

The eastern inter tribal gift exchange is about to re-enter the controlled areas, and is expected to wind up within the next month. The lining of stakes was in evidence in the middle Lai areas.

R.I. Macilwain
C.I.C. Wabag Sub-District.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of C.H.D. WABAG Report No. 2 of 46/47

Patrol Conducted by R.I. MARIN WAIN

Area Patrolled WABAG BIRIP - WELYA - MINYAMBA - LAI VALLEY - PAUS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives 1

Duration—From 5/10/1946 to 17/10/1946

Number of Days 12

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

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

Medical / /19.....

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol 1) TO INSTALL MEDICAL ORDERLIES 2) ROUTINE

ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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Department of District Services
and Native Affairs,
PORT Moresby.

11th December, 1946.

MEMORANDUM FOR :

District Officer,
Central Highlands District,
GASOKA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2 - SABAG.

Cannot the Patrol Officer supply a map?
Your remarks under (3) (3) and (4) endorsed.

(J.H. Jones)
for **ACTING DIRECTOR.**

MINUTE FOR:

The Director,
Department of District Services and
Native Affairs,
FORT MORREBY.



- (1)..... Reference Patrol Report, Wabag No.2 of 1946/47.
- (2)..... The Assistant District Officer, Hagen s/District has been informed that legal proceedings will not be taken against the Birip people. Tribal war and inter tribal slaying is part of a system of justice that cannot be dispensed with until the Administration is in a position to replace them by the justice of the Territory. Those implicated in the murder should be brought to Mt. Hagen for discussion and advice and then returned home.
- (3)..... The principal functions of the patrol officer at Wabag are:
 - (a)..... The maintenance of law and order in areas adjacent (i.e., the immediate vicinity) to the Government station;
 - (b)..... The pacification of the people on the main route between Wabag and Mt. Hagen;
 - (c)..... The maintenance of police base camps that are already in existence;
 - (d)..... Until a medical assistant is available, the supervision of the native medical staff in their efforts to prevent and cure disease.
- (4)..... He should attempt no more. The Wabags/District contains a large population and I am informed that the patrol officer is performing his duties with distinction, but it is necessary that he should not extend his activities beyond the capacity of the present limited staff.
- (5)..... District members will not be given to patrol reports until the first of July next, as preceding ones have received Morobe District numbers.

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District Officer,
Central Highlands Division and

26th November, 1946. District of Central Highlands.

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Sub-District Office.
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5th November, 1946.

District Officer.
Central Highlands District.
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Patrol Report Wabag No2 of 1946/47.

Report of a patrol by Mr R.I. Macilwain
(Patrol Officer) of the Police Camps
west of Wabag Post.

Above report is forwarded herewith please.

The patrol was conducted primarily with the object of investigating an outbreak of what Mr Macilwain thought to be meningitis. The matter was immediately brought under the notice of the Medical Assistant at Hagen, Mr J. Goreham, who was kept in close contact with the situation.

NATIVE SITUATION.

The murder of the visiting San River native is typical of what is to be expected of all borderline groups in this uncontrolled area. As it was not practicable for the O.I.C Wabag to obtain redress for the murders of BHEIP natives some months ago the former have taken the law into their own hands.

The question now arises as to what action is to be taken against the BHEIP natives responsible and apprehended. In such an area our responsibilities are twofold.

- (a) To protect the population within the sphere of patrol activity, who have indicated their desire to accept Government Control, from outside attack.
- (b) To obtain redress for them should such attack occur.
- (c) To provide and ensure the maintenance of law and order within the area of administration.

The general picture of the native situation in the area visited is good.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA/NEW GUINEA.

Sub-District Office,
Wabag.

19 Oct., 1946.

TO DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT
SERVICES AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT

WABAG No.2 of 1946/47 by R.I. Macilwain.

AREA PATROLLED : To the east of Wabag visiting Police Posts.
From Birip via the Tali Valley to Welya.
Down the Minyamba Valley across into the
Lai Valley to Paus. Then to Wapanamunda
and back along the Lai Valley Road to Wabag.

OBJECTS OF PATROL: (i) To install medical orderlies to combat meningitis
and dysentery outbreaks, and to observe health
conditions in other areas.
(ii) Routine administrative duties.

DURATION OF PATROL: From 5 Oct. 1946 to 17 Oct. 1946.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL : N.M.O. Sabukan.

DIARY.

Sat. 5 Oct. : Moved to Birip on account of sickness there.
Addressed assembled natives relative to health
matters.

Sun. 6 Oct. : Interpreters and police engaged in searching and
advising natives to bring in sick without delay.
Patrolled along the north side of the Lai River
moving back towards Lenki.

Mon. 7 Oct. : Completion of two small houses for medical
dressing station, and clearing of surrounding area.

Tues. 8 Oct. : Three N.M.Os arrived from Hagen. One was detailed
to Welya and one to Wabag.

Wed. 9 Oct. : Morning at Birip and returned to Wabag in the
afternoon.

Thurs. 10 Oct. : At Wabag.

Fri. 11 Oct. : Returned to Birip en route to other Police Posts.

Sat. 12 Oct. : Moved to Rau-unda. Stopped to address the
assembled natives and inspect the Rest House.
Then proceeded to Ugos arriving at 1400 hours.
Afternoon spent inspecting and discussing matters
relating to the farm and local conditions.

Sun. 13 Oct. : Visited Aramulda and then moved on to Welya.
Inspected post and attended to local matters.

Mon. 14 Oct. : Moved on to Paus a matter of four hours walking.
Outdoor activity was precluded in the afternoon
on account of heavy rain.

Tues. 15 Oct. : Departed Paus 0800 hours and arrived Wapanamunda
at 0945 hours. The remainder of the morning
was spent visiting the crossing of the River Lai
of the track direct from Welya. A large gathering
of natives at the station, and the afternoon was
spent on discussions and hearing complaints.

Wed. 16 Oct. : Moved on to Pombobus and remained for an hour.
Finding everything in order moved on and reached
Birip at 1330 hours.

Thurs. 17 Oct. : Accompanied by Constable Murandua on the matter
of the road and new bridge site en route to Wabag.

NATIVE SITUATION.

Most of the activities of the patrol were in the Birip area extending to Rau-unda and Pombobus. Good discipline exists with regard to dysentery which cannot be mistaken. The necessity of treating meningitis with the same promptness has now been impressed upon the people concerned. This sickness has mainly centred around the Sikin tribe in between the above mentioned places. A visiting Sau River native was killed in the Birip area as a pay-back to a raid some months ago. No difficulty was experienced in apprehending those responsible as they were precluded from escaping to the Sau country - a favourite practice of wrong doers.

The Tali and Minyamba Valleys were recently visited when returning from Hagen and conditions there remain satisfactory. The more heavily populated Lower Lai Valley continues well behaved, and it is to be hoped that it remains free from infectious diseases. To give these people full attention an officer would need to be stationed in the area. A good attendance was accorded the patrol at Wapansunda. This area has not had recent disturbances.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

After experiencing the twisting water-logged native paths of a few months ago travel along the Lai Valley Road is a relatively simple matter. The natives for the first time in their existence are able to walk on a level surface. Paths before passed over the hummocks of old garden sites. Work is in progress on the unfinished stretch between Wabag and Birip. Here the country is more broken and the road has been a harder proposition. A site has been found where a log bridge can be built over the River Lai. The present bridges are made of spars lashed together with bark, and suspended with tree vines. They are a source of worry when prisoners, stretcher cases, or heavy cargoes are being moved.

Attention has been given to previously completed stretches of road and foot paths.

HEALTH.

With an outbreak of meningitis in the vicinity of Birip, and the arrival of dysentery cases from Welya, a signal was sent to Hagen for more medical orderlies. N.M.O. Tomi had been despatched to Birip when news of an unusual amount of sickness there had been received. On learning of the nature of the disease the O.I.C. moved to Birip to hasten up operations. Patients who received early medical attention have survived but some of them look far from well. Admissions had decreased by the time that the patrol had returned to Birip, and the situation seems to be in hand. The N.M.O. detailed to Welya had no fresh cases of dysentery at the time the patrol was there.

N.M.O. Sabukan accompanied the patrol but found little work at other places. However the nature of the country makes concealment of sickness or sores a simple matter. As the hospital at Wabag is in charge of a medical orderly and is one or two days, and in some cases three days walk from the homes of most of the people, they are reluctant to make the journey. When medical facilities were installed at Birip a crop of skin complaints and other matters came to light. The medical assistant whose arrival has been heralded for some months will find ample occupation.

AGRICULTURE.

Large falls of rain have been received on most days of this month, whereas September was mainly dry. Most of the secondary crops have been planted or are in the final stages of being so. Yam and taro is consumed by the growers but pit is potato brought in for sale. The supply of the staple diet of sweet potato continues to approximate the demand for it. Fresh mounds are planted as the crops are consumed.

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AGRICULTURE.

The Lower Lai area is suitable for corn as for most other crops found in the Central Highlands. The earth cleared away to make the road was planted with corn for a considerable stretch with good results. Satisfactory progress is being maintained at Ugos Farm which in time should become self supporting. The increase in crops is exceeding the increase in pigs. Vegetables grow readily on the flats near the river at Aramunda an hours walk away, and it is hoped to get similar results near the stream running through Ugos. Ground has been cleared, and the seeds from the Department of Agriculture arrived opportunely. Wabag being two days walk from the farm and the best agricultural areas, personal supervision is difficult. Results obtained at Wabag itself are only fair.

NATIVE CUSTOMS.

A certain amount of activity in connection with gift exchange and other festivities was noticed. No doubt if pigs were more plentiful and crops easier to produce, the leisure gained would be employed in this manner rather than increase the food supply. However in a life that offers little else a certain amount of social life and activity is necessary.

...*R.I. Macilwain*...
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 C.I.C. WABAG.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of C.H.D. WABAG Report No. 3 of 46/47

Patrol Conducted by R. I. Mac IHWAIN

Area Patrolled WABAG - BIRIP - UGOS - WELYA - PAUS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans

Natives 1 CONSTABLE 1 INTERPRETER

Duration—From 12/12/1946 to 19/12/1946

Number of Days 7

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?

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

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

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol 1) INSPECTION OF POLICE BASE CAMPS 2) INSPECTION OF UGOS FARM 3) ASCERTAIN THE STATE OF HEALTH IN VARIOUS AREAS

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund £

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA/NEW GUINEA.

Sub-District Office,
Wabag.

21 Dec., 1946.

TO DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT
SERVICES AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.PATROL REPORT
WABAG No. 1 of 1946/47 by R.I. Haulwain.

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OBJECTS OF PATROL : (i) Inspection of the police base camps, and to check on the present native situations in their vicinities.
(ii) Inspection of Ugos Fair, and the removal of pigs from the area that has been subject to sickness.
(iii) Ascertain the state of health in the various areas.

DURATION OF PATROL: From 12th December to 19th December, 1946.
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL : Neg. No. 157 Constable Doar.
Interpreter Kerapin.

DIARY.

Thurs. 12 Dec. : Inspected new road work en route to Birip. Crossed the River Lai at the site for the new bridge, and proceeded along the north side of the river. Heavy rain hampered activities, and there were few natives at Birip.

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Mon. 16 Dec. : Departed Welya 0800 and arrived at Paus at 1300 hours. Good attendance at the post.

Tues. 17 Dec. : On to Wapanamunda arriving at 1000 hours. The usual good gathering was addressed. Also attended to disputes.

Wed. 18 Dec. : Moved to Pombobus a matter of two hours. Here also there was a good attendance of natives.

Thurs. 19 Dec. : Departed Pombobus 0800 and arrived Birip 1030 hours. Carried out inspections and told the gathering of plans for Christmas. Departed Birip at 1200 hours and returned along the old route to Wabag. Heavy rain fell from Lenki onwards. Arrived at Wabag at 1530 hours.

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NATIVE SITUATION.

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One of the most frequent causes of dispute is over the possession of pandanus trees planted in the bush before the arrival of the Government. The passage of time should eliminate most of the trouble. Pigs breaking into gardens are another cause of bother. This is more so near Wabag where there is little ground for grazing. While absent on the last two patrols there have been disturbances on this account.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Less than a mile remains to complete the Lai Valley Road from west of Wabag to Wapenamunda. This is a stretch along the northern bank of the river between Wabag and Mirip and leads to the new crossing. The bridge at present in use has warped and the sooner it can be avoided the better. The Government has already been involved in a tragedy with it, or the previous one at that site.

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REPORT OF POLICE ACCOMPANYING PATROL

Reg. No. K157

Const. Dear.
(Hagen)

This constable has some ability
but has not proved to be
reliable. Conduct on patrol
satisfactory.

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R.I. Macilwain
P/O Sabag.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA/NEW GUINEA

Sub-District Office,
MAGEN,
9th January 1947.

District Officer,
GAROKA

Patrol Report WABAG No. 3 of 1946/47.
Report of Patrol by Mr. E.I. Macilwain
(Patrol Officer) visiting the Police Base Camps
east of Wabag.

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Above report is forwarded.

NATIVE SITUATION : The peaceful conditions
found by the patrol are gratifying.

ROADS & BRIDGES : Progress with the
construction of roads in the Sub-District has been maintained
very satisfactorily.

HEALTH : The improved health of
the natives, with the absence of dysentery, is a pleasing sign.
What is thought to be malarial continues to appear occasionally,
but the main onset of the disease appears to have passed.

Geo. Greathead
(Geo. Greathead)
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District of Central Highlands,
Central Highlands Division,
GAROKA. 12th February, 1947.

The Director,
Dept. of District Services &
Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA/NEW GUINEA.

Sub-District Office,
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21 Dec., 1946.

TO DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT
SERVICES AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

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R. I. Macilwain.
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REPORT ON POLICE ACCOMPANYING PATROL

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Reg. No. 2177

Const. Dear.
(Hagen)

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W. J. Sullivan
S/O Hagen.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of C.H.D. WABAG Report No. 4 of 46/47

Patrol Conducted by R. McILWAIN P.O.

Area Patrolled EAST OF WABAG

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans

Natives 1 CONSTABLE INTERPRETERS

Duration—From 14/4/1947 to 2/5/1947

Number of Days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?

Last Patrol to Area by District Services

Medical

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol 1) INSPECTION OF POLICE BASE CAMPS. 2) MEDICAL 3) ATTENTION TO PIG FARM 4) SURVEY OF L of C.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
FORT MORESBY.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

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District of Central Highlands
Sub-District Office,
Mount Hagen, 11th July, 1947.



The District Officer
SANDKA.

Patrol Report No 4 of 1946/47.

Attached hereto please find above-mentioned patrol report submitted by Mr Patrol Officer MacIlwain, O.N.G. Wabag.

The object of the patrol was for the purpose of visiting the various base-camps, Medical and general native situation along route taken.

This officer, with a Sub-District on his hands with plus a large population to look after has accomplished much amongst the natives of his area.

This patrol report is indicative of his keenness and general ability.

During his visit to this "headquarters advice was given in a few matters that had cropped up that this Officer was not clear on.

Extra Police have been sent to Wabag to allow those with leave due to take same.

Sketch maps enc.


J. J. MacIlwain
District Officer.

The Director of Dist. Affairs
and Native Affairs,
PORT Moresby.

Forwarded.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA/NEW GUINEA.

Sub-District Office,
Wabag.

14 May, 1947.

TO DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT
SERVICES AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT
WABAG No. 4 of 1946/47 by R.I. MACLEATH.

AREA PATROLLED : The area being administered east of Wabag Station. The route taken being directed by matters needing attention. While near the Hagen Sub-District the opportunity was taken to visit that headquarters.

OBJECTS OF PATROL : (i) Inspection of police base camps and check on the respective native situations.
(ii) Medical - health matters and payment of orderlies.
(iii) Attention to Pig Farm.
(iv) Survey of the L of C on account of increased portage during the plane shortage.

DURATION OF PATROL: From 14 April to 18 April
From 19 April to 24 April in Hagen S/D
From 25 April to 2 May.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL : Reg. No. 157 Constable Bear.
Police and interpreters stationed on Base Camps - at different stages.
Interpreter Iawa.

APPENDICES. : (i) Report on Police. (ii) Sketch Map.

DIARY.

Mon. 14 April : Departed Wabag 0930 and arrived Hiri at 1300 hrs. Heard a dispute about a wandering wife. A large crowd was watching a sing-sing preparatory to the young men departing to the bush for ceremony. Departed at 1400 hrs. for Pusobus a further 2 1/2 hours distant.

Tues. 15 April : Constable Parmentis departed for Uges direct with cargo. 0800 departed for Wapanamunda arriving at 1000 hrs. Paid medical orderly and inspected sick. Left again at 1100 and following a winding native track reached Uges at 1700 hrs.

Wed. 16 April : Departed Uges 0830 and arrived Walya 1430 hrs. in heavy rain. Hagen carriers arrived during afternoon with stores. Difficulty in arranging enough food for all personnel. At night supplies portioned out to base camps, and arrangements made for balance to go to Wabag.

Thurs. 17 April : Departed Walya 0800 and arrived Tomba 1400 hrs. Spelled waiting for carriers then moved on to Melba Wagic 1 1/2 hours further on.

Fri. 18 April : Departed 0800 and reached Kinyip 1145 hrs. Moved on to Gornis arriving at 1530 hrs.

Sat. 19 April) Spent at Hagen Sub-District Head Quarters.
Thurs. 24 April)

Fri. 25 April : Departed for Melba Wagic arriving 1545 hrs.
Sat. 26 April : Departed at 0745 and reached Walya 1530 hrs. Again amid heavy rain.

DIARY.

- Sun. 27 April : Spent at Welya arranging for additional station gardens and other matters.
- Mon. 28 April : Moved to Paus along the western bank of the Kinyambe River with the cargo going via the eastern bank. Arrived Paus in 4 1/2 hours. A good gathering of natives were told of current events. Payments were made to headmen for new houses and work during the past year.
- Tues. 29 April : Departed Paus 0800 and arrived Wapanamunda 1000 hrs. Addressed natives and made similar payments as at Paus. Then on to Pombobus and repeated the procedure.
- Wed. 30 April : Moved from Pombobus to Ugas Station arriving at 1100 hrs. After attending to a large gathering of natives the time was spent in inspections and outlining future activities as regards agricultural matters.
- Thurs. 1 May : Further work and paying off of labour departing at 0930 hrs. Arrived Han-unda 1350 where there was a gathering of near-by residents. After discussing affairs with them went on to Dirip arriving at 1530 hrs. Inspected station and alterations during remainder of afternoon.
- Fri. 2 May : Returned to Wabag inspecting road en route and arrived at 1230 hrs.

NATIVE SITUATION.

The main consideration in the Wabag Sub-District is whether the natives are on good terms with each other. The Lower Lai and Kinyambe Valley areas have been peaceful during the past twelve months. Also the area which encloses the Police Base Camps of Paus, Wapanamunda, and Pombobus has stood out as regards attention to stations and roadwork. The residents of the Kinyambe Valley show no inclination to tribal fighting. Gift exchanges play an appreciable part in the life of the Hainin tribe as they are the intermediary between the Inga and Hagen peoples and speak both languages.

Apart from a fight at the western end of the Tali Valley in the New Year this area has been inclined to peace and progress. Occasional upsets occur in the passages off the main valley which right themselves in due course.

Closer to Wabag fighting or rather squabbles are more frequent. The young men or those that have nothing to lose getting temporarily out of hand. The headmen and property owners usually get matters under control and organized police intervention is rarely necessary. With the current crop of pandanus nuts finished there has been a ready response to giving the station some attention. However they can be working side by side one day and causing bodily harm to each other the next. Until some occupation presents itself for the betterment of the young men it is difficult to foresee a continued state of peace. The amount of paid work required by the Government is negligible, and there is no hunting except for possums in the limited fine weather. These matters combined with the lack of a suitable H.C.O. of police prevented absence from Wabag station for some months. However the native situation is improving, and the other matter has been rectified, so more regular patrolling to other areas should be possible.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Little new work has been done since the last patrol. However the completed work has been kept in good order. The only uncompleted work between Wabag and Wapanamunda is a short stretch to be made to a different crossing of the River Lai as previously reported. Some work has been done and shortly it hoped to see the finish and the bridge with the shorter span can be used. Owing to the voluntary nature of the work the matter has been treated patiently. By mischance the delay has occurred on the most inconvenient part of the whole road as there is no native path to act as a substitute.

A stretch of road east of Lonki constructed in rather a professional manner by Angau labour has suffered severely from landslides both above and at road level. A bridge was also affected but owing to an intelligent move by a police boy sent to prevent traffic over the wreck the material on hand was used to make another sound footbridge nearby.

Attention has been paid to bridges over the River Lai but they do not make attractive crossing especially east of Fombobus where the river enters a gorge.

AGRICULTURE.

The only evidence of food shortage was at Velya. This station is in limestone country and the amount of ground limited. The resumption of carrier lines provides a problem in the feeding of travellers. There is no alternative stopping place as too long a journey for one day is necessary, to get to where food is more plentiful. The nearby natives have the same ground shortage and stated that they had barely enough sweet potato for their own needs. They were unable to bring any quantity of food with attractive pay offering. The constable in charge has all the available ground planted up but no crops ready. The patrol stayed an extra day at this place to give the matter some attention. An unnecessary large area was under grass and arrangements were made to have it converted into sweet potato beds prepared at intervals. Meanwhile food can be carried from the Lower Lai area by parties moving from Wabag to F. until air traffic resumes.

The original intention of Ugos Farm was to have quantities of pigs grazing in large paddocks with a diet supplemented from the gardens. However continued sickness especially among young pigs has made the scheme a failure. Indeed a very optimistic outlook was needed to expect success as the natives' own limited number of pigs treated as part of the family suffer a good deal. A considerable amount of labour was expended to convert the place from swamp into its present state, and much of the work done voluntarily by the natives. It is hoped to justify all this by keeping a few pigs for breeding purposes. The boar has been a great success but he cant go on for ever, and should have a successor to deal with his progeny. A pregnant sow was brought back with a view to the future, but Hagen cannot supply a boar for present needs. There is an area of ground which has been free from pigs for a couple of years to take new stock. The runs affected by sickness are no longer needed with the restricted activities.

The pig sicknesses have been constantly reported on and even if a specific were supplied there would be considerable difficulty in making it available to all and sundry. On showing signs of sickness the pigs are eaten so there is no loss except when a breeding pig is concerned. However as the pig's death may be at a time inconvenient to the owner, and leave him unable to meet an obligation at a later date. The natives contend that sickness was unknown before the whiteman came. So possibly the diseases have spread from the eastern Central Highlands, and these pigs have no resistance. As this same happy state is stated to

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AGRICULTURE.

have applied to human beings also, who only met their death through old age, killed in action, or sorcery, their conception of sickness has only recently been acquired.

Good results are obtained with vegetables planted at Uges in river soil. In fact this seems to be the only worthwhile method of dealing with them. The information with regard to the failure at Wapanamunda was from the point of interest to the Department of Agriculture who requested knowledge of the results when supplying the seeds. Had they been successful it is unlikely that they would have been eaten. All varieties of seeds were planted at Wabag with practically a nil return, in fact very few plants even came up. The natives have a comprehensive range of their own vegetables and show little interest in European varieties except for sale, and then there is a very limited market. The seed potatoes sent by the Department of Agriculture did not arrive nor did the corn. A good crop of corn some nine months ago at the Wabag station permitted the local natives to obtain seed for the first time. They also had good results and are bringing it in for sale now. A collection of pests will be made if the matter is of interest.

HEALTH.

With the loss of the only experienced N.M.O. in the area, dysentery is the only sickness concentrated upon. Cases of this disease were being treated at Uges, Wapanamunda, and Welya. Arrangements were made for a doctor boy to be stationed at Paus the centre for a comparatively large population. The Hagen doctor boys are conscientious enough but they can scarcely be expected to deal successfully with matters requiring a doctor. Attention is of course given to all who have sufficient faith to seek a cure for their various complaints.

NATIVE CUSTOMS.

The influential are about to kill off the pig surplus to requirements on hand at the finish of the gift exchange. The pigs will be cooked and cut into portions and appropriate pieces given to the original owner, and others to whom there is some obligation. The rank and file getting an odd piece here and there. Railings have been constructed at Rau-unda on which to hang the meat prior to issue. The headmen have a good deal to say in conducting these affairs, but their power is limited in other respects. This is no reflection on the headmen as the Government is not omnipotent adopting civilised methods of dealing with the Enga.

Another current feature is the preparation of the young men for their ultimate marriages. One stage was observed at Birip where a large sing-sing was being held. The youths were decked out in the best of finery available and their skins oiled. Large crowds were present to watch this aspect of the ceremony. At another time a party belonging to Irelye near Wabag, were encountered en route to the bush. They were carrying rather lethal ceremonial weapons, as most of the spears were headed with cassowary bone. They obligingly supplied the patrol with a sing-sing until the two parties separated.

Part of the activities in the bush are somewhat as follows. A feature of the young man's life is to remain pure. Anything unseemly that has been encountered is counteracted by washing the eyes with water from sources unseen by other men. Another gauge of conduct is the ownership of a hidden plant of the wild ginger variety. If the plant is flourishing all has been well. However should the plant wilt it is an indication that the owner has not been without fault, or some

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NATIVE CUSTOMS.

corrupt person has observed the plant. These matters are not treated lightly and can be the cause of blood shed.

A similar principle applies to the girls. Those who have a suitor, or in the case of an outstanding person a number of suitors, have to adhere to a rigid course of conduct and go through the necessary ceremonies. Others who at the best will only become second wives, a status which only requires a bride price, are not bound down by so much custom.

The yard-stick by which the youth is measured is in supplying the girl's father with gifts of cooked pig or things that appeal to him. This process is to show that the young man has his heart and soul in the matter rather than for the material benefit of the father. Thus the race goes to the greatest giver in the case of a sought after girl. The losers are recompensed in that their gifts can be repaid. The girl is chosen for her ability to conduct the affairs of a wife, rather than on personal appearance. Divergences from the general rule are likely to cause trouble.

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APPENDIX TO PATROL REPORT WABAG No. 4 of 1946/47.

Report on Police Personnel accompanying Patrol.

Reg.No. 157 Z Const. Doar : Accompanied patrol in order to be re-signed after medical inspection. His task of guarding the cargo could have been carried out more satisfactorily. Was of use in the Hagen Sub-District for interpreting.

The following police served the purposes of the patrol at some stage.

- Reg.No. 3621 Const. Murandua : Stationed at Birip.
- (Aitape)
- " " 5207b " Parmenta : Stationed at Pombobus.
- (Hagen)
- " " 2131 " Hankon : " " Wapanamunda.
- (Aitape)
- " " 2135 " Menaibe : " " Paus.
- (Hagen)
- " " 2119 " Guri : " " Wolya.
- (Hagen)
- " " 2814 " Andruwe : " " Ugos.
- (Aitape)
- " " 2137 " Aiya : " " .
- (Hagen)

These constables are the best available in this area and have all given sound service.

R. W. Macilwain P/O.
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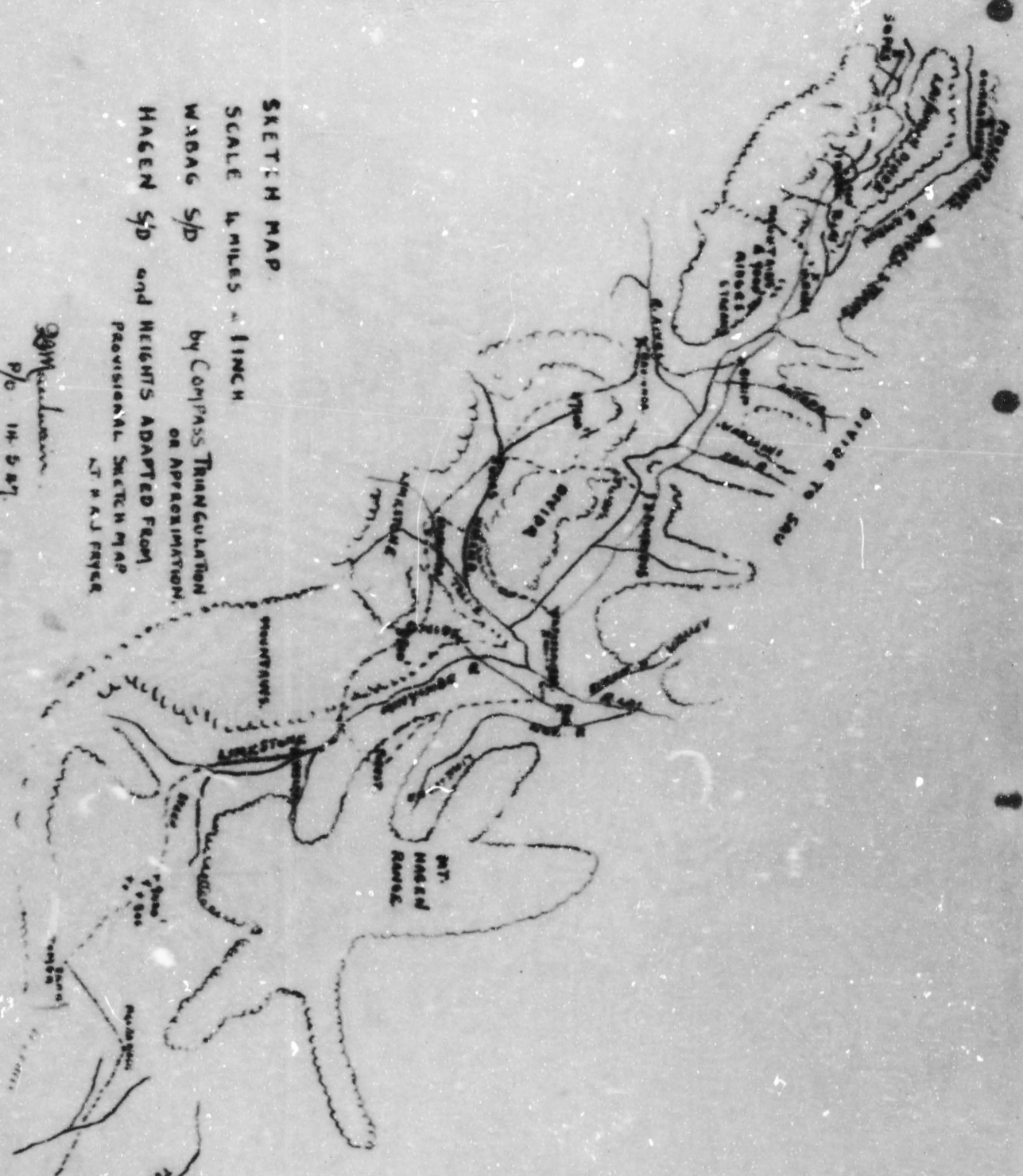
SKETCH MAP

SCALE 1/2 MILES = 1 INCH

WABAG S/D by COMPASS TRIANGULATION OR APPROXIMATION

HAGEN S/D and HEIGHTS ADAPTED FROM PROVISIONAL SKETCH MAP AT H.A.J. PAPER

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ROAD
SADDLE PATH
NATIVE TRACKS USED BY PATROL

WALKING TIMES BETWEEN BASE CAMPS

WABAG TO BIRIP	3 1/2 - 4 hrs
BIRIP - PORDUBAS	2 1/2 - 3
PORDUBAS - WAPAMUNDA	1 1/2 - 2
WAPAMUNDA - PAUS	1 3/4 - 2
PAUS - WILYA	4 - 4 1/2
WILYA - UGOS	6 - 6 1/2
UGOS - BIRIP	5 1/2 - 6
WILYA - WABAG	7 1/2 - 8
WABAG - WILYA	7 - 7 1/2

See HAGEN (containing)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of C. H. D. Report No. 2 of 47/48

Patrol Conducted by R. C. MACILWAIN.

Area Patrolled WABAB TO CHIRUNKI (LAKE VIVA).

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans

Natives 7 CONSTABLES, 1 INTERPRETER, 22 CARRIERS

Duration—From 2/4/1948 to 7/5/1948

Number of Days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 18/2/1948.

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Map Reference

Objects of Patrol TO DELIVER NOTICES OF CANCELLATION OF UNLICENCED AREA PERMITS, WHO DEPARTED 1st APRIL

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund £

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA.

DC. 30-16-83
Department of District Services
and Native Affairs,
PORT MORSBY.

8th June, 1968.

MEMORANDUM FOR :

District Officer,
Central Highlands District,
SUKMA.

PATROL REPORT WABAS NO. 2/1967-8.

Receipt is acknowledged of the above report. The patrol appears to have been well carried out.

Constable VIII.

It is presumed you have notified the Superintendent of Police of this Constable's suspension, and that the result of your enquiry will be forwarded to Police Headquarters together with your recommendations.


(J.E. Jones)
ACTING DIRECTOR

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA-NEW GUINEA.

OS. 30-16-23; DS. 21-1-6
Department of District Services
and Native Affairs,
PORT MORSBY.

5th June, 1948.

MEMORANDUM FOR :

Superintendent of Police,
PORT MORSBY.

REPORT ON POLICE ACCOMPANYING WANGO PATROL NO. 2/1947-48.

Enclosed report on R.P.C. personnel who accompanied the
above-mentioned patrol.

With reference to Constable TITI he is alleged to have
committed a crime of rape. The District Officer has
directed his suspension pending a full enquiry and his
report will be sent you direct.


(J.M. Jones)
ACTING DIRECTOR.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA-NEW GUINEA.

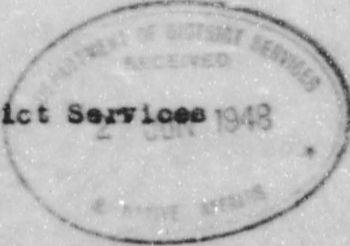
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District Office,
District of Central Highlands,
Central Highlands Division,
GOROKA.

The Director,
Department of District Services
and Native Affairs,
FORT MORESBY.



25th May, 1948.

PATROL REPORT - WABAG NO. 2 OF 1947/48.

Forwarded. The inhabitants of the Wabag/Porgera area are a friendly people but that does not mean that resistance may not be met with when our law is applied, unless that is done with patience, firmness and restraint.

It appears that the dysentery epidemic of 1944 spread, as was predicted at the time, far and wide into areas where even the army, despite its tremendous resources was unable to render assistance.

Constable TITI (see appendix) is alleged to have committed the crime of rape. I have directed his suspension and requested further inquiry.

[Signature]
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(J. L. TAYLOR)
a/District Officer.

Mr McDonald. please.

State it that copies of Report on Police, are always supplied to the Supl CP who in this case should be advised of the action taken by the DO - In fact the DO should, I think, advise the Supl of a suspension. JJG

TERRITORY OF PAPUA/NEW GUINEA.

Sub-District Office,
Wabag.

17 May, 1948.

DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT
SERVICES AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT
WABAG No. 2 of 1947/48 by R.I. MACILWAIN.

AREA PATROLLED : Wabag to Chirunki (Lake Iviva). Thence through open grass country and down to the R. Lagaip. Along Lagaip River Valley to Yogo. Climbed out of the valley and through rain forest to Weimalam. Departed Weimalam and crossed rain forest covered mountain Maipa, and down to Tibinini in the Lagaip River Valley. Left valley and headed direct for Magarebi (air dropping ground) near R. Kogai - Porgera R. area. Returned on same tracks.

OBJECT OF PATROL : To deliver notices of cancellation of uncontrolled area permits to miners who departed 1st. April for that area.

DURATION OF PATROL : From 2 April to 7 May, 1948.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL :

Reg. No. Z153	Constable	Irambi
" Z161	"	Poirak
" Z72	"	Kumassabi
" Z105	"	Bank
" 5218b	"	Siwi
" 3585	"	Titi
	N.M.O.	Lopang
	Interpreter	Liwo
	Carriers	22

PAST ADMINISTRATION: 18 Feb/14 Mar., 1948 J.J. Searson.

PATROL APPENDIX : Report on Police.

DIARY.

Thurs. 2 April : Departed Wabag at 10 a.m. Progress slow on account of using natives to carry extra cargo from hamlet to hamlet. Slept 8000 on account of rain but managed to get cargo to Lagalum

Fri. 3 April : Arrived Chirunki 6 hours walking. Good response from natives with local foods. Const. Mangino arrived 7 p.m. with final instructions from District Officer.

Sat. 4 April : Carrying delays meant no further progress than Korlissak (Korelum) by 11.30. Dispensed with six Wabag carriers and engaged six locals. Arrived Kallep at 2 p.m. and left enough rations for later return to Wabag. Arrived Magalitie area at 4.30 and made camp.

Sun. 5 April : With diminished cargo made better progress and arrived Weimalam at 2.30 - 7 1/2 hours walking. Natives en route and at Weimalam very helpful. Good supplies native foods obtained.

Mon. 6 April : Made camp Tibinini 6 p.m. after all day crossing rain forest covered mountain Maipa.

Tues. 7 April : Carriers tired and local natives absent on gift exchange. Made camp 2.30 at Bipi. Saw spilt rice dropped by Syndicate Moth. Sufficient native foods obtained.



DIARY.

- Thurs. 8 April : Reached Mugarebi, Forgera River area at 1 p.m. set off with two police and interpreter to find miners. Others made camp. Crossed spur and reached mining camp at 3.30 p.m. Remained camp owing to rain. Police and interpreter returned to bring forward party on following day. Received Mr. Champion's instructions.
- Fri. 9 April : Party moved up to vicinity of miners' camp and built temporary shelters. Miners awaiting plane drop.
- Sat. 10 April : Still no drop and food position poor.
- Sun. 11 April : Miners split into three parties and departed for Wabag. No plane drop. Patrol moved into miners' camp.
- Mon. 12 April : Cleaning up area. Went with two police and labour to effect any improvements to dropping ground. No plane.
- Tues. 13 April : Continued as previous day.
- Wed. 14 April : Two police departed day break for dropping ground. Self nearly at summit when Catalina arrived - 9.10 a.m. After circling several times plane left without dropping. Remained dropping ground for two hours. Was descending mountain when D.M.84 AXL circled area. Saw nothing dropped.
- Thurs. 15 April : Party to dropping ground. Self followed up M.Kogai but found no likely station site.
- Fri. 16 April : AXL dropped supplies. Cargo intact but one bag rice could not be found.
- Sat. 17 April : Little activity. Proceeded down M.Kogai but turned back at long steep gorge.
- Sun. 18 April : Spelled labour. Self with Consts. Feirak and Kumasabi, and interpreter on short patrol. Moved westward then down to M.Kaiyal. Found crossing and contacted natives. Guides accompanied party back along river. No suitable area for a station found.
- Mon. 19 April : Party to dropping ground. Others engaged gardening. Remained near camp on account possible arrival Champion Patrol.
- Tues. 20 April : As Monday.
- Wed. 21 April : No developments.
- Thurs. 22 April : Food supplies diminishing rapidly. All persons surplus to present requirements told to prepare for return to Wabag.
- Fri. 23 April : Consts. Sivi, Bank, and Titi, N.M.O. Lopang and surplus carriers departed daybreak.
- Sat. 24 April : Little activity.
- Sun. 25 April : Self and Const. Feirak patrolled further westward than previous attempt. Strenuous day but no useful results.
- Mon. 26 April : Offer by natives of sale of food if we went to their area. They were not prepared to bring it through the territory of unfriendly neighbours.
- Tues. 27 April : Consts. Irambi, Feirak, interpreter, and carriers departed on food purchasing expedition with good results. Letter ordering my return to Wabag, and hidden by double bagging of rice, was found when bags were used to carry sweet potato.
- Wed. 28 April : Party to air dropping ground and other routine tasks.
- Thurs. 29 April : DM84 AMY dropped urgent signals for Mr. Champion, mail, and rice. Two bags lost by bursting on tree tops. Previously missing bag found in good condition.
- Fri. 30 April : Leaving Consts. Feirak and Kumasabi in charge of miners' stores took remainder of party to the

DIARY.

- Fri. 30 April : junction of the Forgera and Kaiyal Rivers. This was an endeavour to gain native news of the other patrol. No definite news. Purchase of native foods possible.
- Sat. 1 May. : Decided to return Wabag by bush track. Proceeded southward along R. Forgera. Received information of the patrol being close. Moved on and made contact at 10 a.m. Received orders and set off to return by out going route. Good weather and made camp at 2.30 at a native hamlet. Natives had just finished a sing-sing and were very helpful. Good food supplies were brought.
- Sun. 2 May : Departed for Ribinini. Good weather and track better than previously. Made camp at 2.30 and received plenty of sweet potato. Natives agreed to carry surplus to top of Mount Maipa next day. Left rice supply here for other parties.
- Mon. 3 May : With good progress was 10 hours on the road. Arrived Weimalam at 5 p.m., but the lightly laden carriers had camp prepared. Natives very helpful, and food supplies good.
- Tues. 4 May : Helped by natives travelled fast and reached Mailep where supplies had been left.
- Wed. 5 May : Arrived Morliama at 10 a.m. Interpreter Liwo departed for Wabag with signals. Arrived P/O C. Symon's camp at 2 p.m.
- Thurs. 6 May : Assisting departure Symon's patrol.
- Fri. 7 May : Departed for Wabag. E.M.A. J. Cattell contacted at Sopes, and thence to Wabag.

NATIVE SITUATION.

The following observations were made. However most inhabited places were passed through hurriedly. Few natives live near the river Kogai and they manage only a bare existence.

The Chirunki natives were very helpful and readily supplied food. They stated that if the Government afforded them some occupation, they would be pleased to stop fighting. Having been a near neighbour of them for two years consider that this would probably be the case. However occasional flare ups would occur as these people are quarrelsome by nature.

The Lagaip Valley natives were friendly. Time will prove whether they will respond readily to administration. The people in the pocket Weimalam impressed favourably. They have few neighbours and relatively fertile ground. Forgera River Area natives were friendly and showed evidence of having previously contacted Europeans experienced in handling new peoples. However among themselves several incidents occurred to indicate ancient quarrels exist. Much will depend on the conduct of introduced natives as to the manner in which the indigenous people will respond.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

A made road exists from Wabag to Sopes. This has halved travelling time between the two places. From Sopes, through the Chirunki area, and along the Lagaip River Valley the terrain is suitable for road making. A road master supplied with sufficient trade could get good results. Otherwise patient police stationed at base camps along the road may be able to encourage the natives to make their own road. The Lai River Valley Road was constructed in this manner, and the previous track to Hagen fell into disuse. Even a road built halfway to Forgera would be of great assistance to travellers.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Some native constructed bridges across gorges were not pleasant to cross. A few bridges were repaired; and detours to avoid particularly swampy places were made during the period between going and returning.

AGRICULTURE.

The system of filling up the sweet potato mounds with dried vegetable matter was not noticed in the Lagai River Valley and further on. Information was that it is practised on a small scale. Otherwise the cultivation is similar to that at Wabag. In the Forgera River Area some gardens were in shale with very little earth evident. Results must be poor as the natives had little food to spare. No other types of food were evident in any quantity. The natives near Weimalam had better gardens. Forest had been cleared in recent years, and the soil is of better quality than west of Mount Maipa. As there is very little steel in the whole area, better gardens may be possible when more forest is cleared. With poor grade stone axes the natives probably keep to clearer places where the soil is poor.

Pigs were brought for sale. This was due more to the natives intense desire for steel, than that pigs were plentiful.

HEALTH.

Little could be seen to differentiate between the state of health of the natives in the area west of meridian 143 degrees 35 minutes of east longitude, and those near Wabag. As it is usual for the sick to remain at home, the only reliable method of gauging health would be by a medical patrol. Some of the Forgera natives would benefit by having more to eat.

Since April 1946 there has been nothing to indicate that the statement of Wabag natives to the effect that "all areas with which they have trading connections were affected, but not badly, by the dysentery epidemic which occurred in Angau times", is not correct.

NATIVE CUSTOMS.

A gift exchange exists among the Forgera natives, and is known to extend to natives three days walk to the west. There were sing sing in many hamlets during the latter part of April. At Flaibugga the conclusion of a sing sing was observed. Natural paints in the form of coloured earths are available in the area or come from Hoiyevia. Also the natives have a flare for flower decorations. Coloured bird feathers are more plentiful than near Wabag. Some men wear wigs of the "Napoleon hat" style, otherwise there is little difference in head gear. There were no lines of stakes to indicate the number of objects of exchange. Nor were many pigs seen to be taken away. However only the preliminary stage of the exchange had taken place.

These natives are dependent on stone axes made in the Mout Hagen Sub-District. The trade is made with the Chirunki natives. The exchange being a native drum or bird feathers for an axe.

The dead are buried. However exception may be made when an important man is killed in battle. He is kept in something akin to a coffin. Then all may look and mourn. The skeleton of one such was seen close to a "house man" on the spur westward and overlooking the miners' camp. On further disintegration of the skeleton it is believed that descendants keep the various bones.

J.M. MacLellan
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Asst. District Officer.

APPENDIX TO PATROL REPORT WABAG No.2 of 1947/48.

Report on Police Personnel accompanying Patrol.

- Reg.No.2153 Const. Irambi : New to Sub-District. Was intelligent
(Chimbu) and helpful throughout. Remained in
charge of stores at Chirunki on return.
- Reg.No.2161 Const. Peirak : From the Chirunki area. Of great
(Wabag) value on patrols this Sub-District.
Has conducted himself creditably on
base camp work.
- Reg.No.272 Const. Kumasabi : New to Sub-District. Quiet and useful.
(Bena Bena)
- Reg.No.2105 Const. Bank : Satisfactory conduct and work.
(Hagen)
- Reg.No.5218b Const. Siwi : Had previously been in Forgera area.
(Chimbu) Useful and conduct good.
- Reg.No.3585 Const. Yiti : New to Sub-District. Only person to
cause trouble during the patrol.
Conduct subject to further action.

R. MacLellan
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a/Asst. District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of CHD WABAG Report No. 3 / 47-48

Patrol Conducted by C. A. SYMONS

Area Patrolled WABAG to LAKE IVIVA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans

Natives 5 CONSTABLES 30 CARRIERS

Duration—From 17 / 4 / 1948 to 15 / 6 / 1948

Number of Days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services

Medical

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol TO ESTABLISH PRICE POSTS AT CHIRUNKI AND KOSAI

RIVER AREA. 2) INVESTIGATE INCREASED CHILD MORTALITY IN PAIYERA AREA.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
FORT 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 £

TERRITORY OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA.

DS.30-16-24

Department of District Services
and Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY

12th August 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR:

District Officer,
Central Highlands District,
G O I O K A

PATROL REPORT - WABAG NO.3 of 1947-48

Receipt is acknowledged of the above report
which appears to have been well conducted.

(J.H. Jones)
ACTING DIRECTOR

TERRITORY OF PAPUA-NEW GUINEA.

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District Office,
District of Central
Highlands,
Central Highlands Division,
G O R O K A.

28th July, 1948.

The Director,
Department of District Services
and Native Affairs,
P O R T M O L E S S B Y.

PATROL REPORT - WABAG NO. 3 OF 1947/48.

Forwarded. The native situation in the area
is satisfactory. The question of supplying the post
at the River Porgera by air drops at a reasonable
cost is receiving attention.

J. L. Taylor
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(J. L. TAYLOR)
a/District Officer

M. McDonald, please. 117/18

TERRITORY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

Sub-District Office,
WABAG.
19th. June 1948. (8)

Department of District Services
and Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY

PATROL REPORT
WABAG No.3 of 1947/48 by C.A.J. SYMONS.

AREA PATROLLED. WABAG to Lake IVIVA (CHIRUNKI), where police post established. Then through grass country with pitpit swamps down to the LAGAIP River. Along LAGAIP River Valley to YOGI. Climbed out of the valley and through rain forest to WEIMALAM. From there crossed rain forest mountain, MAIPA, and down to TIBININI. Crossed TILIA River then POGERA River thence to KOGAI River, where police post established.
From KOGAI River along POGERA River, travelling N.W. to PIAUWA, thence Sth., crossing DIARLI and PARI Rivers to PEKI, centre of population of PAIYERA area, then crossed rain forest covered mountain and down to KAIYI River, then returning to police post near KOGAI River. Returned from KOGAI River to WABAG by outward route.

OBJECT OF PATROL.

- (1) To establish police posts at CHIRUNKI and near dropping ground KOGAI River area.
- (2) Investigate reports made to Mr. I. Champion of excess mortality amongst children in the PAIYERA Area. From April 17th to June 15th, 1948.

DURATION OF PATROL.

PERSONNEL PERMANENTLY

WITH PATROL. Reg. No. 3380 Const. NAEOPA
Reg. No. 3628 " YARLEGETI
Reg. No. 210 " MANGING
Interpreter URUPU of HOIYANO
" POIO of CHIRUNKI
Carriers 30

LAST ADMINISTRATION

PATROL. To Kogai River area
25 April to 30 May, 48 Mr. I. Champion.
To Piauwa (On boundary of Paiyera area)
1938 Hagen Sepik Patrol - Messrs. Taylor and Black.

DIARY.

DIARY.

- April 17th. : Departed Wabag 10a.m. Personnel A.D.D.S.M.A. I.Champion. B.M.A. J.Cattell. P/O C.A.J.Symons. Police 10, Carriers 53 Hagen 46 Wabag. Arrived Sopea 11.30 a.m.
- APRIL 18th. : Sopea to Burorum 6.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. Along R.Lai then steep climb up limestone face to Burorum (8,500 ft.). Natives brought in large quantity sweet potatoes and English potatoes.
- April 19th. : Burorum to Chirunki 7a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Camped on kunai covered ridge (8,200ft.) approximately one mile from Lake Iviva. Good clearing for expected cargo drops by Catalina.
- April 20th. : At Chirunki. Wabag carriers returned Wabag. Bought approx. 3 cwt. sweet potatoes.
- April 21st. : At Chirunki. Small hospital built for dysentery patients. Bought 2 cwt. sweet potatoes.
- April 22nd. : At Chirunki. Assisting Mr. Champion with surveying. Mr. Cattell doing dysentery survey nearby groups.
- April 24th. : At Chirunki. Mr. Champion left for Porgera area at 7a.m. with 36 Hagen carriers and 5 police.
- April 25th. / } : At Chirunki. Building permanent police post on spur
May 4th. } above Lake Iviva. On April 29th. Mr.Cattell returned to Sopea to handle dysentery outbreak. On May 1st. successful cargo drop by Catalina.
- May 5th. : At Chirunki. Mr.R.I.Macilwain returned from Porgera area. Arrived 1.30 p.m. Instructions received from A.D.D.S.M.A. to proceed immediately to Porgera area to establish police post.
- May 6th. : At Chirunki arranging details for patrol.
- May 7th. : Chirunki to Kailep 9.30a.m. to 4p.m. Hard walking at first through swamps draining into Lake Iviva. Natives from Kee helped with cargo. Last hour in steady rain. Issued rice to carriers. Left 120 lbs. rice for other party.
- May 8th. : Kailep to Weimaragos 9.30a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Short day awaiting arrival two interpreters being sent from Wabag. Many natives visited camp, bought large quantity sweet potato and two pigs. Built new rest, police, and carriers houses.
- May 9th. : Weimaragos to Weimalan (Tumandan) 7a.m. to 3p.m. Half hour through pit pit swamp - around north slope of prominent kunai covered hill - through boggy ground to Yogo (8.30 a.m.). Then sharp climb out of Legaip Valley to Ragain hamlets. Good view of Legaip Valley back to Chirunki. Then descent through Biu hamlets and through bad pit pit and pandanus swamp to Tumandan. Bought sufficient sweet potatoes. Left 100lbs. rice for other party.
- May 10 th. : Tumandan to Tibinini 6.30a.m. to 4p.m. Crossed Biyu River, then through large native gardens, then long climb through rain forest to summit. Then long descent to two large creeks, then to Tibinini. Bad track - much water under foot. Many natives of

DIARY.

- May 10th. : Tumandan helped with cargo to summit. Very few natives at Tibinini. Issued rice.
- May 11th. : Tibinini to Wogium 7a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Descend from Tibinini through pit pit swamps to Weragia River, then to Tilia River, passed Orei hamlet to Wogium at foot of divide between Tilia Valley and Forgera Valley. Very swampy track. Few natives visited camp - no women or children. Issued rice.
- May 12th. : Wogium to Kogai River (Miners Camp) 7.30a.m. to 3p.m. Met Mr. Champion near top of spur at 8a.m. Received orders to proceed to miners' camp, build police post in vicinity of dropping ground, await Douglas drop, then investigate reports of deaths amongst children in valley N.W. of Kogai camp. Departed 9.30a.m. taking two extra police. Passed through Foro hamlet descending through native gardens to Forgera River. Crossing 10 to 15 feet width on a fallen log. Long climb to dropping ground then steep descent to Miners' Camp.
- May 13th. : At Kogai River. Returned 35 carriers to Wabag under Constable Kombo. Rested.
- May 14th. } : Camped at mining camp on Kogai River. Carriers
May 29th. } : cleaning area on highest point of ridge, where dropping ground has been cleared. Permanent camp built. Rest house, two police houses, and three labour quarters. Good supply of running water found in small stream approx. 100 yds. down slope to Forgera River from camp.
- On May 18th Douglas made a cargo drop with 24 storpedees. All supplies recovered in good condition
- May 20th. } : Shifted from Kogai River to new camp at dropping ground
May 29th. } : At permanent camp. Carriers cleaning slopes to
June 1st. } : plant gardens. Sent word for two headmen of Baiyera area, who arrived on May 30th., questioned them about reported sickness in their area. They stated no excess mortality had occurred among their people. Anxious to have me visit their area. One headman remained to act as guide, other returned to notify people of my coming.
- June 2nd. : Left camp at 7.30a.m. with Constables Macopa, and Mangino, Interpreter Urupu, and 16 carriers. Travelled north and descended to Kaiyi River. Crossed on insecure cane bridge. Followed native tracks along foothills of left bank of Kaiyi River downstream to pinnacle near junction of Kaiyi and Forgera Rivers. Climbed over forest covered spur and down to cleared area with quite a large number of gardens at Warindara (approx. 4 miles in from Forgera River). Crossed large creek Ayusa and climbed to Longeyeri hamlets. Arrived 2.30p.m. made camp. Longeyeri and Warindara natives visit camp at Kogai River.
- June 3rd. : Longeyeri to bush camp 7a.m. to 3p.m. First three hours isolated groups of natives until Luanda hamlets reached. Gardens not seen, but offered

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- June 3rd. : much sugar by natives on road. Then 10a.m. to 3p.m. through dense forest, road hardly discernable. Travelling approximately 3 miles in from Fongora River all the way. Crossed two rivers Iyu and Iui both fed by innumerable small and large streams. Natives of Angalia (two hours farther) came to camp with a small pig and a cassowary also a few bananas and a little sugar.
- June 4th. : Bush Camp to Piauwa 6.30 a.m. to 12 noon Steep descent through forest to Miwa Creek then short climb to Angalia hamlet. Small group have cleared area and forest far from other groups. Then descent to Boiba River (approx. 25 feet wide, very shallow but fast flowing) then climbed mostly through pit pit to Piauwa (on the boundary between the Ibri and Paiyera peoples). Bought pig, sweet potato, sugar, and bananas. Natives report two Europeans slept here approx. 10 years ago.
- June 5th. : Piauwa to Wionga 6.30 a.m. to 1p.m. Travelling due south. Leave Piauwa travel SW. to Piauwa River travel upstream for one hour then south east walking on good track to Wionga. Here purchased a very large pig, and was oversupplied with sweet potato sugar, and bananas.
- June 6th. : Wionga to Pedi 7.30a.m. to 9.30a.m. Sharp descent to Diabli River - very wide and fast flowing. Then climb approx. 500 feet to Pedi (Centre of population of Paiyera area). Approximately ONE thousand people at camp. Very good ground, more than sufficient food, bought one pig from eight offered.
- June 7th. : Pedi to Bush Camp 7 a.m. to 2p.m. Leave Pedi descend to Hari River, travel upstream half hour, then ascend to large clearing (Natives were fighting here a few days before). Cross small creek, then long very steep climb up broken ground and through rain forest to top of range on north bank of Kaiyi River. Descended for five minutes to small stream where bush camp built during heavy rain storm. All cargo wet.
- June 8th. : Bush Camp to Government Station 8.30a.m. to 3.30p.m. Long descent to small creek, then cross Kaiyi River on dangerous log bridge, across to another creek, then travel down stream to Kogai River. Then to camp. Long hard day, much of it through pit pit swamps, at headwaters of Kaiyi River. Last hour in very heavy rain. On arrival at station found that P.O. Moloney, and W.M.A. Cattell had arrived on June 4th. to relieve me at this post.
- June 9th. : At Government Station. At 9.45 a.m. Douglas arrived and made successful cargo drop of 21 storpedoes.
- June 10th. : Government Station to Wegium 8.30a.m. to 1p.m. Personnel three police, one interpreter, 30 carriers original line and 51 ex P/O Moloney.
- June 11th. : Wegium to Tibinini 7.30 a.m. to 11.30a.m.

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June 11th : Track very sloppy. Few natives at camp. ^{They} brought small quantity of sweet potatoes.

June 12th : Tibinini to Tumandan 6.30a.m. to 3p.m. Track very bad from heavy rain previous night. Bought two pigs and plenty of sweet potatoes.

June 13th : Tumandan to Weimaragos 7a.m. to 1p.m. Collected 180 lbs. rice left by outgoing party. 240 lbs. still remain.

June 14th : Weimaragos to Chirunki 6.30a.m. to 3.30p.m. Left reserve stores for future use.

June 15th : Chirunki to Wabag 7.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Long hard day but easy going on reaching road Sopes to Wabag.

End of Diary.NATIVE SITUATION.

The Chirunki natives were very helpful and kept us well supplied during our stay there. Many times they approached me and asked that a Government Officer be stationed at Chirunki as this would help prevent further fighting in the area. Two groups in particular Gonalin and Marem seem to be hereditary enemies and fighting between the two groups. The people of Chirunki willingly lined for examination by the Medical Assistant and readily came to hospital, often without being visited.

Between Chirunki and the Forgera area the people were usually helpful and friendly especially at Tumandan. A small party (upto 40) would probably be able to buy sufficient food, if they arrive reasonably early at Koralan, Kiabu, Weimaragos, Yogo, Tumandan, and possibly at the Orei hamlets near Tibinini.

The Ibri people in the Kogai River area were friendly but have little food for sale.

The Paiyera people were very friendly. Most had not seen a European before but welcomed me, probably in the hopes of trading for steel. These people asked whether I would buy pigs for them for axe heads if they brought them to the Kogai River for sale. They are friendly with the Ibri people, who rely on food from them in times of famine.

AGRICULTURE.

In the Chirunki area sweet potatoes and English potatoes seem plentiful. Peas seem to do especially well in this area. The ground is not good but at present the people have sufficient to spell a used area for some years before replanting. In the Forgera River area most natives are gardening on a blue shale which is very unproductive, the sweet potatoes having usually very small thin tubers. A little sugar cane was seen but no other vegetables in quantity. There is little steel in the whole area. Better gardens may be possible when more timber is cleared.

In the Paiyera area the ground seen was much better than in other areas. Well developed sweet potatoes being produced together with a large amount of sugar cane and some bananas. The Paiyera people do not make sweet potato mounds, as is necessary in less fertile areas. The ground is broken and levelled, one shallow drain

being dug along the uphill edge of the plot. The leaves are planted straight into the levelled ground.

The Paiyera people offered for sale the largest pigs I have seen in this sub-district. Pigs were readily offered in all areas but it is probable that this was due to an intense desire for steel rather than that pigs were plentiful. The Paiyera people act as 'storekeepers' for most of the Ibri people and for some natives further to the west. In times of famine these people come to Paiyera to live and buy food. From all accounts they are made to pay heavily with giri giri and like imported trade.

TRADING VALUES.

At Chirunki

Pigs.

- i Axe heads.
- ii Gold lip
- iii Bush knife

Vegetables

- i 4" or 6" knives
- ii mirrors
- iii salt
- iv giri giri

At Ibri

Pigs

- i Axe heads
- ii Bush knives
- iii Ropes of giri giri

Vegetables

- i giri giri
- ii mirrors
- iii buttons
- iv matches

At Paiyera

Pigs

- i Axe heads
- ii Any steel

Vegetables

- i mirrors
- ii 4 or 6" knives
- iii giri giri
- iv matches

HEALTH

M.A. Cattell has submitted to the Director of Public Health a detailed report on the health of the Chirunki natives.

No reports of dysentery were received west of Chirunki. The health of the natives in the Porgera natives seems good, although most would benefit by having more to eat, or at least a more varied diet.

Amongst the Paiyera people, especially the children, I noticed many with sores which I consider due to scabies. Quite a large percentage also had leprosy, which took the form of large open sores on the face, soles of feet, fingers and toes.

In the valleys to the N.W. of the station at the Porgera I could find no evidence of abnormal mortality in any age group. Before making the patrol I questioned natives who had reported to the Assistant Director that many children were dying in the area.

For a short time while at the mining camp the personnel were drawing their water supplies from a small marsh stream. I, myself together with most members of the party became sick, necessitating periods from one to three days in bed. This sickness took the form of severe headaches, constipation, excess urination, and an aversion to greasy foods. I blame polluted water, as there were no further complaints when the water supplies were drawn from the river.

One Chirunki carrier developed a bad case of scabies while in the area. He had never been afflicted before.

NATIVE CUSTOMS.

From Piauwa through the Paiyera area probably one mans' house in each haulet was built up on stakes approx. six feet above the ground. A pandanus palm stump is left standing the stakes being driven in around it. The stump acting as the solid foundation for the fireplace inside the house. There seemed to be no reason for this type of house, and the natives could not or would not give one, they were not built on boggy ground so it is possible that they are copied from types seen by these natives further to the west.

Coloured earths are common in the area, and are used as natural paints for body ornamentation, together with birds' feathers and cassowary plumes. The common hair style amongst the men of Paiyera is to work the hair into two long upward curved points extending from above the ears. Usually upon marriage this is carefully cut off close to the scalp, and is only worn as a wig on ceremonial occasions.

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APPENDIX.

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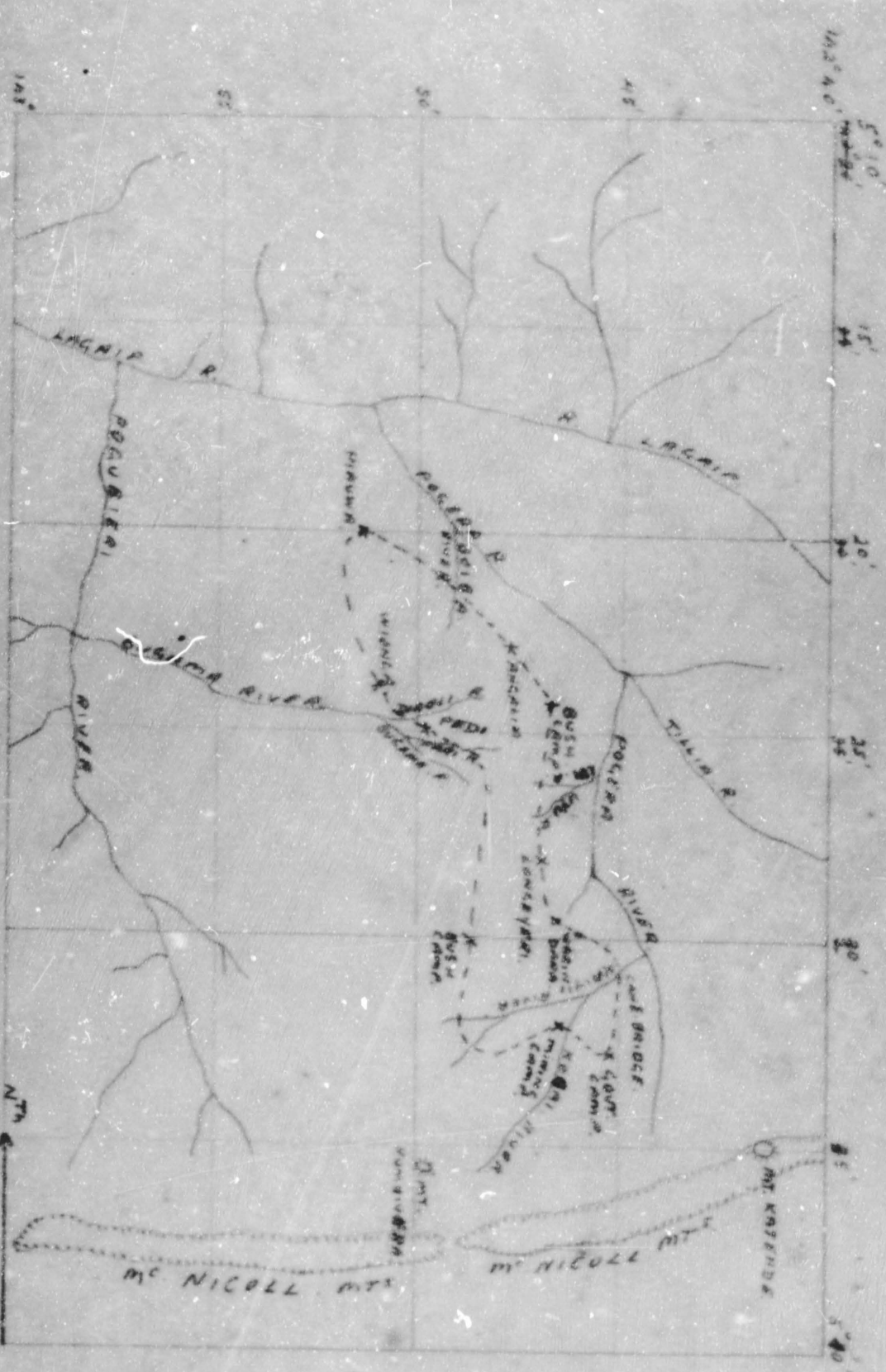
REPORT ON POLICE.

Reg.No. 3380 Const KAROFA : Performed the duties of acting
W.C.O., with success, during this
patrol. Conduct good. A conscientious member of the service.

Reg.No. 3628 Const YARIGETTI : Capable. Conduct good.

Reg.No. 210 Const MANGINO : Carried orders when they were
explicitly explained to him, otherwise liable to make many mistakes.
Conduct good.

ROUGH SKETCH MAP TO ACCOMPANY REPORT ON
PATROL TO PAYARA AREA (WARRA NO. 3 of 1947/48)



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Boyd Sydney



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of CHD WABAG Report No. 7 of 47/48

Patrol Conducted by R. I. MacLWAIN

Area Patrolled WABAG TO M^r HAGEN

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans

Natives 6 CONSTABLES 2 CARRIERS 1 INTERPRETER

Duration—From 8/9/1947 to 2/10/1947

Number of Days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services/1947

Medical/19.....

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol 1. INSPECTION OF POLICE POSTS 2. ATTEND TO MATTERS AT M^r HAGEN 3. TO GAIN SOME KNOWLEDGE OF NATIVES

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund ... £

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REPUBLIC OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA

MH. 30/2.
Dist. of Central Highlands,
Sub-district Office,
HAGEN. 23rd October, 1947.

30 OCT 1947

The District Officer,
GOROKA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 7 of 1947/48 - R.I. MacIlwaine.

The above-named Patrol Report in quadruplicate, is attached hereto.

One of the main purposes of the patrol, was to ascertain the possibility of linking MABAIGA and PACE with a vehicular road. Observation from the air seemed to rule out the possibility, but it was felt that a foot patrol was necessary to endorse this.

Mr. Patrol Officer MacIlwaine's patrol has now supplied the answer.

An interesting and informative report. The friendliness of the natives encountered was pleasing - in all, a good patrol.

24 OCT 1947

[Signature]
N.B. BLED.
AST. DISTRICT OFFICER.

ENCL:

The Director,
Department of District Services
and Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded.

[Signature]
(J.L. Taylor)
DISTRICT OFFICER.
27/10/47.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA/NEW GUINEA.

Sub-District Office,
Wabag.
15 Oct., 47.

TO DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT
SERVICES AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT
WABAG No. 7 of 1947/48 by R.I. MACILWAIN.

AREA PATROLLED : Wabag to Mt. Hagen by the main route. Returned along the motor road to Mabulga. After leaving the road moved by various native tracks around the Hagen Range until Paus was reached. Departed for Pomobobus then crossed the Lai/Tali Divide to reach Ugos-Aramunda. Crossed out of the Tali Valley to nau-unda, then on to Birip. Then returned to Wabag.

OBJECTS OF PATROL: (i) Inspection of police base camps, and check on the respective native situations.
(ii) Attend to matters at Mt. Hagen
(iii) To gain some knowledge of the natives and country north and north-east of Paus.

DURATION OF PATROL: From 8 Sept. to 12 Sept.
13 " 22 " at Hagen S/D H.Q.
23 " 2 Oct.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL : Reg. No. 2559 Constable Konia.
" 5207b " Parmentia
Interpreter Lewo.
Reg. No. 3268 L/Cpl. Berom and Constables
Kombul, Kauga, and Subu.
21 ~~baniers~~

LAST ADMINISTRATION PATROL: Part of the northern route was visited by the late Murray Edwards some ten years ago. He crossed the R. Lai at Yalis and passed through Ambumunda and Kwaiangimunda returning to Hagen.
Other areas were patrolled in April 1947.

APPENDICES : (i) Report on Police.
(ii) Sketch Map.

DIARY.

Mon. 8 Sept. : Times could not be recorded on the outward journey for the want of a timepiece.
: Departed Wabag 9.45, remained at Birip for a short period, and moved on to Pomobobus.
Tues. 9 Sept. : Inspected Wapanamunda and examined the area near the station. Moved on to Paus.
Wed. 10 Sept. : Shifted to Welya. Although the usual rain was falling there was a good attendance of natives.
Thurs. 11 Sept. : Crossed the Hagen Range and reached Melbawagis inspected the new station, and was kept busy until dark with visitors and people bringing food.
Fri. 12 Sept. : Reached Gormis early in the afternoon.
Sat. 13 Sept. : Engaged on court work, preparing loads for
Mon. 22 Sept. : ferrying to Wabag, and sundry other matters.

DIARY.

- Tues. 23 Sept. : L/Cpl. Berom took the patrol cargo to Kugi.
- Wed. 24 Sept. : Reached Mabalga at mid-day. The afternoon was spent on a short patrol ascertaining the route to be taken.
- Thurs. 25 Sept. : Departed Mabalga at 7.15. After going along the Boiye Valley Road for 2½ miles headed off in a more westerly direction for a gap near a mountain called TUNGA. Reasonable progress was made east of the gap. On descending the other side a country cut by the gorges of rivers running south to north was met. This was expected having seen the terrain from the air. Once in the vicinity of Tunga mountain, natives gathered and carried the cargo leaving the actual carriers free. This procedure occurred until Paus and the main road was reached. Arrived at a hamlet on a spur called Kwaiangimunda at 1.45. Camp was made and local natives readily brought materials for the carriers to construct.
- Fri. 26 Sept. : Departed Kwaiangimunda at 7.5, and crossed the steep gorge of a small watercourse some 1,000 feet beneath the spur. Proceeded up the next spur for some distance to reach the crossing of the R.Kandimo which took place at 9.35. The ascent was made to a spur called Laumaris. This proved to be wider and a number of hamlets were passed through veering around to reach the crossing of the next river. A small stream with banks of a few hundred feet was crossed before reaching the R.Simbu. This flowed out of a large opening and the resultant warmth permitted different vegetation. No doubt a naturalist would have found plenty of interest. The crossing of the R.Simbu was made at 1.55 at an altitude of 6100'. The ascent was made to the next spur Singimunda arriving at 2.30. Here camp was made with ready assistance.
- Sat. 27 Sept. : Dept. 7.10 and crossed the R.Gu at 7.55. Reached Ambumunda at 8.40. High ground was continued along to reach Kaiamunda at 10 am. A magnificent view is obtained from here and Paus and the spur behind Wapanamunda seen. Descended then to the R.Habi which was crossed at 4700' at 11.15. The somewhat precarious ascent of a razor back the top of which was no wider than the foot track. No shade was encountered for some time until a creek was crossed. Tokibra was reached at 1.35 and the building of the camp already in progress.
- Sun. 28 Sept. : Dept. 7.15 crossed the R.Mumant. Climbed over a double spur crossed a creek and arrived Abiam at 9.30. Level travelling was maintained for some distance by following the spur. Bearings were taken at a place called Map. Descended to cross the R.Kunap climbed then repeated the process with the R.Nok to reach Paus at 1.35. Plenty of natives were gathered but had no complaints. No sickness was reported. The constable and medical orderly were at Wabag sick.
- Mon. 29 Sept. : The first wet morning and departure was delayed to 9am. Stopped at Wapanamunda

DIARY.

Mon. 29 Sept. : to pace out what could be a 1200 yard airstrip. Accompanied by a number of natives moved to Fombobus arriving at 1.05. Spent the afternoon on court matters.

Tues. 30 Sept. : Went to Ogos-Aramunda 3 hours away in the Tali Valley. Time spent on inspections and interviews.

Wed. 1 Oct. : Continued along the valley and heard a dispute at Paliu at the western end. Crossed the divide and reached Rau-unda at 1pm. Remained an hour and moved on to Birip.

Thurs. 2 Oct. : Returned to Wabag arriving at 11 am.

NATIVE SITUATION.

There have been no disturbances between Birip and Wabag for some time, where as previously squabbles were frequent. The Birip-Rauunda area has similarly shown improvement. The northern slopes of the Lai-Tali divide had disturbances a few months ago. However damage has been repaired and the area has settled down. The presence of the patrol in the Tali Valley halted what had the makings of a fight. After visiting the ceremonial ground of the area concerned and hearing both sides of the question the trouble seems to have died down. Elsewhere peaceful conditions also reigned, and the people were engaged in planting. Another government station at the eastern end of the valley would bring large numbers under closer control.

The natives sandwiched between Government influence in the Lai Valley operated from Wabag, and that in the Boiye Valley operated from Hagen have acted on their own initiative in following the pattern set in those places. Headmen have tentatively divided the area with the Gu River as the mark. Those looking to Paus as their station are situated west of the river. Those to the east, Rumis previously operated from Hagen. Many old houses were seen indicating that some years had elapsed since there was fighting. The fact that the whole area is cut into sections by deep gorges makes definite boundaries for land. Pigs from one spur cannot cross to another and cause damage or be stolen.

The headman from Torkibra had previously been met at Paus, and had then paid a visit to Wabag. A message consisting of talk and a knotted tanked leaf sent from Singimunda at 3pm to say that the patrol was expecting to camp in his area the next day, reached him some time during the night. He then left to meet the patrol, the track being dangerous for travel in the daytime to the unaccustomed, and was encountered at Kaiamunda. A camp was already being constructed before Torkibra was reached. More than enough food was brought to camping places, and the natives couldn't have done more to be helpful.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The Lai Valley Road has been kept in good condition. The completion of the Birip-Wabag stretch has reduced what was originally 4 hours walking to 3. A footpath out more or less direct from Wapanamunda to Paus has reduced that time from 1½ to 1¼ hours. When a suitable route is found to connect up the roads from Welya leading towards Paus, and from Paus to Welya; the road will be through from Wabag to the climb over the Hagen Range which is uninhabited.

Making a road in lieu of the track taken around the northern side of the range is out of the question. This is a pity as the whole route passes through country supporting a considerable population. The linking up of Paus and Rumis by a

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

road along the western side of the river would encounter many difficulties on account of the terrain. Leaving Mumis and passing through the Sau River country coming out near Wabag has been suggested by natives.

AGRICULTURE.

As most planting is carried out during the period mid August to mid October a good deal of gardening activity was observed. No signs of food shortage were apparent. Little was heard about pigs. Probably having died off like the Government ones they no longer cause any bother.

Sugar cane and bananas were plentiful in the lower altitude and warmer climate of the S.E. area. Maize has apparently only recently reached there and should do well. Sweet potato needs much less preparation and attention, being planted in many instances in ground that has not been made into mounds. There was likewise no lack of greens and the cucumbers were equal to European varieties. Pigs were also available for purchase. An occasional fowl was seen, and the area would probably suit them.

HEALTH.

Despite the optimistic report of the medical assistant who journeyed out from Hagen to investigate dysentery in the Tali Valley this disease continues there. Cases were also reported at Welya. Dysentery was said to be present in the uncontrolled Gaul (Kangel) territory. The Welya natives are on friendly terms with these people and some of the sick had been to Welya for attention. ANGAU medical services had been responsible for having latrines installed between Mumis and Paus during the dysentery epidemic. All the hamlets passed through had latrines. These people probably saw more of the disease than those in the vicinity of Wabag. Latrines are not constructed near Wabag with any enthusiasm but the disease has not broken out within the last two years.

Natives were advised at all centres of the presence of the P.H.D. at Wabag. The eastern natives have never shown any enthusiasm for journeying to Wabag. Should they avail themselves of hospital facilities the fact will come as a surprise. Little sickness was heard of and only healthy natives encountered.

NATIVE CUSTOMS.

The Menain tribe near Welya were preparing to conduct a gift exchange. They have dealings with the Tomba natives in the Hagen Sub-District, and with the Gaul people as well as in the Wabag Sub-District. A good deal of their time is devoted to these activities. The practice of gift exchange finishes just west of Wabag. Which seems to have come into the sphere of activity only in recent years. The western natives who have a practice of squaring up the results of fights are at a loss under a no fighting regime.

The change in language and dialects is noticeable journeying from Mabulga to Paus. On the first day after leaving Mabulga when a considerable distance was travelled under relatively easy conditions the talk changed. First only people speaking Hagen were encountered, then came an area in which Hagen and Enga were spoken, and finally Enga only. A headman speaking both languages attached himself to the party, and interpreting was done by Hagen police through him. The official interpreter who is from Moiyevia could not understand the Enga until west of Paus.

...D.M. Gribb... 2/12/42

Appendix to Patrol Report Wabag No.1 of 1947/48.

Report on Police Personnel accompanying Patrol.

Reg.No.2559 Const. Konia * A useful constable for base camp,
(S.Britain.) station, and patrol work.

* 5207b * Parmenta : Recently removed from a base camp,
(Hagen) but is satisfactory when under
supervisor.

With patrol from Hagen to Gos-Arazunda then returned Hagen.

Reg.No.3268 L/Cpl.Berom : Had experience in Wabag Sub-District.
(Siassi) Kept good order and discipline and
is suited to patrolling.

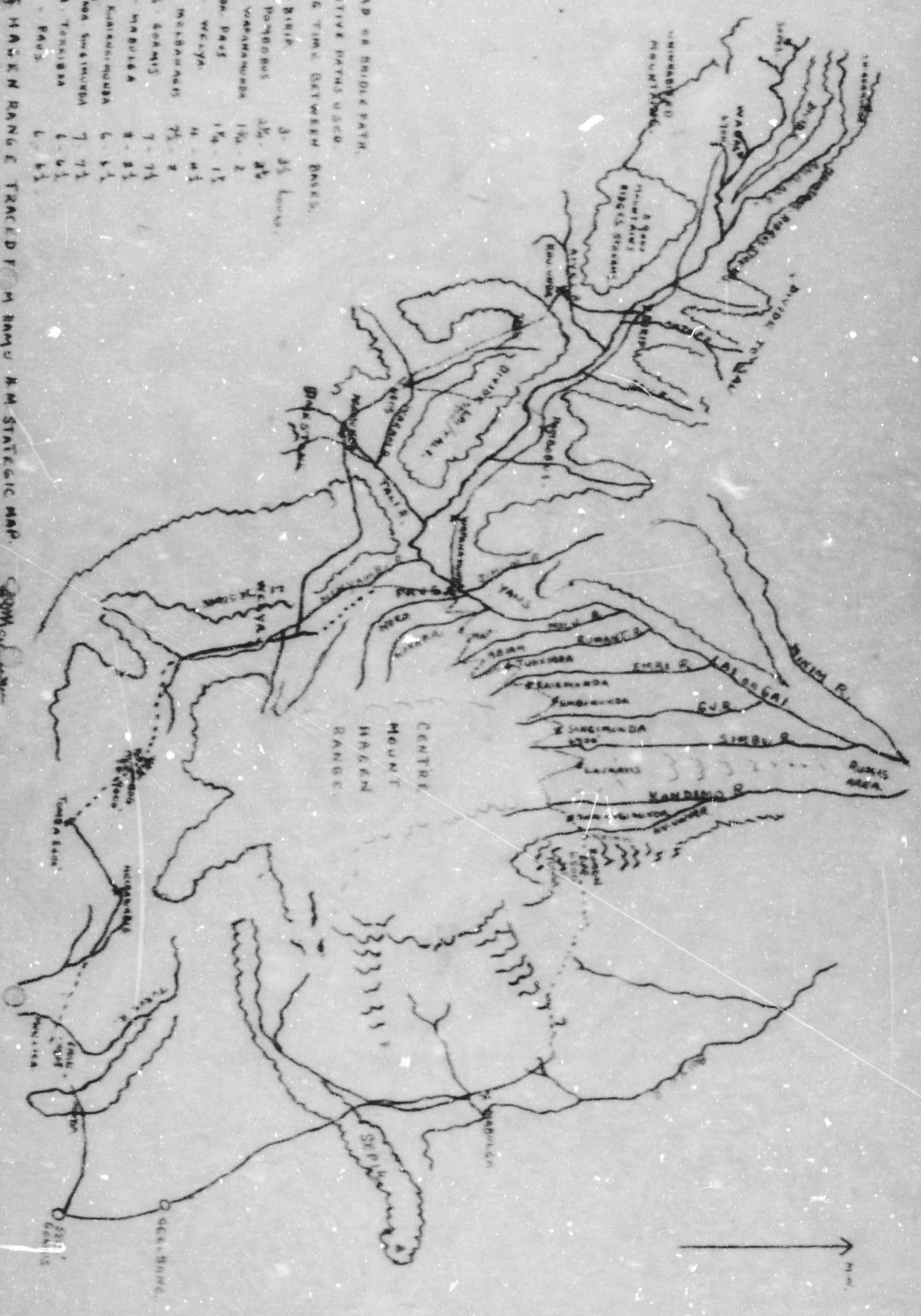
Consts. Kombul, Kauga, and Subu of Hagen acted as guards and
carried out their duties well. They seemed more useful and
reliable than some police of longer service.

D.M. MacIsaac P/O
WABAG.

EAST OF HAGEN RANGE TRACED FROM BAWU N.M. STATISTIC MAP
 REMAINDER RESULT OF COMPASS TRIANGULATION AND APPROXIMATION

ROAD OR BRIDGE PATH
 ... NATIVE PATHS USED
 WALKING TIME BETWEEN BUSES

WAWU - BUIP	3-35 hours
BUIP - TOYOGUS	2 1/2 - 3 1/2
TOYOGUS - WAWUNAWUDA	1 1/2 - 2
WAWUNAWUDA - PAUS	1 1/4 - 1 1/2
PAUS - WELYA	4 - 4 1/2
WELYA - MURAWAUS	7 1/2 - 8
MURAWAUS - GORWIS	7 - 7 1/2
GORWIS - MABUSA	8 - 8 1/2
MABUSA - KAWAKAWUDA	6 - 6 1/2
KAWAKAWUDA - SIMAWUDA	7 - 7 1/2
SIMAWUDA - TORUBA	4 - 4 1/2
TORUBA - PAUS	6 - 6 1/2



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Area Patrolled _____

REASONS		ABSENT FROM VILLAGE						LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absence)				GRAND TOTAL
AT WORK		STUDENTS																	
Out	Inside District	Outside District	Govt.	Mission	Males	Females	10-15	16-45	10-15	16-45	Pregnant	Widows	Orphaned		Infantile	Child	Adults		
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA

D.S. 30/16/20.

Department of District Services
and Native Affairs,
PORT Moresby.

7th November, 1947.

MEMORANDUM FOR :

District Officer,
Central Highlands District,
GOVERNMENT.

Receipt is acknowledged of Patrol Report
No.7 of 1947/48, conducted by Mr. R. I. MacLennan.

(Signature)
(J. H. Jones)
AGRICULTURE

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of C.H.D Report No. 1 of 48/49

Patrol Conducted by R.I. MACILWAIN

Area Patrolled WABAG - SOPES

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans -NIL

Natives 8 CONSTABLES, 1 INTERPRETER, 20 CARRIERS

Duration—From 7/7/1948 to 15/7/1948
13/7/48 22/7/48
Number of Days 8 17

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

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

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

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol 1) SUPPRESSION OF TROUBLEMAKERS IN SOPES AREA. 2)

TO FIND TRACKS INTO SAU.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA.

DS. 30-16-26
Department of District Services
and Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

19th August, 1948.

MEMORANDUM FOR :

Superintendent,
Dept. Civil Aviation,
PORT MORESBY.

CONSTRUCTION OF AIRSTRIP - FOREWUNDA CENTRAL
HIGHLANDS.

In a report submitted by the Assistant District
Officer, Wabag he states:

"The entry of miners to the Sea will not be
surprising as it is classed as controlled.
Gold is found in the Yua and most other
fields have been eliminated as the source of
supply. To what extent any finds will lie
in this Sub-district is not known. A strip
suitable for D.M. 64s and similar craft could
be constructed near Forewunda on a feature of
ground similar to Wabag, but more level."

The District Officer, Central Highlands District,
desires that authority be obtained for this airstrip.
Your advice would be appreciated please.

A rough sketch of the area is enclosed herewith.

(J.H. Jones)
ACTING DIRECTOR

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA.

DS. 30-16-26
Department of District Services
and Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

19th August, 1948.

MEMORANDUM FOR :

District Officer,
Central Highlands District,
GOROKA.

PATROL REPORT - WABAG NO. 1-48/49.

Receipt is acknowledged of this most interesting report.

The matter of an airstrip will be taken up with Civil Aviation and you will be advised later.

(J.E. Jones)
ACTING DIRECTOR.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA-NEW GUINEA.

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District of Central Highlands.
District Office.

GOROKA.

4th Aug. 1948.



Director,
Dept. of District Services
& Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT--WABAG NO. 1 OF 1948/49.

Forwarded--An interesting series of impressions gained on a wellconducted bush patrol. The Wabag district is coming along steadily under the guidance of Mr. Mellwin.

Perhaps authority could be obtained for the construction of an air strip at Foremunda (see ultimate paragraph of report).

*Mr. McDonald, please
This is an interesting report.
H B*

G. [Signature]
DISTRICT OFFICER.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA/NEW GUINEA.

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Sub-District Office,
Wabag.

22 July, 48.

District Officer,
Central Highlands District,
GOROKA.

Patrol Report

Attached is Patrol Report Wabag No.1 of 1948/49.
by R.I. MacLennan, in quadruplicate.

R.I. MacLennan, S.A.D.O.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA, NEW GUINEA.

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Sub-District Office,
Wabag.

20 July, 48.

Department of District
Services and Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT
WABAG No. 1 of 1948/49 by R. I. NACHILWAIN.

AREA PATROLLED : (i) Wabag to Sopos. Across divide to headwaters
R. Lai, to Ugonda (area of salt springs) south of
Sopos. Moved on S.W. to Chamber-Nisbu and down
to R. Lagaip. Then N.W. to Lake Iviva, Chitunki
Police Post. Crossed forest covered range moving
N.E. to R. Ambun. Back along the Ambun Valley,
crossed to Sopos, and thence to Wabag.
(ii) Wabag moving north and east to cross divide to
the headwaters of the R. Sau. Followed the Sau
until it headed away to the north. Continued on
moving east and south until the N.E. valley of the
R. Lai was reached. Then followed high tracks to
Wapenamunda. Back to Wabag.

OBJECTS OF PATROLS: To attempt to apprehend people who had caused a
good deal of trouble in the Sopos area.
To become more familiar with the people and country
previously operated in during Angau times, and now
re-opened through movement to the Porgera River.
To be able to discuss areas likely to be visited by
miners, lying within the Sub-District, but not
visited since Angau times. Acting as escort to
the first party to re-enter the Sau Valley.
To find tracks into the Sau from centres in the east
and north-east of the Sub-District.
In general to determine what might be classed as at
the present time, the outer limits of the Sub-Dist.,
excluding the Porgera River area and territory to be
crossed to reach it.

DURATION OF PATROL: 3 July to 11 July, 1948
13 " 22 " "

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL : Sgt. Bega R.P.C.
Const. Gai "
Reg. No. 2106 Const. Bank
2127 " Buxdi
3628 " Yarlegeti
6026 " Kiama
6396 " Kwami
6464 " Poris
Interpreter Poio
Carriers 20

LAST ADMINISTRATIVE PATROL : Western Areas by Porgera River Patrols or during
Angau times.
Sau River Valley West during Angau.
" " East first visit.

SKETCH MAP

REPORT ON POLICE.

DIARY.

Sat.
3/7/48

Departed Wabag and travelled along road to Sopes. Thence across to a spur distant approximately one mile west where Sgt. Bega and police were camped. After stopping tribal fighting during the concluding days of June, police had been left to prevent recurrences and apprehend those responsible. Arrived at 12 noon. Afternoon spent in questioning people, and straightening out various matters.

Sun.
4/7/48

Crossed range south of Sopes which presents no great difficulty. Passed through gardens, and camped near those of the Sakarawan group. Travelling time 3 hours. Afternoon spent searching the surrounding country.

Mon.
5/7/48

Moved on westwards and crossed the upper R. Lai. Thence climbed to Igonda and made camp. Travelling time 3 hours along long grass spurs, and distance covered 8 miles approx. Self visited salt springs one hour distant, and searching continued. Natives gathered during the afternoon, and a certain amount of food was brought along.

Tues.
6/7/48

Departed for Chamber-Miabu. Travelled over long grass spurs except for crossing a low forested divide. Covered approx. 5 miles in 2 hours. Plenty of help rendered with the cargo. Good gathering of natives at the Miabu ceremonial ground where camp was made. Large quantity of sweet potato brought for sale - enough for two days.

Wed.
7/7/48

Self and two constables proceeded south and west down spur to R. Iagaip. Moved downstream for an hour. Ascended a spur and kept climbing and veering northwards. Good view obtained of all mountains within eye sight owing to the perfect weather. Kept moving and entered outer valley of Lake Iviva. Turned and crossed divide and returned to camp. Travelling time 5½ hours.

Thurs.
8/7/48

Miabu to Chirunki 2½ hours 6 miles. Departed Miabu 8.25 and crossed low divide onto the foothills surrounding the basin of Lake Iviva. Continued around basin mostly on firm ground and entered Chirunki from S.S.E. Natives gathered and brought food in plenty. Also helpful with cargo. Station in good order.

Fri.
9/7/48

Chirunki to Lep (Ambun R. Valley) 4½ hours. Early morning bitterly cold. Departed 8.25 and passed through Koralio 3 miles to E.E. at 9.30. Passed Robarizanda at 10.55 and then climbed over a rain forest covered divide. Continued around high forested spurs, and then descended sharply onto Lep spur. Made camp at 1.15 with the assistance of plenty of natives. Ample food purchased.

Sat.
10/7/48

Lep to Palu 7.55 to 1.00 p.m. Continued back along the Ambun Valley. Up and down going in a S.E. direction. Natives helpful along the track. Palu people assisted in camp construction and brought sufficient food. Natives from the northern side of the Ambun arrived during the afternoon and evening to pay their respects, and find out what was going on.

Sun.
11/7/48

Returned to Wabag 5½ hours. Continued S.E. then climbed over divide with much less difficulty than to the west. Forested only on southern side. Moved down Ranamunda spur onto main road. Moved back ½ mile to Sopes. Found the people settling down after the previous unrest. Returned along road to Wabag.

Mon.
12/7/48

Engaged station duties. W. McGregor moved off in afternoon via Tori en route Sau Valley.

DIARY.
1938.
13/7/48

Self and three police departed 9.00 and passed through Lenki to Tumbaraba. Sgt. Baga departed with balance of party and cargo later. Tumbaraba reached at 11.00 with residents sitting around a man expected to die from a previous spear wound. Police, native headman, and natives moved up spur. They were greeted with a shower of weapons on reaching Pailli. Fortunately only one native was hit and then not badly. Four of the attackers were captured. Ascertained that Sgt. Baga had got onto another track. Moved along same spur to Paku where the camp had been prepared. Self arrived 5p.m. Sufficient food was brought by natives.

Wed. 14/7/48 Paku to Lisumunda 7.30 to 1p.m.

Heading north and veering N.E. reached top of divide. Joined W. McGregor at 10 a.m. He had camped at Lisumunda on another track and moved on slowly. Although forest covered the tracks were good on the descent to the S.W. Natives were helpful throughout. Sufficient food was brought for both parties. Camps were made some 300 yds. apart at Lisumunda.

Thurs.
15/7/48

Valley closed in with clouds and fog. Mr. McGregor wished only to examine the river immediately below. Self departed 8.15 descending sharply to reach R. Andam at 8.45. Gave accompanying natives a demonstration of washing a dish for gold, but nothing of interest in the dish. Crossed the R. Imbirari 9.55. Huge boulders in the river bed, but a satisfactory bridge for high water conditions. Reached a grove at Sauwanda at 11.30 and as rain was commencing, made camp. Self and escort descended to R. Sau 1/2 hour distant in afternoon. Washed a few dishes without seeing anything of interest. Ample food was brought and a pig bought. Natives told of the possibility of miners visiting area. Enquiries as regards health revealed nothing alarming. Rain fell between 11.30 and 1.30 - the first to interfere with patrolling for the month.

Fri.
16/7/48

Sauwanda to Formunda 7.30 to 11.00
The ceremonial ground at Kibukunda was reached at 9.20. This was the first stockaded place seen. A deep trench also served as a defence aid. A good gathering was present and were told the reason for the visit. Continued on to Formunda where an attack had been made on an Angau party. The natives had been given ample warning of the visit and its purpose.. Although somewhat reserved at first, they helped with camp construction, and brought sufficient food. Outlying natives arrived during the afternoon.

Sat.
17/7/48

Formunda to Indimunda 7.30 to 12.45
Crossed R. Arubari at 7.50 and started to climb. Arrived Arubos at 8.20 then on to Kumbos 9.5. Crossed spur and descended to R. Kump which feeds into the Sau. Continued on at 10a.m., and had a long climb through uninhabited country. A few gardens near the top which was closed in by cloud. Natives were waiting for the party. Continued on at 11.45 and when clear of the saw the valley of the R. Lai below. Made camp at 12.45. As the patrol was the first in the area, the natives confined themselves to onlooking at first, but were soon engaged in bringing building materials. Plenty of food was brought and a pig purchased.

Sun.
18/7/48

Indimunda to Yambaligan 7.20 to 12.30
Self suffering from slight food poisoning. Crossed R. Nina 8.45 after descending all of the way. Actual river valley covered with forest and vegetation of a tropical nature. Tracks of wild pig were plentiful, as were cockatoos and other birds not seen in colder parts.

DIARY.

Sun.

18/7/48

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The river has two branches and the northern arm was dry bedded. However there is an enormous chasm and water falls down the face of it, into a hole, and then goes underground. The waterfall cannot be seen in the chasm without some difficulty, but is in view after climbing out of the river valley. Continued climbing to Yambaligan. A good many natives were encountered, and plenty of food bought; including a large pig. These natives visit Wapenamunda and have helped with the airstrip. Rain storm at night.

Mon.

19/7/48

Yambaligan to Wapenamunda 7.10 - 4 p.m. Crossed headwaters R. Turup passing through rain forest. Reached Aiyugos at 9.20 and Kunjimunda at 10.40. This area in general is known as Yalis. Crossed a small stream and commenced a long climb to reach a high spur named Mabogin at 1.10 p.m. Departed at 1.40 and descended to the R. Timin at 2.45. Thence to Wapenamunda arriving at 4 o'clock. Heavy rain at night.

Tues.

20/7/48

Remained Wapenamunda supervising construction of the airstrip. Sgt. Bega and party departed for Birip at noon with a view to an early morning start to the place where trouble had been encountered on the way out. Rain at night.

Wed.

21/7/48

Assembling candidates for future medical instruction at Hagen. Departed 12.30 for Birip, arriving at 4 P.M. Rain at night.

Thurs.

22/7/48

Departed 7.20 for Wabag. Stopped at B.D.A. Mission. Reached Wabag 11.30.

End of Diary.NATIVE SITUATION.

Patrolling through most of the sub-district a wide variety of people are encountered. They speak the same language with dialectal differences. All are friendly or at least outwardly friendly to patrols. Much seems to depend on the class of country and climate, as to the temperament of the people. Control has caused people to live more or less in harmony whether they want to or not. Sopes natives are semi-nomadic in as much as they maintain gardens on both sides of the divide around which the H.Lai winds. The gardens on the southern fall of the divide are also for food while working salt from springs in the area. Hence if they cause any trouble near Sopes they can depart to their alternative residences. However this time they caused flagrant breaches of the peace when plenty of police, and an experienced M.C.O. were available.

The Legaip River natives living near the salt are known as camp of the Antap peoples. Further down the Legaip the Turo people are met. They appear to work on sidilar lines to the Wapapini of Sopes. Their gardens are on the Legaip and in the salt country, and they alternate residence. Most of the people of Uganda were away at the Legaip on account of food shortage.

Groups situated away from the main road and on the Lai-Sau Divide have small clearings in the mountains. They spend a certain amount of time in the bush, and are not easy people to contact. Their presence becomes realized when they have brushes with people living near the H.Lai. As the divide is twenty miles long and of some depth it is believed that numbers of these semi-nomadic people exist.

The actual Sau people were a pleasant surprise, being of a type similar to the Eastern Enga. They seemed to know little of other places except those on the trade route, or in the immediate neighbourhood. As many very old houses were seen, and most places were devoid of stockades and such devices, it is thought that fighting is not general. Their policy seemed to be to stay in their own territory, and their neighbours to do the same unless on invitation.

NATIVE SITUATION.

Indimunda a name which embraced the whole mountain rather than having another name for each little plot of ground, was the boundary as regards types. The Yambaligan and other peoples on the way to Wapenamunda on both sides of the R.Lai are the best type of natives to be found in the Sub-District in my opinion. They are co-operative and have caused no bother to the Government, and seem to manage their affairs without disturbances.

The Chirunki and Ambun River natives are addicted to fighting amongst themselves. However they are very friendly to patrols, and make a habit of visiting Wabag. No signs of house burning or recent destruction were seen. The incidence of spear and arrow wounds is much greater than in the Bau Valley.

People near Wapenamunda and Pombobos have a new station and mission respectively to give them something to think about. The constable in charge of the police post in the Tali Valley reported into Wapenamunda, and stated that all was in order in his area. Sirip and its environs was deserted on account of a feast of possums being held near Lenki.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

A good look out was kept for the possibility of an alternative road to Porgera, branching from Lopes through to the Legaip. The present road has a steep limestone face to climb, and considerable swamp to cover near Lake Iviva. Despite these disadvantages it is considered that a good deal of walking is saved. The salt country should not be neglected by patrols, and possibly in the future a road will pass through it.

Also of interest is the fact that the Bau Valley does not lend itself towards road construction. Natives have said in the past that a road along it, and joining up with the Boiyer Valley would answer the Wabag to Hagen road problem.

A patrol road from Wapenamunda down the Lai to join the Boiyer Valley road must come about in the future to link up the Sub-Districts. North of the Minim River the valley looks reasonably flat. The construction of a road for motor traffic would entail a good deal of working in stoney country between the Minim and Wapenamunda. The native pads are satisfactory for walking.

Constable Kosbo is at present supervising the repairing of all bridges on the main road. The N.D.A. Mission has offered the loan of shovels for the repair of roads in that vicinity, and supervision is being made available.

AGRICULTURE.

Sweet potato cultivation varies from great mounds filled with rotting vegetation in the high cold areas, to no mounding at all in the low warm fertile parts. Around Talis similar methods to the Hagen people were noticed. This crop is by no means as important to the people in the east, for to those in the west it makes possible their existence. Taro and yam were ready for consumption and brought for sale at Indimunda and Yambaligan. They will not be ready for some months in the west, and then very little is brought for sale.

Actually more credit is due to the people who put up with frost, and other hardships of high altitudes. Although one is inclined to praise the places where food grows readily. The inhabited places in the east are capable of growing everything suitable for mountain country. However there is a good deal of waste land covered only with grass in between hamlets.

Pineapples brought from Hagen two years ago, and previously tried in the Tali Valley are now bearing fruit at Wapenamunda. Unfortunately peanuts sent some months ago to the Sub-District proved a failure. Some brought overland in the past from Hagen are acclimatised or whatever is necessary. The results are replanted and none consumed unless secretly, but the spread is slow. Success was met with vegetable seeds especially tomatoes and turnips. Fresh seeds are necessary as few crops survive the first planting. Supplies of peas and potatoes are still being received from western areas to which they seem particularly adapted.

AGRICULTURE.

The Sau Valley compares favourably with that of the Lai, and no food shortages were encountered. The variety species of pandanus was seen there. Figs have suffered from sickness and were not plentiful. However they seem to be on the increase in the Lai Valley and reports of sickness have ceased to come in. A good deal of minor damage has been done to the road by pigs rooting. They are still difficult to buy as they are so important to native custom and many are ear-marked for gift exchange. Ear-marking by slitting is an actual practice, but only some people adopt the practice.

HEALTH.

Dysentery reported a few months ago at Ugonia must have finished. No dysentery was found in the western areas. Enquiries at the Sau revealed that they suffered from the disease in a small way during the 1944 epidemic. The Sauwanda people said that even now it exists to the extent of about one person in a place suffering from it during recurrences. No great mortality seems to have resulted at any time. They were told to send word to Wabag if it ever became serious. In common with other Enga people they did not seem particularly enthusiastic about any medical measures.

Scabies were obvious in the warmer areas, but one has come to expect this. As the people prefer to deal with their common ailments themselves there would be little to report on health if it wasn't for dysentery, and it seems to come and go as it pleases without causing numerous deaths. Police incur a good number of cuts and scratches which turn into sores when moving about.

NATIVE CUSTOMS.

The people owning the salt springs have a fortunate monopoly except for the imported commodity. On enquiring into the history of a peculiar shaped knife was told that it had come from Kundip, the Enga name for a large area to the south noted for tree oils. Apparently these people are so badly in need of salt that they pay in oil and trade, for the privilege of working the salt springs. This particular knife must have found its way up from the Papuan coast. There are said to be four sets of springs owned by different peoples. The process of obtaining the salt is simple in that wood is saturated in the brine and later burned to a fine ash.

Steel was not uncommon in the Sau and the residents were not as enthusiastic at increasing their supply as might be expected. Few tracks back to the Lai were found out. The track back actually goes around the mountain range. Hair styles are interesting and those seen first were similar to Wabag. Then a camp oven shape appeared and later tilted edges the shape of hats worn by Elizabethan sea captains.

GENERAL.

The entry of miners to the Sau will not be surprising as it is classed as controlled. Gold is found in the Yuet and most other feeds have been eliminated as the source of supply. To what extent any finds will lie in this Sub-District is not known. A strip suitable for D.H.84s and similar craft could be constructed near Forwanda on a feature of ground similar to Wabag, but more level.

... J. W. Gilman ...
s/A.D.O.

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APPENDIX.

REPORT ON POLICE.

Sgt. Bega :On patrol sets an example that young police would do well to follow. Most energetic person in the party. Police show considerable improvement under his direction, and the conduct of all was good.

Const. Gai :A disciple of the sergeant.

Reg. No. 2105 Const. Bank :Of good physique and useful on patrol. Bearing and conduct good.

Reg. No. 2127 Const. Kusli :Plenty of service in the Wabeg sub-list. Has proved satisfactory in various roles.

Reg. No. 3628 Const. Yarlegeti :Steady and a good worker.

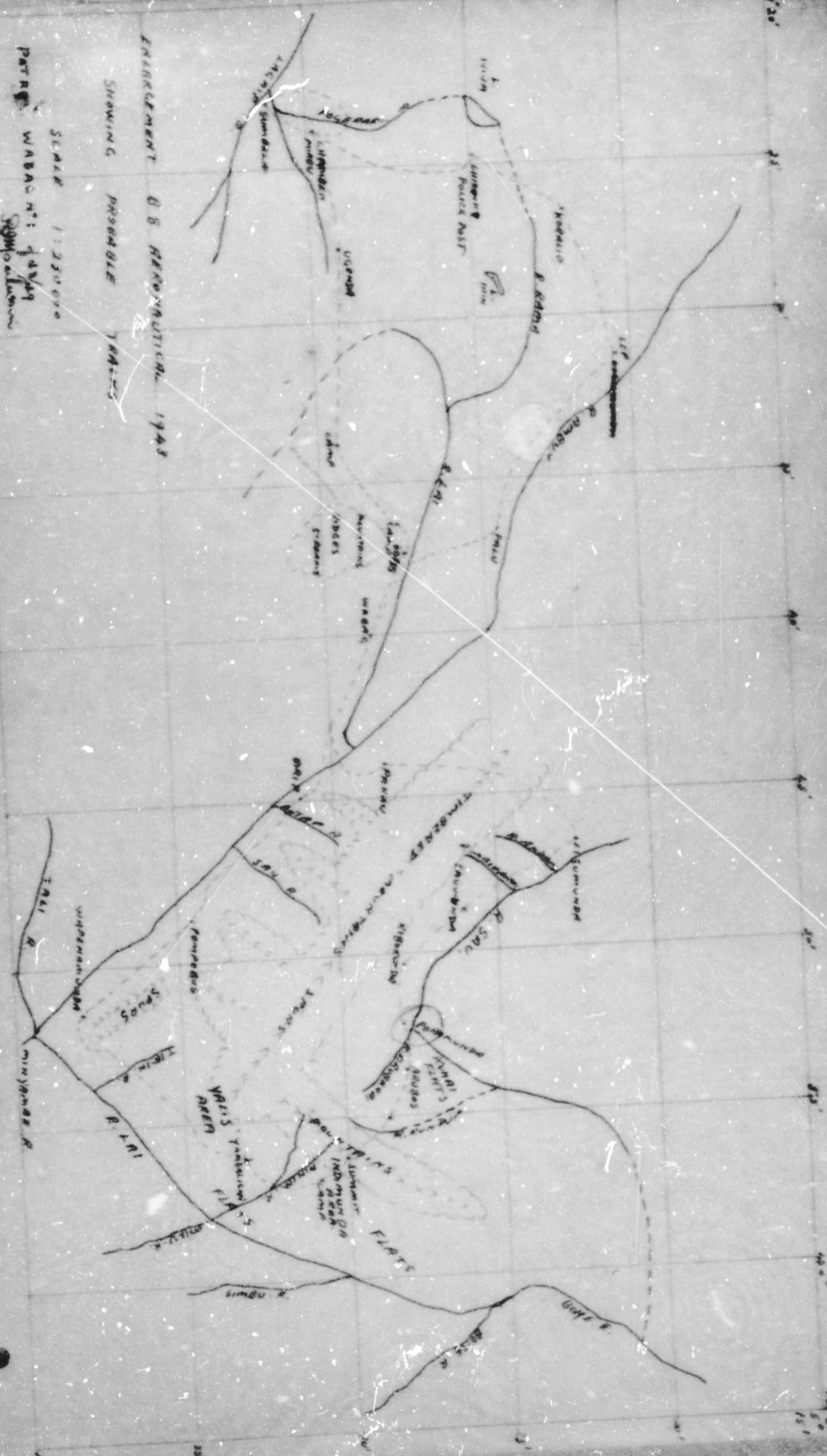
Reg. No. 6026 Const. Kiama :Shows some highland traits. Gives the impression of being best under supervision.

Reg. No. 6396 Const. Kwari :Recently posted this area from the training depot. Taken to gain patrol experience. Shaping as a useful person.

Reg. No. 6404 Const. Moris :The same as Kwari.

Lt. Macdonald.....
S/A.D.O.

ENLARGEMENT OF B. GEOGRAPHICAL 1948
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of CHD Report No. 2-48/49

Patrol Conducted by PO P MOLONEY

Area Patrolled POGERA RIVER WABAGA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans 1

Natives 6 CONSTABLES, 1 INTERPRETER

Duration—From 28/5/1948 to 31/8/1948

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? yes

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund £.....

TERRITORY OF PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

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District Office,
Goroka,
District of Central Highlands.

16th October, 1948.

The Director,
Department of District Services
and Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT - WABAG NO 2 OF 1948/49.

Forwarded. A well conducted patrol in
extremely rough country.

It is very doubtful whether there will be
any mining activity at all in the area after the return
of the Bulolo Gold Dredging Company's geological
and prospecting party.

[Signature]
Acting District Officer

THIS COPY SHOULD BE KEPT IN THE OFFICE

Sub-District Office,
WABAG, S.D.
3rd September 1948

Assistant District Officer,
Wabag.

Patrol Report Wabag No. 3-1948/49.

Personnel. Patrol Officer Peter E. Moloney.
 European Medical Assistant J. Cattell, accompanied
 patrol as far as the Forgera River Police Post.
 Reg. No. 1094 SGT. A. S. S.
 3685 Const. KARAWOSA
 2009 " TOVANGACA
 2509 " KUNYA
 2 28 " KUNIA
 2 90 " BOIVE

Interpreter UGIPU

Medical Orderly KIROGAP

Carriers 32 on outward trip to Forgera.
 Retained 21 at Forgera.
 12 on trip to Lagaip
 26 (15 ex P.O. Symons) on return to Wabag.

Duration of patrol. 28th May to 31st August, 1948.

Reason for patrol. See attached copy of instructions from S.A.D.
 D.S. & N.A. Mr. Ivan Champion.

Last patrol of area. Mr. P.O. Symons May 1948, patrolled as far west
 as the FIMI river in the Pogubieri R. valley. From there onwards
 the only other party through the area was the Sepic patrol in
 1938. No other party had followed the Lagaip upstream.

Area patrolled. From Wabag to the Forgera R. Police Post, thence
 along the head of the Pogubieri valley and to the Lagaip River
 to approximately the meridian 142° 40' E. Followed the Lagaip up-
 stream to approx. 142° 55' E. thence back to the post via the lower
 Pogubieri valley.

Appendices. Sketch map.
 List of camps and description of route, Forgera to
 Lagaip.
 Report on Police accompanying patrol.

DIARY.

28th. May 1948.

Left Wabag 9.30 arrived Sopea 11.20. Met Mr. Cattell.

- 29th. To Chirunki police post. 8 hrs. Issued sugar, fat and meat to party from stores held there. Bought small quantity of sweet potato. Quite a lot of fighting reported in area.
- 30th. Chirunki to shelters at Waimaragus or Waimurakari. 8 hr. 10 m. Bought 2 pigs and about 1 cwt. food.
- 31st. To Yogo. 1 hr. 40 m. Built new shelters. Left 420 lbs. rice in the care of Wrasu, headman of Waimaragus. Bought sufficient food for party. Large crowd of people in to see us.
- 1st. June. To Tuzarden. 3 hrs. Bought sufficient food for party. Built new shelter. Two large native houses provided sufficient accommodation for carriers. Very friendly and co-operative people.
- 2nd. To Tabinini. 9 hrs. 45 m. Issued rice as only very few people around camp, and was only able to buy a small amount of food. Built a new shelter. All tired after a hard day. Self twisted ankle.
- 3rd. To Orai. 2 hrs. 30 m. Built new shelters. Bought approx. 1 cwt. food and a pig. This is the border of the Poi-ira Enka languages although Enka is still understood.
- 4th. To dropping ground and police post at Mangureba. 6 hrs. P.O. Symons on patrol. One Constable left in charge of post.
- 5th. Built a house for Mr. Cattell. Good weather until 2 p.m. when valley clouded in.
- 6th. A few visitors. Clouded in after 2 p.m.
- 7th. Put new roofs on houses. Prepared smudge fires for air drop. Plenty of visitors. Cloud all afternoon.
- 8th. Warned locals of expected drop in-morrow. Mr. Symons returned from patrol. Valley clouded in all day.
- 9th. Air drop. Plane over area from 10.10 till 11.15. Twenty one stores pedoes. Quite accurate dropping. Bought 1 cwt. food. Cowrie shell finished. Rain in afternoon.
- 10th. Mr. Symons departed for Wabag. Present Strength six police, one medical orderly, one interpreter and twenty carriers. Rain in afternoon.
- 11th. Large crowd of visitors in. Bought 1 cwt. food. Rain all afternoon.
- 12th. Bought two pigs and sufficient food for two days. Rain in afternoon.
- 13th. Rain in afternoon.
- 14th. Building new latrines. Bought a pig. Light rain after 3 p.m. Slight earth tremour 7.53 p.m.
- 15th. Large crowd of visitors. Bought 3 pigs and 1 1/2 cwt. food. Windy afternoon but no rain.
- 16th. Visited local gardens and bought some chinese cabbage and beans. Clearing ground for garden. Rain after 4.30 p.m.
- 17th. Visited people on other side of Kogai R. Urupu's father came from near Hoiyvia after five days walk through unpopulated forest. Rain and thunder in late afternoon. Consented to request by locals for a "sing-sing" on Saturday night.
- 18th. Working on garden. Cattell killed a snake about five foot long copper colour on back with a white stomach. Cold and foggy all day.

- 19th. A very large crowd of visitors, men, women and children in to the station. Bought sufficient food for two days. All headmen in the area told of the possible arrival of miners and other Europeans. Singing all night. Estimate that all told a thousand people on station. Good weather all day.
- 20th. Very quiet after yesterday. Cloud after 5 p.m.
- 21st. Cleaning station. Bought little food. Small party of visitors from Pai-ira. Light rain in afternoon.
- 22nd. Looking at gardens across Kaiya R. Light rain in afternoon.
- 23rd. Few visitors. Fog, mist and light rain all day.
- 24th. Planted beans and chinese cabbage. Went to Pai-ama on the other side of Porgera R. All locals working on their new gardens. Rain in late afternoon.
- 25th. Cloud and odd showers all day. Took 1 lb. of seed corn from the miners' store and planted it in new garden. Rumours of party at Tibinini.
- 26th. Bought a pig. Few headmen in but bad weather kept a lot of the expected visitors away.
- 27th. Quite a crowd in. Bought two pigs and food for two days. Cloud and light rain in afternoon but visitors singing all night.
- 28th. Started on new labour houses. Clearing and levelling ground. Bought a small pig for a knife. Farmed out three pigs. Bought enough food for the day. Dull but no rain.
- 29th. Preparing for patrol to Legaip R. Rumours of party at Tibinini proved false. People coming from all directions to say us depart for Pai-ira and Legaip. Light rain in late afternoon.
- 30th. Final preparations. Taking twelve carriers and four police. Have told Cattell that I will be away for about a month. He has two police and eight carriers. If he has to go to Mabag for any reason he will leave Sgt. Agis in charge. If he has heard no word of me by the 31st. July have suggested that he cross the range near Piauwa and try and contact us through the locals. Farmed out two more pigs. Large crowd in to say farewell. Bought sufficient food for day. Singing all night.
- 1st. July. (For description of tracks and walking time see attached appendix.) Left camp amid tears and goodwishes for a pleasant trip. Camped on Kaiya r. Prospected the Anjurega Creek but found no signs of gold. Cold and rain all afternoon.
- 2nd. Crossed the range which is the border of Ibiri/Pai-ira. Very cold at night.
- 3rd. Camped at Asuburinga. Bought two very large pigs and sent one back to Mongureba. Some of the locals have been to the Hoiyevia area. Yams, bananas, taro as well as sweet potato growing in gardens. Saw two advanced cases of leprosy. Two children have sores on faces and stomachs which if I were on the coast I would say were yaws. People here have been fighting with those at Yogorenga. Steel goods in high demand.
- 4th. Camped at Korombi. Crossed Pubuma river which is quite a large stream flowing into the Pogubieri. Very heavy fog in the valley this morning. Bought food.
- 5th. Crossed Pogubieri R. and camped at Panaga. River flows through a small gorge. At first there were only five old men around the camp but late in afternoon a few women came with enough food for party. Rain at night.
- 6th. Rested at Panaga. Good view of Kumbivera at approx. 130 deg. There is a road from here to Mongureba. It means a two days walk over high unpopulated forest. Hoiyevia is supposed to be

- 6th. Rested at Panaga. Good view of Kumbivera at approx. 130 deg. There is a road from here to Mongureba. It is two days walk through high unpopulated forest. Hoivevia, or as the locals call it, Huri is supposed to be four days away. Ground looks very poor and stony. Rain at night.
- 7th. To Aruma ceremonial ground. Passed fossilized pig tracks in black smooth stone. These are revered by the locals and a recognized landmark. Only two families near camp. Only food available at present is mandamus nuts. These are being harvested at the moment and we all had about 15 lbs each. Rain at night.
- 8th. Through large cultivated areas to Wainerima. Crossed Uga R. Plenty of locals around to see us. Bought a pig and plenty of food. This is the boundary of the Pai-ira country. In the next valley to the west there is a small group called Mabuni, then further west the Mibu people live. Thunder storm and rain in evening.
- 9th. To Lake Kalano, which is in a moss forest on top of a small range. It is about 350 yds. by 100 yds. Heard a plane to the NW at 11 a.m. Cloudy all morning and light rain in afternoon. Bitterly cold at night. Natives from Wainerima brought food.
- 10th. To Pai ceremonial ground in Urei R. valley. Same language as Ihiri-Pai-ira. Valley looks very pleasant. Large numbers of wild pigs keep people from cultivating the lower end. Good weather all day. Could see what I think is D'Albertis' Dose straight down valley. No road down valley to Igaip. People have a reputation for sorcery but imagine that it is a self-given notoriety as they are only a small group surrounded on all sides by potential invaders. Supposed to be cannibals three days to the west. Bought food.
- 11th. Crossed range into Pasia valley. People shy at first but later on came in in droves. Still Pai-ira language. Road from here to Wainerima. Saw dozens of birds of paradise of the type with two long white feathers trailing behind them. Const. Konda
- 12th. Whipped a toenail off. Rested at Te-eringa. Locals around camp all day. Bought plenty of food. Singing all night. Light shower at night.
- 13th. Self with temp. of 103 so stayed here. Bought a pig. A party came here years ago from the NW. Probably Mr. J. Black. People are very dirty and have no idea of sanitation. Open graves about ten feet away from houses. A woman here has a huge sore on the right hip which is no more than a piece of rotten festering flesh. It started as a small sore on her upper arm. A tropical ulcer is a clean wound in comparison. This is the second case of this kind I've seen around here. No visitors till late afternoon as they were sleeping after last night. Light rain in afternoon.
- 14th. Camped in bush at Berega R. Probably same place as Kauri on map. No natives or gardens near us. Saw D'Albertis Creeper in bush. Heavy rain at night.
- 15th. To Kalgor gardens. As soon as we were seen there was a scatter and beating of drums. In no time armed men were coming from all directions, but after a lot of shouting and no casualties we made friends. No food available as people are hunters and not farmers. Issued 1 lb rice per man and made soup from sweet potato leaves. This is probably the place shown as Igili on the map. Igili in the local language means Man's house.
- 16th. Rain in afternoon and night. Guards posted but all well.

- 16th. Along Legaip R. Passed junction of Pasis and Legaip. There are large stony beaches all along the Legaip R. Camped on one. No signs of habitation. Issued 1 lb. rice per man. Light rain in evening.
- 17th. Crossed river by a lawyer cane bridge. About 60 yds long. Took 3 hrs. to get party across. All carriers nervous. Passed small stand of wild sage palms. No evidence of them being worked. Track along edge of river well defined. Met a man and his two wives who had come from somewhere in the mountains along the southern side of the river, otherwise no signs people near here. Many wild pig tracks in bush. Rain in p.m.
- 18th. 1 lb rice per man issued.
- 18th. Climbed out of the river gorge to top of hills running parallel to river. Estimate that we are about 1000' above it. Camped at houses and gardens at Kagiya. Rousing welcome from locals. No white man has been here before. Bought plenty of food but all their pigs were killed in an outbreak of "Carro cult" which swept through from the East around 1945. Drizzly rain all night. Const. Kokia fainted "through hunger".
- 19th. Stayed at Kagiya. on the promise of plenty of food but everyone seemed too interested in sitting down looking at us to go to their gardens which are spread over a large area. Eventually brought sufficient for our needs although I would like to get as much as we can carry as we have about three days of bush ahead of us to Piaawa, provided of course we can build a bridge at the old site. Last one cut down in recent fighting.
- 20th. Descended to Legaip. Forest very rich in bird life, especially "kokomors" (Regret use of Pidgin term.) No particular road, just followed wild pig tracks. There is a nice stony beach here also a small swampy flat. Attempted unsuccessfully to get a road across but current far too strong. A few locals came with us to help with the bridge also they supplied us with food. Rain during the night. At last I've found out what has been biting me at night, sandflies, thousands of them, very small but bite like the dickens. That shortage eased temporarily as we shot a few "Kokomors". (Note - done)
- 21st. Followed Legaip to old bridge sites. The one picked is at a narrow gorge where the current rushes over boulders at a rate of knots. Attempted to swim river with rope but current far too strong. The locals, a small HMA community directly above are going to build a bridge out of small sticks on the "Bailey" system. Piaawa is supposed to be two days away. No road to mouth of Porgers. If there was it would along the top of the gorge. Issued about 2 lbs. sweet potato which the Newes brought down to us. Heavy rain during night. All keeping watch on the bridge. If the river did rise more than three feet we would have a hard scramble out of the gorge. Banks sheer in parts.
- 22nd. Working on bridge. Locals only allow us to gather timber, as they are having a little ceremony about it and don't want the spirits to be offended, as they undoubtedly would be wery we to set foot on it before completion. It didn't matter much as when the span was about three parts finished there was a crash and two Newes, the bridge and our hopes were in the water. The men escaped after a good wetting. Now we will have to go downstream to the mouth of the Pogubieri where there is an old bridge we can possibly repair.

- 22nd. (Cont.) Issued last of food. Tomorrow will go north to have handlets to get more food. Good weather day and night.
- 23rd. Out of gorge to Sangiar houses and gardens. Bought plenty of food for cowrie shell. People not at all keen on knives, salt or beads. Saw many men but only three women. Sun very hot and severe at noon. No rain.
- 24th. Back to Kagiya. Bought plenty of food. Have enough for two days. Succeeded at last in buying a small pig. Little rain at night.
- 25th. Crossed Logaip and camped on grass spur at top of gorge. Took 4 hrs. to repair and cross bridge. Passed a large boulder which had a lot of mica flakes in it. Locals say that this is where gold lip shells originated. Thunder storm in evening otherwise perfect weather day and night. Large gardens all way up the Pogulieri which flows directly below us.
- 26th. Taninga. Bought plenty of food, but as usual pigs had been driven away. Large prominent mountain in Central range, and is known as KOROMIJU. Light rain at night.
- 27th. Crossed Pogubieri at its junction with the Ugu. Camped at Tombena ceremonial ground in the middle of large cultivated area. There is a road from here to Aruma and another to Waierima. Like Asuburinga there are many sores to be seen on these people. Possibly yaws, probably some form of leprosy. Bought plenty of food.
- 28th. Crossed Pahusa river and passed our camp No. 3, which was in good condition. Camped at the Yogorange ceremonial ground. People had been fighting with Asuburinga and were very shy as we had a few hangers on from there. Later on managed to get a few around with food. Bought two pigs.
- 29th. Crossed range. Met a small hunting party who told me that Cattell and police left yesterday for Wabag so decided to press on myself to the station and see what was going on. Party slept at Kaiya R. Arrived at the station to find three carriers only there. Cattell had left 2 cart, rice and 6 pigs and as a drop was expected at any moment I don't think he was starving. Received a great welcome from the locals who were coming from all directions all night.
- 30th. Party arrived in. All received with open arms and had sorcery cure forced upon them. This took the form of being rubbed all over the body with a painful stinging nettle. Kokia and Urupu were sick with a form of fever. Rain in evening.
- 31st. Sent word around for food. Prepared snudge fires and dropping ground for a possible air drop at any time. Rain in evening.
- 1st August. Plane made drop. 22 stereos, all reasonably accurate. No mail received. Now have about 80 lbs. tea and not an ounce of sugar. Large crowd of visitors in. Have eight cases of fever now, found two thousand Paludrine tablets in Cattell's gear so every one will receive them. Plane over area for 45 m. All singing all night, although there light showers all the afternoon and evening. Killed two pigs.
- 2nd. Getting timber for new house. Const. Moive's temp 104 deg. 10 gr. quinine has not made any difference so will put him on 3 1/2 lbs thiozole as it may be pneumonia or something. Wish Cattell had waited till the end of the month as he was asked to do. Rain in afternoon.

- 3rd. Scive's temp. back to normal. Others improving. Sufficient timber in for house. Rain in afternoon. All other sick improving.
- 4th. Demolishing old house and kitchen. Rumours of fighting west of Kogai. Rain all afternoon. Odd visitors tell us that they are really short of food in the area now.
- 5th. Went to Abaraka where they are fighting, but did not interfere. Told them that if they had any sense at all they would leave fighting alone until they had their gardens planted, otherwise when everyone else around the place had full stomachs they would be the laughing stock of the valley. This seems to have had some effect as they declared a temporary truce.
- 6th. Levelling ground for new house. Rain in afternoon. Rain p.m.
- 7th. All sick improving. Levelling ground. Rain, thunder p.m.
- 8th. Started on house. Truce broken at Abaraka. Visitors in from Pai-am. Cold rainy afternoon.
- 9th. Mail drop from DH 84. V.H. AON. No word of mine's. Expect Cattell back around the end of week. P.O. Symons coming back. Rain and thunder in p.m.
- 10th. Still scrapping at Abaraka. Went over but they said that they would not be able to stop until the scores were even on each side. This has stopped quite a few visitors coming in as there were quite a crowd of regulars from around there. Thunder and rain in afternoon.
- 11th. Putting roof on houses. Rain in afternoon.
- 12th. Gathering more roofing materials. (Pandanus palm leaf.) Severe thunder storm in afternoon. Light showers.
- 13th. Two men came from Waimaragus and say that when they left on Tuesday last there was no word of Cattell, so imagine that we won't be seeing him. Completed the eaves of the house. Light showers in afternoon.
- 14th. Roofing house. Rain in evening.
- 15th. Roofing. Few visitors in from Pai-am. Rainy and bitterly cold afternoon.
- 16th. Heavy fog in morning, rain all p.m.
- 17th. Roofing. Stocktake of store. Heavy rain all afternoon prevented work.
- 18th. Rain and fog all day prevented such work. Went down to Kogai to see the fighting. They say that they have got sick of it so have decided to finish. River flooded after all the rain yesterday. Locals killing off their weakest pigs for food as there is insufficient food to feed them.
- 19th. Fog and light rain all day again. Finished roof of house. Singing at all places to the west of the Kaiya, so that have probably finished fighting.
- 20th. Finished house and have shifted into it, very comfortable. Storm in afternoon, thunder, wind and rain. All rivers roaring. Bright moonlight night.
- 21st. Plenty of people going towards Abaraka for for the first reparations celebration tomorrow. Light rain in evening. Full moon at night. Beautiful sight as it springs over Mt. Kaijendi.
- 22nd. All to Abaraka for the fun and games. Friendly spirit prevailed throughout the whole show. Everyone from miles around there. Have decided to send eight carriers and two police back to Wabag on Monday morning. Issued their ration and instructions for trip. Light shower at midday.

- 22nd. P.O. Symons arrived unheralded at noon. Rain all afternoon.
- 23rd. Arranging for return trip to Wabag. Will take 28 carriers, 4 police and 1 interpreter which will leave Symon's with 15 carriers, 6 police and 1 interpreter. Rain all evening and night.
- 24th. Stocktake and handover to P.O. Symons. Visitors in to say farewell. Rain in evening.
- 25th. Saying goodbye to locals. Bining at night. Killed two pigs. Rations for trip issued.
- 26th. To Crei camp. 4hrs. 5m. Road very wet and muddy. Rain all afternoon which kept a lot of visitors away.
- 27th. To Tibini, 2hr. 50m. Mud up to thighs in places. Sent small party ahead to repair shelters at top of range. A few visitors but bought no food. Saw a man here with five fingers and a thumb on each hand. Each ring finger is divided in two at first joint.
- 28th. To Tuxanden. 7 hr. 30m. Good welcome from locals and bought about
- 29th. lowt. food. No rain. To Waimaragui or Waimurakari 5hrs. Large crowd around in no time. Bought sufficient food and picked up rice left here before. Wind and rain in afternoon.
- 30th. To Shirunki. 6 hr. 30m. Only a few visitors in. Constable in charge of post says that he has been having difficulty in getting any co-operation at all from people. Sent out word that I would be returning in near future and wanted to see all the headmen. Bitterly cold night.
- 31st. To Wabag. 6 hr. 45m.

Introduction.

On arrival at the Forgera river I relieved Mr. Symons who ~~XXXX~~ left for Wabag on the 10th. June. I sent back a requisition for such items as cowrie shell and soap with him. My strength was then 29 natives and 2 Europeans.

After having had a look around the immediate area I decided to proceed to the Lagaip river at the meridian of 142 deg. 40 min. I did not know which road to take but after speaking with the local people I decided to try and reach Kai-ano lake and then proceed north to the Lagaip. I estimated that I would then be in the area which the Bulolo party intended visiting. The only map I had was the Aust. Aeronautical map sheet B 8 which did not show a wealth of information. I therefore enlarged the section dealing with the area concerned and only placed the well known rivers and mountains on it. With the sketch map given me by Mr. Champion this has been the basis of the enclosed patrol map.

This report deals mainly with my trip to the Lagaip R. as the time spent at the Forgera was mainly on normal Police Post routine. The areas patrolled are known to the local people as Ibiri, which is really the Forgera valley, Pai-ira which is the name given to the Fogubieri and Pasia valleys and extends to the west as far as the Urei r. valley whose inhabitants are known as Nabuni, and to the north as far as the mountains bordering and running parallel to the Lagaip river. There is a small group of people on the northern side of the Lagaip, directly opposite the mouth of the Fogubieri river who speak the Pai-ira language but these have more contact with the people known as Kewa or Hewa. These latter live along the mountains of the Lagaip gorges and in the mountains of the Great Central Range. It is not known how far to the west they extend but it is certain that they are at the junction of the Urei and Lagaip rivers. Contact was made with them at the point where I reached the Lagaip which I considered to be very close to the meridian of 142 deg. 40 min.

The following notes on the three peoples may be of interest.

IBIRI or IVIRI .

This is the name by which they are known throughout the area. Their language is not the same as the Enga peoples nor is it the same as the Huri languages of Pania. This latter fact is a direct contradiction to Mr. Champion's report but my source of information is two Huri speaking interpreters who have been in the area. Admittedly the Huri language is not unknown there as the people have contact with those to the south of the McNicoll mountains where Huri is spoken.

Methods of agriculture and crops are essentially the same as those seen at Wabag but the yield is far below that of the latter. This fact I attribute to the poorness of the soil, if it could be called soil, as in most places crops are grown in fine blue shale.

Their dress too is the same as the Engas except that the grass skirts of the women are far more bulkier.

Pai-ira.

The only obvious difference between these and the Ibiris is

seen in their gardens, particularly around the lower reaches of the Fogubieri. Here the soil is of better quality and one does not see as many of the mounds which are such an outstanding feature of the peoples to the east, especially Engas. Mounds are still used here but they are much smaller.

Burial customs of the Pai-ires are many and varied. Some are placed in shallow open graves, some stood up and stakes planted around them, some are placed in a small coffin in the air another others are given a normal earth burial.

These people seem to have more contact with the Huris, probably because there is a recognised trade route ~~from~~ to there from the head of the Fogubieri river.

All the people seen were very friendly but at times were exceedingly shy. This was particularly noticeable around Pamaga and Arusa. Even after we had been in their area for a few weeks they would always spirit their pigs away at our approach and it would take a while to convince them that they would receive a steel axe in payment for a large pig. They really seemed to distrust us in this matter. Sweet potatoes are in plentiful supply and the best trade for these is small cowrie shell (giri-giri) or salt in that order.

Small inter communal fights seem to be in progress all the time and they employ guerilla tactics in that it is usually the man or woman, mainly the woman, who is found alone by the small raiding bands that is killed. Any display of arms or strength would be sufficient to send one of their small parties into hiding. Their main weapon is the bow and arrow and some of their arrows are very elaborately carved. I saw one specimen with a cassowary bone tip.

They seemed peculiarly reluctant to give definite information about roads, this could possibly be put down to fear of reprisals if the visiting party caused any trouble.

Bones of large pythons were being used as decorations. Some of these snakes my informant told me are quite capable of killing a man or a pig. They have a myth where the rainbow is shown to be the parent of the original snake.

Some horrible sores were seen, especially on women and children. This is commented on in the diary. Many cases of leprosy were noted, these pitiful cases were usually the welcoming committee.

Even though they live in small family hamlets, sometimes a mile apart, it would seem that were dysentery introduced it would spread like wild fire, due to their filthy habits.

Several native dogs were seen in abundance, these ranged in colour from black to brindle. Some huge pigs were seen, especially around the eastern side of the valley. One particular was the largest native ~~dog~~ that I have seen.

These people will tell you that the Hewas are cannibals, but this was refuted emphatically by the accused.

A few steel axes were seen and these too apparently had been traded from that direction. Stone working axes were seen but these were no different from those seen all through the highlands. These I was told came from the east.

Topographical Information.

Patrol Map.

Due to complete lack of instruments no heights have been placed on the map, for the same reason no degree of accuracy as far as positions of features can be guaranteed.

My outwards route could possibly be shortened by going to Tombona first and then to Waimerima, thence to the Pasia valley. If a party wanted to go to the Legaip at 142°40' only I would certainly recommend the Pasia valley route as it is very hard going around the gorges of the Legaip which are around the mouth of the Fogubieri river.

General.

The whole area covered is very rough and I gained the impression that it was subjected to a lot of volcanic disturbance and earth tremors in the not so distant geological past. At no place west of the Fergera did I see a spot which could be made into a landing field. There are a few sites in the Fergera valley which with a lot of hard work could perhaps with a lot of hard work be made into small landing strips for a plane such as an Anster, but even these would only be classed for use in extreme emergencies.

The Legaip river where I reached it is about seventy yards wide and flows at a rate of seven knots per hour. For about ten miles upstream there are large stony beaches between one and ten feet above the water. There are in my opinion, no good dredging flats, as the two flats I saw were very narrow and in places forty feet above the water. From the junction of the Fergera and the Legaip for approx. ten miles downstream the river flows through a gorge and I consider that for a party of any size it would be an impossible task to follow the river. The main difficulty is in crossing the river at will. It is necessary to use the existing bridges and these are in poor repair and if the locals are fighting the bridges are destroyed. I tried on several occasions to swim the river but the current was too swift.

I have not placed many of the small streams and rivers I found on the map, but as these are all mentioned in the description of the route, I don't think they would be misleading to any party with the map and description going through the area. In my opinion the mouth of the Fergera river is placed too far west on the map 35. I say this as the natives told me that at MANGIA that there was a little used track to there but it took them four days to do the trip.

The main rivers of the Fogubieri valley are the Fogubier, which runs from South to north, the Pubuma which runs from east to west and the Ugu which flows from West to east. The population is centered around these rivers.

The Pasia has only one large tributary which is the Fergera. The bulk of the population of the Pasia valley is found around the head of the Pasia river and mainly on the western side.

It is quite possible and probable that I was for a few days below 3,500 feet above seal level. The fact that I saw D'Albertis creeper and sage palms would bear out this statement. I issued atabrin to all of my party but on our return to the police post some of us suffered from a fever. On my arrival back at Wehag, Mr. S. J. Christian S.M.A. took blood slides and found one case of M.T. Malaria. This case does not necessarily say that there is malaria on the Legaip as the patient told me that he had a similar illness some time ago after he had visited Wapunsamanda from Wehag. After I had discussed the whole matter with Mr. Christian he is of the opinion that it was simply fever that we were suffering from. The fact that I myself was ill for a few days and I have never missed an anti malarial drug for several years, would bear out this diagnosis.

Conclusion.

If there is to be any extensive mining activity in either the Pergera or Legaip rivers (a fact which I doubt) it is recommended that a post be maintained. The present post is ideally situated as far as the Pergera is concerned but if there are parties on the Legaip it is suggested that another post be opened in the Maljira area, around Waimeria. These two posts could be looked after by the same officer. Even if there is only activity on the Pergera and that post remains open a lot of time should be spent in the Legaip valley as the estimated population there would be at least 3,000 people, which is twice Mr. Chavante's estimation of Ibir.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA.

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Department of District Services
and Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY

4th February 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR:

District Officer,
Central Highlands District,
GOROKA

WABAG PATROL REPORTS 2 AND 3 - 42/49

The report made by Mr. Moloney on his patrol to PORGERA and westward has been read with interest.

I see no reason to maintain the PORGERA Patrol Post, and Mr. Linsley should return after he has completed his present patrol. The PORGERA should be visited bi-annually and the populated portion of the KASAIP as far as YIMUNAK more frequently.

The officers at WABAG should concentrate on the areas around CHINUKI, both north and south of that place and the AMBUN River; and northward and southward of the main road between WABAG and WAPENA NUNDA.

Mr. Linsley might be able to persuade some of the PORGERA youths to move to WABAG for a term.

(J.H. Jones)
ACTING DIRECTOR



Map of Arden River

Scale 1:250,000

Legend

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- Camps ○ or ⊙ (see text)
- Possible approach paths
- for means of transport



River
 Creek
 Lake
 Spring
 Road
 Fence
 Well
 House
 Farm
 Pasture
 Woodland
 Barren

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of CHD WABAG Report No. 3 of 48/49

Patrol Conducted by C. A. J. SYMONS

Area Patrolled WABAG - POGERA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans

Natives 6 CONSTABLES 1 INTERPRETER. CARRIERS

Duration From 25/12/1948 to 27/12/1948

Number of Days

Did Medical Assistant accompany?

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

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

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol 1. To RECOVER PO. MOLONY AT POGERA RIVER BAR.

2. To accompany Bulolo S&P DRABBING party TO LASSIP RIVER AREA.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
FORT 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 ... NEW GUINEA.

D.McL/ML.



Government Stores Branch,
PORT MORESBY.

8th February, 1949.

80/2011/48.

Director of District Services
and Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Patrol Report - Wabag No. 3-48/49 :

Your memorandum DS.30-16-33 dated 6th January, 1949 and memo. 80/1653/48 dated 10th January, 1949 forwarded by this Branch to the O.I.C., Govt. Stores, Lae (copy of which was forwarded to you) refers.

The attached copies of correspondence received from the O.I.C., Government Stores, Lae, are forwarded for your information.

W.S. Whangha
(A.L. de GROS)
a/Superintendent of Stores.

Attach. :

J.P.W.

Where is Patrol Report?

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA ... NEW GUINEA.

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Government Stores Branch,
LAE.

23rd January, 1949.

24/67/49.

a/Superintendent of Stores,
Government Stores Branch,
PORT HOBESBY.

Supplies - Porgera Police Post.

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(SGD.) J. THOMAS.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA ... NEW GUINEA.

CHW 25/2/-1-49

Sub-district Office,
WABAG

5th Jan 1949.

The District Officer,
Central Highlands District,
GOROKA.

SUPPLIES = PORGERA POLICE POST.

Attached please find two requisitions for
supplies for the Porgera River Police Post.

It is requested that an air-drop take place
between the 20th and the 25th of Jan, as it is estimated
the Police Post will be out of supplies after this latter
date.

Signature (Sgd.) R. I. Macilwain

Actg. ADO.

The Officer-in-Charge,
Government Stores Branch,
LAE.

Forwarded. Please arrange an air drop by the
25th January next and notify this office the date on
which the drop will take place.

Signature (SGD.) J. L. Taylor for

Actg. District Officer.

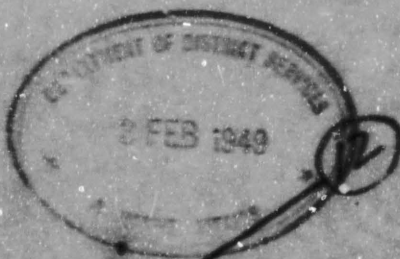
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA

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File Ref. No. DS/30-1-48/49



District Office,
GOROKA, G. N. D.

25th January, 1949.

D.D.S. & H.A.,
PORT MORSBY.

PATROL REPORT - WAPAG No. 3 - 48/49

Your DS. 30-16-33 of 30th December, 1948 refers.

In view of the present shortage of Staff, and the expense involved in maintaining supplies by Air Drop, I see no reason why the Pogera Police Post should not be closed if, and when, Mr. Scorsen withdraws from the area.

Reference paragraph 3 of your letter; Air heads have since been supplied, while weight of drops now depend on requirements of the O. I. C. Pogera Police Post who, whenever necessary, submits requisitions through this office to the O. I. C. Stores, Lae, who arranges for an aircraft to carry out the drop.

*D.O. already
informed that Pogera
can be closed
See P./R. No. 2
Wabing.*

J. L. Taylor
(J. L. Taylor)
Acting District Officer.

J. P. V.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA.

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NS.30-16-33

Department of District Services
and Native Affairs
PORT Moresby

30th December 1948.

MEMORANDUM FOR:

District Officer,
Central Highlands District,
POKOKA

PATROL REPORT - SABAG NO. 3-48/49

Receipt is acknowledged of the above mentioned report.

I would be glad to have your opinion as to whether the POKOKA Police Post should be continued in the event of Mr. Seanson leaving and no others entering the area.

Would you please advise if any action has been taken to supply the 7 axe heads referred to in the report also what has been done to bring the boys up to their previous weights.

(J.H. Jones)
ACTING DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA. (11)

DS.30-16-33

Department of District Services
and Native Affairs,
PORT MORSBY

30th December 1948.

MEMORANDUM FOR:

His Honour the Administrator,
PORT MORSBY

(Through Government Secretary)

PATROL REPORT - NABAG NO. 3-48/49

The above-mentioned report, submitted by Mr. C.A.J.
Syons, is forwarded for your information please.

(J.H. Jones)
ACTING DIRECTOR

His Honour the Administrator,
PORT MORSBY

Referred please.

GOVERNMENT SECRETARY

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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Sub District Office,
WABAI.
Central Highlands District.

The District Officer,
Central Highlands District.
GOROKA

Patrol Report Wabag No.3 - 48/49.

Please find enclosed patrol report by P.O. G.A.J. Symons in
quadruplicate.

It is pleasing to hear that native foods are becoming
more readily available as up to the present this has been
one of the main difficulties in running this post.

R.I. Macilwain
(R.I. Macilwain.)actg. A.D.O.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA

Sub-District Office,
Wabag. C.H.D.
5th. December 1948.

Sub-District Officer,
Wabag.

PATROL REPORT WABAG No 3 - 1948/49

<u>Personnel</u>	Patrol Officer	G.A.J. Symons
	Reg No 1894	Sgt. AGIS
	" " 3686	Const MABAVOSA
	" " 8 31	" YOGIAUNI
	" " 6404	" MORIS
	" " 8 72	" HEMABANI
	" " 2139	" UB
	Interpreter	POI-O of Chirani

Carriers 28 to Fogera
15 remained Fogera
41 (26 ex P.O. Linsley) return to Wabag

Duration of Patrol August 15th. to December 4th. 1948

Object of Patrol (1) To relieve P.O. Maloney at Fogera Police Post.
(2) Accompany Bulolo Gold Breeding party on geological survey of Logaip River area.

Last Administration Patrol Mr. P.O. Maloney patrolled the Logaip River area as far as the meridian 142 deg 40' E during July 1948.

Area Patrolled From Wabag to the Fogera R.. From Fogera R. Police Post to Faiyera area, thence followed the Pegaheri R. downstream to it's junction with the Logaip R.. Returned by outward route.

Map Reference. See sketch map by Mr. P.O. Maloney with Patrol Report No. 2 - 1948/49.

Appendix. Report on Police.

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- AUG. 15th. Wabag to Kubelita 1.30p.m. to 4.30p.m.
- 16th. Kubelita to Chirunki 7.30a.m. to 12.30p.m. Heavy rain afternoon and night.
- 17th. At Chirunki. Poured rain all day. Issued rice.
- 18th. Chirunki to Wainaragus 6.30a.m. to 2.30p.m. Light rain all day. Road very bad. Very few natives to camp. Collected 90lbs. rice left in charge of W.C. H., headman of Wainaragus.
- 19th. Wainaragus to Tumandan 6.30a.m. to 1.30p.m. Road bad. Bought sufficient food for party. Very friendly people here.
- 20th. Tumandan to Tibinini 6.00a.m. to 3.00p.m. Last of carriers arrived in heavy rain. No natives to camp. Issued rice.
- 21st. Tibinini to Orai 7.00a.m. to 9.30a.m. Heavy rain afternoon.
- 22nd. Orai to Police Post (Mungaraba) 7.00a.m. to 1.30p.m. Rain afternoon.
- 23rd. At Govt. Station. Large number of natives visited station. Left.
- 24th. At Govt. Station. Mid stocktake and took over from P.O. Holony. Rain evening.
- 25th. At Govt. Station.
- 26th. Mr. Holony departed for Wabag. Present strength 6 police, 1 interpreter and 15 carriers. Rain afternoon.
- 27th. Building kitchen. Rain all afternoon.
- 28th. Building kitchen. Fine day.
- 29th. Day observed. Large group of B.I.A.M. natives to station. Heavy rain 4.00p.m. to 5.30p.m.
- 30th. Finished kitchen. Fine morning, heavy showers afternoon.
- 31st. Carriers building new store at dropping ground to store minor's supplies left by Strickland and. Heavy rain evening.
- Sept. 1st. Building new store. Visited natives A.B.S.H. Fine day.
- 2nd. Building new store. Light showers all day.
- 3rd. Store finished. Minor's stores brought up to dropping ground from old camp at Kogai R. Stores infested with rats and cock-
roaches. Fine morning, rain 1.00p.m. till late evening.
- 4th. Many B.I.A.M. natives to station. Fine day.
- 5th. Day observed. Fine day.
- 6th. Visited gardens east bank of Kogara R. Bought two pigs and two days supplies of sweet potatoes there. Fine day.
- 7th. At station. Fine day.
- 8th. At Govt. Station. Building police quarters. Planted vegetable garden. Large numbers of visitors to station with plenty of sugar cane, chinese cabbage and little sweet potatoes. Heavy rain afternoon.
- 9th. At Govt. Station. Working on police quarters. Heavy rain night.
- 10th. Carriers building police quarters. Ceiling made from cardboard storepodee drums, added to bedroom of my house. Heavy showers all afternoon. Rumour European at Tibinini.
- 11th. At station. European camped at junction of Kogara and Kaiye rivers. Bought two pigs. Light rain afternoon.
- 12th. Weather overcast all day. Light rain afternoon. 10.00a.m. Mr. Seerson arrived at Govt. Station. Mail from Wabag notifying Messrs. Seerson, Gore, Edwards, McGregor, and Bartlett had been issued permits and notifying the 19 conditions to be met by permittees. Mr. Seerson camped at Kogai R.
- 13th. Spent day with Mr. Seerson at Kogai R. camp. No word of B.G.D. party. My rations nearly finished. Heavy rain 10.00a.m. to 6.00p.m.
- 14th. At Govt. station. Douglas arrived 11.15a.m. dropped 19 storepodees for B.G.D. Afternoon note from B.G.D. party, camped on ridge east of Kogara R. will arrive tomorrow. Fine day.
- 15th. At Govt. station. Douglas arrived 11.30a.m. dropped 20 storepodee. Govt. sergo. B.G.D. party arrived during morning with 160 carriers, Messrs. Gore, Edwards and McGregor. Camped at A.D.O. Maclewin's camp on road to Kogai R.
- 16th. Two police Consts. H.C. and H.M.S.B.I returned to Wabag with reports for A.D.O. Escorting 54 B.G.D. carriers and 15 of Mr. Seerson's being returned to Wabag. All issued with

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- Sept 16th. plentiful supplies for trip. At 11.00a.m. Douglas made B.G.D. drop, 20 stores etc. Fine morning. Afternoon light rain.
- 17th. Heavy rain all day. Kogai River in flood.
- 18th. Visited mining camps. Light rain afternoon. Mr. Gore very knocked up from what he found a very hard trip out. Doubtful if he will be able to proceed to Legaip R.
- 19th. Day observed. Fine weather.
- 20th. B.G.D. party at Govt. Station packing supplies for Legaip trip. Fine day.
- 21st. At Govt. Station. B.G.D. party, including Mr. Gore, left for Paigera at 8.00a.m. Issued them with 500 paludrine tablets for trip as they were only dropped 200 instead of the 2,000 ordered. Mr. Moloney reported malaria on the Legaip R. Fine day.
- 22nd. 8.30a.m. note received from B.G.D. party camped at AB.R.A.K. two hours walk upstream on Kaiye R. Mr. Gore stated carriers refused to continue without police protection. Visited AB.R.A.K. talked with carriers, who claimed they would be attacked by BAIKHA natives if a Govt. official and police were not there to protect them. Decided to accompany party for full duration of trip, not do as B.G.D. members suggested and accompany them for approx a week and then return to IBRI with the express B.G.D. carriers.
- 23rd. Govt. Station to mountain summit. 8.10a.m. to 3.15 a.m. B.G.D. party left Aburaka 7.00a.m. Mr. Gore last in at 3.45 p.m. 3 police, 1 interpreter and 14 carriers in Govt. line. Very cold and very wet camp.
- 24th. Mountain Summit to Yagorenga 6.50a.m. to 9.50a.m. All houses built by P.O. Moloney's patrol burnt down. Fighting still proceeding in this area. Very few natives to camp.
- 25th. Yagorenga to Asbaringa 2 hrs. Mr. Gore very knocked up from trip. Govt carrier had axe stolen by native along road, recovered. Plenty of natives to camp. Food sufficient for approx 120 carriers, police etc. Bought six pigs.
- 26th. At Asbaringa. Mr. Gore resting. Bought 8 pigs and ample sweet potatoes, bananas etc. Good gardens and plenty of food in this area.
(In my patrol report No. 3 of 1947/48 I misnamed Asbaringa calling it Podi.)
- 27th. Asbaringa to Tembena 7.30a.m. to 10.30a.m. Leave ceremonial ground, through bush along top of spur, steep descent through garden then bush to Fugama R. Proceed few hundred yards downstream then through bush climbing all the way to native gardens on top of spur. Plenty of natives to camp. Bought 6 pigs. When natives found I had girigiri rushed me with sweet potatoes.
- 28th. At Tembena. Mr. Gore sick. Bought sufficient food for Govt line B.G.D. issued rice.
- 29th. Tembena to Tuning. 8.30a.m. to 12.30 a.m. (carriers) I travelled with Mr. Gore didn't get him there till 2.00p.m. Tuning is only approx 1/2 air miles from Tembena, on opposite bank of Pegubieri R. but a very difficult road. Few natives to camp. Issued rice.
- 30th. Tuning to natives gardens (approx 3 mile downstream from junction of Pegubieri and Uga rivers.) 9.30a.m. to 10.45a.m. with Mr. Gore, 6 B.G.D. carriers and complete Govt line. Messrs. Edmonds and McGregor with 45 carriers pushed on to inspect Legaip R. attempt to travel downstream along N.W. bank.
- Oct. 1st. 2 hrs. walking nursing Mr. Gore along. Saw no natives.
- 2nd. 2 hrs walk to camp (Mr. Moloney's camp No. 19) on grass covered spur above (1,500ft) junction of Pegubieri and Legaip rivers. Gorges in both directions. 11.00a.m. Messrs. Edmonds and McGregor arrived at camp spent two days cutting way downstream coming out on terrific gorges and landslides, impossible to travel further on E.W. bank. With glasses they could see 15 to 20 miles downstream. Still saw only gorges.
- 3rd. At junction of Pegubieri and Legaip. Climbed down to river. One bridge rotted dangerous to attempt crossing. No natives in vicinity. Supplies getting low.
- 4th. Legaip R. to Tuning 7.00a.m. to 11.00a.m. with Mr. McGregor. Mr. Edmonds to bring Mr. Gore on slowly behind.

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- Oct. 5th. Tuning to Tembena 7.00a.m to 10.15 a.m.
At UGU R. shot 12ft. python. Wabag carriers very afraid till skin stripped of for hand drums then saw red meat and at once became interested.
- 6th. Tembena to Yegorenga 7.00a.m to 11.45a.m.
Piguna and Firi Rivers in flood.
- 7th. Yegorenga to head of Kaiye R. (over divide between Ibrri and Baiyera areas. 7.00a.m. to 12.30a.m. 2 hrs to summit camp 3 hrs down travelling very fast. Heavy rain 2.00p.m. on.
- 8th. Head of river to Mongureba 3 hrs.
- 9th. Visited Mr. Searson at his new camp at junction of Kaiye and Pogara Rivers. Police runners arrived during my absence with mail. Returned to Wabag.
- 10th. Mr. McGregor left for Wabag. Heavy rain all afternoon.
- 11th. At station. Line building new latrine. Afternoon Messrs. Gore and Minonds returned.
- 12th. B.G.D. preparing for return to Wabag. Excess stores sold to Mr. Searson.
- 13th. B.G.D. party left for Wabag.
- 14th. Large number of natives visited station.
- 15th. At station. Light showers all day.
- 16th. At station many carriers sick with low fever.
- 17th. Day observed. Heavy rain afternoon.
- 18th. At station. Labourers planting sweet potatoes.
- 19th. Mr. Howlands arrived at Mr. Searson's camp during morning. Sent mail up to Police Post.
- 20th. Mr. Howlands to Govt Station. Rain all day.
- 21st. 10.05 a.m. Douglas arrived dropped 17 storepades for Mr. Howland
- 22nd. Line planting sweet potatoes. Many natives to station.
- 23rd. Morning Mr. Howlands passed through would not attempt to work Kogai R. Low mist, visibility poor all day.
- 24th. Day observed.
- 25th. Labourers planting sweet potatoes. Note from Mr. Howlands has sold all surplus stores to Mr. Searson. Believe it unseasonable to attempt to work this area. Heavy rain afternoon.
- 26th. Mr. Howlands left for Wabag.
- 27th. 9.45a.m. Douglas arrived dropped 21 storepades Govt. cargo. High low cloud difficult to make uninterrupted runs. Heavy rain afternoon.
- 28th. Visited Mr. Searson's camp. 3 1/2 hrs. walking for round trip.
- 29th. Two police runners arrived with mail. Many natives to station with food. Heavy rain afternoon.
- 30th. Visited Mr. Searson's camp.
- 31st. Day observed. Light rain all day.
- Nov. 1st. Visited Mr. Searson. Fine weather.
- 2nd. Mr. Searson left for Wabag. Two police runners accompanied him. Fine day.
- 3rd. Visited natives at head of Kamara Creek. Heavy rain all night.
- 4th. Light rain all day. Rivers in flood.
- 5th. At station. Light rain all day.
- 6th. Light rain all morning. Visited Wabaka. Natives fighting there. High floods all rivers.
- 7th. Day observed. Fine weather.
- 8th. Native of Kalimo stole bush knife from 1 Doureva house during night. Sent word by local headman for it to be returned.
- 9th. Carriers clearing bush to plant more new gardens.
- 10th. Many natives from KALIM to station with food.
- 11th. To Kalimo to recover stolen bush knife. Also recovered 2 plane blades, rope of girigiri, and many other small items stolen by these natives of KALIMO from the Strickland Synd. during April. During my absence Dragon 4/6 flew over with H.H. The Administrator as a passenger. Dropped mail.
- 12th. Fine day many visitors.
- 13th. At station. Fine weather.
- 14th. Day observed.
- 15th. Many natives to station with sweet potato vines for planting.
- 16th. Light rain all day.
- 17th. Labourers building fence round new garden. Full moon a beautiful sight.
- 18th. Building fence.

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- Nov. 19th. Work finished. Light rain all afternoon.
- Nov. 20th. At station. Repairing roofs on houses.
- Nov. 21st. Day observed. Afternoon light rain.
- 22nd. Line clearing timber on slopes to plant more gardens.
- 23rd. Line clearing timber, found 21 tons of meat not found by A.D.O. Malicious after a Dragon day in April.
- 24th. Small group in with native foods.
- 25th. Labourers clearing timber.
- 26th. Clearing timber.
- 27th. Clearing timber. Few natives to station.
- 28th. At Govt. Station. Mr. LINDEN and Mr. DASH (geologist) arrived with 6 police, 75 carriers, 1 interpreter, 1 S.A.O. Light rain afternoon.
- 29th. At Govt. station. Weather bad, light rain all day. Stockpile and handover.
- 30th. Enroute to Gual. Road very slippery. Douglas passed over completed area.
- Dec. 1st. Gual to Tihini. Bought approx 150 lbs. sweet potatoes.
- 2nd. Tihini to Tumbon. Very few sweet potatoes bought to camp.
- 3rd. Tumbon to Wainanga. Road very bad. Natives report food very scarce at present.
- 4th. Wainanga to Shirubi. Station at Shirubi in very bad state. Buildings falling down. Many reports of fighting in area. Very few men visited station, all heavily armed. Unable to buy any native foods.
- 5th. Shirubi to Gbag. Met Mr. Searson on road returning to Logro.

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Introduction.

There is very little information to add to my Patrol Report No. 3 of 1947/48 about native agriculture and customs that has not been given by Mr. F.O. Moloney in his detailed report No. 2 of 1948/49. I will therefore concern myself mainly with a report on mining activities which took place in the Fogera area during my stay.

Mr. Seareon was the first to arrive on Sept. 12th, and he is the only one who has remained. At first he prospected the Kogai R. but found it uneconomical to work because of the huge stones too large to be handled, which covered all the wash on the limestone bedrock. He next moved to the Kamaron Creek flowing into the Kaiya R. near its junction with the Fogera R. He has been engaged since in prospecting a small flat there. But as yet has found no large concentrations, and is considering returning to Wabag when his supplies finish.

The B.S.D. party arrived on Sept. 15th, and proceeded to the Lagip R. on the 21st. They had to travel very slowly as Mr. Gore found the trip very arduous. They did not see very much of the Lagip R. Only prospecting the gorges at the junction of the Lagip and Fogubiori rivers for two days and they found no colour. Their supplies would not permit them to have travelled very far either upstream or down even if they had been able to cross the Lagip R. No flats were seen. They did not find any traces of gold in the Piri, Pagama, Uga or Fogubiori rivers or in any of the creeks flowing into them. The last members of the party left Fogera for Wabag on Oct. 13th.

Mr. Seareon purchased all B.S.D. surplus stores.

Mr. Rowlands arrived on Oct. 19th, and left on Oct. 26th, very disgusted with the area as a gold mining proposition. He had a drop on Oct. 21st.

Mr. Seareon purchased nearly all the stores dropped to Mr. Rowlands.

Native Situation.

The natives of the IBRI area are quite used to Europeans by this time. They are very friendly, visit the station regularly and are rarely seen armed. A few small fights took place in the area during my stay. One could go and stay on the nearest hill and watch the plan of battle unfold. They took no notice what so ever when I suggested that the fighting cease, but were quite willing to come to me to have their wounds dressed.

I must again refer to the people of Fumundan, as I think every officer has who has made the trip to the Fogera. They are a very agreeable, friendly and helpful people who welcome all Europeans. ~~THE~~ The same cannot be said of the Chirunki natives who will give no assistance at all.

Native Agriculture.

At present the new gardens at IBRI are just starting to bear. The natives are particularly willing to trade native foods for the hessian from the parachutes of the storepedoes. From these they make bags to be used as carry-alls. Much preferring them to the string bags they previously made.

Now that much steel has been introduced into the area large tracts are being cleared and new gardens being prepared.

Stores and Supplies.

With 24 people to be rationed at the post I found it necessary to have a supply drop every 7 weeks. During my previous stay, during April last, drops invariably included 17 cwt. of rice but now 14 cwt. only are included. It is noticed that the weight of cargo dropped now is often from 300 to 500 lbs lighter than it was during the earlier drops.

Though ordered, no axe heads have been dropped for many months. If these were to be included it should be possible

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to make do with less tinned meat, as the natives are very willing to trade pigs for steel.

Conclusion.

As so many people have been contacted in the last nine months in the KUM and PAHER areas I would recommend that the Police Fee be kept running for some time yet, even if mining activity should cease, as I think the people of this area could be brought under complete control with very little difficulty.

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REPORT OF POLICE SUPERVISING PATROL

Reg. No. 1094	Sgt. 1015 Lacks power of command. Not a capable N.O.O.
Reg. No. 3606	Const. KILPATRICK Intelligent. Left in charge of Police Post on trip to Logans.
Reg. No. 8 31	Const. TULLANE Willing very useful in building and organizing camps on patrol.
Reg. No. 6404	Const. Morris Intelligent and willing but had no previous patrol experience.
Reg. No. 8 17	Const. KILPATRICK Remained very short time with patrol. Returned to Village with mail and in contact for returning carriers. Seemed willing though not particularly intelligent.
Reg. No. 8 139	Const. 00 Did not impress at all. Remained very short time with patrol. Returned to Village.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of WABAG Report No. 4 - 48/49

Patrol Conducted by G LINSLEY P.O.

Area Patrolled _____

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans H. WARD. GEOLOGIST.

Natives 6 CONSTABLES, 1 M.D., 1 INTERPRETER.

Duration—From 19/11/1948 to 23/12/1948 121 CARRIERS

Number of Days 4

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? _____

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

Medical _____/_____/19_____

Map Reference SEE APPENDIX B Map SKETCH MAP

Objects of Patrol TO CONDUCT MR H WARD ON A GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £ _____

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £ _____

Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund £ _____

TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.

DS.30-16-37

Department of District Services
and Native Affairs,
PORT MORSBY

4th February 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR:

District Officer,
Central Highlands District,
G O R O K A

WABAG PATROL REPORTS 2 AND 5 - 48/49

The report made by Mr. Maloney on his patrol to PONGERA and westward has been read with interest.

I see no reason to maintain the PONGERA Patrol Post, and Mr. Linsley should return after he has completed his present patrol. The PONGERA should be visited bi-annually and the populated portion of the LAGAIP as far as TIMUNDAK more frequently.

The officers at WABAG should concentrate on the areas around CHIPUNKI, both north and south of that place and the ANHUN River; and northward and southward of the main road between WABAG and WAPENA HUBA.

Mr. Linsley might be able to persuade some of the PONGERA youths to move to WABAG for a term.

(J.H. Jones)
ACTING DISTRICT

TERRITORY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

CHW 70 - 4 - 48/49

Sub District Office
WABAG
Central Highlands District.

6th. January 1948.

District Officer,
Central Highlands District.
GOROKA

Patrol Report Wabag No.4-48/49.

Attached please find the abovementioned report submitted
by Mr.P.O. G.Linsley.

It is unfortunate that due to the nature of the patrol
Mr.Linsley was not able to devote as much time as he would
have liked to the people of the area. However as he is
returning to the area next week he will have this opportunity.

It is hoped that copies of Mr.Warde report and maps
will be made available to this Sub District.

R. I. Macilwain
.....actg. A.D.O.
(R.I. Macilwain.)

14 JAN 1948

TERRITORY OF PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

Sub-district Office,
WABAG, C.H.D.

4th Jan. 1949.

A.D.O.,
WABAG

PATROL REPORT WABAG No.4 - 48/49

OBJECT OF PATROL : To conduct Mr. H. WARD, Geologist,
on a geological survey of :

1. Normal Route WABAG to PORGERA
via WAIMAURAGADUS.
2. PORGERA goldbearing area.
3. Alternate route PORGERA to WABAG
via ERA River.

OFFICER CONDUCTING PATROL : G. LINSLEY P.O.

ACCOMPANYING PATROL : Mr. H. WARD , GEOLOGIST.

POLICE : 2 137 Const. AIYA
2 153 " IRAMBI
97 " KUZAVUZO
2814 " ANDRUWE
6396 " KWAMI
6318 " TOLITANG

NATIVE MEDICAL ORDERLY : NANO

INTERPRETER : F KORA

CARRIERS : 73 on patrol out to PORGERA
48 on patrol of PORGERA area and
return to WABAG.(25 returned to
WABAG with Mr. SYMONS).

DURATION OF PATROL : Departed WABAG Friday 19th Nov. 48.
Returned WABAG Thursday 23rd Dec.48.

LAST PATROL THROUGH AREA : PORGERA via Normal Route : P.O.
SYMONS Aug - Dec. 1948.

PORGERA via Alternate Route : Mr.
I.CHAMPION April - May 1948.

REF MAP. : See Appendix "B" Sketch Map.

APPENDICES : Appendix "A" Report on Police.
Appendix "B" Sketch Map of area
patrolled.

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PATROL REPORT WABAG No.4 - 48/49

DIARY

Friday 19th Nov. 1948

Mr. WARD had gone on to CHIRUNKI with the bulk of the stores and 61 carriers on the 17th Nov. With three Police and twelve carriers, departed WABAG at 7.45 a.m.

A good, made road for 1 1/2 hours as far as SOSES, then a bush track down a steep descent to the LAI River. Remainder of the track to KUBALITS somewhat muddy, but level, following the bank of the river. Arrived KUBALITS 11.10. a.m. and set up camp.

Fine and clear during the morning, but heavy rain during the afternoon. Purchased sufficient food for the whole party.

Saturday 20th Nov. 1948

Departed KUBALITS 7 a.m. Track heavy and muddy after yesterday's rain. One steep descent beyond KUBALITS to the BEKA River and one stiff climb to the crest above the valley; thence a series of ups and downs, finally coming out onto open, undulating grass-land, dipping down into a small swamp. Beyond, a rough and muddy track led through dense bush to the grass ridge above Lake IVAIA on which CHIRUNKI Police Post is built. Arrived at 11.5 a.m.

Mr. Ward and the rest of the Police and carriers were in camp. Bought food for the entire party. Light rain most of the afternoon.

Sunday 21st Nov. 1948

Left CHIRUNKI with the entire party at 7.5 a.m. and, descending through thick mist to the shallow valley of the lake, passed through the swamp by its southern shores. Travelled over and through a series of grass ridges and swamps and then climbed up to the ridge of the PIPUNGUS Hamlets, arriving at 10 a.m. Departed at 10.10 a.m., and, after a short descent, emerged upon a high, open ridge, giving a view of much more rugged country on either side and ahead to the West the outlines of a range with two distinct peaks beside the LAGAIP gap. Descended the steep slopes of the ridge and wound around the flank of a spur along a rough track, passing by a narrow creek at the bottom of a deep, eroded gully, and some native salt springs. Finally came out onto a level ridge above the LAGAIP River containing the hamlet of AUWUGETA at 11.25 a.m. Commenced to build a camp.

Mr. Ward, with two police and two native helpers, followed behind the patrol on his survey and reached the camp at 3 p.m. Bought sufficient food for the entire party.

Light rain most of the afternoon.

Monday 22nd Nov 1948

Departed 7.40 a.m. and descended to the LAGAIP River. The bridge being in somewhat uncertain condition, 45 minutes were occupied in getting all personnel across. Continued on at 8.20, climbed up to KAIABU, reaching there at 9.10 a.m. and then travelled on to the established camp at WAIMAURAGADUS, arriving at 10.40 a.m.

Again muddy track, but no swamps, the track following a series of small, open knolls in the valley, the LAGAIP and the range beyond forming the northern edge and steep hills with limestone outcrops the southern. Ahead and close to the camp is a sharp saddle-peaked hill and spur, with a huge detached "tooth" outcrop beside it.

Mr. Ward again worked along behind the patrol and arrived in camp at 2.10. p.m.

A very large crowd of natives came into the camp. All were extremely friendly and men, women, and children brought in a large quantity of food.

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Tuesday 23rd Nov. 1948

In order to enable Mr. Ward to complete his survey in this area did not move the patrol on, but spent the day working forward with Mr. Ward to beyond the large sandstone outcrop and then returned to camp at 2.15 p.m.

Climbed to the crest of the sandstone rock, about 250 feet high, with its southern face a sheer wall of rock. It gives a magnificent view of the valley, particularly down the LAGAIP to the north-west.

Purchased another good quantity of food and again a pig. Drizzling rain during the afternoon.

Wednesday 24th Nov 1948

Instead of following the normal route via YOGO and PAIME, decided to cut across by the south of the hill and outcrop, it appearing a more direct route and the natives assuring us it was a feasible one.

Departed WAIMAURAGADUS 7.30 a.m. and arrived at the crest by the sandstone rock at 9 a.m. A very muddy track and waited for 15 minutes for carriers to catch up. Continued on at 9.15, dropped down into a small valley and then climbed up around the base of a spur to LUPSEHA at 10 a.m. This track very boggy and waited 20 minutes for carriers to catch up. Set off again at 10.35 a.m. and climbed to REGIS on the crest overlooking the valley in which is TUMANDAN, reaching there at 11.10 a.m. This track was even worse than the two preceding ones.

Commenced to build the camp. Apparently food throughout this area was plentiful as a good quantity was again brought in by the natives - also two small pigs.

As usual, Mr. Ward followed along behind the patrol, continuing with his survey.

Thursday 25th Nov 1948

Steady rain most of the night and a very muddy track, although, even after the rain, a much better one than yesterday's, chiefly because the local Boss Boy had cleared it and put logs across the worst bogs.

Departed REGIS 7.40 a.m. and arrived unexpectedly at TUMANDAN at 8.55 a.m. For the first time since above CHIRUNKI passed through comparatively thick bush, and also pandanus swamp.

It appearing from previous reports that there was thick moss forest covering the range between TUMANDAN and TIBININI, decided the patrol should remain here the day whilst Mr. Ward and myself reconnoitred up the range. Accordingly Mr. Ward and I crossed the MIZIU River, climbed up a steep slope onto a gradually ascending crest and followed it along for some distance, then returned to the camp at 2.50 a.m.

Purchased sufficient food for the whole party.

Friday 26th Nov. 1948

Departed TUMANDAN 6.40 a.m. and descended to the bridge across the MIZIU. Minor repairs had to be effected and 45 minutes were occupied in getting all the carriers across. Set off again at 7.45 and arrived at the shelters on the crest of the range at 11.30 a.m. A very rough and boggy track through moss forest, but easy climbing.

It had been impossible for Mr. Ward to plot the route by triangulation, or to do any geological work, on the morning's track and after lunch, Mr. Ward, local TUMANDAN natives and myself discussed the possibility that the same conditions would be found on the descent of the range to TIBININI. There appearing little doubt that this would prove to be so, decided to continue on to TIBININI.

Departed at 12.55 and arrived TIBININI 3.45 p.m. A very steep descent, giving a view of the Police Post not far from the crest, and then a series of bogs. Set up camp and bought a small

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quantity of sweet potatoes. Issued these and also, for the first time, rice.

Saturday 27th Nov. 1948

Departed TIBININI 7.30 a.m. and, after crossing the TILIA WARAGIA Creeks, arrived at OREI 9.30. Waited here for 45 minutes for a sick policeman and another accompanying him to catch up and then set off again at 10.15 for PUNDAME, arriving there at 11.5 a.m.

The track was generally as boggy as yesterday's, often leading through high pit-pit. A new track had been cleared between OREI and PUNDAME and this was reasonably dry, but very rough, much of it over felled trees and brush.

Erected two new huts at PUNDAME and improved the existing ones. A very fine view from the camp of serrated limestone peaks and of encircling ranges with whitish outcrops and faces.

Bought a small quantity of food, but again issued rice.

Mr. Ward, with two police, worked along behind the carriers and arrived in camp at 1.40 p.m.

Sunday 28th Nov 1948

Set off at 7 a.m. and after a couple of short, steep climbs and descents, came out onto the crest overlooking the FORGERA valley, with the Police Post plainly visible high up on the opposite ridge, at 9 a.m. Waited here for straggling carriers to catch up and then descended steeply to the FORGERA River, reaching there at 10.5. There were only three light poles on which to cross so had a makeshift bridge constructed and got all personnel across safely by 10.55 a.m.

Set off again on a fairly stiff climb and arrived at the Police Post at 12.5 being greeted by Mr. SYMONS. Mr. Ward arrived in camp at 12.30.

There was to have been an air-drop to-day, but it was heavily overcast and no plane arrived.

Monday 29th Nov 1948

Myself and Mr. Symons did a stock-take of station stores and I then took over from Mr. SYMONS. Spent the remainder of the day issuing rations, dividing the carriers into those who were remain and those who were to return with Mr. Symons, etc.

Station covered in thick cloud mist most of the day and once again no air-drop.

Tuesday 30th Nov 1948

Mr. Symons departed at 7.15 a.m. for WABAG, taking 25 carriers of mine in addition to his own with him.

Put half the carriers to work clearing a garden, and the other half to cutting materials for constructing a small store and bath-room within the P.O.'s house.

A fairly clear day with high cloud around Mt. KAIJENDI, and the Douglas arrived at 10 a.m. Twenty storepedoes were dropped, all but five on the dropping ground, and the drop was completed at 10.45. All storepedoes were recovered and the stores in good order.

Mr. Ward plotting his survey map during the day.

Wednesday 1st Dec 1948

Continued with yesterday's work. Mr. Ward engaged in a preliminary survey around the KOGAI creek, below the station.

Mainly a fine day, but a bleak, gusty wind in the evening.

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Thursday 2nd Dec 1948

Mr Ward and self in camp throughout the day. Completed the store, etc., and spent the remainder of the day preparing for geological survey patrol of the gold-bearing area, commencing to-morrow.

Friday 3rd Dec 1948

Mr. Ward having decided to commence his survey with KOGAI creek, set off at 8.30 a.m. to establish a camp towards its upper reaches, arriving at a suitable site at 10. a.m. Built the camp in a small clearing amongst moss forest on the right bank of the KOGAI.

Mr. Ward set off from the station to work up along the KOGAI from the old gold-mining camp, and arrived in camp at 2 p.m. He had been prevented from proceeding as far as he would have wished by a high waterfall.

Have three police, 25 carriers and an interpreter, with sufficient food for 9 days. There are no natives or gardens in this area.

Saturday 14th Dec 1948

Set off with Mr. Ward at 7.30 a.m. to work down to the waterfall along the bed of the KOGAI, reaching there at 12.30 p.m.

Huge boulders, rapids and minor waterfalls, together with thickly forested, steep banks, made progress by chain and compass very difficult and slow, not to say uncomfortable.

Returned to camp at 2.50 p.m.

Sunday 5th Dec 1948

Set off at 7.15 a.m. with Mr. Ward and proceeded straight up the KOGAI to a little below its head, and then surveyed down, as yesterday, to the camp. Working in water the whole day and again progress was not easy, though not quite so difficult as yesterday.

Mainly a fine, clear day.

Sent Const. KWAMI, with two carriers, back to the station to refill the two bags of rice already used.

Monday 6th Dec 1948.

Heavy and prolonged rain, with thunder and lightning, last night. With Mr. Ward, proceeded across to the gold-bearing tributary of the KOGAI at 7.30 a.m. and then followed it up to near its source. Panned a dish here and obtained a show of gold.

Turned back to where the track crossed the tributary and then followed the latter down to its junction with the KOGAI, Mr. Ward surveying its course the whole way. A narrow, tortuous stream with dense moss forest on both sides.

From the KOGAI, cut across over the top of the hills, passing through a good stand of pine forest, and arrived back in camp at 1.40.

Tuesday 7th Dec 1948

Mr. Ward having completed his survey of the KOGAI, at 7.30 a.m. departed with the carriers for KAIYA Creek. It was surprising how quickly the character of the country changed. Within an hour had passed out of the moss forest and, travelling over and around hill, had emerged into open hillsides, gardens and hamlets of AUBURAKA. At 9.20 a.m. reached a suitable camp site on a level ridge above the KAIYA, giving the best view yet seen of all the country back to where the range was crossed, including the station, KAIJENDI and the PORGERA valley.

Whilst the camp was being built, Mr. Ward made a reconnaissance of the area towards the head of the KAIYA, returning at 2.30 p.m.

A small native population here and a small quantity of food was brought in. Men, women and children visited the camp.

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Wednesday 8th Dec 1948

Leaving the camp at 7.20 a.m. Mr. Ward and myself descended to KAIYA Creek. Last night's heavy rain had swollen it to a minor torrent and it was slow and difficult progress working down it. It was necessary to cross repeatedly from bank to bank in order to proceed, involving much scrambling against the current and several soakings. A fine, cloudless morning, but being wet and cold made things seem pretty dismal, and then drizzling rain set in at mid-day. Finally, steep rock walls on either side, through which the creek rushed, prevented further progress and we turned back to camp, reaching there at 2.45 after a steep climb.

Natives again around the camp and a little food brought in.

Thursday 9th Dec 1948

Mr. Ward and self set off at 7.15 a.m. to return to yesterday's furthest point and managed to continue on by climbing over the top of the gorge. Proceeded down the KAIYA as yesterday as far as the KOGAI junction and then surveyed up the KOGAI to the point where Mr. Ward had begun his original survey. Returned to the camp at 4.25 p.m. Progress in general was much the same as yesterday, but the day was fine throughout.

Friday 10th Dec 1948

At 7.25 Mr. Ward and self left camp and climbed to the top of the hills dividing the KAIYA and its tributaries from the KOGAI and then continued on just below the crest on the KAIYA side, crossing the heads of several KAIYA tributaries. Finally followed one of these tributaries down to its junction with the KAIYA and then along the latter back to camp, arriving at 3.25 p.m.

Probably about 6 miles were covered during the day, but progress was slow and difficult, mostly involving hacking a way through thick moss forest.

Saturday 11th Dec 1948

Set off at 7.30 a.m. and followed a native track along the crest above the KAIYA towards its head. Crossed several tributaries and then descended to the KAIYA. Proceeded down the KAIYA to yesterday's furthest point and returned to camp at 4.35 p.m. Mr. Ward discovered some fossils in the shale beds of the KAIYA.

At 5.30 p.m. a Const. from the Station arrived with a bag of mail and a letter from Mr. SEARSON to say he had returned from WABAG yesterday.

Sunday 12th Dec 1948

It had been intended to move the patrol down to the vicinity of Mr. Searson's Claim to-day, but because of the fossils Mr. Ward had discovered yesterday, he was desirous of spending another day along the upper KAIYA, searching for more. Accordingly, we left camp at 7.15 a.m., descended to the KAIYA and proceeded up it to the point where the fossils were discovered yesterday. Mr. Ward put in a couple of hours searching for fossils and we then returned slowly along the KAIYA, finally reaching camp at 2 p.m.

Monday 13th Dec 1948

Set off at 7.20 to move the patrol along to Mr. Searson's claim, just above the junction of the KAIYA with the PORGERA. Descended to the KAIYA and crossed, and then, climbing up through gardens on the far side, came out onto an excellent track which led above the KAIYA to the claim. Arrived at 11.30 a.m., after searching for camp sites, and set up camp beside Mr. Searson's.

Mr. Ward spent the remainder of the day looking over the claim with Mr. Searson.

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DIARY

Tuesday 14th Dec 1948

Departed at 7.20 a.m. with Mr. Ward and proceeded back along yesterday's track until opposite the KOGAI junction, the limit of Mr. Ward's survey down the KLIYA. Descended to the KAIYA and spent the remainder of the day surveying down the KAIYA as far as Mr. Searson's claim, arriving back at 3.25 p.m.

Wednesday 15th Dec 1948

Remained in camp all day whilst Mr. Ward surveyed the claim. A good supply of food brought in by the natives, sufficient for all personnel.

Put the carriers to work panning for gold above Mr. Searson's claim and obtained about about 2 dwts, similar to that being obtained by Mr. Searson.

Thursday 16th Dec 1948

At 7.40 a.m. departed with the carriers for the Police Post, and arrived at 9.10 a.m. Thick cloud mist and drizzle during the afternoon, but a fine, clear afternoon.

Self remained at the Station during the remainder of the day, whilst, during the afternoon, Mr. Ward went down to the KOGAI.

Friday 17th Dec 1948

Mr. Ward and self spent the whole day at the station, preparing to leave for WABAG to-morrow.

Sent the interpreter, a policeman and several carriers down to the old mining site on the KOGAI to obtain more specimens of gold for Mr. Ward. They obtained, amongst others, one piece almost as big as a shilling.

A clear, fine day with scattered cloud.

Saturday 18th Dec 1948

Departed for WABAG via the alternate route at 7.30a.m. An excellent, dry track led down to the PORGERA River, but due to there being no bridge, 25 minutes were spent in fording it. An equally good track led up from there to the hamlet of PAIAPE, which was reached at 9.30 a.m.

Continued on from PAIAPE, passing almost immediately into dense bush, along a well-defined, gradually rising track that bent around the base of the limestone table-top mountain. As we progressed the track became rougher and more boggy, with no breaks in the bush, until, a little after 2 p.m., emerged into open areas covered by coarse grass and marsh. Finally made camp at 2.30 p.m. on the site of Mr. Champion's second last camp out. No natives or gardens.

Before the camp could be completed (only pandanus palm was available for roofing, etc.) a cold, driving rain set in.

Left two Police at the Post and have with me 48 carriers, 4 Police, interpreter, N.M.O., and MONGURERA Boss Boy.

Sunday 19th Dec. 1948

Departed 6.40 a.m. in cloud mist and almost immediately entered moss forest. Descended to the ERA River at the edge of open grassland and crossed at 9 o'clock, but waited for 25 minutes for straggling carriers to catch up. Continued on over open, marshy undulating grassland, crossed the ERA again and then climbed up to the low ridge at the edge of bush, overlooking the ERA, on which Mr. Champion had made his camp., arriving at 10.55 a.m. Commenced to build the camp in a sharp downpour which soon ceased, and though the weather remained overcast and threatening, no further rain fell.

The open area of the river basin affords some excellent views of limestone mountains, ridges and hills, with the range of Mt. KAIJENDI and its many gleaming limestone faces and peaks predominating.

No natives, garden or habitations seen to-day.

DIARY

Monday 20th Dec 1948

A fine, fresh morning, but rather cold.

Departed 7 a.m., passed through a short stretch of forest and then, emerging into an open space, found the valley below filled with cloud. Descended into it and reached the ERA again at 8 a.m. Crossed and for the next two hours travelled parallel to and above the ERA over marshy, open grassland, dotted with islands of bush and bounded by limestone hills and outcrops. Waited half-an-hour for straggling carriers to catch up and then continued on over the gradually contracting basin, reaching Mr. Champion's camp 45 minutes later at 11.40.

Continued on through forest over a rough and extremely boggy track, gradually descending, and passing around a limestone hill, reached the MALADOKA hamlets and made camp at 1 p.m.

Driving rain fell off and on during the afternoon.

Bought about 20 lbs of sweet potato.

Tuesday 21st Dec. 1948

Departed 6.20 a.m. in cloud mist, climbed through forest along a muddy track to KURU hamlets and descended to KURU creek. Following an extremely rough and boggy track, climbed over the range and came out into the open gardens of TUJOHE at 8.50. Very low cloud mist and somewhat cold, but set off again in fine weather, at 9.30.

Descended to and crossed IUNGINI creek, travelled up a very boggy basin for a short distance and then once again began to climb through forest along a track that continually worsened, being little short of one continual morass. Finally descended once more to open gardens, welcome sunlight and the KAINE hamlets at 11.30, making camp on yet another of Mr. Champion's sites.

To-day's track was the most wretched yet encountered by the patrol, including the outward trip to PORGERA.

Both at TUJOHE and at KAINE small groups of natives met the patrol and they appear a very friendly people.

The remainder of the day was fine and clear, the first day of real sunshine we have had since leaving PORGERA.

Wednesday 22nd Dec 1948

Once again thick cloud mist and a cold morning.

Set off at 6.55 a.m., crossed a limestone creek, and then a short climb to KASI. Beyond, crossed two or three open grass ridges and emerged upon a crest overlooking the LAGAIP valley, giving a splendid view of open, cultivated hillsides on both sides, and of the valley stretching away for many miles. Descended through gardens and hamlets to the LAGAIP River, reaching and crossing it at 9.10. So far, an excellent track, little mud, and sections quite wide and good walking.

Waited at the LAGAIP until 9.55 a.m. for Mr. Ward and then set off for CHIRUNKI. There was a short, gradual ascent bordering the LAGAIP and then, past HURIDE, a very steep climb to a crest of the range along a dry track. A short descent to a valley containing hamlets followed, and then another steep, but shorter, climb along a rough track and through thick bush to the real crest of the KARAP Range. Here, came out onto a wide track which followed the crest with hardly a rise or fall for over two hours, but extremely boggy. Abruptly emerged into open slopes, gardens and hamlets overlooking CHIRUNKI and Lake IVAFA at 1.55 p.m. and waited until 2.20 for carriers. Then descended, crossed the marsh and arrived at CHIRUNKI at 3.15 p.m.

Thursday 23rd Dec 1948

Departed CHIRUNKI 6.55 a.m. and arrived KUBALITS 10.10 a.m. Hundreds of natives were assembled in full ceremonial dress, engaged in dancing, etc., preparatory to the WABAG Christmas festivities.

Departed KUBALITS 11.20 a.m. and arrived WABAG 2.15 p.m.

GENERAL

REMARKS

The object and the nature of the Patrol were such that very little contact was made with natives inhabiting the various areas patrolled. As can be seen from the diary, both on the outward and return trips natives were only met with in the afternoons and the patrol would then leave that particular area the following morning. Againstwhilst at the PORGERA no time could be devoted to contacting natives and establishing relations with them, since the geological survey took us away from the centres of population and occupied the full time of the patrol's stay in that area.

Therefore no attempt has been made in this report to give detailed information regarding natives, etc., other than is included in a diary which has been made somewhat fuller than is customary in Patrol Reports.

G. Linsley

P.O.

(G. Linsley)

GENERAL

Amongst the Constables accompanying the patrol there appeared to be a strange lack of alertness, bearing, and awareness of themselves as members of a trained body of Police. Certainly, there was no M.C.O., but hitherto I have always found a certain pride in themselves, amongst police, as Police., but I was able to discern little evidence of this amongst these Constables. It appeared that they were always willing to accept the privileges of their position, but not fully aware of the duties and responsibilities accompanying that position, and inclined to regard discipline as a fetish of this particular Officer - something not to be taken too seriously. I think the high water mark was reached when one Constable appeared on parade in a pair of shorts, a vest, and a piece of fur tied on top of his head.

However, the above is not to be taken as saying that there are not good qualities in these Police. All except one ~~and~~ in my opinion, good material, only needing a consistent programme of training and discipline to turn them into efficient Police. Even the one Const. against whom two charges, one of disobeying ~~and~~ order, and another of using insolent and insubordinate language, were preferred, is far from being a bad Policeman; indeed he was often of more use than the others.

Z 137	Const .AIYA	An excellent type, a good worker, sensible and the most efficient of the detachment.
Z 153	" IRAMBI	A fair worker; inclined to regard himself as being above orders, and requiring a certain amount of discipline. Two charges of breaches of discipline were preferred against him on the patrol's return.
Z 97	" KUZAVUZO	Undependable, inefficient, lacking intelligence - possessing no discernible quality that could qualify him as a Policeman.
2814	" ANDRUME	Needs constant watching and supervision. Gives the impression at first that he is achieving a great deal, but it is mostly a case of much talking and shouting covering up a great deal of doing nothing. However, works well when under supervision.
6396	" KWAMI	A quietly spoken, likeable Const. Does his best, but is obviously inexperienced and appears sometimes at a loss as to what is required of him.
6318	" TOLITANG	A bright, young Constable. Quite a willing worker when shown what to do, but not possessing much initiative. Given to appearing on parade in strange combinations of wearing apparel until deterred.

G. Linsley

P.O.

(G. Linsley)

SKETCH MAP OF PONGIAN GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PATROL

