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PATROL REPORT NO 10-~~63~~64.

By

W. N. Levi.

GUMINE.

**CHIMBU**

~~EASTERN~~

~~WILDLANDS~~

DISTRICT.

Chimbu?

67-13-81.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

## PATROL REPORT

District of...Eastern Highlands..... Report No. GIM-NO. 10 <sup>62/63</sup> ~~10~~

Patrol Conducted by...Wasangula Noel Levi Assistant Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled...Doni Region of Salt G/D and Wikauma G/D

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans...Nil  
1 Member of R.P.&N.G.C.  
Natives...1 Interpreter

Duration—From...24/6/1963...to...4/7/1963...

Number of Days...20 Working Days.....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...April.../19...63..

Medical ...February.../19...59..

Map Reference...Shimbu...2...Miles to...1...Tech.....

Objects of Patrol...(a) Road Work...(b) House of Assembly Educational  
Campaign...(c) Routine Administration.....

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

211/1964

District Commissioner

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

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

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund ....

67-13-81


January 20th, 1964.

The District Officer,  
Chimbu Division,  
Eastern Highlands District,  
KUNDULAWA.

1962/63  
PATROL REPORT No. 10 - ~~SECRET~~ - GUMINE

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report,  
together with covering comments is acknowledged with thanks.

The contents of the Report have been sufficiently  
covered by the A/District Officer. A lot of the value of  
the Report has been lost because of the delay in forwarding.  
Please ensure that this is not repeated.

  
(J. K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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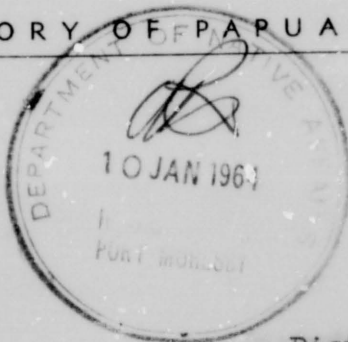
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If calling ask for

Mr.....

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GRB:aw



District Office,  
Chimbu Division,  
Eastern Highlands District,  
KUNDIAWA.

28th December, 1963.

The Director,  
Dept. of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT - GUMINE No.10/62-63.

The report of the abovementioned patrol is forwarded herewith.

The patrol was of a routine nature and has been well conducted.

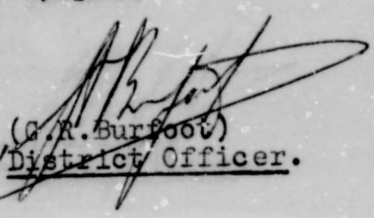
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Paras 10-12. The problems raised are not peculiar to this area but it is hoped that continual education will at least give a rudimentary comprehensions of the essential electoral mechanics.

For your information, please.

  
(G.R. Burfoot)  
a/District Officer.

cc. A.D.O. Gumine.

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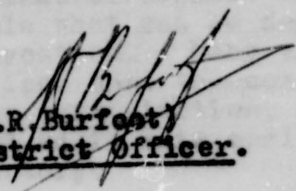
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Sub-District Office,  
GUMINE.  
Eastern Highlands District.

22nd August, 1963.

The District Officer,  
Chimbu Division,  
Eastern Highlands District,  
KUNDIAWA.

Attached Patrol Report.

Please find attached hereto Gumine Patrol Report No. 10 of 1962-63 covering patrol to the Wikauma and Salt (part only) Census Division by Mr. W.N. Levi, A.P.O..

2. A few comments on the report are as follows:-

DIARY.

12/7/63: This was not a case of rape at all but an attempt by a woman to try and force money out of a man who had had intercourse with her. Dealt with Under C.N.A..

Report.

para. 1: Mr. Levi was sent out on road work for a short period at the request of the local people to advise in bridge building and siting.

para. 8: This is generally the feeling throughout about 90% of the Gumine Administrative area.

para 9 : The small population in the Omkolai area does not even warrant an officer being posted there for a period of a month in every three months. My feeling is that should an officer visit there for two days every two weeks it would be more than satisfactory.

para 20-

12 : This attitude is prevalent throughout the Gumine area and there is little that can be done to combat it except continual education. Many visual aids will be required. I feel that the coming election will be a farce but the next election, following upon the knowledge gained in this coming election, should be very satisfactory.

3. The late submission of this report is regretted but was caused through my absence on patrol.

4. Camping allowance claim is forwarded herewith for payment, please.

5. I feel that the patrol has carried out some very important work especially in that it has given the people something to think about regarding the forthcoming elections. A careful watch is being kept on the area to make certain no wrong attitudes are taken by the people.

(C. N. Levi)

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

File No: 67-4-1.

Sub-District Office,  
GUMINE,  
Chimbu Division,  
Eastern Highlands Dist.

24th July, 1963.

Assistant District Officer,  
Gumine Sub-District,  
GUMINE.

GUMINE PATROL REPORT NO. 10 of 62/63.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: W. N. Levi, Assistant P/O.

AREA PATROLLED: Deri and Wikauma c/d.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY: 1 R.P.&N.G.C.  
1 Interpreter.

DURATION OF PATROL: 24/6/63 to 15/7/63.

Working Days: 200

OBJECTS OF PATROL: Road Work  
House of Assembly Educational  
Campaign.  
Routine Administration.

MAP REFERENCE:

Chimbu 2 Miles to 1 Inch.

*W. N. Levi*  
(W. N. LEVI)  
Assistant Patrol Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL DIARY: GUMINE PATROL NO. 10 of 62/63.

DERI REGION OF SALT C/D and WIKAUAMA C/D.

24/6/63: Proceeded to Deri rest house 0945 arriving 1100. Met V/Os and explained to them the purpose of the visit. At 1330 all prisoners and policeman to Wahgi to work on road. Self at rest house hearing and settling minor disputes.

Slept Deri.

25/6/63: At Deri R.H. Purchased freshfoods for prisoners in the morning. 1000 proceeded to Wahgi bridge for inspection and supervision of prisoners on road work. Returned to rest house 1230. At 1300 proceeded to Wara Sua to supervise work on bridge. Returned to Deri R.H.

Slept Deri.

26/6/63: Proceeded to Wahgi river bridge 0800 to supervise prisoners on road work. Returned to rest house midafternoon and settled several minor complaints, mainly pig trouble.

Slept Deri.

27/6/63: At Deri. Purchased freshfoods for prisoners in the morning. At 1000 proceeded to Wara Sua to inspect work there, thence to Mul on road and bridge inspection.

Slept Deri.

28/6/63: At Deri. Heard and settled several minor complaints. At 1030 proceeded to Wara Sua to supervise work on bridge.

Slept Deri.

29/6/63: Patrol gears despatched to Wara-Sua Gumine. Self to Wara Sua, nail decking planks and finish off all work on the bridge. Proceeded to Gumine 1230 arriving 1330.

Slept Gumine.

30/6/63: Observed on station.

1/7/63 : In Gumine in preparation for Wikauma Patrol.

Slept Gumine.

2/7/63 : Departed Gumine 1000 for Kua rest house, arriving at Kua 1600.

Slept Kua.

3/7/63 : At Kua rest house. Talked to the Village Officials of the area and warned them of any riotous behaviour during the pig killing ceremonies. As the pig killing was going to last one week it was necessary to stay in this rest house for the duration.

Slept Kua.

4/7/63: At Kua. Proceeded OMADARA in the morning to observed the pig killing ceremonies visiting all hamlets en route. Returned to Kua rest house late in the afternoon.

Slept Kua.

5/7/63: At Kua. Proceeded to Gomgale area to observe and keep an eye on the pig killing and feasting activities. Returned to Kua rest house.

Slept Kua.

6/7/63: At Kua. Settlement of several minor cases, mainly pig quarrels. Discussions with V/Os re House of Assembly and next years' election.

Slept Kua.

7/7/63: At Kua. Observed.

Slept Kua.

8/7/63: At Kua AM. Proceeded to Oldale 1015 stopping at several hamlets en route, arriving 1345. Met Village Officials and heard several minor complaints.

Slept Oldale.

9/7/63: At Oldale AM. Addressed the assembled crowd on the proposed new House of Assembly and voting procedures. Proceeded to Omadara 1000 arriving 1145. Met Village Officials, minor disputes brought forward for settlement.

Slept Omadara.

10/7/63: At Omadara AM. Addressed the assembled crowd on new House of Assembly and the voting procedures. Proceeded to Buli rest house 1030 arriving 1200. Met Village Officials and discussions re purpose of visit.

Slept Buli.

11/7/63: At Buli AM. Rain very heavily and only few people were able to attend the talk. Arrangements made with Officials to assemble people again on Saturday at the Marigl bridge site. Proceeded to Omkalai rest house 1300 stopping at Marigl bridge en route, arrived Omkalai 1500. Met Village Officials.

Slept Omkalai.

12/7/63: At Omkalai AM. Addressed the assembled crowd on the new House of Assembly and the voting procedures. Discussions after talk with Village Officials. A case of alleged rape was investigated and the defendant was sent to Gumine for CNA hearing.

Slept Omkalai.

13/7/63: At Omkalai AM. Proceeded to Marigl bridge to give talk to Buli people. Settled several minor complaints and returned to Omkalai.

Slept Omkalai.

14/7/63: Proceeded to Moromaule 1000 per tractor arriving at 1100.  
Met Village Officials and Observed Sunday.

Slept Moromaule.

15/7/63: At Moromaule AM. Addressed assembled crowd on House of Assembly and voting procedures.  
Returned to Omkalai 1300 per tractor thence by foot to Gumine.

END OF PATROL DIARY.

*W. Noel Levi*  
(W. Noel Levi)  
Sub-District Office.  
GUMINE.

Gumine Patrol Report No. 10 of 62/63.  
Deri Region of Salt C/D and Wikauma C/D.

Introduction.

1. The areas visited by the patrol were the Deri region of the Salt census division and the Wikauma census division. The purpose of the patrol was (a) Road and Bridge maintenance in the Deri area (b) Routine Administration and (c) House of Assembly Educational campaign (Wikauma C/D).
2. The first week of the patrol was spent in the Deri area in order to open up certain sections of the Gumine-Kundiawa (via Salt C/D) road. Many of the bridges in this region were also repaired and in most cases widened so as to be able to cater for four-wheel traffics. The work was done by voluntary labour and some prisoners from Gumine station.
3. After a week at Deri the patrol moved on to the Wikauma census division to try and educate the people on the House of Assembly. The informations used in this educational campaign were extracted from the Pidgin/English translation of the Select Committee's report, prepared by the Department of Informations and Extension Services.
4. During the period that the patrol was in the census division, there was a big pig killing affair at Kua Oldale, Omadara (Wikauma) and Gomgale (Marigl C/D). As this function is perhaps one of the most important event in the Chimbu area, many people from as far afield as Minj and Gembogle were in the area. As indicated by past reports, these affairs usually ended up with tribal fights so in order to avoid this happening the patrol made use of the Kua rest house for a week while the ceremony was on. There was no incidents by the end of this period and the patrol was then able to move on to the other rest houses in the census division.
5. The talks on the enlarged House of Assembly were delivered to the assembled crowds at all rest houses in the Wikauma census division.

Native Affairs.

6. The general native situation in both the Deri area and the Wikauma census division is very satisfactory. The Natives Administration relationship appeared to be cementing again as a result of the recent increase in of Native Affairs staffs to Gumine. In the Deri area they were very pleased to have somebody other than a policeman to supervise and generally speaking instruct them on road work. At Kua the people were very delighted to see the patrol in their midst when it was generally feared that the pig killing ceremonies were likely to get out of hand. On the whole, the people of both these areas are very pro- Administration types.

Native Affairs.

7. The people of Deri were not too happy about the proposed transfer of the Administration station to OMKALAI. From reports, this is how the people on the south side of the Marigl river feel about the move. In late June, the District Officer, Kundiawa, visited Gumine and spoke to the people, but as nothing definite was said on this occasion about the move the people are not too happy. They are now reluctant to do much about the road work and other developmental works on the Gumine side of the Marigl river.

8. From informations received while in the Deri area, it is being planned that when the station is finally transferred to Omkalai, all the village officials are going to resign. Once this is done they will then discouraged their people from doing any work for the Administration.

9. The people living in the immediate vicinity of Omkalai are not committing themselves to anything of this nature. They fully realised that there is very little chance of the station being moved to Omkalai but they would appreciate at least a Native Affairs Officer to be stationed at Omkalai. This will more or less justify their claim that Omkalai with its airstrip should be the seat of the Administration.

10. The people of the Ikauma census division are relatively advanced and at Omkalai the degree of sophistication is much more apparent than elsewhere in the Gumine Administrative area. However, politically speaking these people are far behind that it was very difficult to explain to them the new House of Assembly. From the way they reacted towards the talks given to them on this matter it was apparent that the whole thing is beyond them. This may not be so in about five years time but right now the task of educating and prepare these people for next year's election is going to be a very difficult one.

11. The House of Assembly to these people is just one of those English words, likewise are such terms as 'election', 'vote', and 'electorate' just to mention a few. These terms were tried to translate into simple pidgin but it was found that during the process the true meanings of the terms were lost. The result being complicated confusions as to what the talks were all about.

12. Admittedly this was the first of a series of talks in an education programme to prepare these people for the elections. Therefore one cannot expect too much out of these people but it is obvious that they needed educating much more than originally planned. It may also be a good idea for the pamphlets on the election procedures be prepared in as simple form as possible so that they can be distributed to the pidgin readers of the area. The pidgin translation of the Select Committee's report was full of many English terms that I am sure not even an advanced coastal native could understand, let alone trying to read it.

13. The main avenue for employment available for the people of this area is through the Highlands Labour Scheme. But as only a certain number can be recruited through this scheme, many young men of the area are walking out to places such as Minj and Banz to look for work.

### Agriculture and Stock.

14. The people of the Wikauma census division are mainly subsistence agriculturalists. The foodcrops which constitutes the main diet of the people are kaukau, taro, yams, sugarcane and banana. The system of agriculture practised by the people is the one of shifting tillage. A piece of ground maybe continually cultivated for some five to seven years after which it is left fallow for at least fifteen years. ~~During~~ During this period the pigs are usually allowed into the enclosure in order to dig the ground and fertilise it.

15. The usual run of vegetables in the style of cabages, beans, tomatoes, peas and english potatoes are also grown in the census division. Most of these are being consumed locally but some find their way to the market at Gumine and various mission centres in the Gumine area.

### Cash Crops.

16. There are no large acreage of cash crops in the census division. There are of course small coffee plots throughout the area but usually these are never cared for properly and as a result the leaves are yellowish in colour, a feature the people blamed on the unsuitability of the soil. The cash income of the people are derived from the sale of kaukau and vegetables to the Administration and the Missions.

### Livestock.

17. Apart from the Lutheran owned cattle at Omkalai, livestock in the area comprises mainly of native owned pigs, goats, dogs and fowls. There are no birds or wild animal game in the census division.

### Education.

18. The census division is well served by numerous mission controlled schools, ranging from the small village schools to a mission Primary 'T' school. The village schools are conducted by the catechists of the three religious bodies, Lutheran, SDA and Catholics operating in the area. The Primary 'T' School in the area is at Omkalai and it is run by the Lutheran Mission. The teachers at this school are all mission trained. The teachings in the village schools are in the local language and at the Lutheran Primary 'T' School, the teaching is in Kottee and English.

19. The Administration has no schools in the Wikauma census division.

### Missions.

20. The christian missions operating in the census division are the Lutheran, Seventh Day Adventists and Roman Catholic missions. The Seventh Day Adventists and Roman Catholic missions have their headquarters at Dirima and Yani respectively, in the Marigl census division. The Lutheran mission has its headquarters at Omkalai.

Roads and Bridges.

21. The Dori section of the Gumine-Salt-Kundiawa road is in a very good condition, but due to the lack of use, it has been allowed to deteriorate a little. Not much actual road work was needed on this section and therefore the week that was spent in the area was devoted mainly to the repairing of bridges. A total number of four bridges were repaired during this period. The work was mainly done by the station prisoners with the help of local voluntary workers.

22. The Moromaule-Marigl section of the Kundiawa-Gumine road is within the boundary of the Wikauma census division. This section, generally speaking, is often well kept and is in very good condition. However on a section between Tagala and Omkalai, landslides ~~are~~ a regular occurrence, especially after a few drops of rain. This section is about 100 yards long, ~~is~~ cut along the side of a hill which from its appearance, consists mainly of decomposed limestone mixed with clay.

23. Bridging along this section of the main road is good and has been improved greatly by the replacements of a few structures.

24. The Wikauma census division was fairly assessable by motor-cycle but due to the lack of use, it has been allowed to deteriorate. This track is a continuation of a well kept one which now goes as far as Gomgale, a rest house in the Marigl census division. A lot of work is required in order to have this track trafficable again and from Buli to the Marigl river, re routing of the present track should improve that section ~~xxxxxxx~~ considerably. The native people of the area would like very much to do the track up again providing of course that tools are supplied by the Administration.

Health.

25. The health of the people in this census division is very good and during the course of the patrol very few skin complaints were noticed.

26. Aid Posts have been established at Oldale, Omadara and Moromaule. The people living in the immediate vicinity of Omkalai are served by the Lutheran mission aid post, at Omkalai. The native aid post orderlies of the area visited were all present when the patrol was in the area.

Conclusion.

27. The patrol was a very enjoyable one and during the period that it was in the area, it was made welcomed at all rest houses. Although the talks given on the enlarged House of Assembly was a bit beyond these people, it is certain that persistent schooling up and patrolling will make a great difference by the time of the elections. The patrol has also given me a fair knowledge of the people and their customs.

*Noel Levi*  
N. Noel Levi)  
Sub-District Office,  
GUMINE.