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1968-1969

TARI & KOMO

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... Number 7 68/69

Subdistrict..... TARI

District..... Southern Highlands

Type of Patrol..... Situation

Patrol Conducted by..... F.C. Di Bois

Area Patrolled  
(Council and/or  
Census Division/s.)  
South Basin Census Division.

Persennel Accompanying Patrol  
Interpreter Lagari R.P.N.G.C. Members  
Const. 1/C Tatu  
Const. Achyu (part) Const. 1/C Kargru  
Const. Gundu (part) Const. Tia.

Duration of Patrol—from...../...../..... To..... 16/9/68 to 12/10/68 & 12/10 to 23/11/68

No. of Days..... 54 Patrol days.

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area :..... Tari Patrol No. 7 1967/68

Date..... July and August 1967 Duration..... 14 days

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... Investigation report ground haris,  
Road repairs and investigations. Land surveys and investigations Wabia and Tigibi.  
Construction of Police Post Wabia.

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 6232

Director of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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.....  
District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone  
Telegrams  
Over Reference 67-3-5  
If calling ask for  
Mr.



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

16th June, 1969

The Director  
Department of District Administration  
KONEDOBUBU, PAPUA.

PATROL REPORT - TARI NO. 1 of 1968/69.

Please find enclosed a report submitted by Mr. F. Du Bois, Cadet Patrol Officer of Tari. Comments on the report by the Assistant District Commissioner, are also attached.

2. Although the investigation carried out by Mr. Du Bois on the 5,500 acre "HURIA" block did not reach a satisfactory conclusion, a more recent investigation (May, 1969) of a smaller area (approximately 1400 acres) has been completed and this could lead to the establishment of the first expatriate agriculturalist in the Tari basin. This in turn would have important effects on future economic development in the area. It is this sort of catalyst which, in conjunction with present efforts by the Department of Agriculture to organize cinchona plantings by the Tari people, is needed to get the Tari area "off the ground" in the economic sense.

3. The District Inspector of Police, Mendi advises that the staffing of the Police Post at WABIA is a matter which he has in hand. It is anticipated that two members from the Tari Detachment, Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary, will move to WABIA within the next two weeks.

4. There is room for improvement in Mr. Du Bois's reporting and I look forward to seeing this in his future reports.

*E. J. Emmanuel*  
E. J. EMMANUEL.  
(Acting District Commissioner)

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3rd July, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
KENDU.

PATROL TARI NO. 1/68-69.

Your reference is 67-3-5 of 16th June, 1969.


2. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. F.C. Du Bois, C.P.O. to South Basin Census Division.

3. A most disappointing first solo report and a considerable improvement in spelling and less use of slang terms in addition to presentation will be required in future reports by Mr. Du Bois.

4. There does not appear to be any explanation for the delay from the completion of the patrol until the report was commented upon by A.D.C., Tari.

5. Further in patrol instructions issued to Mr. Du Bois he was required to carry out an Area Study and Census Revision. While it is apparent that the investigation of the Maria block was not brought to fruition there is no mention as to why this aspect of the patrol instructions was not effected.

6. Mr. Du Bois is capable of better work and I trust I do not have to again comment unfavourably on his future reports.

  
(T.W. ELLIS)  
Director.

cc: Mr. F.C. Du Bois, C.P.O.  
Sub District Office  
TARI  
Southern Highlands District.

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

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TARI,  
Southern Highlands District.

1st May, 1969.

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

Tari Patrol Report No. 1 of 1968/69

Mr. F. Du Bois, C.F.O.

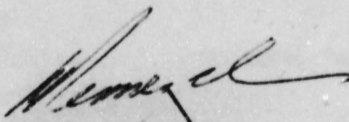
Attached please find three (3) copies of the above-mentioned patrol report together with claims for camping allowance.

2. This patrol was principally concerned with the investigation of the five and a half thousand acre "HURIA" block, an area of land in the South Tari Basin which had earlier been surveyed in the expectation that the owners would agree to its alienation by the Administration for developmental purposes. A considerable amount of time was spent by the patrol in interviewing and listing land owners and claimants (the total of names came to something like six thousand) and in assessing the large number of improvements, down to the last casuarina tree. However it finally became clear that this large area of land could not be purchased in toto and the investigation along such lines was discontinued. It is now hoped that portions of this land will be acquired later by separate investigations. Unfortunately Mr. Du Bois has not retained his lengthy lists of owners and improvements which might have been of future value.

3. The investigation of the small parcel of land for the WABIA Police station was completed by this patrol. Two bush material buildings and a permanent material building have since been erected on the site as accommodation. My 68-1-1 of 21st April, 1969 to the District Police Inspector, Mendi (copy to you) raises the matter of staffing for this proposed Police Post.

4. Since this patrol, an Administration Primary 'T' School has been established at WABIA and the Capuchin Mission has set up a Primary 'T' School at TIGIBI. This now gives the South Basin a much improved school coverage.

5. A reasonable report but more care should be given by Mr. Du Bois to presentation and spelling.



(D.F. Femesal)

Assistant District Commissioner.





Department of District Administration,  
Sub-District Office,  
TARI.  
Southern Highlands District.  
13th September, 1968.

Telegrams

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Our Reference 67-2-1

If calling ask for

Mr. ....

Mr. F.C. DuBois,  
Cadet Patrol Officer,  
TARI.

Patrol Instructions Tari Patrol No. 7 of 1968-69.

As verbally instructed please be prepared to commence your patrol on Monday 16th September.

Personel:

Interpreter	LAGARI.
R.P. & N.G.C.	Members.
Const. 1/C	TATU.
Const. 1/C	KAMGRU.
Const.	TIA.
Const.	ACHYU.

Purposes of the Patrol:

1. Complete the ownship and list of improvements on the 5550 acre Huria Block so that I may complete the Investigation report of this vital piece of economic land.
2. As per new patrol Standing Instructions an area study will be compiled in conjunction with Census Revision for the following Census Divisions:
  - NORTH BASIN.
  - PUIJERO.
  - CENTRAL BASIN.
  - EAST BASIN.
3. General road repairs and a comprehensive report on the road systems of the above Census Divisions will be submitted with your report.
4. General Administration, by way of personal contact with the people is most important.
5. As this patrol is your first long solo one I stress the need to carry out instructions in the best way you can. Handle all matters which do not constitute court action, otherwise despatch any problems to me. Learn as much as you can about native customs with emphasis on land tenure.
6. I estimate the patrol should take you about 8 weeks, utilise your time to the utmost.
7. If time permits I want you to carry out investigations and surveys on the following land areas:
  1. School site TIGIBI - being an extension to Catholic Mission Lease there. An area of 15 acres of the most is required.
  2. Approximately 3 acres at WABIA Rest House Area - preferably on the URUM Road section - being for a <sup>POLICE</sup> Patrol Post.
  3. Approximately 1500-2000 acres at HENGANDA and PAIJAKA - being area suitable for cattle development or small mixed farms.

I realise the workload is large but I'm sure you will take this opportunity to prove yourself in a diligent manner.

I wish a pleasant patrol.

P.R. Kerr.  
s/Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. District Commissioner,  
MENDI.

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Department of District Administration  
Headquarters Office  
Southern Highlands District  
12th January 1963

The Assistant District Commissioner  
1963  
Southern Highlands District

AREA PATROL NO. 2 AND 3/63  
AREA REPORT

Patrol Conducted by:	Police Area	Squad Patrol Officer
Area Patrolled:	South West	
Personnel Accompanying:	Members of the S.P. Unit	
	1. 030 Const. I.C. (Supt)	
	2. 076 Const. I.C. (Supt)	
	3. 112 Const. I.C.	
	4. 167 Const. I.C. (Supt)	
	5. 170 Const. I.C. (Supt)	
	Interpreter	Agnes Mwangi
Duration of Patrol:	12/1/63 to 13/1/63 and 14/1/63 to 15/1/63 24 patrol days.	
Last I.D. Patrol in Area:	July and August 1962	
Number of Days Last Patrol:	2 days	
Objects of Patrol:	Investigation report ground trials, road repairs and investigations land surveys and investigations at Kalia and Nyibi. Construction of Police post at Kalia.	
Total Population of Area Patrolled:	632	

*Handwritten signature*

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INTRODUCTION.

For the duration of this patrol, all nights were spent at Wabia Rest House which is some six miles from Tari station in a Southerly direction. Wabia was the centre of all the operations and was also quite conveniently used as a store for all materials required by this patrol.

This patrol was to continue the investigation of Iuria block (see attached map) as well as several other surveys and investigations, and road repairs and maintenance through-out the South Basin.

The patrol also organised some 350 men everyday from all census points within the South Basin, into gangs in the replacing of bridges, clearing and levelling ground for Police station and school site at Wabia, and levelling and clearing ground for the school at Tigibi. Also made frequent checks on road work being carried out by the remainder of lines.

The patrol also constructed one permanent materials house and two bush material houses for the Police station at Wabia. It is hoped within the near future that the Police Constabulary supply the three additional police officers required to man this station as requested.

DIARY

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16th. Sept. 1968

Departed Tari 9-30 a.m and travelled by car to Wabia Rest House arriving 10.00am. Spent rest of morning setting up camp.

Afternoon spent in discussion with Councillor's from Wabia, Uruma, Piangwanda and Tigibi.

17th. Sept. 1968

7.30 am. commenced the taking of names of owners of the "Huria" ground in the Wabiago sub-clan of the Wabia line. 11.00 am. Wabiago line finished so thus sent them with the police to start the counting of their improvements. I then continued with the taking of names of the Wenani sub-clan.

Later in afternoon Mr. Kerr ADO arrived and held a discussion with regards to the surveying of 10 acres of ground immediately for a Primary "T" School at Wabia. Mr. Kerr then departed back for Tari.

4.00pm. chose a site ideal for school and then held discussion with owners. All are willing to sell.

7.00pm. to 9.00pm. held discussions with Councillor's Tiabe and Manu from Wabia and Piangwanda respectively.

18th. Sept. 1968

7.30am. gave instructions to police and they then departed to continue counting of improvements for the Wabiago line.

I then continued with the taking of names of the Wenani sub-clan.

10.00 am surveyed ground for Primary "T" School.

2.30pm. counted improvements for owners of ground.

19th. Sept. 1968

7.30am. allocated work to lines from Tigibi, Piangwanda, Kela, Iangome, Wabia and Uruma, in the clearing of bush and pit-pit at the Primary "T" School site, which was surveyed yesterday.

10.30am. continued with the taking of names of owners of Huria ground from the Tembera sub-clan.

Afternoon spent in inspection of road from Wabia to Uruma, discussion with Councillor at Uruma and thence back to Wabia. At Wabia gave an address to all explaining about the "T" School which will be operating in 1969. Also explained about the proposed police station for Wabia.

20th. Sept. 1968

7.30am. allocation of work to all lines.

8.00am. departed Wabia for Tigibi arriving 9.45am. Had general discussions with Councillors Toby and Tungwa. Also had discussions with police and warders at present stationed at Tigibi with 20 prisoners for work on the Tari-Mendi Road. Then inspected progress work on the clearing of ground for the Tigibi "T" School which will be built by the Capuchin Mission. Arrived back at Wabia 2.15pm.

Afternoon spent surveying ground for Police Station at Wabia.

Two minor disputes settled that night.

21st. Sept. 1968

9.00am to 11.00am. discussions with Councillors from Wabia, Uruma and Piangwanda.

22nd. Sept. 1968

Observed

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23rd. Sept. 1968

7.30am. allocation of work to lines from Tigibi, Piangwanda, Wabia, Kela, Uruma and Iangome in clearing of ground sites for Primary "T" School and Police Post.

9.30am. departed Wabia for Uruma and commenced taking of names of owners of the ground "Huria". Departed Uruma 1.30 pm. and arrived back at Wabia 2.15pm. Afternoon spent in trying to find a suitable bridge-site over the Mati River on the Tari-Benaria road. Present site found to be the best so measurements for the new bridge to begin construction tomorrow.

Discussion that night with one of the councillors from Tigibi.

24th. Sept. 1968

7.30am. allocation of work to all lines. Some lines to continue with the clearing of the school and police station sites and the other lines to begin construction of the bridge over the River Mati. Day consisted of cutting and pulling of logs for the bridge. All told 12 logs cut and pulled to bridge site. (average length per log 40 feet) Returned rest house at Wabia 6.30 pm.

8pm. Mr. Kerr ADO. arrived and had discussion regarding "Huria" until 10.15pm. and then he departed for Tari.

25th. Sept. 1968

7.30am. allocation of work to all lines. Instructed line from Wabia to pull out old bridge at the Mati River and proceed with the construction of new bridge.

10.00am. departed Wabia by car to Tari Sub-district Office and there held discussion with Mr. Kerr and departed 12.30pm. for Wabia.

1.30pm. departed Wabia for Uruma and there continued with the taking of names of owners of ground "Huria". Arrived back at Wabia 5.30pm.

26th. Sept. 1968

7-30am. allocation of work to all lines.

8.30am. departed Wabia for Uruma and continued with the taking of names of owners of ground "Huria". Returned Wabia 5.20pm.

27th. Sept. 1968

7.30am. allocation of work to all lines.

9.00am. departed Wabia for Uruma to continue taking of names. Returned Wabia 5.00pm.

28th. Sept. 1968

Morning spent in discussion with Councillors from South Basin.

29th. Sept. 1968

Observed

30th. Sept. 1968

Extremely heavy rain in morning work commenced 9.30am.

Myself to Piangwanda with Councillor Mamu for an inspection of the road. Gave instructions as to which parts needed repair and marked out a new barret. Also gave instructions for the building of two kunai roofs over the two bridges at the rest house. Heavy rain in afternoon returned Wabia 4.00pm.

One minor dispute settled that night.

1st. Oct. 1968

7.30am. allocated work to all lines. Work started on the construction of houses for police station. One permanent materials house and two native materials houses.

8.30am. myself to Tigibi to inspect the new bridge and progress work on the Primary "T" School. Arrived back at Wabia 1.40pm.

Afternoon spent on the construction of Police Station.

2nd. Oct. 1968

7.30am. allocation of work to all lines. Left one policeman at Wabia in charge of building Police Station.

Myself to Uruma all day, to continue the taking of names of owners of ground "Huria" of the Kandebo and Tombera lines. Returned Wabia 5pm.

Two minor disputes settled that night.

3rd. Oct. 1968

7.30am. allocation of work to all lines. Work continued on the construction of Police Station. Policeman Tatu, Tia and Achyu to Uruma for the counting of improvements.

Myself to Tauri to start the taking of names of owners of ground Huria. Returned Wabia 5.15pm.

Discussions with Councillors Tiabe and Mamu at night.

4th. Oct. 1968.

7.30am. allocation of work. Work did not commence until 8.30am. because of heavy rain.

Myself to Tauri to continue with the taking of names of owners of ground "Huria". Returned Wabia 12.30pm.

Afternoon spent on the building of native materials house for Police Station.

5th. Oct. 1968

Made measurements for new bridge over the River Arua on the Tari-Mendi Road.

6th. Oct. 1968

Observed

7th. Oct. 1968

7-30am. allocation of work to all lines. Line from Wabia instructed to cut logs for the building of the new bridge over the River Arua.

Myself to Tigibi for an inspection of progress work on "T" School and road work. Departed Tigibi 11.30am. for Piangwanda arriving 12.50pm. Inspected road work and gave instructions to committee (village leaders) with regards as to what sections need repair. Departed Piangwanda 1.45pm. for Wabia arriving 2.10pm.

Surveyed more ground at Wabia as an extension to previous survey for Police Station. (making total area now approx.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres.)

8th. Oct. 1968

7.30am. all lines from Wabia, Uruma, Kela, Iangome and Piangwanda "runged" to pull the logs for the the bridge over the River Arua. Ten log's pulled all told varying from 40feet to 65 feet long.

Policeman Tatu, tia and Achyu sent to Tauri to count improvements.

9th. Oct. 1968

7.30am. lines from Wabia, Uruma, and Iangome, instructed to continue work on the bridge. Line's from Piangwanda and Kela to continue work clearing and straightening the ground site for the "T" School. Work continued on the building of Police Station.

Myself to Tigibi to start the taking of names of owners of ground "Huria" from the Hare Line. Returned Wabia 4.45pm. Heavy rain.

10th. Oct. 1968

7.30am. allocation of work to all lines. Police to Tauri for the counting of improvements.

Myself to Tigibi, to continue the taking of names of owners of the ground "Huria". Returned Wabia 4.45pm.

5.00pm. to 7.15pm. some minor disputes settled and one case sent to Tari to be settled by the Local Court.

11th. Oct. 1968

6.30am. report of trouble in the Benaria Basin, so sent my police down there to check the rumor.

7.30am. allocation of work to all lines.

11th. Oct. (cont.)

8.15 am. myself to Tigibi to continue the taking of names of owners of ground Huria. Returned Wabia 5.20 pm.  
Night spent in discussion with Councillors from Kela, Piangwanda and Uruma.

12th. Oct. 1968

Returned Tari 10.20 am.

Returned to Tari station for an estimated two weeks, leaving police and interpreter to continue the counting of improvements and clearing of land for school sites, as well as building of police station.

28th. Oct. 1968

9.00am. departed Tari for continuation of patrol at Wabia. Arrived Wabia 9.20 am.

10.30 am. to 12.30 am. discussion with police and L.G. Councillors.

1.30 pm. to 6.30 pm. inspection of progress work, regards road maintenance from Kola, Wabia, Iangome, and Uruma. Also continued work on building of police station.

29th. Oct. 1968

7.30 am. allocation of work to all lines.

Myself to Tigibi to do survey of ground for Capuchin Mission Primary "T" School.

Returned Wabia 4.00pm.

Two minor disputes settled that night.

30th. Oct. 1968

7.30 am. allocation of work to all lines.

Police sent to Tigibi to continue the counting of improvements.

Myself to Piangwanda to start taking names of owners of ground. Percentage of owners absent, working on the Tari - Magarima - Mendi Road. Therefore sent out word for them all to come back to Piangwanda as soon as possible so I may continue with ~~my~~ investigation of land "Huria".

Returned to Wabia 3 pm. and thus inspected <sup>to</sup> small bridges near Wenani. Gave instructions to the Wenani committeeman to replace these by laying logs and then ~~in~~ covering with stones and then fine river gravel.

31st. Oct. 1968

7.30 am. allocation of work to all lines.

Police again sent to Tigibi to continue the counting of improvements.

Myself to Tauri to finish the taking of names of owners of ground Huria. Some resistance met from some of the older people who now are not prepared to sell all their ground. I thus gave a general address to all about the advantages in the future by selling their ground now, and then departed for Uruma.

At Uruma again resistance met from the Kandebo line. Again gave general address to all and then departed for Wabia. This resistance from both these lines I find extremely hard to understand, for when the ground was surveyed these two lines were offering to give more ground than was required.

One dispute bought before me, while walking back to Wabia. Both parties sent to Tari station to have matter settled by local court.

1st. Nov. 1968

7.30 am. allocation of work to all lines.

Myself back to Tauri to hold further discussions with the people. Again no success. Departed Tauri for Uruma and there inspected road work. Kandebo line did not "front-up" to hold further discussions. Arrived back at Wabia 4.15 pm.

Work continued on construction of police-post. Frame work for permanent house completed.

Discussion with Councillor from Piangwanda at night.

2nd. Nov. 1968.

Morning work continued on the construction of police station.

3rd. Nov. 1968

Observed

4th. Nov. 1968

7.30 am allocation of work to all lines.

9.00am. departed Wabia for Uruma to continue the taking of names of owners of land "Huria". Some resistance again met so all Piango line and myself to station for discussion with Mr. Kerr.

Returned Wabia 12.45pm. per Land rover and thence to Tigibi for inspection of progress work on school site and also issued instructions to Councillors, for building of new bridge over the River ~~near~~ Toma.

Returned Wabia 3.15 pm. Heavy rain rest of afternoon.

5th. Nov. 1968

7.30am. allocation of work to all lines.

8.00am. departed Wabia for Uruma. When arrived Uruma commenced the taking of names of owners of ground "Huria" from the Piango line. Finished 1.30 pm. and then spent rest of afternoon in discussion with councillor and inspecting progress work on the Uruma - Benaria road which is now presently being surfaced with river gravel. Returned Wabia 5.15 pm.

6th. Nov. 1968

7.30 am. allocation of work to all lines.

Myself to Piangwanda to commence the taking of names of owners of ground "Huria". General mis-understanding by people. They thought I was coming next week so a percentage of the owners had gone back to work on the Tari - Mendi road, some two days walk away. Spent rest of morning inspecting and issuing instructions to councillor with regards roads repairs from Piangwanda to Tigibi. Continued to Tigibi and inspected progress work on the clearing of the ground for Primary "T" School. Then continued with the replacing of bridge over Toma river until 3.40 pm. when heavy rain stopped work. Arrived back at Wabia 5.10 pm.

7th. Nov. 1968

7.30 am. allocation of work to all lines

Myself to continue work on bridge over Toma river. Returned Wabia 2 pm. to find ADO. Mr. Kerr waiting. Rest of afternoon held discussion with him. He departed 4.15 pm. for Tari returning 7.45pm. to continue discussion and then departed again for Tari 10.30 pm.

8th. Nov. 1968

7.30 am. allocation of work to all lines.

Myself to Tauri to continue the taking of names of owners of ground Huria. Returned Wabia 5.20 pm. Discussions with councillor from Wabia at night.

9th. Nov. 1968

Saturday. Continued work on police post.

10th. Nov. 1968

Sunday. Observed.

11th. Nov. 1968

7.30 am. allocation of work to all lines.

Myself to Piangwanda to continue the taking of names of owners. Returned Wabia 3.15 pm. and continued work on police station until 7 pm.

13th. Nov. 1968

7.30 am. allocation of work to all lines. *12th. Nov. 1968. 7.30 am. allocation of work to all lines. Myself to Piangwanda to continue investigation. Returned Wabia 6.15 pm.*  
Myself again to Piangwanda to continue the taking of names of owners. Returned Wabia 3.30 pm. and continued work on police station until 6.30 pm.

14th. Nov. 1968

7.30 am. allocation of work to all lines.

Myself to Tari returned Wabia 2.30 pm. via Land rover. Continued work on police station until 6.30 pm.

15th. Nov. 1968

7.30 am. allocation of work to all lines.

Myself to Piangwanda to continue the taking of names of owners. Returned Wabia 4.40 pm.

Discussion with councillor at night.

16th. Nov. 1968

8.30 am. to 2.30 pm. continued taking of names of owners of ground "Huria" at Piangwanda.

17th. Nov. 1968

Sunday. Observed.

18th. Nov. 1968

7.30 am. allocation of work to all lines.

Line from Piangwanda bunged at Wabia and held discussion with them regarding sale of land. Mixed feelings and several older men will not sell.

Lines from Teberijia (Tauri line) and Hare (Piangwanda line) not willing to sell. Continued work on police station. Police station completely finished 5.40 pm.

19th. Nov. 1968

7.30 am. allocation of work to all lines.

Myself to Uruma to finish taking of names of owners of ground "Huria". Returned Wabia 5.30 pm.

20th. Nov. 1968

7.30 am. allocation of work to all lines.

Myself again to Piangwanda to continue discussions with Hare line. Results most unsatisfactory, people not willing to sell. Returned Wabia 12 mid-day and continued discussions with Kandebo line from Uruma who are also not willing to sell their ground now.



21st. Nov. 1968

7.30 am. allocation of work to all lines.

8.00 am. departed Wabia with Councillors and committeeman from the South Basin for Tari. Arrived Tari 9.30 am. and discussions with Ado Mr. Kerr until 10.30 am. and then he held discussion with councillors and committee regarding "Huria". Decision agreed by all that investigation cease as there is too much mixed feelings between lines and some people not co-operating.

Returned Wabia 5.00pm.

22nd. Nov. 1968

7.30 am. allocation of work to all lines.

8.00 am. myself to Tigibi for land & survey and investigation of ground Tiriga, being an extension to present lease by Capuchin Mission to be used for Primary "T" School.

Returned Wabia 1.30 pm. and myself and police supervised clearing of land for school site. All work completed 7.30 pm.

One minor dispute settled that night. As well held discussion with councillors from Piangwanda, Wabia and Uruma.

23rd. Nov. 1968

11.30pm. patrol departed back for Tari

End of Patrol.

End of Diary

LAND INVESTIGATIONS

## (1) Haric.

As outlined in the patrol instructions, the investigation of this ground was most important. This area of some 5550 acres was previously surveyed in June/July '68 by Mr. Kerr and myself.

(2) Being a large area of land it included all except for one, census points of the South Basin.

The Census points are,

- (a) Wabia
- (b) Piangwanda
- (c) Tigibi
- (d) Uruua
- (e) Tauri
- (f) Iangome

the census point not included being Kela.

These six lines were then broken down into their sub-lines.

1. Wabia

- (1) Wabiago
- (2) Wenani
- (3) Palebo
- (4) Tombera

2. Piangwanda

- (1) Piango
- (2) Hadani
- (3) Talagali

3. Tigibi

- (1) Hadani
- (2) Toma
- (3) Hare
- (4) Palaguali
- (5) Tapari

4. Tauri

- (1) Terebaija
- (2) Iaruma
- (3) Page
- (4) Yaluma

5. Uruua

- (1) Haro
- (2) Tabano
- (3) Hagona
- (4) Homogoni
- (5) Kandebo
- (6) Toba

6. Iangome

- (1) Tobani

having a total population of 5364 as per census April/May 1967.

(3) The investigation started rather well, with all lines at Wabia more than willing to sell their ground. As I would finish the taking of names of one line I would then begin the counting of their improvements and when finished that, I would then commence the taking of names of owners of the next line.

(4) As the investigation progressed the feeling of the people also altered. There were many an incident in which the young men gave the okay to sell the land and then their fathers would come and claim the land refusing to sell it, stating that "when I die, alright the land then belongs to my son and he then can sell it", and this often lead into heated discussions between father and son, the son seeing that the only way to acquire any economical development into Tari, is for them to sell their ground now, and the father maintaining he requires the ground for pigs and gardens. In many cases the ~~fathers~~ <sup>sons</sup> eventually won their fathers over.

(5) There were also 5 lines which blankly refused to sell their ground. The lines being hadani, Terebaija, Tobo, Palebo and Kandobo. When asked why did they originally agree to the surveying of their ground, the most common answer was that they thought we were not "fair dinkam" as in the past they have had some of their ground surveyed by other Kiap<sup>a</sup> and nothing has ever come of it, and they thought that this was just another one of those cases.

(6) On the whole 74.6% of the people (owners) were willing to sell, and I feel that a great percentage of the 5000 acres can still be bought, but by piece-meal, not as one great block, and perhaps if this was done originally, it would have saved a lot of what now appears wasted time.

(7) Other investigations.

As per instructions a extension survey and investigation was carried out at Tigibi. The people extremely happy to sell.

There were also several investigations and surveys carried out at Wabia.

(1) Police post as per instructions.

(2) Ground for Government Primary "T" School being 11 acres, as verbally instructed

#### ROADS and BRIDGES

(8) The roads in this area are generally good to excellent.

(9) In the last 7-8 months a considerable amount of work has been done by both the people of this area and the council in the form of contract work with the use of their tractors on the main road of this sub-district, the Tari & Nagarima, Mendi Road. At present this road has been surfaced from Wabia to Tigibi a distance of some six miles. Work has also commenced on the surfacing (putting river gravel) of the same road from Wabia to Tari station, and is expected to be finished by the middle of this year.

(10) The people of this area deserve a tremendous amount of credit for the time and effort they have put into this road, fully realizing even tho' the pay per man would be negligible practically nil in some cases, due to shortage of funds, that this road in the future will be their (for some 40,000 bulis from Tari, Koroba and Koro) link with the "outside" It is also a hope of attracting some sort of development of the Tari sub-district, the present apparent reason being that there is no other link with Tari other than by plane and the cost of air-freight is far to great.

(11) With regards to other roads, probably the next important, is the one from Wabia to Uruma and eventually to the most backward and less developed of the census divisions Benaria. This road when completed will make administration of these people and thus they will not think that they are the forgotten people as the case seems now. At present to Administer the Benaria it requires a rather rough and arduous walk. This road is at present surfaced with river-gravel and in fairly good condition from Wabia to about 1 mile past the Rest House at Uruma. There has been a lot of work done on this road in the last 8 months by the council tractor in the carting of gravel. For the amount of work which is required on this road the maintenance money is extremely low.

(12) The other two roads of this Basin, from Iangome to Kela and Uruma to Tauri are in reasonably good condition, only having a clay surface.

(13) Seven bridges were replaced by this patrol in the South Basin, the biggest being 55 - 60 foot long over the River Arua.

(14) The bridges are therefore in quite good condition and should be like so for approx. the next 3 - 4 years, with the exception to the occasional bridge which was not replaced this patrol but may need to be within 1 - 2 years.

(15) Political

The people are becoming more and more politically aware and are now fully convinced that the House of Assembly elections are not an apparent waste of time as first thought. In the last elections three of the candidates came from this census division.

(15) A percentage of the young men of this basin have also just recently (within the last year or so) returned from the coast where they were employed as plantation labourers. Their ideas are to a certain degree influenced by those of the coastal people, and they are now enquiring why has the coast got so much and Tari nil. Thus with these new ideas they are thus influencing the people and the people themselves are now starting to ask why. Why have other places got so much and Tari nil. They are therefore starting to ask more of the Government and are using their member to avail.

(16) The councillors in this basin except for two, are the ordinary "run of the mill" types, who I feel are only used by the more powerful members of the line as their talk piece, not able to do any thinking or apparent thinking for themselves. The two exceptions to this generalization are truly exceptions. They are both fluent in pidgin and are able to write. They are also willing and prepared to express their views regardless of the effect it may have, which I personally find rather refreshing. Their influence upon their lines is also rather marked. They are probably the most organised of all the lines and there is practically nil trouble from these lines.

(17) Economics.

At the moment this basin is probably benefiting more than any other census division in the preparation for rural development. There has been several blocks of ground already cleared, fenced and sown to pasture ready for the cattle which are supposedly due at Tari in the near future if not now.

(18) I personally feel that Tari has a tremendous potential as a cattle area and perhaps this South Basin more so than any other. It has several large areas of slightly undulating land which would with improved pastures providing all year round growth prove ideal for cattle breeding.

(19) The people of the South Basin are themselves very keen to acquire cattle. They have already developed several large areas of community ground for cattle. They have also saved a considerable amount of money for the purchase of wire etc. and later the purchase of cattle. Already the line from Tauri has developed some 15 acres and have now purchased four cows from the United Church Mission at Tari.

(20) There are also numerous areas of relatively extensive marsh and swamp land. Drainage would be no problem in these areas, and one area of land particularly Huria (see attached map) has been said by Agricultural Officers from both Mount Hagen and Port Moresby to have a tremendous potential as a tea growing area, as good as any other area presently producing tea in the Highlands of Papua and New Guinea.

(21) There is also a small income for some, from the sale of coffee, but which will increase in the near future, for right now the Agriculture Department is planning and supervising the growing of coffee with the people planting three times as much as they were six months ago..

(22) A nominal income is also received by the people in the sale of pigs and fresh vegetables at the Tari market, which at the furthest rest house in this census division is some 3 - 4 hours walk away.

(23) Agriculture department also has plans of planting chincona in this basin in the near future.

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SOCIAL.(24) Education

There has been in the past only the one school in the South Basin. This is the United Church School at Dabuda near Paraparu. There are at this school, two indigenous teachers, teaching pupils up to standard ~~six~~ five.

(25) At the commencement of the school year '69, there will be a Government run school at Wabia, having an initial enrollment of eighty and staffed by two indigenous teachers.

(26) The Capuchin Mission will also have a Primary 'I' School operating at Tigibi, to be staffed by two European teachers.

(27) This increase of two additional schools is more than warranted, for there are 1716 children of school age and only 5.54 percent of them are at present receiving an education.

(28) Health.

The general health of the people is quite good. The area is adequately served by aid - posts at Tauri, Uruma, Piangwanda and Tigibi, and the people are making full use of them. No populated area would be any more than an hours walk from any one aid - post, although the aid - post at Uruma is not staffed at the moment and the people from this part of the Basin were for ever more enquiring when would their doctor boy arrive.

(29) The sisters from the United Church Maternity Hospital also conduct child welfare clinics at various centres in the South Basin.

(30) Law and Order

Although several disputes were brought before me to settle, they were mainly disagreements over the payment of pigs for bride - prices etc. and there was nothing of a serious nature at all from the South Basin. There was however one incident where talk was received by this patrol that a line in the Benaria ( one days walk from Wabia) was supposedly preparing for a fight with another line. Upon hearing the talk, I sent four police down to the Benaria to check the rumour. When they returned they brought nine natives back who were armed with bows and arrows and manning the road. The story was that they were trying to bluff the other line into the payment of pigs that were owing from before Administration days.

(31) Missions

All the four mission denominations, United Church, Catholic, UFM, and Seven Day Adventist, are scattered through out the South Basin. The Catholic and United Church missions have established a school each.

(32) Conclusion.

The patrol due to an effluxion of time was unable to do the census revisions of the North Basin, Pujiro, Central and East Basins.

The result of the investigation of Huria was not quite what was expected, but as I said before at least 75 % of the ground could still be purchased. Also if there was not such an effluxion of time between the actual survey and the investigation there may not have been any trouble at all, for originally all the people were willing to sell but as time progressed their enthusiasm died.

All road repairs were carried out quite satisfactorily as per instructions.

As this patrol was stationed in the South Basin for some two months, a great deal of contact was made with the people both in and out of working hours. I personally learnt a great deal about the Hali custom and I am sure the bond between the Government and people was strengthened.

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CADRE PATROL OFFICER.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... TARI PATROL REPORT 2/1968/79

Subdistrict..... TARI

District..... SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT

Type of Patrol..... PART ANNUAL CENSUS PART ROAD WORK INVESTIGATION/SUPERVISION

Patrol Conducted by..... D. KENTISH PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled } TARI LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL AREA

(Council and/or } HAIBUGA CENSUS DIVISION

Census Division/s.) } SOUTH BASIN CENSUS DIVISION

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

..... R.P.&N.G.C. MEMBERS INTERPRETER ANGOBE

..... CONST l.c. KIBO

..... CONST TONGON

..... CONST JAHARE

Duration of Patrol—from 14/10/68 To 8/11/68 BROKEN PERIOD

No. of Days..... 20 DAYS ACTUALLY CAMPED OUT

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area : .....

Date..... Duration.....

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... ROAD WORK SUPERVISION AND INSPECTION ON THE

TARI/MARGARIMA ROAD AT AMBUA

CENSUS REVISION OF HAIBUGA PEOPLES AND ROAD WORK REPAIR INSTRUCTIONS

TO THESE PEOPLES.

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... HAIBUGA CENSUS DIVISION 6550

Director of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

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March 17th, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
KOSO.

PATROL NO. TARI 2/68-69

Your reference 67-3-5 of 6th March, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census Report by Mr. D. KENTISH, Patrol Officer to KAINUCA and South Basin Census Divisions.

A reasonable although somewhat disjointed report. The Assistant District Commissioner, TARI, has commented on spelling and typographical errors however, Mr. Kentish should use more care in the choice of his words, e.g. "gut" and "rutting" as used in Patrol Diary.

Other matters have been dealt with by both Assistant District Commissioner, TARI, and yourself in the respective covering memoranda.

c.c. Mr. D. Kentish,  
Patrol Officer,  
KOSO Patrol Post,  
Southern Highlands District.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Director

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

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Director District Administration

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Our Reference 67-3-5  
If calling ask for  
Mr.



Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

6th March, 1969.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBUI.

PATROL REPORT - TARI NO.2 OF 1968/69

Herewith a report of a patrol to the HAIBUGA area of Tari Sub-District submitted by Patrol Officer D. Kentish. The report is an interesting one. Mr. Kentish is of an enquiring turn of mind and is quite prepared to speak his mind. Even when he is wrong he is not tiresome.

The remarks about blister smut are pertinent, as this terrible disease made its appearance shortly after the patrol. At present it seems to be contained but I fear that, unless we are lucky, it will get away.

I agree that the Tari-Margarima road bulks large in people's imagination. To the Tari it is a crusade. The work done is incredible, especially on top where the road is thirty feet wide and flanked with huge ditches ten to twelve feet deep. Here it is well cambered and with paving after it has dried out it will make a fairly good road. A lot more work is needed to be done on the lower stretches in regard to drainage and formation. I would like to see more use made of corduroy to give a firm base.

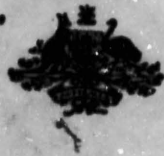
It is a shame that the P.I.R. bridges do not appear to measure up to requirements. I must admit that I did not notice that they were three log jobs. However, I will take a closer look next time.

The number of unmarried mothers is, to me, quite startling, for while the Huri is as human as the next person, he is a very moral person, and I will have a discreet look into this matter as soon as I can.

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District Commissioner.

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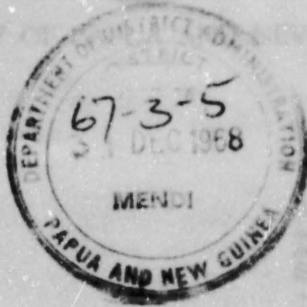
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Mr. ....



Sub-District Office,  
TARI,  
Southern Highlands District.

21st December, 1968.

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

TARI Patrol Report No. 2 of 1968/69.

Mr. D. Kentish, Patrol Officer.

Attached please find four (4) copies of the above-mentioned Patrol Report together with claims for Camping Allowance.

2. It is neither likely nor desirable that the TARI population will opt for life in village communities as an alternative to their present "garden orientated" pattern of living. Bringing people together into villages does not necessarily lead to an improvement in general hygiene.
3. The answer to Aid Post land problems would seem to be for the TARI Local Government Council to make application for defined areas and after acquisition by the Administration, lease them as Aid Post sites.
4. Much still remains to be done to improve the TARI - MARGARIMA road but the fact that the road has progressed as far as it has is quite an achievement particularly as acceptable grades have been maintained over most of its length. The sections through the high marsh-land show signs of drying out and with adequate drainage should hold up. The longer the drying out period before any sort of traffic is introduced to this part of the road, the better. For this reason the road-head is being extended, at the temporary expense of the SIGIPI-HABONO section.
5. Mr. Kentish's suggestion that food crops might be planted in the TARI Gap area for future consumption by road workers is an interesting one. The TARI people dismiss the idea out of hand, claiming the region is too cold for the growth of sweet potato. Yet trial plantings could prove them wrong (provided one was prepared to wait nine months or so for results).
6. An otherwise satisfactory report marred by an unnecessary number of spelling and typographical errors.

*(Signature)*  
(D.F. Permezal)

Assistant District Commissioner.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....  
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Department of District Administration,  
Sub District Office,  
TARI.  
Southern Highlands District,  
11th October, 1968.

Mr. D.J.H. Kentish,  
Patrol Officer,  
TARI.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS TARI PATROL NO. 3 OF 1968-69.

As verbally instructed please be ready to move out on patrol on Tuesday  
15th October, 1968.

PERSONNEL:

Interpreter Angobe.  
R.P. & N.G.C. Members  
Const. 1.c. Kibo  
Const. Tongon  
Const. Jahare.

PURPOSES OF THE PATROL:

1. Visit the Tari/Margarima Road head for 3 days and generally supervise  
the work and check on progress of the 6 lines working. Liase with Road Supervisor  
Pungwa who is currently looking after this work. On the 4th day return to  
Tigibi and a car will pick you up on the 19th and take you to Hare in the  
Haibuga/Munima Census Division.

2. Carry out Census of all Census Units of the Haibuga/Munima C.D. -  
proceeding as follows: Hare  
Tauanda  
Halimbu  
Hiwanda  
Telabo  
Hambuari  
Karida  
Munima  
Wololo

These are all Census Centres.

3. In conjunction with the Census please supervise work on all roads in  
the area and where bridges require replacements I will supply nails etc. on re-  
quest.

4. Upon advice that you have completed this portion of the patrol I will  
send transport to collect you at Wololo and you will proceed to the Iumu Census  
Division.

5. Conduct Census at the following Census Centres:

Kobalu  
Idauwi  
Teni  
Undubi

6. Supervise road work on the Tari/Komo Road. This will entail draining properly, stoning where supplies of stone are handy and regrading where required.

7. Upon completion of this portion you will then advise me and transport will collect you and take you to Uruma thence you will proceed to the Benaria C.D. Conduct Census at the following Centres:

Honaga  
Yabagaru  
Bakare  
Homa  
Paua  
Tamide  
Lau'u  
Dimu

8. Check on work being done by the Benaria's on their road and lend assistance where required.

9. Thence return to Tigibi where transport will bring you back to Tari.

10. Handle all matters which arise and refer any court work to me at Tari.

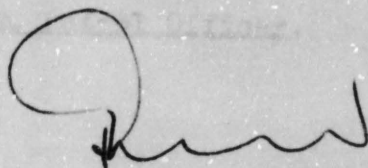
11. Gain as much information about the Huris as you can and remember that both the Imum and Benaria's are our newest entrants to the Council and they still require extra attention and help, especially on road work.

12. Beware of Pre - Administration disputes tied up with old killings, marriages etc. as we have been trying to stop old disputes from being brought up time and time again.

As this is your first patrol in the area please don't hesitate to call on me if required. Be firm but fair with the people and you will quickly gain their support and co-operation.

Spend at least one night in each rest house as the evenings with village leaders are most congenial for talking. Please submit patrol report as per new instructions.

I wish you a pleasant patrol.



P.R. KERR,  
a/Assistant District Commissioner.

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Koro Patrol Post,  
Southern Highlands District,

28th November, 1968.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
TARI

TARI PATROL REPORT 2/68/69

Type of Patrol: Part Annual Census and part road work investigation / supervision.

Conducted by: D.Kentish, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: Haibuga Census Division and Tari/Margarima road from Tigibi to Ambua, both in Tari L.G.C. area.

Accompanying personnel: Interpreter Angobe.  
R.P.&N.G.C. Members.  
Const. l.c. Kibo  
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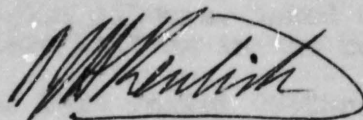
Duration of Patrol: 14/10/68 to 8/11/68 - Broken period.

Number of Days: 20 days actually camped out.

Date and Duration of last D.D.A. Patrol to the area:

Objects of Patrol: Road work supervision and inspection on the Tari/Margarima road at Ambua.  
Census revision of Haibuga peoples and road work repair instructions to these people.

Population of area patrolled: Haibuga C/D 6550.



D.Kentish, Patrol Officer.

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Introduction

1. This patrol was conducted firstly to acquaint myself with the people of the Tari area and while so doing, to inspect and supervise the road cutting operations on the Tari/Margarima road at the position known as Ambua which lies between the Doma Peaks. The second stage of the patrol was the conducting of a census in the Haibuga Census Division. The initial idea as per the patrol instructions was to also census the peoples of the Iumu and Benaria Census Divisions as well and to supervise the men on road and bridge work. However the A.D.C. at Tari decided that it was better to leave the road and bridge work for a later patrol and to concentrate on the census. The census part of the patrol was interrupted by an attack of malaria and other return from leave back to the bush ailments. On completion of the Haibuga census I was informed that I was to complete the patrol at that stage and transfer myself to Komo to take over as O.I.C. for a few months. Consequently the area study for the Haibuga Census Division cannot be expected to reported in much depth due to the short time involved and my newness to the area.
2. The road work at Ambua involves at the moment, cutting a road through peaty country and constructing drains big enough each side to try and dry the ground out. The work is being carried out by contract teams from all parts of the Tari area. The road is designed to link Tari with Margarima and in so doing, to give Tari a link with the outside world by road.
3. The Haibuga Census Division lies to the west of Tari in hilly limestone country although large parts of it are outside of this complex expansive flood plains of an ancient time. Roads of a fair standard run through the area to Koroba, Komo and Tari. Four varieties of missionaries serve the area and the U.F.M. has an English speaking school in the centre of it. The people are now fairly settled and large scale migrations are rare. The area has an annual estimated rainfall of 110 inches.

Patrol Diary

Monday 14th October, 1968. Prepared patrol equipment and departed Tari 1600hrs. Arrived Tigibi 1700hrs. Asked Councillor Tungwa of Tigibi to have 30 carriers waiting in the morning. Slept Tigibi.

Tuesday 15th Packed and left Tigibi 0830hrs and proceeded by foot along the Tari/Margarima road to Yipiwari camp at Ambua, the road head. Arrived at Yipiwari and pitched camp at 1500hrs in rain. Slept Yipiwari.

Wednesday 16th 0730hrs Sent carrier line with policeman to look for limestone deposits along proposed road route. Sought out Road Supervisor Pungwa and travelled along the area the 6 groups were working on, giving instructions to the group leaders. Returned Yipiwari late afternoon. Slept Yipiwari.

Thursday 17th 0730hrs On being informed of alleged border violation violations by Margarima men at the road head I went to investigate. The men involved were Tigibi descended but living in the Margarima area. Instructed them to clear off and took one of them into educative custody to be told of his rights in Tari. Continued supervision of road work. Investigated limestone deposits. Slept Yipiwari.

Friday 18th 0730 Packed and sent carriers ahead with policeman to Tigibi whilst I followed more slowly with interpreter and other policemen searching out stone deposits and varieties of food grown. Arrived Tigibi 1600hrs, wrote up notes, paid off carrier line and asked them to return in the morning. Slept Tigibi.

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Saturday 19th 0830hrs Packed and moved off to Wabia where a bridge was being replaced .Arrived 1000hrs and met up with A.D.C. He gave Margarima chap a talk and placed restraining order on the group involved. Returned to Tari station and sent rest of patrol on to Hare village in the Halibuga C/D. Slept Tari station.

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Sunday 20th 1700hrs arrived Hare and after chatting with village men ; slept Hare.

Monday 21st 0800hrs Gave pep talk on roads. Censused people and finished 1300hrs. Packed and left for Tauanda arriving 1430hrs. Commenced transferring names to new tax/census/voters role. Heard and settled marriage dispute. Slept Tauanda.

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Tuesday 22nd 0800hrs Commenced census of Tauandas and finished at 1700hrs. Heard and settled marriage dispute. Sent a group of riotous women into Tari for court action. Got treatment for malaria at nearby U.F.M. Slept Tauanda.

Wednesday 23rd Malaria and gut trouble. Went with U.F.M. into Tari for treatment. Slept Tari.

Thursday 27th Returned to Halimbu village in the afternoon. Slept Halimbu.

Monday 28th 0800 Censused Halimbu peoples till 1300hrs. Revised census books and settled minor dispute. Slept Halimbu.

Tuesday 29th 0730hrs packed and walked to Hiwanda, arriving at 0830hrs. Censused till 1400hrs and had men work on the road nearby. Settled petty disputes and established ownership of a pine tree the U.F.M. wished to buy. Census computation and talks with councillor Togola. Slept Hiwanda.

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Wednesday 30th 0800hrs Censused Telabo people till 1430hrs. settled minor disputes. Instructed Telabo men to work on A.P.O.'s at the Telabo Aid Post on the morrow. Census computation. Slept Hiwanda.

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Thursday 31st 0730hrs Continued census computation and names transfer. 1100hrs walked to Telabo to inspect work on A.P.O.'s house and to investigate A.P.O.'s complaints about ownership of land bordering the aid post. Told Councillor Togoli to desist from ridding the A.P.O.'s fish pond and to stop building his own house on aid post land. Sent note to Medical Assistant Tari advising him of situation. Inspected pine tree with U.F.M. and owners in effort to promote sale; unsuccessful. Returned Hiwanda and continued census computation. Slept Hiwanda.

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Friday 1st November 0730hrs Packed and left for Tindima, inspecting cattle project on the way. Arrived Tindima 0830hrs. Censused till 1030hrs instructed men to start stoning their road. Walked on to Hambuari arriving at 1115. Started census and finished at 1500hrs Gave talk on stoning of road surface. Talked with Hambuari men. Settled 3 minor disputes. Slept Hambuari.

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Saturday 2nd 0830hrs, packed and left by car for Wololo arriving 0930hrs. Talked with councillor Taijare and other men, Wrote up patrol notes and census figures. Slept Wololo.

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Sunday 3rd Patrol notes and census revision. Slept Wololo.

Monday 4th 0800hrs Commenced census and finished at 1245hrs. Heard representations about road work at Ambua and their desire not to participate. Said I would inform Council Advisor of their views. Census computation. Slept Wololo.

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Tuesday 5th 0730hrs, census computation till 1100. Road work attendance inspection and apprehending 18 defaulters till 1400hrs. lly  
Census computation till 1600hrs. Packed and left by car via station for Munima, leaving court action for road work defaulters to the council advisor. Arrived Munima 1930hrs and slept.

Wednesday 6th 0730hrs, supervised men on road work near the rest house till 1000hrs. Then censused the people till 1400hrs. Packed gear and walked to Karida arriving at 1600hrs. Did census revision. Slept Karida. em

Thursday 7th 0730hrs Gave assembled peoples chat about the road re cambering and stoning, Censused from 0900hrs to 1200hrs. Investigated A.P.O.'s about P.H.D. land being squatted on by the previous owners. Walked around the boundary and instructed the people to leave the land to the A.P.O.'s use only. The people countered by saying that they had been promised payment for it. Said I'd investigate at Tari. Returned to Karida and did census computation. Slept Karida.

Friday 8th 0800hrs Walked back to Munima arriving at 1000hrs. Investigated a similar situation at the Munima aid post and told people to keep off the land. Returned to Tari Station by car to go to the Iumu C/D but on being informed that I was to take over as O.I.C. Komo, I stood the patrol down.

End of Diary

Population Distribution and Trends

4. Village Population Registers have been revised and are attached. Firstly I must point out that the last census in the area was in march 1967 so the figures for migrations, births and deaths are for a 20 month period.

5. Although the population as a whole is now reasonably stable, the part patrilineal part matrilineal nature of inheritance in the society ensures an annoying number of individual migrations in and out. Children seem to live equally happily with their maternal or paternal grandparents, numerous uncles and aunts as well as their own parents and these people are often scattered throughout the whole C/D and often outside it. These relatives like to have the name of the child in their own census unit book whilst the parents back in the home village are loath to have the name removed. Consequently I would not be suprised if some names are repeated in various village books 2 or 3 times.. ct

6. In addition marriages are very casual arrangements and and divorces take place over the most( to me ) trivial grievances with the woman then putting her name with her father's back in her home unit whilst the husband tries to keep the name with his as before as he is usually the last one to recognize the divorce. The people seem to attach great legal significance to where their name is recorded and often regard it as government sanction of their respective divorces or adoptions. The old women invariably return to their original birth place to die and divorces of the over 40 year olds are common although these could hardly be called divorces as their only grievance is that seeing marital activity has ceased then there is no sense in them hanging around. ly  
These migrational patterns arn't of much help in keeping the books accurate.

7. The population figures are as follows.

1967	6198	Total Population	
+	374	Births 1968	
+	164	Migrations in	
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	6736	Total gross population 1968..	

	6736	Total gross population 1968.	
-		64 Deaths	
	226	162 Migrations out	
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	6510	Net pop for 1968 from '67 figs.	
+	40	Unaccountable book error	
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	6550	Real net population as per	tem
		1968 census	

8. Of the 40 person discrepancy between the net population computations made from the 1967 figures and the actual net population as per the 1968 census, a 32 person discrepancy is noted in the Hiwanda book alone. It is probably explicable by the factor of female migrations who claim to be of the same census unit as their husband. They often confuse tribal groupings with census units that sometimes cut across these groupings. Such migrations in would then only be counted as book transfers. There are numerous people too, marked by the previous officer doing the census as "possible duplication" with no indication as to whether they have or have not been counted in the tally. I marked all suspected duplications as migrations out and crossed them out of the books. This may mean that some people are not recorded on the books but it will be more accurate than leaving them on.

9. An interesting point in the Haibuga C/D was the number of bastard offspring; that is children of unmarried mothers. There were ten of them all in good health. The Tari women unlike other Southern Highlanders don't have a local contraceptive herb. However the social ~~acceptance of bastards is not as high as it used to be~~ stigma from what I could gather, is only attached to the mother. It is strange that there should be this social acceptance of bastards both at Tari and in the Territory as a whole whilst the individual himself becomes extremely upset if his own legitimacy is cast in doubt.

10. The percentage of adult males working outside the district is 14.3% which is a reasonable figure but some individual census units percentages are a bit high. Some of the men at Halimbu complained that their councillor was sending too many of their number out on the Highlands Labour Scheme and that those that remained had a hard time fulfilling their domestic and road work duties. The Halimbu figure is over 20% which is a bit high and young men from there should be discouraged from entering the H.L.S. for the time being. The absent workers inside the district include mission pastors and catechists who with ~~the~~ A.P.O.'s represent most of this figure.

#### Social Groupings

11. The people of the Haibuga C/D are all Huris speaking the Huri language and are in the process of becoming one cohesive group together with the rest of Tari, but while the old social group pattern of shifting alliances is dying out and the men are marrying women from all over the census division and even outside it, the social unity of the Huris as a whole is not as marked as past propaganda would have one believe. They are after all only people and not superhuman and still have their petty disputes and eye for an eye philosophy.

12. The operational social unit appears to be the extended family or clan but I should comment that three weeks of patrolling in a new area is scarcely sufficient to make such judgements. What is very apparent though is the extent of public sexual segregation and how it affects social activities. The women have separate gardens from the men and Tari must be one of the few



areas in the Territory where the woman has not been satisfactorily organized socially for the comfort and leisure of the man.

### Leadership

13. Leadership is acquired, previously by fighting prowess and or acquisition of wealth now by popular vote. Most of the councillors had a certain amount of influence under the old system but there are a few that hold power primarily through personal magnetism. These would be Cr. Haijare of Hare, Cr. Togola of Hiwanda and Cr. Taijabe of Wololo. These three are all fairly young, have a fair knowledge of what the government is about and although probably con men are well respected by their people. By this I mean the respect runs deeper than that traditionally accorded a councillor.

### Land Tenure and Use

14. Land is inherited patrilineally, the child from his grandfather, but both he and his mother have usufructory rights to her father's land during her lifetime.

### Literacy

15. There are 3 Mission schools in the Haibuga, U.F.M., Catholic and S.D.A. The U.F.M. have a large mission set up at Tauanda and have two married Australians and their wives plus several native teachers from other districts teaching about 120 students. The other missions are offshoots of the main Tari based parent missions and are staffed with local teachers. Many of the children of the area attend school in at Tari but the main bulk go to the U.F.M. or to the Catholics across the Koroba border. There are 7 males and 1 female children who attend the Government school at Tari and 108 male and 41 female children who attend mission schools, from the area. These figures are for English speaking schools only. I have given these as being all children because ages given in the census books are so inaccurate that any child / adult distinction would be meaningless. There are 8 males in high schools outside of the district (all mission). I realize that the non-availability of education is a Territory wide phenomena but 165 students out of a possible 1287 children of school age is a poor show.

### Standard of Living

16. Houses are still located as before, scattered amongst the gardens in ones and twos and no coalescence towards resettling in hamlets or villages is evident yet. As a consequence sanitation leaves a lot to be desired and I think that centralized villages should be hastened as they the opportunity for hygiene observance. A catalyst towards this desired relocation could be the installation of village wells by the Tari Council.

17. Most of the clothing worn is the traditional type and even those who do ~~WWEWE~~ wear cotton clothing usually have a change of local clothes which they put on for work or celebrations.

18. Food is predominately of local origin but corn is making headway fast. This tendency will probably be checked by smut control measures in the near future so it will be a long time till corn becomes as important as it has in Africa. Tinned fish and rice are stocked in local tradestores but their quantitative importance in the diet is very limited.

Missions

19. Missions operating in the area include U.F.M., S.D.A. and Catholic with the U.F.M. being the dominant one as it has its large school and dispensary in the area in question and is operated by 4 Australian missionaries. The U.F.M.'s main area of influence is around Tauanda and Hare and Halimbu, tapering off towards Hiwanda Telabo Hambuari and Wololo which are Catholic and S.D.A. roughly equal in strength although the Catholics ~~seem~~ seem more evenly spread than the other two and will probably end up being the dominant mission due I think to the more ~~thorough~~ thorough working they give an area and to the natives' magico-religious predisposition. There are no conflicts between the respective adherents as yet.

20. The general attitude of the local people towards the missions is one of respect and resignation that they (the missions) must be right. It is a pity that the missions have been so successful in associating native arts and crafts and ceremonies with the sinister intent of the Devil and consequently, when people are converted, they turn on their past manifestations of belief with a vengeance and ridicule. This is bad both in terms of lost artefact markets and in pride in their past heritage. Local customs beliefs and history should be written up by qualified people and taught in schools in the area to balance mission propaganda.

Communications

21. Roads link all the villages with Tari station and are mostly good except for the Tari/Munima road which is a bit hairy and from Munima to Karida its not much better than a motor cycle track and could not be much improved without great expense. The roads are still mostly earth only but some sections like the Wololo to Koroba border bit are well stoned with limestone. A rock crusher at Wololo has been of great benefit in the past but at the moment is broken. There are no airfields in the area.

SITUATION REPORTPoliticalLocal Govt

22. The Haibuga Census Division is under the Tari Local Government Council which is engaged in a variety of activities there. The people have a very marked respect for councillors who still regard themselves as part of the apparatus of executive government rather than as representatives of their constituents with a legislative potential of their own. No doubt the latter quality will emerge soon enough; in the meantime it does make administration more simple. The most notable Council project being undertaken at the moment is the construction of the Tari/Margarima road. The people by and large see it as the answer to their economic ills. It may well be if after it is built the Administration take over the maintenance of it and upgrade it considerably all the way to Mendi. If this is not to be the plan then the people will feel that they have not been completely informed of all the facts about road outlets and economic development as in my estimation a road of the present standard all the way to Mendi would not appreciably stimulate the local economy.

Local Govt Councillors see area study paragraph 13.

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23. Most of the people still see the House as a bigger

version of a Council and the limiting ideas they have of the latter are reflected in their attitudes to the former. Thus while they do see the House as a place where their member can bring their problems to the notice of the Government, and the Government can discuss its administrative program with the members, they fail to see the possibility of members initiating legislation. The people don't see the House as the lawmaking body for the Territory and know little of its past and present achievements. An example of this ignorance often comes up in talks about cards and their present illegality. If you ask the men if they play cards they'll grin and say "yes before we used to but now we don't because you masters have outlawed them". When informed of the history of the ordinance they are incredulous that their own people have that power. I expect that a more sophisticated appreciation of the power of the House will only develop side by side with the development of the Council.

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24. The member for Tari Open Electorate is Mr. Matiabe Yuwi who is reasonably liked by those with whom I talked. There has not been much of a chance since the election to get out and tell the people what he has been doing but some young men had noted this and said that he should visit them more often.

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Preferential Voting

25. Little real understanding of the mechanics of preferential voting exists among the people and some groups from around Hambuari feel that it worked against their voting wishes because they claim that the people recording the votes elicited their preference in such a vehement manner that the people felt compelled to call a name after each request. If they were merely asked who they wished to vote for (they claimed) they would only have given two or three names. Such ~~XXXXX~~ thorough exhaustion of the person's memory can and possibly did favour a candidate who had a large enough first and second preference following to stay in the race and by being well known as the President of Tari Council was named as one of what the people misunderstood to be a compulsory choice for the latter preferences. His only virtue that ~~won~~ the race for him may have been that he was well known. Whether or not this misunderstanding that they had to make known ~~XXX~~ in numerical order their liking for all the candidates, influenced the result of the election, is now unimportant. What is important though is that democracy is, like British justice, seen to be done, and this point should be stressed in instructions to polling clerks in future elections.

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26. General rural development in the Haibuga C/D has been limited to increased plantings of local and introduced vegetables for sale at the Tari market, the planting of a few coffee trees and the construction of fish ponds. Numbers of fowls have increased as has the quality as a result of the Tari Council supplying the people with large quantities of chooks at low prices.

27. Activities of development departments D.A.S.F., D.D.A. and the Tari Council are at present directed to the establishment of cattle projects at Hambuari and Halimbu, and Telabo and Hiwanda. The project at Telabo/Hiwanda I visited. It covers roughly 30 acres of natural grasslands and a holding yard is being built on part of it. Of course it is too small as such for a herd providing its own replacements but if cattle herding after the Indian fashion, is at last allowed in this country, then it will make quite a suitable night paddock; the cattle being taken each day by herdsman to natural grasslands usually reserved for pigs.

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28. Non-Indigenous development is still non at the moment. A large block of about 2000 acres near the U.F.M. is available at Tauanda. It has one drawback ; it is swampland and would require extensive draining before it could be farmed. The Council Advisor has discussed the possibility of buying it , with the owners and they are agreeable to selling it. Agriculture are now going to send in drainage experts who will no doubt determine the economic feasibility of draining the land.

Social

29. Health in the area is good but organizational problems existed at three aid posts ; at Telabo, Munima and Karida. At Telabo the councillor is regarding himself as the local Duce and treating himself to many perogatives such as building his own house on land given by the village to P.H.D. for the Aid post and garden and fishing from the Aid post fish pond which the A.P.O. has been vainly trying to stock up. I told him to desist and informed P.H.D. Tari of the situation. At Munima , the A.P.O. found his garden area cut down considerably as the previous A.P.O. had tried to sell his garden produce to get out of debt and the people involved insisted that they still had the right to collect. I put them wise on that point and moved on to Karida where the A.P.O. faced similar land shortage problems. It appears that the people anxious to have an Aid Post in their village, had given 2 or three acres for that purpose and then , in between A.P.O. staff changes , tried the yarn that they had been offered payment originally and as they had not been paid they were reclaiming the land for themselves. I realized that P.H.D. were very tight with their money and had never promised payment but promised to check. I did and found that the locals were ~~XXXX~~ trying to put one over. I marked out the boundary of the land with the help of some locals who knew the land. Eventually the people agreed to let the matter rest.

30. These three incidents have led me to the opinion that the peoples attitude in Tari to self help projects isn't as enthusiastic as I heard it was, Isolation at the moment makes it simpler to encourage self help projects ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ and this should be taken full advantage of. Now is the time to get Tari civilized and developed as in the long run it is both cheaper and simpler to keep the momentum up and not give the people a chance to sit down and think of how many spanners they can throw in the works.

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APPENDIX A

Tari/Margarima Road

31. This is a report on the road where I spent 4 days investigating and supervising the work done and being done on it. From Tigibi, the last census unit on the road, the road commences to climb fairly steeply to just past Habono road work camp. The first few hundred yards of road are stoned but the remainder is not. It is cut in thick red clay which has given it a good base and cars can move over it most days. There is as yet no camber on this portion of the road ~~xxx~~ ; indeed, for the most part it tends to the concave; and this factor, together with heavy tractor traffic transporting food part of the way to Ambua, has reduced the surface to a quagmire in places. From Tigibi to Habono there is little apparent stone available and it will mostly have to be carted up from the river at Tigibi.

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At Habono a road work camp has been built and prison labour is mining rock and stoning the road. The surface so built is quite strong but the pace of construction is painfully slow.

32. From Habono onwards, the road ascends more slowly and good deposits of weathered stone, easy to mine, are readily available. This section of the road up to the Kunai grasslands is cut through heavily timbered rain forest and more ~~work~~ effort was put into speed than to doing a thorough job at the time. It is extremely narrow in parts and consists of white clays and black peats heaped over the fallen logs. As a result, this section of the road is pitted with subsidences which will have to be filled again before stoning begins.

33. The only bridge of any consequence is over the Habono river which is about 50 feet below. The bridge is well constructed except for the fact that the logs have not been debarked; a failing common to all Tari bridges. In marked contrast are the bridges built by the P.I.R. along the road. The design is 3 logs covered with saplings. The wheel positions receive no direct support from the bearer logs and the saplings as a result won't last long.

34. The road becomes better shaped near the start of the Kunai grasslands and starts to descend into the valley of the fern palms. This section has been well cambered and is quite firm, however all stone for it will have to be brought up from creeks beds hundreds of feet down as the road follows a sharp ridge line. Down further into the valley, the road flattens out but becomes a real problem as much of it is through marshy peat bogs of a depth of about 10 feet to 15 feet before white clay is reached. As it is impractical to remove this black top soil as per standard road building technique, what the ~~groups~~ 6 groups are doing is removing a bit of the grass and then digging a drain each side of the proposed road and heaping the soil dug from the drains in the centre with the white clay uppermost. When I inspected the road at Ambua, it was very soft and one sank to a depth of 6 inches just walking over it. Whether it will harden much as the moisture drains out of it I don't know, but these sections will need stone to a thickness of several feet, hand carted and laid, before traffic can move over them.

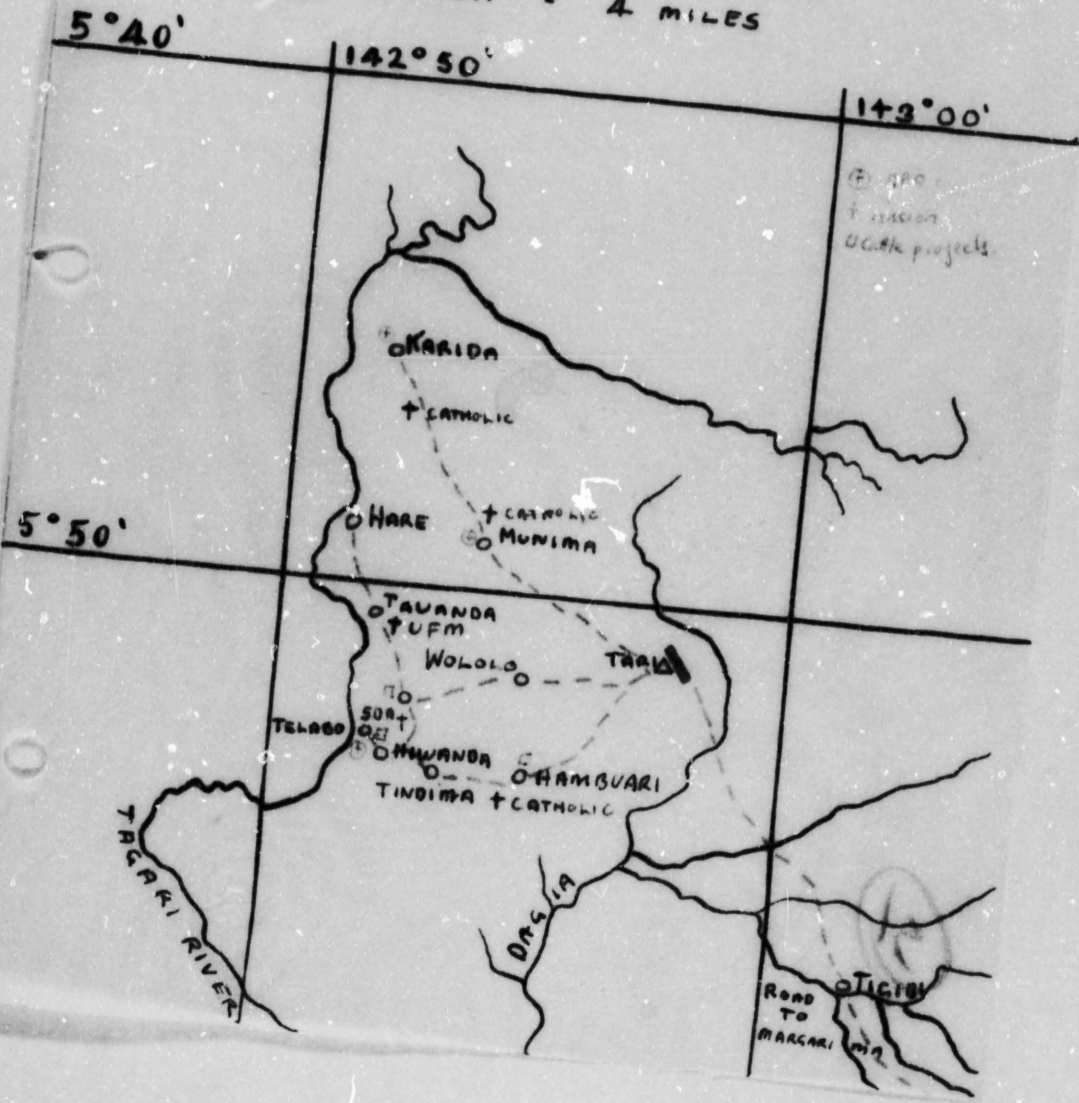
35. Each group is contracted to cut and camber 1500 yards of road for which \$250000 dollars is shared amongst 50 men. About two or three months work is involved in completing a section, so on the face of it the government is getting cheap labour indeed. And yet the cost of stoning is going to be much greater than this and the road traverses some country that will have to be deeply stoned before it can be called a road at all. This stone-work will have to be or should be done by hand as the tractors are already cutting to ribbons the stronger sections at Habono and at present they are only carrying light weight food. The wisdom of operating an overextended work force is doubtful. I contend that the people should be contracted as they are at present, not on cutting the road past Ambua, but on stoning and cambering the road from Tigibi upwards. Then they can be supplied by tractors along the completed road that being stoned will not get cut up so badly.

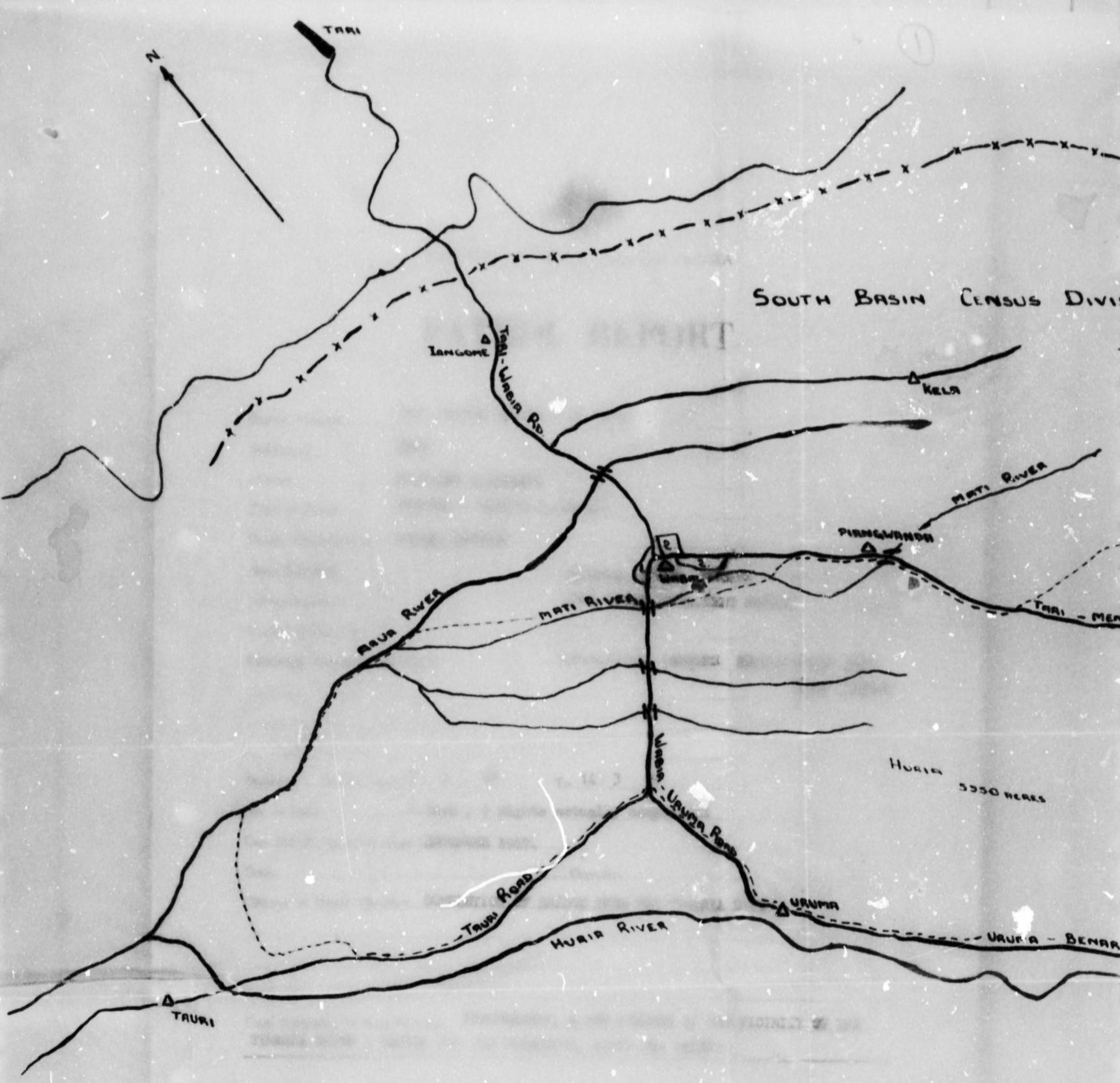
36. Some people should remain at Ambua planting up the valley with crops that the work force could use when they reach Ambua with the stone work. There will be construction and maintenance work going on at Ambua for many years and an early start with crops would be to our advantage.

Conclusion An interesting patrol but too brief and the writer too new to the area for it to be properly reported as per new instructions.

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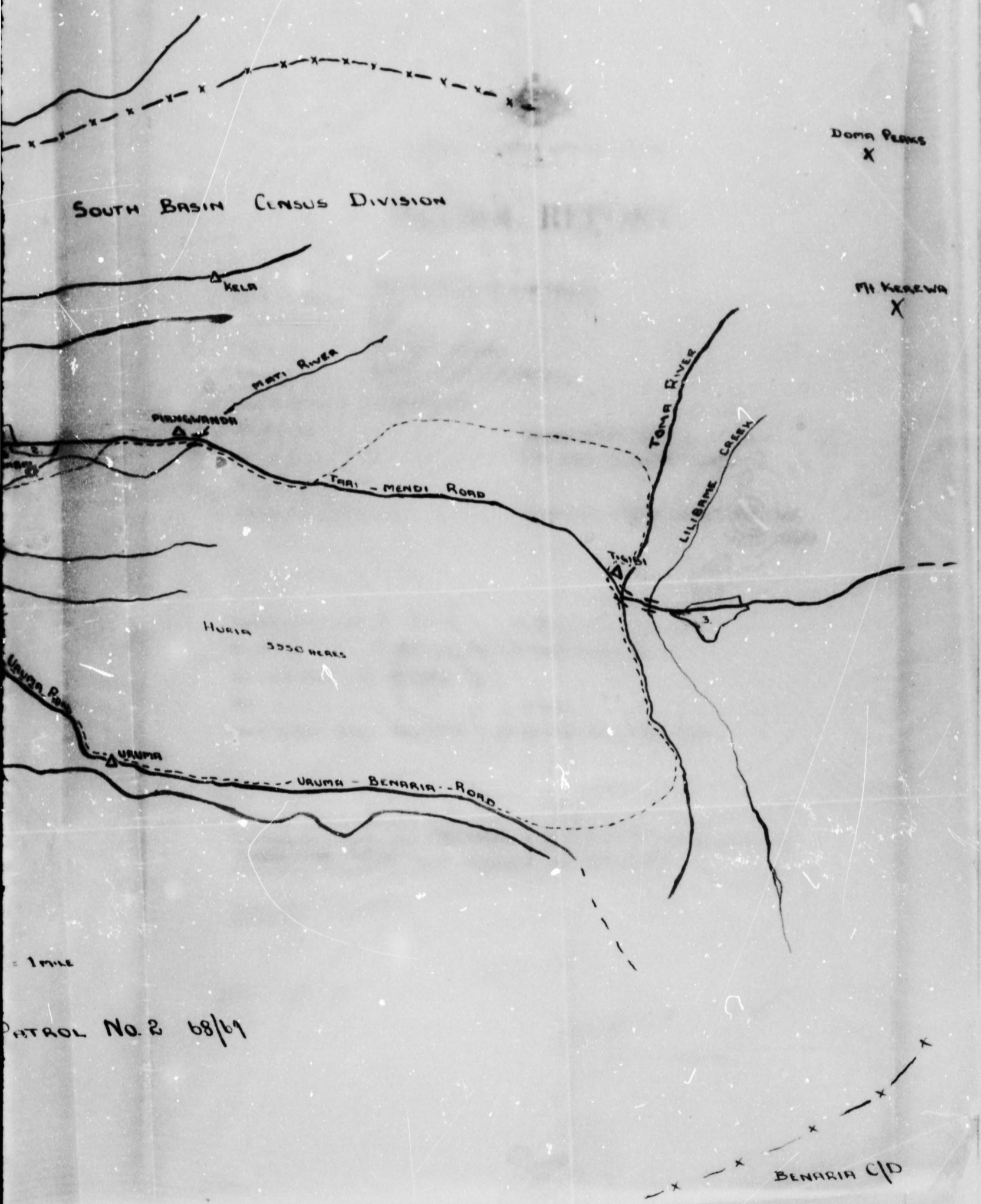
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TARI PATROL No. 2 68/69

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... **TARI PATROL REPORT 3 OF 1968/69**

Subdistrict..... **TARI**

District..... **SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS**

Type of Patrol..... **SPECIAL - BRIDGE BUILDING**

Patrol Conducted by..... **DUNCAN KENTISH**

Area Patrolled..... **MANANDA CENSUS DIVISION**

(Council and/or..... **KOMO LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL**

Census Division/s.).....

Personnel Accompanying Patrol..... **R.P.&.N.G.C. MEMBERS SENIOR CONST IAHU**

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Duration of Patrol—from **9 / 3 / 69** To **14 / 3 / 69**

No. of Days..... **6 days , 5 nights actually camped out**

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area : **DECEMBER 1967.**

Date..... Duration.....

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... **COMPLETION OF BRIDGE OVER THE TIMARIA RIVER.**

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... **PERMANENTLY, A FEW HUNDRED IN THE VICINITY OF THE TIMARIA RIVER ; CAMPED FOR THE OCCASSION, ABOUT 500 MALES.**

Director of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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*[Handwritten Signature]*  
District Commissioner.

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29th April, 1969.

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

PATROL NO. TARI 3/68-69.

Your reference 67-3-5 of 21st April, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. D. Kentish, Patrol Officer, to Part of MANANDA Census Division.

It is pleasing to note that the problem of bridging the TIMARIA River has apparently been solved and Mr. Kentish is to be congratulated on his efforts and detailed report.

On the other hand the unsuitability of the original design for the suspension bridge proposed for the TAGARI River is a disappointment. I presume that the new design has since been completed for same.

Mr. Kentish has expressed himself rather forcibly on the attitude of the HURI people towards a variety of subjects. I do not agree that the rule of law in a primitive society can only be achieved by the imposition of fear not reason. This has certainly not been the policy of our Administration in bringing the "Pax Britannica" to the people of the Territory.

The format of the report is not in conformity with that as required by my circular 67-1-0 of 21st June, 1968. Mr. Kentish's attention should be drawn to this fact when submitting future reports and also to the need to refrain from using slang terms when writing reports.

c.c.  
Mr. D. Kentish,  
Patrol Officer,  
Administrative College,  
P.O. Box 1216,  
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(T.W. ELLIS)  
Director.

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

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Department of District Administration,  
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21st April, 1969.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
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PATROL REPORT - TARI NO. 3 OF 1968-69

Please find enclosed a report of a patrol carried out by Mr. Patrol Officer D. Kentish into the Mananda Census Division. The purposes of the patrol were to complete a bridge across the Timaria River.

The communication between Tari and Komo by road has taken some time. The distance by air is only about 16 miles, but there are two major rivers, the Tagari and the Timaria, to be crossed. The Tagari will require a suspension bridge and the Timaria, which is a different type of problem altogether involving the crossing of a broad based river, is somewhat different. Mr. Kentish has done a good job in getting this bridge across, and it is to be hoped that he has solved the engineering problems entailed in it.

The crossing of the Tagari is a different problem altogether. Materials have been purchased for the job and have been put on site. However, late last year the District Works Engineer cast doubts on the efficiency of the bridge that had been designed. Because of this, work has stopped and we are now waiting on a proper design to be carried out.

The patrol was successful and Mr. Kentish is to be complimented on his patience and his drive in getting this job done. However, I wish he would pay a bit more attention to his spelling.

A good report of a good patrol.

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

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Tari Patrol Post,  
Southern Highlands District,  
18th March, 1969.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub\_district Office,  
Tari

TARI PATROL REPORT 3 OF 68/69

Type of Patrol	Special Purpose Patrol - Completion of bridge over Timaria river.
Conducted by	DUNCAN KENTISH, Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled	Timaria and Tagari River Valleys, on the Tari/Komo road.
Accompanying Personnel	Senior Const Iahu Const Jahare
Duration of Patrol	9/3/69 to 14/3/69
Number of Days.	6 days ; 5 nights actually camped out.
Last D.D.A. Patrol to the area.	December 1967.
Objects of the Patrol	Completion of bridge over the Timaria River.
Population of area patrolled	Permenantly, a few hundred ; Camped for the occasion, about 500 males.



Duncan Kentish Patrol Officer

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Introduction

1. This patrol was mounted to complete the construction of the bridge over the Timaria River, a project that I commenced as O.I.C. Komo and for which I received permission from the A.D.C. Tari, to complete. Most of the log work involved in the abutments and the bearers had been completed and the only problem remaining was to level the bearers, creasote and cover them with malthiod and nail the planks on.
2. While the patrol was in the area a domestic murder occurred and I together with a Tari Policeman, investigated the circumstances thereof.

Patrol Diary

Sunday 9th of March, 1969. Moved off at 1000hrs by car to the Tagari river on the Tari/Komo road. Stopped on route at IDAUI and arranged carriers to carry our cargo from the Tagari to the Timaria river. Went down to the Tagari and unloaded and waited for carriers to come down. Walked to the Timaria and set up camp. Went into Komo Station by Mission M/Bike left at the Timaria and organised bridge building materials to be brought to the river next day. Returned Timaria and slept.

Monday 10th At 0830hrs got the people who had arrived carrying stone. By 0930hrs. enough men were available and we started dragging into position as a bearer from where it had been left before in the river. The log was over 100 feet in length and very heavy and we only got one end on an abutment when rain stopped play at 1500hrs. Slept Timaria.

Tuesday 11th 0800hrs. Continued pulling the 6th log into into positon and had it there by 1000hrs. Levelled the logs for the rest of the day till 1700hrs. Went into Komo by M/Bike to see what was holding up materials. Returned to Timaria and slept.

Wednes day 12th 0800hrs. Continued levelling work and the went into Komo to report murder to Tari of a Tari woman on the Tari side of the Tagari River. Returned to Timaria and the onto Tagari with Komo Interpreter. Interrogated witnesses and investigated possibilities associated with the scene of the crime/. Murderer had given himself up in Tari. Watched Tari doctor do an autopsy and give ruptured spleen as the definitive cause of death. Returned to Timaria river after instructing the Tari policeman present to get witnesses together and and take them back with the Doctor to Tari for questioning. Returned Timaria and continued levelling of bearer logs and commenced painting of logs with creasote. Finished painting about 1500hrs. and the covered each log with malthiod matting. Then started nailing planks and at 1830hrs ( when an appeal on light was made ) had half the bridge planked. Slept Timaria.

Thursday 13th 0800hrs. Continued and copleted nailing of planks by 1000hrs. Organised the men to continue strengthening abutment with stone and went into Komo and radioed Tari to send a car to the Tagari next morning. Returned Timaria.

Friday 14th 0800hrs Packed up gear . 1000hrs observed the Komo natives and europeans arrive and declare the bridge open! Got some IDAUI men together and left with cargo for the Tagari arriving at 1100hrs. car arrived 1130hrs and we ~~went~~ continued on into Tari . Patrol dismounted.

Timaria Bridge

3. In November 1968, I took over Komo Patrol Post as O.I.C. from Patrol Officer M. Eggleton for a period of three months till a new A.D.O. could arrive ex leave. While at Komo I became interested in the problem of bridging the Timaria river which together with the Tagari river were the only obstacles to traffic on the Komo/Tari road.
4. The road is about 30 miles long, 20 miles in the Tari area and 10 miles on the Komo side. The Administrative border is the Tagari River and the Timaria River lies 3 miles closer to Komo Station from there.
5. Two attempts had been made before to bridge the Timaria. The first was the construction of a ford 200 feet from bank to bank. This was built in the dry season and subsequently raised by the first flood. The second attempt was only toyed with and that was to build 3 bridges where the Timaria divides into 3 streams. Each of these would have been about a 70 foot span. This attempt was discontinued when P.W.D.'s Mr. Frederick Riely poured cold water on the idea when M. Eggleton was at Komo.
6. I decided to tackle the problem at a new site where the natives had built a cane bridge about 200 yards upstream from the other attempts. Here the river curved very slightly and the concave side was very deep relative to the rest of the river, about 12 feet. The bed of the river rises slowly to the convex and about half of it is dry when the river is low. The river here is 100 feet from bank to bank i.e. the high water mark.
7. I commenced the project in late January 1969 by having new road approaches built to the site to link up with the existing road. The abutment on the concave side was a straightforward one the top of which is about 14 feet above the low water mark. The abutment on the convex side I built in the river itself when that half was dry and I built it so that the top of both abutments were 75 feet apart. The sides of the abutment were diagonal from the river bank to the front of the abutment so that the water would be deflected away from the front of the abutment when the river is in flood. The posts of this structure were 13 feet above the low water mark and the top of the abutment achieved this height. The posts were locked into position by nailing joining cross-members which were then covered with stone. The whole structure was 22 feet wide at the point and about 50 feet wide at the base i.e. where it joined the river bank. The fence of logs was filled with large stones. The structure was well started when the new A.D.O. arrived early and I continued working on it for the next couple of ~~months~~ weeks till I left Komo to return to Tari.
8. This patrol was mounted to complete the bridge and that object was achieved. However there are a few minor details yet to be worked on. Only the top-side of the bearer logs was creasoted as there was insufficient creasote available to complete the job. The under-parts of these bearers can be painted quite easily in the future by building a painter's sling of rope and plank under the bridge and slipping it along. These logs should be creasoted urgently as it is no joke getting them into position and although they are a very hard variety of Casurina the altitude in the Timaria gorge is only about 3000 feet compared with Komo's 5000 feet and the increased difference in temperature will ensure that the rotting process will be much swifter on this bridge than Komo's other bridges. At \$2.00 per 4 gallon drum, creasote is a very cheap preservative.
9. Each log was covered with a sheet of malthiod matting which will obviate the need for a roof to be built a la Tari fashion. Six rolls of malthiod were used and at \$4.00 a roll and for long bridges like this that kunai roofs would only add too much unnecessary weight to, malthiod is the answer. Over 130 pit sawn planks 6"x2" x 10 feet were then nailed over this malthiod. These planks should be creasoted too as it is cheap and planks are not. Also if the planks were to be ripped up and replaced then the malthiod would inevitably be damaged.
10. More stone is needed for the road approach to the abutment on the convex side and large boulders should be rolled into position around the abutment walls to strengthen them,
11. There has been several minor floods since the abutment was constructed in the river and it has remained quite firm although the strengthening procedures listed above should be carried out before it is required to deal with a really major flood. ~~XXX~~ Incidentally the bridge was tested unwittingly when I took a photo, to 55 native weights so it should be strong enough for a loaded tractor and trailer.

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Komo/Tari Road General

12. There is now just the Taguri River bridge to complete and the road to Tari will be open to four-wheeled drive traffic. I say complete as at the moment there are two 2 inch diameter cable wires strung across and there is sufficient wire still available at the site to string across a few more. With 8"x3"x14 feet planks bolted into position a reasonable bridge could be available for light vehicles.

13. The Komo people are quite excited about the completion of the Timaria bridge and they share the general Huri religious fervour about getting roads open. It is a pity that this fervour is not more apparent in their efforts to upgrade ~~maintain~~ maintain and stone what they have built. The rest of Komo's section of the road is a bit poor and about 5 small bridges are in imminent need of replacement.

14. I understand that the Komo/Tari road is going to be properly surveyed soon. I had this information back in November 1968 and as yet nothing has eventuated.

15. Until Komo has a decent road link with Tari it is not going to get much attention from departments other than D.D.A. i.e. visits by Agricultural and Medical officers and development of the area as a result is going to be unnecessarily held back.

16. Also it makes good economic sense to open the road if it is just to get building materials from Tari to Komo as these are held up quite considerably waiting for aircraft the hire of which must cost a packet. As a result I have grave doubts that the two IMs allocated to Komo can be completed as asked, by the end of this financial year.

Crime and Punishment

17. While the Patrol was in the area a murder occurred near the Taguri River. A man, angry with his wife for losing one of his pigs, came racing into the garden where she was working and generally worked her over with fist blows to the head and neck and kicks to the back. She then lost effective control of her motions and crawled feebly along the road for over a hundred yards till she collapsed in a drain and lost consciousness. She died a few minutes later and her husband ran into Tari and gave himself up. The autopsy showed that the woman died from a ruptured spleen and had also suffered brain injuries. As there is an eye witness to the event a conviction shouldn't be too hard to obtain but as usual the sentence I suspect will not suit the crime.

18. Which brings me to Huri dissatisfaction with the sentences handed out by both District and Supreme courts. While I was council advisor to the Komo Local Government Council, the Councillors expressed their concern that the sentences handed out for Adultery were not severe enough to deter other would be Adulterers. They proposed a flat rate of six months plus the slaughter of all the offender's pigs. This sounds rather cute but the important point is that while the people are not satisfied that vengeance has been won the tendency exists for them to take the law into their own hands. People have also expressed the desire to have a couple of good old fashioned hangings at Tari Station of murderers. The people feel sure that they only need to have a few hangings and crime would cut back dramatically. I tend to agree with them for while it has been shown that there is no deterrent value in hanging people in sophisticated societies where the crimes tend to be individual to individual orientated, here we are in the position of governing a lot of very primitive people who have a traditional respect for naked power and are swine orientated morally and are still behaving as a lot of mini nations. Killing the member of an enemy clan is no more murder to their way of thinking than Australians killing Japanese in the last war would regard their acts as murder. The rule of law in a primitive society can only be achieved by the imposition of fear not reason; reason can come later when all are well conditioned.

c.c. O.I.C.  
Komo.

Social

19. The population that does live in the area around the Timaria Gorge is scattered and sparse. Indeed there appears to be several thousand acres readily available for alienation although only a few hundred acres of Kunai grasslands exist, the rest is thick bushland which would be very expensive to clear. Most of the men working on the bridge came from around Komo Station and they were camped at the bridge site.

20. The people of the Komo area are as Huri as the Tari Huri but not quite so decadent yet. Speaking of decadence, I've come to the conclusion that the Huri is not and never was "a very moral person" and any strictures placed on his sex life were so placed not out of reverence for the woman but rather as veneration of the pigs she is worth in an unsullied condition.

21. Culturally, promiscuity is enshrined in the Tdauanda ceremony which takes the following pattern. A group of men sit under a low roofed house which has no walls and sing bawdy ballads around the fire. After a few hours of this, unmarried girls will shuffle up, sit down next to a man of their choice and indulge in a bit of sex play. After a few hours of this ( so I'm told ) the couples adjourn to the pit for more intimate introductions. In the past only married men could participate in the ceremony but now single men are being grudgingly allowed to join in as well. Missionaries in the area tell me that the natives have told them that only "rubbish men" participated in the past which may be true but I doubt it as that is the sort of explanation a convert would feel bound to make to a missionary so that he could historically identify himself with the virtuous.

22. The Huri has reacted very savagely to social indiscretions in the past and still does now from time to time. A few years ago two girls were murdered by their father for refusing to marry a couple of old men who were wealthy in pigs if not in charm. I am told too that in olden time if a boy had been discovered meeting a girl in private, the girl's father would ask the boy's father to kill the boy and he would do so. The only interest the parents had was not in the virtue of their daughters for virtues' sake but rather in their negotiable value in pigs, and an attack on their daughters' virtue only appeared to worry them as an attack on their negotiable assets.

23. The Huri does seem to regard his pigs with something approaching a religious obsession and when he feels that his interests in them are being threatened a glazed look comes into his eye and he loses all reason as in murder I have described where a man kicked his wife to death ( without boots ) for losing a pig.

24. Now that the traditional sanctions on sex and the single Huri can no longer be rigidly enforced for fear of incurring the Kiap's displeasure, the young of Tari are endeavouring to cast off the swine orientated morality of their fathers' and are seeking a new moral level which because it is no longer built on fear or yet religion, is just about amoral.

Conclusion

25. All objects of the patrol were accomplished and life among the Huris is exactly what one would expect in a twentieth century primitive society confronted with the trauma of the civilizing process.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... Tari Patrol No. 4 of 1968/69.

Subdistrict..... Tari

District..... Southern Highlands

Type of Patrol..... Special Purpose

Patrol Conducted by..... S.R. Pearson Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled  
(Council and/or  
Census Division/s.)  
Personnel Accompanying Patrol

1. Tari-Margarima-Tigibi  
2. Tigibi area of South Basin Census Division

D.F. Permezel A.D.C. (four days)  
Interpreter Lagari (fifteen days)  
2522 Constable Tol

Duration of Patrol—from 22/2/69 To 21/3/69

No. of Days..... 26 days

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area :..... No. 7 of 1967/68

Date..... 21/11/67..... Duration..... 11 days

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) 1. Inspect work on the Tari-Margarima road.  
2. To arrange for the construction of a rest house at Tigibi.  
3. Supervise roadwork between Tigibi and Habona.  
4. Preliminary land survey. (see Patrol Instructions)

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... Tigibi area....1552.

Director of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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*[Signature]*  
District Commissioner.

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May 8th, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MUMBI.

TARI DISTRICT NO. TARI 4/68-69

Your reference 67-3-5 of 28th April, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by  
MR. S. R. PEARSON, Cadet Patrol Officer to Parts of Margarine Admin-  
istrative Area and South Basin Census Division.

It is most pleasing to receive a report of such nature.  
Both its content and presentation are good and Mr. Pearson is to be  
congratulated for his work and report itself.

I have no doubt that when the road is completed the NARI  
will take the great economic leap forward.

Please advise me of the present position in respect of the  
\$10,000 Rural Development funds.

c.c. Mr. S.R. Pearson,  
Cadet Patrol Officer,  
Sub-District Office,  
TARI, Southern Highlands District.

(S.W. HILTS)  
Director.

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

28th April, 1969

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

TARI PATROL REPORT No 4 of 1968/69.

Enclosed find a report of a patrol to the Tari Magarima Road submitted by Mr. S.R. Pearson, Cadet Patrol Officer. Comments on the report by the Assistant District Commissioner, are also attached.

The first stage of the forty two mile road from Tari to Magarima is now nearing completion. By August, 1969 the earthworks will be finalised. The Huri have done a magnificent job, using only spades to build a road (up to 30' wide through marsh land) through such difficult country. The contractors were moving soil at a cost of about 30c / cubic yard to the Administration. This compares with figures I have been quoted of 37c as the lowest price in flat country in N.S.W. using modern heavy equipment. The 34c differential is of course the self help element donated by the people.

The Magarima section is disappointingly slow compared with the work streaking out to the east from Tari.

The next step on this project after side and catchment drainage has been completed and the earth works have been drained out will be to put down a pavement. The cost of this operation will be higher per mile than the earth-works as vehicles will be required to carry the stone and gravel.

The Catholic Mission had intended to build a High School at Tari on 300 acres near the Huria River. However the land purchase action failed and there is now a distinct possibility that the High School may go to another part of the District. Three other blocks of ground have been offered in Tari but even if it is decided to build there the whole scheme will be delayed for a year.

Economically Tari is lagging, as Mr. Pearson says; however there is no reason for this especially in view of the fact that ample land and labour and enthusiasm is available. Staff, District Administration and Rural Development is available and the only ingredient now needed to develop what should be a very successful crop, cinchona, is leadership. I have no doubts on this score and expect Tari to move quickly within the next six months.

A good report.

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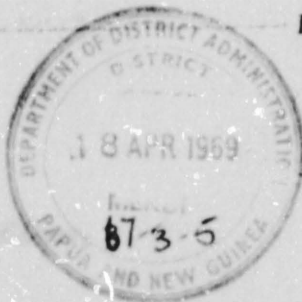
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(D.J. Clancy)  
District Commissioner.



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Department of District Administration,  
TARI,  
Southern Highlands District.  
14th April, 1969.

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

Tari Patrol Report No. 4 of 1968/69.  
Mr. S. Pearson C.P.O.

Enclosed please find three copies of the above-mentioned patrol report together with claims for camping allowance.

2. This patrol was Mr. Pearson's first from Tari and his report provides a concise account of present progress in the construction of the Tari - Margarima road. There are currently three aspects of this work, (i) the re-shaping of certain sections of the original road, mainly between Tigibi and Habona (ii) the construction of the remaining bridges and (iii) the cutting of the final mile and a half of road through rain forest to link up with the Margarima road-head. On the Margarima side some important bridging is still to be done plus about a mile of new road through bushland.

3. The ten thousand dollars in Rural Development funds which were allocated in February to this project have yet to materialize and their non-arrival is causing the Tari Council no little embarrassment. The money will be utilized immediately to pay off work gangs and to re-imburse the Council for the hire of its tractors.

4. A very neat job was made by the patrol of the new rest house at Tigibi. It is proving a useful base for operations on the road and for the storage of equipment. I should like to put two similar rest houses in the Tari Gap area for eventual use by travellers and stranded wayfarers. From Tigibi to Tengor the road will pass through about twenty-two miles of high country devoid of all population.

5. With reference to the comments under the heading of 'Land' in the report, it would appear that land will be available in the Tigibi area for the Capuchin Mission's High School should the Mission be interested in it. Currently an investigation is being carried out on another area between Wabia and Tauri with a view to its acquisition as a High School site.

6. The Tigibi's, who have long had a reputation as being "difficult" people will have benefited by the presence of this patrol in their area. Mr. Pearson is to be commended for a well written and well presented patrol report accompanied by an excellent map.

*B.F. Permezel*  
(B.F. Permezel)  
Assistant District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office,  
TARI,  
Southern Highlands District  
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The Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
TARI.

Tari Patrol Report No. 4 of 1968/69

Please find attached the following documents relevant to  
the above Patrol:

1. Original and three copies of Patrol Report.
2. Three Patrol Maps.
3. F.O.J. Folios 1-4.
4. Camping Allowance claims in respect of Interpreter Lagari,  
Constable Tol and myself.

For your information and action.

*S.R. Pearson*

S.R. Pearson  
Cadet Patrol Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of District Administration,  
Sub-District Office,  
TARI,  
Southern Highlands District.

18th. February 1969.

Mr. S. R. Pearson,  
Cadet Patrol Officer,  
TARI, S.H.D.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS

Please make necessary arrangements to depart on patrol to the Margarima road on Saturday, 22nd. February, 1969.

1. I will accompany you to Margarima and return to Tigibi, after which the patrol will be in your hands.

2. The patrol will inspect recently completed sections of the road, through the high marshland to the east of IBIWALE, and ascertain the length of road still to be constructed to link up with work on the Margarima side of The Tari Gap.

3. Following the patrol's return to Tigibi, you will supervise work presently being carried out on the re-shaping of the three mile section below Habono. A Local Government Council tractor will be made available to commence gravelling this part of the road, once the sub-grade is in a satisfactory state.

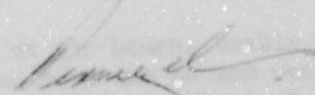
4. Whilst at Tigibi would you arrange for the construction of a new rest house to replace the present unsatisfactory building. Tigibi will be an important station on the Tari-Margarima road and a convenient base for operations on the lower sections of the road. For this reason a good rest house is desirable.

5. Also whilst at Tigibi I would like you to make a preliminary survey of any suitable land which might be available for application by the Cappuchin Mission as a High School site. The Mission is endeavouring to obtain an area from four hundred to five hundred acres.

6. Twelve detainees from the Tari Corrective Institutions Branch will assist the patrol with work at Tigibi. These will be under the supervision of two C.I. warders. One member of the R.P.&N.G.C. will accompany the patrol together with Interpreter LAGARI.

Necessary patrol stores will be obtained prior to your departure and a cash advance may be drawn from the Sub-District Office for early acquittal at the conclusion of the patrol, which will be of approximately four weeks duration.

8. Please refer to the Director's Circular 67-1-0 of 21st. June 1968 covering the submission of Patrol Reports. This patrol will be regarded as a special purpose patrol.

  
D.F. Permezel  
Assistant District Commissioner

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INTRODUCTION

This patrol was primarily concerned with the Tari-Margarima road and improvement of the Tigibi Rest House area, which will become an important point on the road, being at the immediate base of the hills leading into the Tari Gap. Tigibi is also the last centre of population before arriving at Tengor in the Margarima Patrol Post area, a distance of some twenty-one miles.

The patrol also afforded the opportunity to the people of Tigibi of over three weeks of direct contact with an officer of the Administration. There is good indication that this demonstration of the Administration's interest in the area was well appreciated.

The patrol was conducted in two parts:

1. The walk to Margarima and back, dealing with inspection of work completed on the road, and an assessment of work still to be done.
2. Work as performed from a static camp at Tigibi.

PATROL DIARY

- 22nd. February      Departed Tari Station at 0930 hrs., in company of the A.D.C., by Toyota vehicle. Arrived at Tigibi at 1030 hrs. Patrol gear made ready for carrying. Insufficient carriers available after much delay. 1345 hrs. walked to Habona.      Slept at Habona.
- 23rd. February      0830 hrs. departed Habona. Twenty-nine carriers. Fine. Arrived at the top of Tari Gap at 1130 hrs. Road inspected as patrol progressed. Arrived Tengor 1830 hrs.      Slept at Tengor.
- 24th. February      0915 hrs. Patrol gear and Const. Tol despatched to make camp at the head of the Dibibi Valley. Self and A.D.C. continued to Margarima Station arriving at 1215 hrs. Left Station 1315 hrs. Rain. Arrived at camp site 1615 hrs.
- 25th. February      Broke camp and departed by 0800 hrs. Inspected roadwork and paced out respective marks. Two lines working. Inspected work of Tigibi and Kikida lines working below Habona. Arrived Tigibi at 1630 hrs. Camped.      Slept at Tigibi.
- 26th. February      Carrier line paid off. 1000 hrs. A.D.C. departed on foot for Tari accompanied by self as far as Wabia. Inspected recently constructed houses at Wabia, returning to Tigibi by 1345 hrs. Marked out site for new rest house. Meeting of councillors and committeemen called for.      Slept at Tigibi.
- 27th. February      Commenced demolishing old rest house and clearing site. 1000 hrs tractor, two C.I.B. warders and twelve C.A. detainees arrived from Tari. 1300 hrs. started laying gravel on newly re-shaped road. 1715 hrs. minor disputes heard.      Slept at Tigibi.
- 28th. February      Morning worked on house. Afternoon supervised roadwork and building. Minor disputes heard.      Slept at Tigibi.
- 1st. March.      Spent most of the day working on the house. Unable to do more than minor patch up work on the road due to wet weather.      Slept at Tigibi.
- 2nd. March.      Sunday...day observed.      Slept at Tigibi.

PATROL DIARY (continued)

- 3rd. March      Too wet for roadwork during morning. Worked on house. Ancillary buildings started. Discussed possibility of land being offered for possible alienation with councillors. Afternoon roadwork. Interpreter Lagari returned to Station. Slept at Tigibi.
- 4th. March      Wet again. Poor turn up of natives. Per. talk delivered. Worked on buildings. Minor disputes heard early evening. Slept at Tigibi.
- 5th. March      Rain. Morning working on house. 1300 hrs. roadwork re-commenced. Progressing slowly due to wet weather. 1700 hrs. to 1730 hrs. A.D.C. called. 1600 hrs. minor dispute heard. Slept at Tigibi.
- 6th. March      Started C.I.B. detainees to cart and stockpile gravel at the top of the first hill. Too wet for road surfacing. Inspected work of Kikida and Tigibi lines towards Habona. Worked on house. Slept at Tigibi.
- 7th. March.      Fine. Road surfacing commenced. 0930 to 1000 hrs. A.D.C. visited. 1030 hrs to 1300 hrs. walked around boundary of land under discussion, in company with councillors. Advised owners to clear and mark boundary in a more acceptable manner. Afternoon worked on house. Slept at Tigibi.
- 8th. March      Spent the day working on the road and buildings. Roadwork called off at 1330 hrs. due to rain. 1700 hrs. returned to Tari. Slept at Tari.
- 9th. March      Sunday at Tari. Slept at Tari.
- 10th. March      0730 hrs. collected stores and supplies and returned to Tigibi. Inspected roadwork. Kikida line moved to lower mark. 1400 hrs. rain. Worked on house. Second tractor from Tari. Slept at Tigibi.
- 11th. March      Wet. Stockpiling gravel. Cook house and toilet completed. 1000 hrs. A.D.C. visited. Worked on house. Minor disputes heard early evening. Slept at Tigibi.
- 12th. March      Fine. Supervised roadwork and worked on house. Slept at Tigibi.
- 13th. March      Commenced clearing and reshaping rest house area. Gravel stockpiling during afternoon. Too wet for surfacing work. Slept at Tigibi.
- 14th. March      Inspected roadworks. Tigibi line progressing slowly but well. Stockpiling of gravel. Rest house completed. Slept at Tigibi.
- 15th. March      Spent day supervising work on the road and rest house area. 1700 hrs. tractors returned to Station for servicing. I returned to Tari. Slept at Tari.
- 16th. March      Sunday..at Tari. Slept Tari.
- 17th. March      Collected stores and supplies. Half hour spent in office. Returned to Tigibi at 0915 hrs. Arranged for natives to clear dense bush and maintain their road sections. Some finishing off in house. Slept at Tigibi.



PATROL DIARY (continued)

- 18th. March Fine. Worked along the road arranging for patch up work to be effected. Afternoon supervised work being done on Resthouse area. 1700 hrs. minor dispute heard. Slept at Tigibi.
- 19th. March. Fine. Continued patch up work on road. Work of Kikida line found to be deteriorating in quality. Line advised of a number of improvements required. Slept at Tigibi.
- 20th. March Inspected work of lines working on Habona stretch. Progressing well. Roads still very soft. Completed work on the rest house area. Minor dispute heard. Slept at Tigibi.
- 21st. March Commenced to break camp. C.I.B. detainees returned to Tari on foot at 0900 hrs. 1145 hrs. A.D.C. called. Inspected part of road. Returned to Station by 1300 hrs. Patrol disbanded. Remainder of afternoon return gear to store and acquitted advances.

END OF DIARY

WALKING TIMES

Habona to edge of grass marshland.....3hrs  
Edge of grass marshland to Tengor.....7hrs  
Tengor to Margarima.....3hrs  
Margarima to head of valley (forest)...4hrs  
Head of Valley to forest line (Gap)...3hrs  
Forest line to Tigibi.....4hrs.

Total time Habona...Margarima.....13hrs.  
Total time Margarima...Tigibi.....12hrs.

THE TARI-MARGARIMA ROAD

Much has been written, in past months, of work being done and prospects for this important link road. It is not my intention to deliberate on this past work, rather to report the current position. For the purposes of reference the road may be divided into four sections:

1. Tigibi to Habona
2. Habona to Marshgrass
3. Marshgrass to rain forest
4. Rain forest (head of Dibibi Valley) to Margarima.

Section 1.

This section is one steady, easy gradient. It is in the final stages of being re-shaped and it is estimated that a further six to eight weeks of this work remains to be completed. The road is being well formed and is drying out as well as can be expected, considering the seasonal factor.

The patrol concerned itself with the laying of gravel on the lower, stable part of this section, work which was hampered by wet weather. However, with the coming of the drier season there is good prospect that this work will progress rapidly.

Section 2.

From Habona the road passes into the tree line. This section is generally in good condition, although re-shaping and more adequate drainage is called for in a number of stretches. With the future installation of two small bridges, access by vehicle will be possible to the end of the tree line, during dry weather.

Section 3.

The road then crosses the high grass-marshlands, for a distance of about seven and a half miles. This was my first visit to this section of the road and I found myself much impressed by the magnitude of the earthworks being done by spade alone. The roadwork has progressed rapidly in recent months and, with a few short gaps, is complete to the end of this high marshland. Drying out is progressing quite well considering the recent wet weather, but it is easily seen that considerable damage will be done to this section if ample time is not allowed for consolidation before light vehicular traffic is permitted to cross.

Two lines from Tari were working on this section at the time of the patrol. The road has good width and shaping and should drain well. The five allotted marks leading up to the edge of the forest were paced out as follows:

<u>Line</u>	<u>Distance</u>	
Cr. Matiabe	1280 yards	nearing completion
Cr. Tadjabe	1700 "	" "
Cr. Parigua	800 "	completed
Cr. Togola	1100 "	"
Cr. Togori	900 "	"

Bridges have not yet been constructed on this section. There are no large bridges required but numerous small spans of six to ten feet will be required.

Section 4.

This section passes through the forest for a distance of about one and a half miles before breaking out into the grassy valley of the Dibibi River. With the exception of a little clearing work on the Margarima side work on this stretch has not been commenced. The road now passes through Margarima Patrol Post area for a further twelve and a half miles to Margarima Station. There are a number of breaks in roadwork (non of any magnitude) up to Tengor, after which the road is complete for the remainder of the distance.

TARI-MARGARIMA ROAD (continued)

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SUMMARY

The only remaining construction work of any magnitude is the one and a half miles of forest, the balance being bridge works and further re-shaping and drainage of existing road. The missing factors are then time for complete drying out and consolidation followed by final paving to make this an all weather road.

TIGIBI REST HOUSE

As mentioned, in the Introduction, Tigibi lies in a strategic position in relation to the lower reaches of the Tari-Margarima Road. For this reason a substantial rest house was built which can serve as a base from which to operate and also act as a store for supplies and materials. The bulk of the work on this project was done by the people of Tigibi.

LAND

One of the tasks of the patrol was to make enquiries as to the availability or not, of land in the Tigibi area which might be made available for use by the Capuchin Mission for the establishment of a self sufficient High School

Two adjoining areas of land, running either side of the road to the North of the Huria River, were suggested by the Tigibi people, through their Councillors. The opportunity was taken to walk over the land in question and to approximate the areas.

The largest area was approximately two hundred and sixty acres and the smaller area in the vicinity of ninety acres. There is some disagreement amongst the owners of the latter area, as to whether they would agree to alienation or not. Both areas are primarily of "pit-pit" and swamp, however the smaller area has a number of native gardens, hence the disagreement. The land is level and would lend itself favourably to drainage and should produce good arable country.

SITUATION REPORT

1. ECONOMIC

The Tigibi area of the South Basin Census District tends to lag behind other areas in economic development. There are two small coffee gardens which comprise the sum total of agricultural activity. The range of vegetables grown is very limited, but this lack of enterprise could in some ways be explained by the distance to Tari Market which is ten miles away. As mentioned below (Social) these people appear to need considerable stimulation if they are to be directed away from a more indolent way of life.

2. SOCIAL

1. Attitude towards the Administration

a. Initial support for the proposed building project at Tigibi was slow until it was learned that an Administration Officer would be remaining in the area. Following this support was generally good and there was pleasing interest in the work. I had the impression that they felt somewhat neglected. This may, to some extent, be due to recent activity by the Administration in the Wabia area, where a Community Area, School and Police Post have been established. They appear to be people who need both a tangible project and steady encouragement if they are to be lifted from their inertia.

b. Good feelings towards the Administration were observed and a number of minor disputes were brought forward for settlement. Almost all of these concerned pig payments.

c. The people expressed a desire for a Police Station to be established at Tigibi and showed enthusiasm towards assisting in the building of such a Station.

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SOCIAL REPORT (continued)

2. MISSIONS

The Capuchin Mission is at present expanding its activities in the Tigibi area. A permanent materials house has been constructed to house the Primary School teacher and a permanent materials school building is being constructed. Apart from the Primary School the Mission is hoping to erect a High School complex, should they be successful in obtaining suitable land.

3. HEALTH

The Aid-Post is fully staffed and as a result the medical needs of the people are being satisfied.

CONCLUSION

All objects of the patrol completed.

*S.R. Pearson*

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
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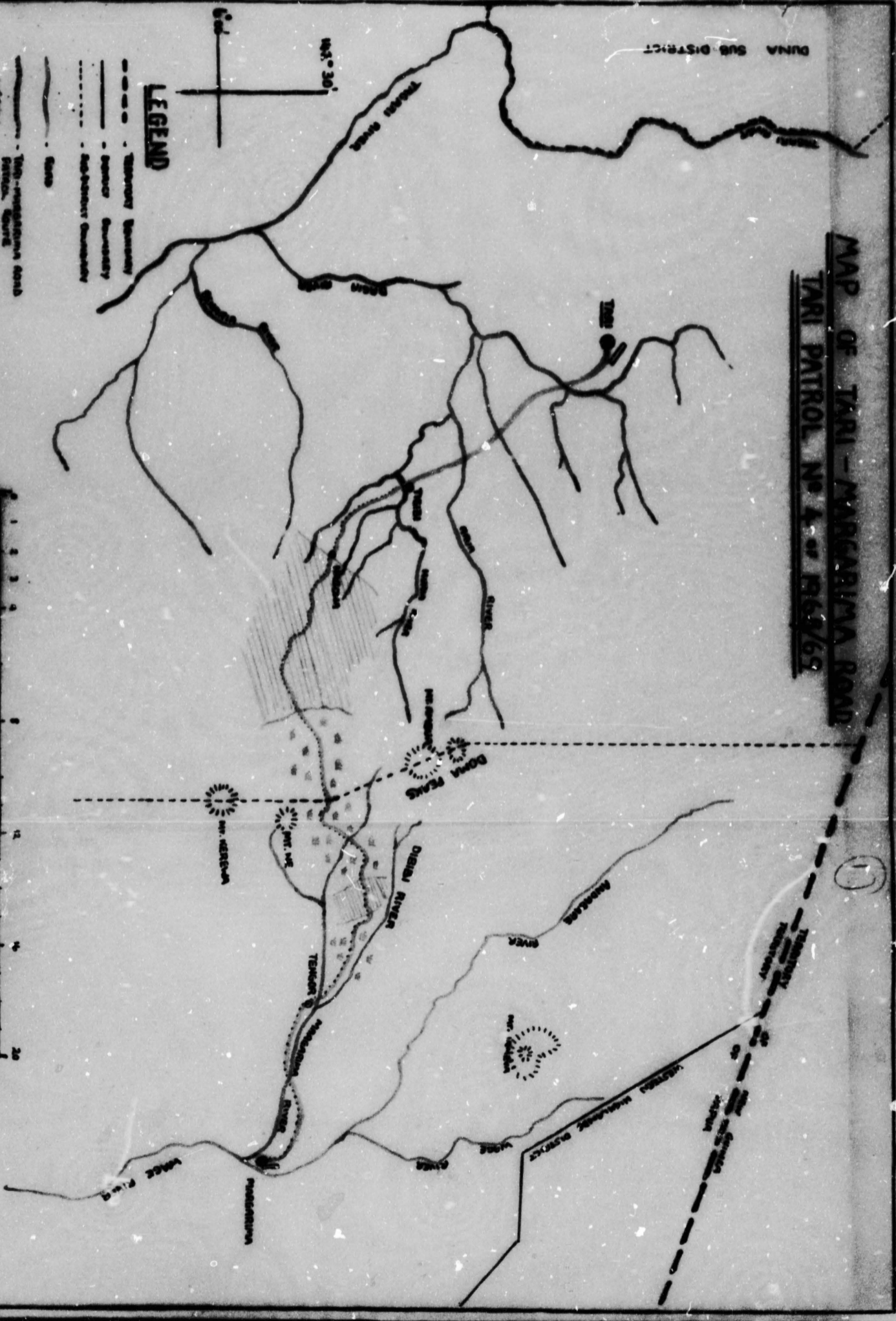
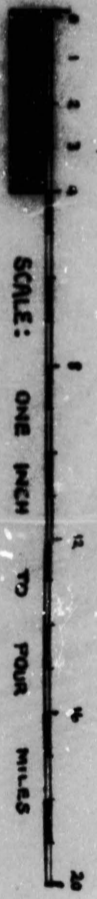
**MAP OF TARI - MARGARITA ROAD  
TARI PATROL No 4 of 1969/69**

DUNA SUB-DISTRICT

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-  TARI PATROL AREA
-  MAIN ROAD





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... **Tari Patrol No. 5 of 1968/69**.....

Subdistrict..... **Tari**.....

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

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

Patrol Conducted by..... **D.F. Permezel D.O.**.....

Area Patrolled..... **Part of South Basin Census Division**.....

(Council and/or.....

Census Division/s.).....

Personnel Accompanying Patrol.....

**P.R. Kerr A.D.O.**.....

**S.R. Pearson C.P.O.**.....

**Interpreters Lagari and Tagobe**

**1551 Const. Kibe 0835 Const. Kamgru**

**1000 Const. Aula 1112 Const. Tia**

**2107 Const. Achyu 2732 Const. Gundu**

**0434 W/O Lamona C.I.B.**

Duration of Patrol—from **12 / 5 / 69** To **29 / 5 / 69**

No. of Days..... **18**.....

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area :..... **Tari Patrol No. 4 of 1968/69**.....

Date..... **22/2/69 to 21/3/69**..... Duration..... **26 days**.....

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... **To investigate and survey an area of land in excess of 1000 acres, being part of the area known as "Huria" in the South Basin C/D**.....

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... **6232**.....

Director of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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.....  
District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone  
Telegrams  
Our Reference 67-3-5  
If calling ask for  
Mr.

Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

24th June, 1969



The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBUBU.

Tari Patrol No 5 of 1968/69.

Please find enclosed two copies of the above report written by Mr. S. Pearson, Cadet Patrol Officer, together with covering memorandum 67-1-1 dated 16th June, 1969 from the Assistant District Commissioner, Tari.

My comments are:-

1. The HURIA Land Investigation Report has been forwarded. It is hoped that this land will be attractive enough to private enterprise to start a tea plantation.
2. The Huri people can be proud of their efforts on the Tari-Magarima Road. Their determination and willingness to work under adverse conditions is most commendable.
3. Political Education has top priority and every effort should be made to get the Huri people to "Think" of themselves as a unit of national identity."
4. The officers concerned in finalising the investigation of the Huria land certainly are to be commended for getting the job done within 18 days.
5. I would agree that if this purchase results in attracting a company to start perhaps a tea plantation, then the people will be more willing to part with other land.

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

c.c.  
Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
TARI.

x  
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67-15-60

3rd July, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MEMU.

PATROL TARI NO. 5/68-69.

Your reference is 67-3-5 of 24th June, 1969.

- 2. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. S.R. Pearson, C.P.O. to Part of South Basin Census Division.
- 3. An interesting report by Mr. Pearson and I look forward to receiving further reports from him.
- 4. It would appear that the "winds of change" are finally making their influence felt in the Tari Sub District.
- 5. Copy of memorandum from A.D.C, Tari was not received. Same is required, please.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Director.

cc: Mr. S.R. Pearson, C.P.O.,  
Sub District Office,  
TARI  
Southern Highlands District.

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



INTRODUCTION

1. The principal purpose of this patrol was to investigate and survey an area of land, in the South Basin Census Division, which would be available for alienation. It was intended that such land would be of a minimum one thousand acres, such an area being suitable for economic development.
2. The area considered by this patrol was contained within the block of land known as "Huria", an area which has been the subject of a preliminary investigation by Tari Patrol No.I of 1968/69.  
The is of a flat nature having native gardens, swamp and "pit-pit" open swamp grassland and lightly timbered areas.
3. Because of the urgent nature of this investigation three officers were involved, the investigations being made from two bases: to the S.E. Mr.D.F.Permezal D.O. concentrated on the Tigibi end of the block. The remaining areas were investigated by P.R. Kerr A.D.O. and S.R.Pearson C.P.O. using Wabia as a base.
4. The opportunity was taken by Mr.D.Permezal to conduct a brief inspection patrol along the Tari to Margarima Road.
5. Whilst at Wabia the patrol supervised the completion of the Police Station at Wabia and the replacement of a road bridge.
6. For reference on "Huria" Block see Tari correspondence Tari File No. 35-3-39.

PATROL DIARY

- 19th. May '69 Completed patrol preparations. Arrived at Wabia at 09.30 hrs., together with P.R.Kerr A.D.O. Commenced chain and compass survey from Uruma. Returned Wabia 1700 hrs.
- 20th. May 0740hrs. PR.Kerr returned to Tari, self continued survey . 1645hrs. returned to Wabia. P.R.Kerr returned to Wabia.
- 21st. May Continued survey throughout the day.
- 22nd. May Completed main part of survey. Commenced calling for improvements.
- 23rd. May Taking of owners names continued. Map drawing and report commenced.
- 24th. May Saturday. 1000 hrs. returned to Tari. Slept at Tari
- 25th. May Sunday. 1400 hrs. returned to Wabia. Talks with councillors from Wabia and Piangwanda.
- 26th. May Recommended survey to excise the land owned by Wabiago Group, due to a decision not to sell on the part of this Group. 1500 hrs. returned to Wabia and worked on the report.
- 27th. May Worked on Investigation Report. Police Station exterior nearing completion.
- 28th. May Worked on the Report. Bridge replaced near Wabia.
- 29th. May Returned to Tari.

END OF DIARY

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LAND INVESTIGATION

1. Of prime importance to the future economic and general development of the Tari Sub-District is that land should be acquired and developed by outside interests, there being no such activity to date within the Sub-District. It is hoped that this investigation will have paved the way for this to come into being.

2. As long as twelve months ago land owners in the South Basin Census Division had expressed a willingness to sell land to the Administration for the purpose of economic development. However, since that time, there has been a change of heart on the part of several groups which resulted in a smaller area of land being immediately available. There was a tendency, during the investigation, for some owners to change their minds regarding willingness to sell. This was no doubt due, in part, to a wait and see attitude on the part of several influential individuals. At the conclusion of the investigation there was no doubt as to the willingness of all owners of the surveyed block to sell their land.

3. GROUPS INVOLVED

<u>Census point.</u>	<u>Clan.</u>
Uruma	Tabamu Homogoni Haro Lomen
Piangwanda	Piango Tabaije
Tigibi	Hadani Parugwali Harinda Kiau Hare Huribari Hubarapu

Total population: 3,000

4. The survey showed that an area of approximately 1430 acres would be available for immediate alienation. In the main it is an area of swampy plain and river flats much of which has been drained and is used for gardening or has stands of timber, it being of a very fertile nature. The surveyed "Huria" block has a road frontage of 2024 metres.

ATTITUDE OF THE PEOPLE TOWARDS FUTURE LAND ALIENATION

1. Amongst the more enlightened members of the South Basin Census Division there is good awareness of the benefits to be enjoyed, by the populace as a whole, from the introduction of some form of economic development. This awareness has given rise to a certain amount of eagerness to sell land on the part of many people. On the other hand the more reticent people have adopted a "wait and see" policy. There is good reason to suppose that once some form of development has started, much more good fertile land will become available within this Census Division. The amount of land held by these people is considerable amounting to something within the region of 25,000 acres, of which an estimated seventy five percent is arable.

OTHER ASPECTS OF THIS PATROLROADS AND BRIDGES

a. The condition of roads within this Census Unit is generally good. However, there is need for further graveling of unsurfaced sections of road if the generally high standard is to be maintained.

b. Three bridges require routine replacement. One was replaced by this patrol, its location being Wabia. Arrangements for the renewal of a second bridge at Wabia were also made.

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ROADS AND BRIDGES (Cont.)c. Tari Margarima Road

i. As mentioned in the Introduction, D.F. Permesel, D.O. conducted a brief patrol along the Tari Margarima Road for the purpose of inspection, up to a point about twelve miles from Margarima, this being the limit to which the Tari people are extending. (Approximately 30 miles)

ii There now remains only about one mile of road construction to be completed. This is an area of dense alpine forest, twenty nine miles from Tari Station. Three lines are currently working on this section, each having been allotted a mark of five hundred yards. The remaining two hundred yards of bush has been cleared by the Margarimas and now awaits final construction.

iii Bridges Building of bridges is progressing well. Twelve have been constructed leaving a further six to be completed plus what may be required after the remaining mile of forest is cleared.

POLICE STATION WABIA

Work was continued on the permanent materials Police Station at Wabia. The exterior walls have been completed and it is anticipated that it will be ready for occupation within the next few weeks.

The establishment of a Police Post at this site should further increase confidence as regards the Administration's intentions for this Census Division.

SITUATION REPORTI. POLITICAL

It is naturally difficult for people in such an early stage of development to comprehend the full democratic system and to be able to mentally fit themselves into an overall picture of national unity. For the older members of the community this may never be fully possible, but for the younger members the position is most favourable. Many of the younger persons have been outside the Sub-District through the operation of the Highland Labour Scheme and this must be considered as a significant contributory factor in the education of the Huri People to think of themselves as a unit of national identity.

2. Developmental tendency and the construction of the Tari Margarima Road have tended to give the South Basin C/D a particularly good contact with the Administration. The use of Local Government Councillors as an avenue of expression is well accepted and a growing awareness of the Council's ability is becoming evident.

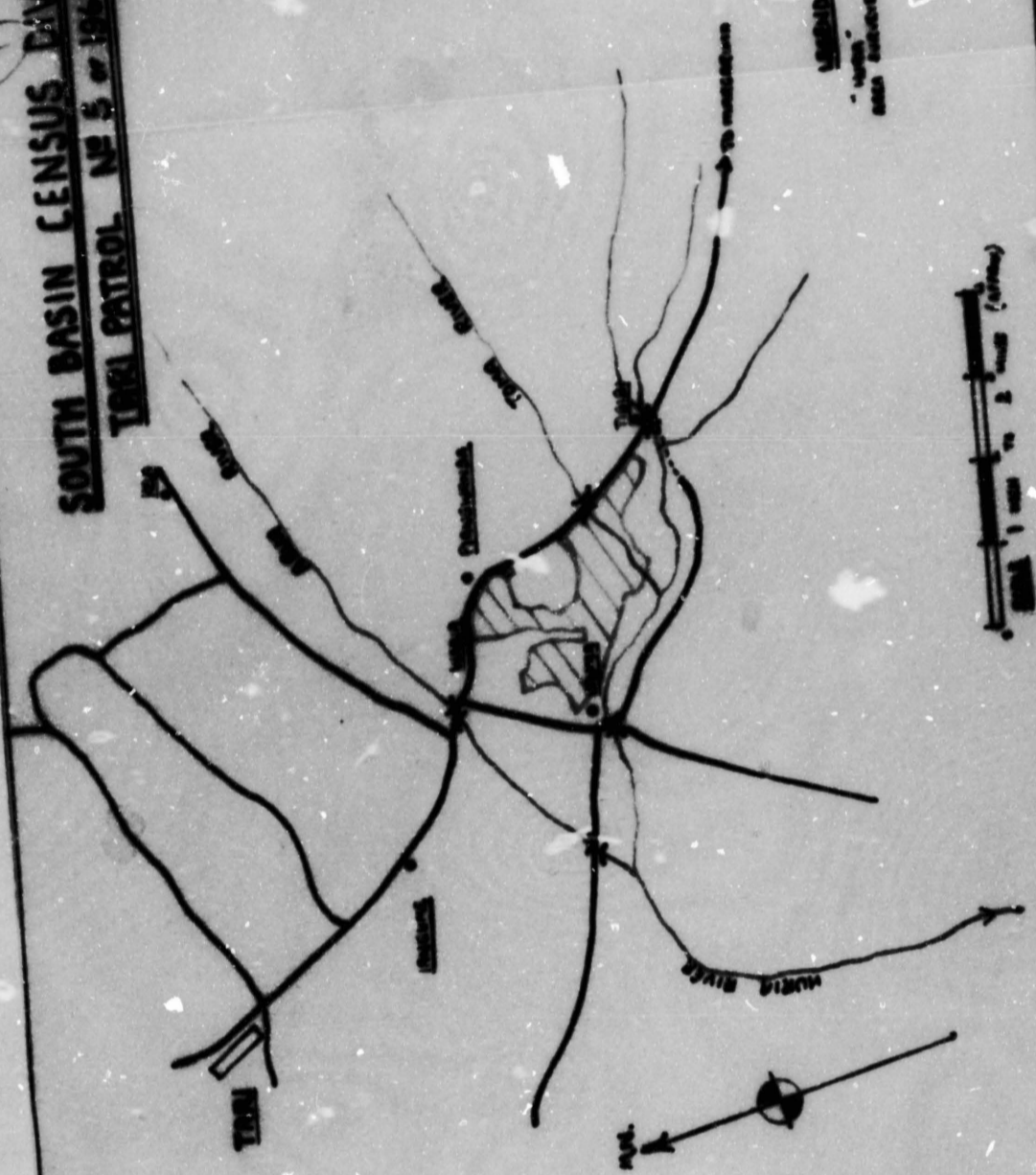
3. There is nothing new in drawing attention to the fact that the people of the area under discussion have long considered the Administration Courts as a means of settling disputes. The establishment of a Police Post at Wabia will give added assistance to the people in the bring of their disputes to court.

CONCLUSION

The members of the R.P.&N.G.C. together with interpreters worked well on this patrol and the land investigation was concluded in the minimum of time.

S. R. Pearson  
S.R. Pearson C.P.O.

**SOUTH BASIN CENSUS DIVISION**  
**TERRA PATROL NO. 5 OF 1964-65**



**LEGEND**  
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- dashed line -  
- solid line -

1 inch = 2 miles (approx)