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SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1967-1968

POROMA, ~~MARGARIMA~~

Report No.

Officer Conducting
Patrol

Area Patrolled

POROMA

1-67-68

Gabriel Salu

Foi'i and Fasu C.D.

2-67-68

N.C. McQuilty

Nembi & Foi'i C.D.

~~MARGARIMA~~

~~1-67-68~~

~~William R. Paterson~~

~~Portion of Margarima C.D.~~

~~2-67-68~~

~~William R. Paterson~~

~~" of Margarima &
Upper Wage C.D.~~



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of **SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS** Report No. **1 OF 1967/68.**

Patrol Conducted by **GABRIEL SALU, P.O.**

Area Patrolled **FOI'I AND FASV CENSUS DIVISIONS.**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **NIL**

Natives **1 RPNGC 1 INTERPRETER, & 1 N.M.O.**

Duration—From **19./2./1967** to **9./8./1967**

Number of Days **27**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **NIL**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **JAN/FEB/1967**

Medical **NO**/...../19.....

Map Reference **FOURNIL OF KUTUBU AND MAP ATTACHED.**

Objects of Patrol **1) L.G.C. ELECTION, 2) HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY EDUCATION AND 3) GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.**

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

7/10/1967

District Commissioner

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

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

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

67-2-3.

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

26th September, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
KENDI.

COMMENTS - POROMA PATROL REPORT No. 1, 1967/68.

Please find attached copies of Poroma Patrol Report No. 1, 1967/68 to the Fai'i and Fasa Census Divisions of the Poroma Administrative area. The Patrol was conducted by Mr. G. Salu, Patrol Officer, of Poroma.

Housing.

The style of housing employed by the people of the area is strongly linked with their social and cultural habits. If housing types were to be modified it would first be necessary to change these elements of the peoples society. This would necessarily be a slow and gradual process.

Health and Hygiene.

In view of the poor general health of the people, the isolation of many groups from the few existing health facilities, and the established fact that many epidemics are transmitted through the Kutubu area en route from the coast to the highlands P.H.D. should be approached to establish additional Aid Posts in the area. If staff shortages should preclude this then competent staff should patrol the area regularly.

Roads and Bridges.

In view of the expense already incurred on the construction of the Poroma/Orokana track it is strongly recommended that sufficient steel cable be procured to build permanent native style suspension bridges across the Nubi and Wage Rivers.

Mr. Salu has omitted to number the paragraphs of the report.

The report submitted by Mr. Salu is concise and well presented. It is gratifying to see this Officers work showing constant improvement.

Claim for Camping Out Allowance is ^{not} attached. Mr Salu has been requested to submit same at a later date.

A.F. McNeill
(A.F. McNeill)

A/Assistant District Commissioner.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Ref:

67-15-11

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDCBU, PAPUA.

16-1-1968.

District Commissioner,

S. H. D.
Mendi.

PATROL NO.

Poroma 1/67-68.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of:-

- ~~Memorandum of Patrol No.~~
- Patrol Report No.

covering patrol by.....

G. Sulu (P.O.)

Please advise Mr Sulu never
 to be afraid to use a dictionary
 when writing a report. J.W. Ellis
 the best of us do.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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• Delete as necessary.

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67-15-11
TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference..... 67-3-12
If calling ask for.....
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.



19th October, 1967,

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Poroma Report No 1 of 1967/68
FOI'I and FASU Census Divisions -
Lake Kutubu - Mr. G. Salu, P.O.

Attached please find:-

- (a) Original of report,
- (b) Copy of Patrol Instructions issued to Mr. Salu on Poroma memorandum 67-1-4 dated 19th July, 1967.
- (c) Copy of memorandum 67-2-3 dated 20th August, 1967 to Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa.
- (d) Map of patrol area.

2. Matters of interest to other Departments have been extracted and forwarded for action and information as required.

3. The Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa has commented adequately on the report and no further comment is required except to remark the fact that Mr. Salu has reported well on all matters contained in his patrol instructions.

(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

61-2-3.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams
Telephone
Our Reference...67-2-3
If calling ask for
Mr.....



**POROMA Patrol Post,
Mipa Sub-District,
Southern Highlands District.**

20th August, 1967.

**Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
N.P.A.**

Subject: Poroma Patrol No. 1 of 1967/68 - G.SALU, P.O.

Dear Gabriel,

Please find attached;

4 copies of the above Patrol Report,
claim for camping allowance, and
patrol map.

Local Government Elections:

A separate report has been compiled on this and forwarded to the relevant authorities. From this report it can be seen that the people are beginning to get a much better understanding of the workings of Local Government and the purposes. From now on they should be able to take a greater active part in their council without having to be led by the advisers.

For this reason it is a shame that more of the works program of the council wasn't completed for the last financial year.

House of Assembly Election Education:

The main aim of the education on this patrol was not to go deeply into the workings of the House of Assembly or the elections but to inform the people that the elections will be held shortly, what ward they belong to and to start them thinking about the House of Assembly so that the next patrol to the area to deal with this matter can deal with any queries and go straight into deeper matters.

Housing:

These people still require constant supervision to keep their housing up to a good standard. When other methods fail the regulations should be enforced.

Complaints and Courts:

This shows a good state of affairs with few complaints and courts. The that are are only of a minor nature.

Another good patrol by this officer which shows he is capable of leading a patrol. However he should accompany a more senior officer to gain more experience and to learn to make decisions.

N.C. McQuilty, P.O.

N.C. McQuilty
N.C. McQuilty, P.O.

Officer-in-Charge.

cc.G.Salu, P.O.,
Poroma.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference 67-1-4

If calling ask for

No.

POROMA Patrol Post,
Nipa Sub-District,
Southern Highlands District.

19th July, 1967.

Mr. G. Salu,
Patrol Officer,
POROMA.

POROMA Patrol No. 1 - 1967/1968.

Dear Gabriel,

Please mount a patrol today to the Foi'i and Facu Census Divisions, i.e. the Lake Kutubu Local Government Council area.

One Policeman, one N.M.O. and one interpreter will be accompanying you.

The objects of the patrol are:

- (i) Carry out the L.G.C. elections,
- (ii) House of Assembly education, and
- (iii) General Administration.

If, whilst carrying out the elections you run into difficulties contact me immediately. You have the books and instructions on procedure so should have no difficulties.

At every ward give a short talk on the House of Assembly, its work, place in the Territory's future, etc. Also advise the people that they are now in the Nipa, and not the Kagua, electorate. More detailed talks and discussions will be held by future patrols.

The last patrol to the area reported that housing at Kobe and Hebai'iu villages was in a shocking state and gave instructions for improvement. Check on this matter and place charges under the N.R.Os if these have been ignored.

You may also check and advise on the progress made on the Poroma/Grokana track.

Sia-Nawale of Hebai'iu escaped from the last patrol to the Facu area. Please try and recapture this detainee.

If you have any cause to charge anyone during the patrol, please bring them back to the station for the cases to be heard.

Have a pleasant patrol.

M.C. McQuilty
M.C. McQuilty, P.O.

Officer-in-Charge.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Peroma Patrol Post,
Nipa Sub-District,
Southern Highlands District.

12th August, 1967.

Peroma Patrol No. 101 1967/68.

Officer-in-Charge,
Peroma Patrol Post,
Southern Highlands District.

Subject: Peroma Patrol Report No. 1 of 1967/68.

19th July: 0800-0930 awaited carriers and briefing on election procedures by Mr. N.C. McQuitty, S.L.C. 0945 carriers and self departed Peroma Base Camp arrived at Kutuba 1530 carriers time. Paid off carriers and stayed overnight at Kutuba.

Patrol Conducted By: G. Sali, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: Poi'i and Fasu Census Divisions.
20th July: 0825 departed Kutuba village arrived Orokana Base Camp 1555. Stayed overnight at Orokana.

Patrol Accompanied By: Europeans: Nil

21st July: 0830 departed Orokana (1 Interpreter, 20 self departed Orokana arrived Kase village 1255. 1500-1525 erected polling booth. 1 RP&NGC.,

22nd July: 0800-0845 pre-election talk. 0845-1240 election and counting. 1240-1245 lunch and patrol broke camp. 1250 departed Kase on 12/7/67. 12/8/67. Overnight at Kutuba.

Duration of Patrol: 18/7/67 - 9/8/67.

23rd July: Sunday observed at Kutuba.
Last Patrol to Area: D.N.A. JAN/February, 1967.
D.A.S.F. Nil

24th July: 0800-0945 erected polling booth and awaited people to arrive. 0950-1010 pre-election talks, nominations and House of Assembly education. 1015-1240 election and counting. Overnight at Kutuba.
Map Reference: Fournal of Kutuba and map attached.

25th July: 0800-0950 patrol remained at Kutuba waiting for carriers. 1035 self departed on dinghy to Yogobe and Tugiri villages for carrier personnel at Soro River and proceeded on foot to Kaipu village arriving 1750 carriers time. Overnight at Kaipu.

Objects of Patrol: (1) To carry out U.G.C. Elections,
(2) House of Assembly Education,
(3) General Administration.

26th July: 0800-0840 pre-election talk. 0845-1045 election and counting. 1045-1200 patrol broke camp and prepared to depart for Lerogobai'in but the heavy rain forced the patrol to sleep for another night at Kaipu.

27th July: 0800 departed Kaipu under slight rain and after much difficulties of crossing the flooded rivers and creeks, patrol slept between Kaipu and Lerogobai'in villages.

28th July: 0800 patrol proceeded on to Lerogobai'in. 1245. Paid off carriers and carried out administration. Stayed overnight.
Gabriel Sali
Patrol Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Poroma Patrol No. 101 1967/68.

PATROL DIARY.

- 19th July: 0800-0930 awaited carriers and briefing on election procedures by Mr. N.C. McQuilty, G.I.C. 0945 carriers and self departed Poroma Base Camp arrived Kunjulu 1539 carriers time. Paid off carriers and stayed overnight at Kunjulu.
- 20th July: 0825 departed Kunjulu village arrived Orokana Base Camp 1555. Paid off carriers, overnight at Orokana.
- 21st July: 0830 cargo line departed Orokana. 0920 self departed Orokana arrived Kese village 1255. 1300-1325 erected polling booth.
- 22nd July: 0800-0845 pre-election talk. 0845-1240 election and counting. 1240-1245 lunch and patrol broke camp. 1250 departed Kese on canoe arrived Kutubu 1545. Overnight at Kutubu.
- 23rd July: Sunday observed at Kutubu.
- 24th July: 0800-0945 erected polling booth and awaited people to arrive. 0950-1010 pre-election talks, nominations and House of Assembly education. 1015-1345 election and counting. Overnight at Kutubu.
- 25th July: 0800-0950 patrol remained at Kutubu waiting for carriers. 1015 self departed on dinghy to Yogobo and Tugiri villages for carriers. 1335 joined the rest of the patrol personnels at Soro River and proceeded on foot to Kaipu village arriving 1750 carriers time. Overnight at Kaipu.
- 26th July: 0800-0840 pre-election talk. 0845-1045 election and counting. 1045-1200 patrol broke camp and prepared to depart for Iorogobai'iu but the heavy rain forced the patrol to sleep for another night at Kaipu.
- 27th July: 0800 departed Kaipu under slight rain and after much difficulties of crossing the flooded rivers and creeks, patrol slept between Kaipu and Iorogobai'iu villages.
- 28th July: 0800 patrol proceeded on to Iorogobai'iu village arriving 1245. Paid off carriers and carried out general administration. Stayed overnight.

PATROL DIARY (CONT.)

- 30th July: Sunday observed at Manu.
- 31st July: 0800-0815 pre-election talks, nominations and House of Assembly education, 0815-1115 election and counting, 1115-1125 patrol broke camp and departed for Tamadigi (abandoned village) arriving 1715. Overnight at Tamadigi.
- 1st July: 0815 self departed on canoe arriving Kobe village 1115. Inspected village—all in good order. 1155 proceeded on to Sorotagi arriving 1515. Overnight at Sorotagi.
- 2nd July: 0800-0815 pre-election talks, 0815-1045 election and counting, 1045-1130 general administration, nominations and House of Assembly education, 1130-1145 patrol broke camp and lunch, 1155 patrol departed Sorotagi arriving Kafa 1535 carriers time. Overnight at Kafa.
- 3rd July: 0815 departed Kafa arriving Pinaga village 1245. 1250-1425 general administration, 1425-1450 pre-election talks, nominations and House of Assembly education. Paid off carriers and overnight at Pinaga.
- 4th July: 0800-1050 election and counting for ward 2, 1055-1130 election and counting for ward 3, 1130-1150 pre-election talks, nominations and House of Assembly education for Ward 8, 1150-1200 lunch, 1200-1345 election and counting, 1350 patrol broke camp and departed Pinaga arriving Orokana 1435. Paid off carriers, overnight at Orokana Base Camp.
- 5th July: 0800-0830 pre-election talks, nominations and House of Assembly education for Ward 6, 0835-1145 election and counting, 1145-1200 lunch, 1210-1225 pre-election talks, nominations and House of Assembly education for Ward 4, 1230-1315 election and counting, 1315-1600 general administration. Overnight at Orokana.
- 6th July: Sunday observed.
- 7th July: 0830 departed Orokana arriving Harabiu 0950. 1015-1025 pre-election talks, nominations and House of Assembly education, 1030-1215 election and counting, 1215-1250 general administration, 1305 departed Harabiu arriving Orokana 1430. Overnight at Orokana.
- 8th July: 0845 departed Orokana arriving Waŕe River 1315. Overnight by the river.
- 9th July: 0735 departed camp site arriving Poroma 1550 carriers time.

END OF PATROL DIARY.

Salu
G. Salu, P.O.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE

INTRODUCTION: The aim of this patrol was to carry out Local Government Council, House of Assembly Education, and General Administration, ie discussions, complaints etc.

The patrol visited Foi'i and Fasu Census Divisions which are under Lake Kutubu Local Government Council and are situated approximately south of Poroma Patrol Post. Foi'i which is the nearest of the two is a days walk away from Poroma. Fasu lies parallel to the Lake (Lake Kutubu) and Kikori River and runs South-east towards Kubekube Ranges and North towards Mt. Barenos.

Both areas consist of rugged limestone mountain ranges, numerous rivers and river valleys and inundated swamp lands. The climate and vegetation of both areas are consistent with other parts of the Territory with similar altitude ie 1,230ft - 4,300ft.

ROAD AND BRIDGES

All objects of the patrol were carried out. The election was successfully carried out due perhaps to people's wider understanding on methods of voting. Attendance at the polling places was quite good despite difficulties (ie crossing flooded creeks, rivers etc.) people had to overcome to come to the polling places.

Brief House of Assembly education was given at each ward in conjunction with the pre-election talks. More detail information on this subject was left for the next Patrol to the area.

General Administration, ie; settling complaints, discussions village inspection etc. were carried out at every village along the route of the patrol. It is a pity that the patrol had no time to go through all the villages.

All major rivers are crossed by ferries (bamboos). The bridging of these rivers, namely, Sage and Mubi will involved great effort labour force etc. that is if the bridges are to be built with wooden materials.

VILLAGES: In general villages in both areas were in reasonable condition. The people having been under contact for several years are quite aware of the general rule of cleanliness and with the help of the Aid Post Orderlies are able to look after their villages fairly well.

Most villages are built on favourable sites, ie they are built near good drinking water and safe from disadvantages caused by the natural forces (floods, wind etc.).

Although lowlands coffee was seen in some places like the soil appears suitable for rubber, no effective cash

HOUSING: Like people of the Highlands areas, men do not live with their wives. In each village one house built on 6-7ft stilt and approximately 75ft in length and 10ft in width is built to accommodate all men in the village. Women have separate houses built all around the mens' house. These houses are about 2/3 the size of the mens' house.

In future an effort should be made to change the style of housing as present style of housing require too much effort to build. The system of having one mens' house and several womens' houses should be abolished if possible and individual housing system such as used by coastal people should be used. By doing this a man can live with his family and give reasonable protection. Such places as these where cases of adultery seem to overlap other types of offences married couples should live together.

Most houses in the Foi'i area appears to be in a dilapidated state and necessary instructions were given to the people concerned to improve them. The houses reported by the last patrol to be in shocking conditions (see attached patrol instructions) were improved.

AIRSTRIPS

There is one administrative airstrip (Moro) and one mission airstrip at Orokana. Two proposed strips (see map) due to be built in the Fasu area. These are H.L.B. strip near Fasu village and G.F.M. strip near Rebai village. The work on these strips is due to begin late this year.

AIRSTRIP (CONT.): More Airstrip Administration is very well
HEALTH AND HYGIENE: Existence of minor skin diseases, scabies, grillo etc. affect the people of the area. Malaria disease has been consistent causing the people to become lethargic.

Foi'i area as reported by the last patrol to the area (Ref. Mr. McQuilty's report No. 2 of 1966/67) is still affected by T.B. I recommend Mr. McQuilty's suggestion that a T.B. team should be sent to the area, council clerk and due to greater time being given to establishment of Porosa Patrol Post, less time was given to carry out Council works program.

On the whole the majority of people in both areas appear to be in good health. Both census divisions are well covered by two Aid Post Orderlies stationed at Sorotagi (Lower Foi'i) and Hebai'u (Fasu). The Foi'i areas along the Mubi River and Lake Kutubu is covered by clinic staff at Orokana Unevangelised Field Mission. The clinic at Inu has been closed due to the absence of the missionary stationed there.

ROAD AND BRIDGES: The work on the Orokana/Porosa road is progressing despite unfavourable weather conditions. The work on its section between Kunjulu and Teivaro Rest Houses is also progressing well.

COMPLAINTS AND COURTS: Various complaints mainly of bridge price were brought before the court. Similar type of road is, motor byke track or mule track between Kese and Orokana is deteriorating due to neglect, as a result of the greater attention being given to the work on the Orokana/Porosa road.

In the Fasu area a similar road is under construction from More strip to Kaipu village and between Iorogobai'iu and Hebai'iu villager. The tracks connecting villages, other than those connected by motor byke tracks, are in a reasonable condition.

All major rivers are crossed by ferryboat (canoes). The bridging of these rivers, namely, Wage and Mubi will involve great effort labour force etc. that is if the bridges are to be built with merden materials. As such I think work on this will have to be overlooked for the time being.

AGRICULTURE: Both Fasu and Foi'i people practise ~~in~~ subsistence farming but are not good gardeners as they live mainly on sago, and make small gardens to plant supplementary vegetable food such as 'pitpit' beans, pumpkins, etc. Tropical crops such as pineapples, pawpaws are also grown.

Although lowlands coffee was seen in some places in a reasonable state, the soil appears suitable for rubber, no effective cash cropping has been carried out by the people. The main setback to the agricultural aspect (cash cropping) is the outlet to marketing centres. Lack of communication between these areas and the larger towns hinders every type of business ventures in the area. The only money earner in the area is Tisogo oil which at present has great market at Highlands areas.

A cattle project is at Orokana owned by the Unevangelised Field Mission. This small holding is doing well. Although the project is not established for economic purposes it stands as an introduction to ~~the~~ cattle for the people of the area.

Large stand of forest land could be valuable for the timber industry in the near future. Pine trees as seen growing around Orokana area (in the vicinity of Pimaga village) can be very valuable.

TRADE AND INDUSTRY: There are no business ventures except trade store run by U.F.M. at Orokana. Another store belongs to the same mission was closed at Inu.

AIRSTRIP: There is one Administration airstrip (More) and one mission airstrip at Orokana. Two proposed strips (see map) due to be built in the Fasu area. These are S.I.L. strip near Kaipu village and U.F.M. strip near Hebai'iu village. The work on these strips is due to begin late this year.

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AIRSTRIP (CONT.): Pero Airstrip (Administration) is very wet strip and as such a census was lost recently. This strip together with U.F.M. strip at Orokaia is at present heavily utilized by air craft due to presence of Oil search party based at Kutubu.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL: Lake Kutubu Local Government Council just had its second election which was one of the aims of this patrol. Lack of council clerk and due to greater time being given to establishment of Porona Patrol Post, less time was given to carry out council works program.

Having been in operation for one year, Council can now operate more efficiently in its second year as councillors (most of them were re-elected) and people have quite a fair amount of knowledge in basic aims and functions of the council.

As tax rate will be the same this financial year ie 50c men and 20c women the total tax collection is estimated to be the same as last year.

COMPLAINTS AND COURTS: Various complaints mainly of bride price were brought before the patrol. Most of these complaints were settled arbitrarily. Two minor assault cases were taken to Porona for proper hearing.

CONCLUSION: This has been a successful patrol accomplishing all its aims. The patrol gain friendly reception in both groups of the two Census Divisions as people have more respect on the Administration and are working well along with its policies.

G. Salu
.....
Gabriel Salu, P.O.

Legend

● Village

▬ Restrip

▭ Proposed Restrip

--- Patrol Route

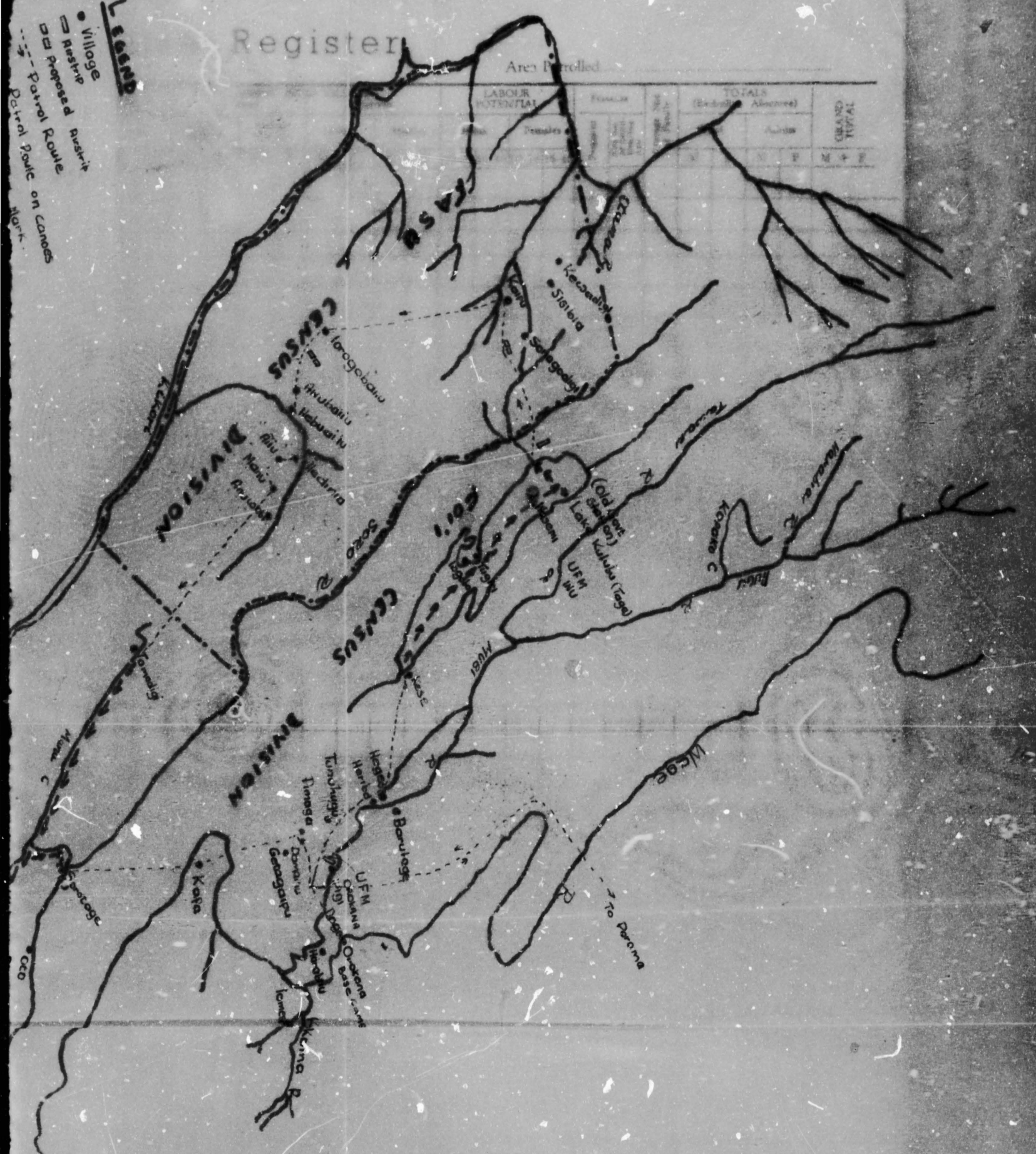
--- Patrol route on Canoes

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Register

Area Controlled

LABOUR POTENTIAL	TOTALS (Bridges)	TOTALS (Absence)	TOTALS (M + F)





TERRITORY OF PAFUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. 2 - 1961/62 Poroma

Patrol Conducted by N.C. McQuilty, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Nambi and Foli Census Divisions (Part)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

3 Interpreters, 35 Carriers, Natives 5 B.P.N.G.C., 1 N.M.O.

Duration—From 6/3/1962 to 1/6/1962 (Broken period)

Number of Days 76

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Jan/Feb./1962

Medical / /19

Main Reference Map attached and Journal of Kutubu

Objects of Patrol i) Construct Poroma Patrol Post, ii) Meet Union Oil party at

Kutubu, iii) Council meetings, and iv) General administration

Director of District Administration, PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

12/9/1967

[Signature] District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegram.....
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If calling ask for.....
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.
12th September, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONELOBU.

Poroma Patrol No 2 of 1967/68
Mr. H. McQuilty, Patrol Officer.

Original of the above report is forwarded together with map covering the area patrolled and copy of memorandum 67-2-3 dated 28th August, 1967 from the Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa.

2. The covering memorandum from the Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa covers all points in the report and requests for assistance in the matter of vehicles, agriculture and forestry have been referred to the relevant Departmental representatives at Mendi.

3. A good report and it is pleasing to see that Poroma has now been established as a Patrol Post.

(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

Apart from the methods of reconciliation mentioned in this paragraph the only alternative would appear to be the banning of remarriage by the guilty party for a specified period of time. The Nipa Council is at present seeking advice on the legality of such a rule.

Only one map has been submitted on this occasion as a query to District Office some three weeks ago occasioned the reply that only one was necessary. As Mr McQuilty has since proceeded on leave I assume that he can forget about submitting an additional map.

Claim for camping allowance was signed by myself and given to Mr. McQuilty to cash in Mandi after obtaining the Deputy District Commissioner's signature.



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

C.O. Mr. N. McQuilty, Gum Tree Parade, Malong, N.S.W.
C.O. Officer in Charge, Patrol Post, Poruma.

Para 17. In view of the proposed plans for expansion of the Catholic Mission Station at Del and their ultimate reliance on the Poroma Airstrip the Poroma Del section of this road should be given priority over all other roadworks. I would like to see a 20 m.p.h. all weather, surfaced road between these two points by June, 1968.

Para 18. This road will require re-aligning, widening and re-grading between Del and the Lai River. Arrangements have been made in Mendi for the supply of 6 inch nails for the completion of bridging on this section.

It is understood that the best Lai River Bridge site would entail two bridges, one 90 feet long and one 60 feet long. If care is taken in the construction of abutments these distances could each be reduced by 10 feet. Under these circumstances it should be possible to construct a timber bridge. I cannot envisage the materials and skills being made available for a Bailey or suspension bridge within the next ten, or even more, years, if ever.

Agriculture.

Para 24. The land in the Poroma area is admirably suited for large scale native cattle projects (up to 150 or even 200 acres). The area between Poroma and Poi'awore is regarded by the G.S.I.R.O. as being the best agricultural land in either the Southern or Western Highlands. Due to its having been almost deserted some 15 or 20 years ago, following inter tribal fighting, such large scale projects would not interfere with the use of the land. It is hardly utilised at all, at present.

Forests.

Para 34. People owning land adjoining Poroma should be encouraged to establish Yar plantations following the establishment of a Forestry nursery at Poroma. These would benefit both the people and the Administration, the former by providing them with a future source of income and the latter by providing an easily accessible source of firewood and building materials.

Airstrips.

Para 38. Information has reached this Office that the Union Oil Party has substantially improved More airstrip by surfacing most of the softer portions of the runway.

If at all possible steps should be taken to ensure that maintenance funds are provided by the Administration and that adequate work is carried out to maintain the strip in the future.

Para 40. It is essential, as mentioned on the opening page of these comments, to make provision for a tractor, trailer and airstrip roller for the Poroma Strip as soon as possible. Without these a potentially excellent strip will suffer greatly from landing and take off load restrictions.

Local Government Councils.

In view of the potentially poor native situation in the Del/Pomdall area of the Nembu Division the Kutubu Council will continue to suffer comparative neglect until a second Officer is posted to Poroma.

Complaints and Courts.

Para 53. The divorce problem is a very real one in the Nembu and Nipa areas. It is almost certainly largely due to the presence of the Administration and thus the removal of the old sanction of force if the wife in particular does not observe her obligations.

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

28th August, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

COMMENTS - POROMA PATROL REPORT No. 2 - 1966/67.

PARTS NEMBI AND FOI'I CENSUS DIVISIONS.

Please find attached copies of Poroma Patrol Report No 2 1966/67 to the Nembu and Foi'i Censu Divisions. The Patrol was conducted by Mr N. McQuilty. P.o. Objects of the Patrol are as listed on the Report Cover.

Both Mr. McQuilty and the people of the immediate area are to be complemented on the progress made in the establishment of Poroma.

Para 5. The scarcity of suitable timber suitable for firewood and building materials certainly warrants the provision of a tractor and trailer. Even further than the four mile range mentioned timber is as scarce as in any other area of the District. The people cannot be expected to continue to carry heavy loads of timber over such great distances.

Para's 6 and 7. The Poroma strip, though presenting no real danger to aircraft, requires considerable rolling as soon as possible. The loose textured earth surface results in excessive drag on the wheels during take off in particular. This severely restricts landing and take off weights.

Oil Search Party.

Para 10. The Oil Search Party has almost certainly eased the economic situation in the Kutubu area following the withdrawal of the Administration. In so doing it has eased what could have been an undesirable native situation.

Mr. McQuilty should have mentioned in the text of the report that he was unable to contact the Oil Party. This was due, entirely to the visitors in that they gave two E.T.A's and observed neither. Mr. McQuilty was quite warranted in leaving Kutubu after waiting for some 20 days.

Roads and Bridges.

Para 13. In view of the terrain encountered over the route I doubt very much that the Foi'avoro/Orokana track will ever be suitable for motor cycles.

Para 14. The track will however be of great value to the people of the Kutubu area in that it will greatly reduce the time taken to travel between the two heads. From 30 to 20 hours for the upward journey and from 20 to 12 hours for the downward.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT

This patrol report refers to **POROMA Patrol Post, NIPA Sub-District, Southern Highlands District.**

8th August, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,

N.I.P.A.

1230 - 1500: Walked to Poroma.
Patrol area, motorcycle back together.
Inspected work on station and strip.
Sleep: 2 hrs.

POROMA PATROL REPORT NO. 2 - 1966/1967.

- Patrol conducted by : N.C. McQuilty, Patrol Officer.
- Area patrolled : Nemi and Foi'a Census Divisions (part),
- Patrol accompanied by : Europeans - Nil.
Natives - 3 Interpreters,
1 N.M.O.,
5 R.P.N.G.C.,
35 Carriers.
- Duration : 6.3.1967 to 1.6.67 (Broken period)
76 days.
- Did Medical Assistant accompany? : No.
- Last patrol to area : D.D.A. - Jan. Feb. 1967.
- Map reference : Fournal of Kutubu and map attached.
- Objects of patrol : i. Construct Poroma Patrol Post,
ii. Meet Union Oil party at Kutubu,
iii. Council meetings, and
iv. General Administration.

N.C. McQuilty

N.C. McQuilty,
Patrol Officer.

Tuesday 14.3.67:

Remained Nipa doing same work as 13th.
Slept Nipa.

Wednesday 15.3.67:

0730 - 0910: Departed Nipa in vehicle with ADC and drove to Poroma.
Inspected airstrip in readiness for opening.
P & T radio aerials set up.
Slept Poroma Base Camp.

Thursday 16.3.67:

District Airport Inspector with DC and DWE landed on airstrip to inspect it for opening. Airstrip found to be OK and operations to start as soon as markers and windsock become available. DAI, DC, and DWE returned to Mendi by plane. ADC Nipa returned to Nipa by vehicle. Self did further work on setting up of radio aerials.
District radio sked Mendi.
Slept Poroma Base Camp.

Friday 17.3.67:

Supervised work by labourers and detainees.
Correspondence.
Road inspection on motorcycle to Toiwaro.
Slept Poroma Base Camp.

Saturday 18.3.67:

Police and PHD staff paid.
Police paid for rations from SSB.
Carriers arrived from Mendi with 'strip markers and windsock.
Correspondence.
Inspected and supervised work by labourers and detainees.
Slept Poroma Base Camp.

Sunday 19.3.67:

Day of rest observed Poroma.
Slept Poroma Base Camp.

Monday 20.3.67:

Supervised work on airstrip, ie. put up windsock, leveled surface, extensions, etc., and work on buildings.
R.T.C. Mount Hagen.
One complaint and one Local Court case heard.
Correspondence.
Slept Poroma Base Camp.

Tuesday 21.3.67:

Supervised and allocated work on station buildings and airstrip. New strip markers put in place.
Correspondence and complaints.
Two commercial flights from Mendi - service and charter.
District radio sked Mendi.
Slept Poroma Base Camp.

Wednesday 22.3.67:

Airstrip report to Madang.
Supervised and allocated work on station and airstrip.
Complaints and one Local Court case.
Freshfoods purchased.
Cargo run from Orokana arrived - carriers paid, housed and fed.
Correspondence.
Slept Poroma Base Camp.

Sunday 2.4.67:

Day of rest - observed Poroma.
Slept Poroma Base Camp.

Monday 3.4.67:

Supervised work by labourers and detainees.
DIA and CID returns typed out.
Allocated and inspected work by detainees and labourers.
Inspected road work on motorcycle as far as Nipa.
Slept Nipa.

Tuesday 4.4.67:

Spent sick Nipa.
Slept Nipa.

Wednesday 5.4.67:

Returned to Poroma after discussions with ADC and inspected road work en-route.
Inspected work on Poroma buildings and airstrip.
Slept Poroma Base Camp.

Thursday 6.4.67:

Correspondence.
Inspected and supervised work on Poroma buildings and airstrip.
Slept Poroma Base camp.

Friday 7.4.67:

Worked most of day on copying out census statistics for Poi'i C/D.
after inspecting and allocating work on Poroma station and airstrip.
Slept Poroma Base Camp.

Saturday 8.4.67:

Worked on own house all morning.
Slept Poroma Base Camp.

Sunday 9.4.67:

Day of rest - observed Poroma.
Slept Poroma Base Camp.

Monday 10.4.67:

Correspondence.
Allocated work on buildings and airstrip.
On motorcycle to Kesu and Kusa to supervise work on road construction to link up with Mendi road - returned to Poroma P.M.
Slept Poroma Base Camp.

Tuesday 11.4.67:

Again on motorcycle to inspect and supervise work by Kusa and Kesu groups - returned to Poroma and supervised work on station and airstrip.
Slept Poroma Base Camp.

Wednesday 12.4.67:

Correspondence.
Paysheets for all staff compiled.
Supervised work on buildings and airstrip.
Five complaints heard and settled.
Slept Poroma Base Camp.

Thursday 13.4.67:

Inspected and supervised work by labourers and detainees.
 DIV's for Police, DDA and CIB rations typed out.
 Continued working on Patrol Report.
 District radio asked Mendi.
 Slept Poroma Base Camp.

Friday 14.4.67:

Finished typing out Patrol Report.
 Correspondence.
 Worked on own house.
 Supervised and allocated new work for labourers and detainees.
 Slept Poroma Base Camp.

Saturday 15.4.67:

Allocated work to detainees and labourers and inspected progress on
 airstrip and buildings.
 Correspondence.
 Slept Poroma Base Camp.

Sunday 16.4.67:

Day of rest - observed Poroma.
 Slept Poroma Base Camp.

Monday 17.4.67:

Allocated and supervised work on Poroma Patrol Post and airstrip.
 Correspondence and paysheets compiled.
 Slept Poroma Base Camp.

Tuesday 18.4.67:

Allocated work on Poroma Patrol Post.
 Departed Poroma 1150 on Motorcycle for Nipa arriving 1410.
 Discussions with ADC and attempts to contact Mendi by radio.
 Slept Nipa.

Wednesday 19.4.67:

On plane to Mendi - discussions with DC, DDC, Treasury, Health and
 District Clerk - also DAI and SSB.
 By plane to Poroma.
 Remainder of day taken up with assisting DAI with the levels on the
 airstrip extension.
 Slept Poroma Base Camp.

Thursday 20.4.67:

A.M. Continued assisting DAI with marking airstrip extension.
 P.M. To Nipa by plane to pick up motorcycle and employees pays.
 Slept Nipa.

Friday 21.4.67:

Last minute arrangements and discussions with ADC.
 On motorcycle to C.U. Mission at Ujabria - lunch and discussions
 on land store and land leases.
 Continued on to Poroma.
 Supervised unloading planes and inspected work.
 Slept Poroma Base Camp.

Saturday 22.4.67:

A.M. Worked on own house.
 P.M. Pegged out road on station - also selected site for Police lock-up.
 Employees paid.
 Slept Poroma Base Camp.

Sunday 23.4.67:

Correspondence including typing out paysheets and contingencies.
 Preparations for patrol to Crokana and Kutubu.
 3 Local Court cases heard.
 Slept Poroma Base Camp.

Monday 24.4.67:

Last minute preparation for patrol.
 Instructions and work allocated to be done in my absence.
 Departed Poroma Base Camp on motorcycle 1020 and rode to Toiwaro -
 then walked to Kundjulu arriving 1335 - last carriers arriving
 1 1/2 hours later.
 Camp set up.
 Discussions with Village Constable concerning road work, carriers,
 complaints etc.
 Slept Kundjulu Rest House.

Tuesday 25.4.67:

Departed Kundjulu 0827 after paying carriers from 24th and walked over
 range to Waga River arriving 1230 crossed river in canoes and
 departed 1750 - walked over second range and through sage swamp to
 Mubi River - crossed River in canoes and walked to Crokana Base
 Camp arriving 1723 - last carriers arriving 2004.
 Fresh foods bought for carriers.
 Slept Crokana Base Camp.

Wednesday 26.4.67:

Carriers from 25th paid.
 Discussions with Mr. D. Donaldson, U.F.M., about land leases and
 airstrip maintenance.
 Lengthy discussions with people about council meeting, medical treat-
 ment, complaints, etc.
 Allocated work on airstrip.
 Correspondence.
 Slept Crokana Base Camp.

Thursday 27.4.67:

Departed Crokana Base Camp 0945 after packing up and walked along
 walking track to Hegiso Village arriving 1145.
 Carriers paid and people informed of patrol's program.
 1400 - 1600: Started chain and compass survey of Baobo land lease
 for U.F. Mission - ceased work due rain.
 Talks with people.
 Slept Hegiso Village.

Friday 28.4.67:

0800 - 1210: Completed chain and compass survey of Baobo land.
 Lunch.
 1330 - 1520: Compiled information from owners for the Land Invest-
 igation Report.
 Discussions with L.G. Councillors.
 Slept Hegiso Village.

Saturday 29.4.67:

0815 - 1005: Patrol departed Hegiso Village and walked to Kese Village. Carriers paid and new outboard motor put on dinghy.
 1120: Patrol departed for Lake Kutubu Patrol Post (abandoned) in canoes and self in dinghy. Self arrived station 1245 and canoes arrived 1455.
 Paddlers paid.
 Camp set up in abandoned patrol post.
 Slept Lake Kutubu.

Sunday 30.4.67:

Patrol rested at Lake Kutubu.
 Slept Lake Kutubu.

Monday 1.5.67:

Drew tracing of Baebo land.
 Inspected all houses on station to see what work needed to be done to ready them for occupancy.
 Discussions with village people to inform them about the oil search party.
 Slept Lake Kutubu.

Tuesday 2.5.67:

Allocated and supervised work by labourers cutting grass around houses and a general clean up of the station and houses.
 Spoke to Council resident and alke village leaders concerning the oil search party, their work, labourers required, and for this information to be passed onto the Fasu councillors and people.
 Slept Lake Kutubu.

Wednesday 3.5.67:

Again allocated and supervised work on cleaning up the station. Also had discussions with the Kaipu L.G. Councillor similar to that had with the Council President.
 Tried unsuccessfully to get the office typewriter to work.
 Slept Lake Kutubu.

Thursday 4.5.67:

Allocated and supervised work on cleaning up of the station. Local court case heard (threatening behaviour).
 Slept Lake Kutubu.

Friday 5.5.67:

Continued with the cleaning up of the station and buildings. Complaints heard.
 Slept Lake Kutubu.

Saturday 6.5.67:

Supervised work on cleaning station and buildings.
 Slept Lake Kutubu.

Sunday 7.5.67:

Day of rest - observed Lake Kutubu.
 Slept Lake Kutubu.

Monday 8.5.67:

Supervised work on cleaning up station, ie. cutting grass, cleaning houses and reconstructing pit latrines.
 Discussions with Kaipu L.G. Councillor concerning labour for oil search party.
 Slept Lake Kutubu.

Tuesday 9.5.67:

Atco landed with Field Supervisor from the oil search party but took off before self arrived. 'strip due wet condition 'strip. Returned to station after inspecting 'strip and organising labour and canoes for the following Sunday. Inspected work on cleaning station, etc. Slept Lake Kutubu.

Wednesday 10.5.67:

Allocated and supervised work on cleaning up station and buildings. Slept Lake Kutubu.

Thursday 11.5.67:

Same work as 10th. Mr. M. Rule from U.F. Mission visited for discussions about school, station buildings, airstrip, etc. Slept Lake Kutubu.

Friday 12.5.67:

Same work as 10th. Slept Lake Kutubu.

Saturday 13.5.67:

Continued with cleaning up station and buildings. Checked labour and canoes for the following day. Slept Lake Kutubu.

Sunday 14.5.67:

Checked number of labourers and canoes at Moro 'strip for oil search party. Three members of the party arrived to inspect the station accommodation and discussions. Party to station in dinghy, inspected housing and discussion about, area of survey, area access, labour, transport, communications, when party arriving, etc. Returned with party to Moro airstrip. Party departed in C185 for Mendi and self returned to station. Slept Lake Kutubu.

Monday 15.5.67:

1 Local Court case heard and 4 complaints settled. Further labour employed. Discussions with L.G. Councillors. Continued with cleaning up station. Slept Lake Kutubu.

Tuesday 16.5.67:

Continued cleaning station and repairing houses and pit latrines. - also organised 44gal. drums for water. Slept Lake Kutubu.

Wednesday 17.5.67:

Same work as 16th. Slept Lake Kutubu.

Thursday 18.5.67:

Telegram from oil search party deferring arrival until 24th. Discussions with Mr. M. Rule from U.F. Mission concerning school boarders and gardens for same. Inspected work by labourers cleaning up station. Slept Lake Kutubu.

Friday 19.5.67:

Discussed further work to bring Orokana airstrip up
 Discussion with L.G. Councillor from lower Foi'i area about APO',
 complaints and courts, oil search party, council meeting, next
 council elections and tax collection, etc.
 Inspected work on cleaning up station.
 Slept Lake Kutubu.

Saturday 20.5.67:

One Local Court case heard (indecent assault).
 Continued cleaning up station.
 Slept Lake Kutubu.

Sunday 21.5.67:

Day of rest - observed Lake Kutubu.
 Slept Lake Kutubu.

Monday 22.5.67:

Supervised work on cleaning up station and buildings.
 Slept Lake Kutubu.

Tuesday 23.5.67:

Bride Price complaint settled.
 Allocated and supervised work on cutting grass on station.
 Social visit to U.P. Mission at Inu.
 Slept Lake Kutubu.

Wednesday 24.5.67:

0815 - 1500: Departed station and travelled to station to meet
 oil search party. Party didnot arrive so returned to station.
 Slept Lake Kutubu.

Thursday 25.5.67:

No chance of plane arriving with oil search party because of cloud
 cover and continual rain.
 Slept Lake Kutubu.

Friday 26.5.67:

Oil search party still didnot arrive.
 Last preparation made to houses, firewood, etc.
 Slept Lake Kutubu.

Saturday 27.5.67:

Again waited without success for oil search party.
 Slept Lake Kutubu.

Sunday 28.5.67:

Same as 27th.
 Slept Lake Kutubu.

Monday 29.5.67:

Departed Lake Kutubu station in canoes and dinghy for Kase Village.
 Departed Kase and walked to Orokana Base Camp.
 (Ironically first oil search party plane arrived Moro airstrip
 just after patrol departed Kase Village.)
 Slept Orokana Base Camp.

Tuesday 30.5.67:

Inspected and allocated further work to bring Orokana airstrip up to JCA standards.

Local Government Finance Committee and General meetings held at Orokana.

Discussions with councillors concerning work on Orokana/Poroma road.

Various complaints settled.

Slept Orokana Base Camp.

Wednesday 31.5.67:

Departed Orokana Base Camp 0930 after packing up, visiting U.F. Mission and giving last minute instructions for work on the airstrip -

crossed Mubi River in canoes and walked along walking track to P.C.

G.Salu's camp. Discussions with P.O. Salu about labour, payment,

complaints, etc. - continued walking - crossed over range to Wage

River - crossed river in canoes and made camp.

Camp set up 1530.

Slept bush camp.

Thursday 1.6.67:

Departed camp 0707 and walked over range to Kundjulu valley - thence through limestone ridges to Erave River valley and Toiwaro Rest House.

arriving 1150. Departed Toiwaro 1210 on motorcycle and rode to Poroma.

lunch.

Inspected work on Poroma Patrol Post buildings.

Slept Poroma Base Camp.

Patrol stood down.

It is anticipated that the airstrip will be open to Category 'B' aircraft by Christmas 1967. To keep the airstrip open to this category and to stop limestone outcrops, material from clearing airstrip will be required.

Union Oil of Australia have a permit covering an area south of the Mubi (Magical) River and stretching north of Mt. Erave, Erave's North Road and the Erave's River.

The permit holder has been advised of the permit limits. They are using the permit to clear the area around the Patrol Post as a base camp. They plan to use the area for four and a half months.

It is expected that the permit holder will be working on clearing the area around the Patrol Post. They are also expected to clear the area around the Patrol Post as a base camp.

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Friday 2.6.67:

Work is progressing well on the Orokana/Poroma road and the Poroma Patrol Post buildings. The Poroma Patrol Post buildings are being completed and the road is being cleared.

INTRODUCTION:

1. The main objects of this patrol were to continue with the construction of Poroma Patrol Post, and to meet, advise and assist an oil search party at the old Lake Kutubu Patrol Post site. A council meeting was also conducted whilst in the area. Necessary General Administration, i.e. complaints, courts, discussions, etc., was carried out.
2. This report is to be read in conjunction with Poroma Patrol Report No. 1 - 1965/67.

POROMA PATROL POST:

3. Work is progressing satisfactorily on the new station buildings and airstrip extension.
4. Eight native material Native Married Quarters, one native material Office/Store have been completed. Work is still progressing on a native material O.I.C.'s house and labourers barracks. Work will commence within the next two weeks on a house for a Medical Assistant and Police Lock-up.
5. Building construction is restricted and confined to a slow pace due to shortage or no timber within a four mile radius of the station site. A tractor and trailer would speed up the delivery of timber and construction program.
6. The airstrip is now open to light aircraft with dimensions of 1,500' x 100'. Progress on the extension to Category 'B' aircraft was stopped when a second lot of levels became available, after work had commenced on the original levels, due to lack of time by the O.I.C. to put in the new levels. Work will resume shortly.
7. It is anticipated that the airstrip will be open to Category 'B' aircraft by Christmas 1967. To keep the airstrip open to this category and to stop limestone surfacing materials from damaging aircraft a roller will be required.

OIL SEARCH PARTY:

8. Union Oil of America have a permit covering an area south of the Kikori (Megigie) River and stretching, south of Mt. Beavi, westwards towards Nomad and the Strickland River.
9. Whilst working the first section of the permit area, i.e. that section south and south-east of Mt. Beavi, they are using the buildings on the abandoned Lake Kutubu Patrol Post as a base camp. They plan to use this for four to four and a half months.
10. The oil party has employed 64 Kutubuanes to work on cutting survey lines, carry camping gear, etc.. Most of these are from the Pasu area which has a very small cash income so the money earned will be welcomed by the people while it lasts.
11. The main objects of the patrol, concerning the oil search party, was to ready housing, employ labour, inform the people of the objects of the company, advise on access routes and any other information required by the company.
12. These people had been previously been acquainted with and worked for A.P.C. on a very friendly basis so no problems were encountered.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

13. Work is progressing well on the TOIWABO/OBOKANA walking cum motorcycle track. Although some five miles have been completed to date the work force is at the moment going back over what has been completed and improving it, i.e. widening, cambering, draining, etc.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:(Continued)

14. When this track is completed it will make a big difference to Officers visiting the area and also to people from the area either visiting Poroma or carrying out Tigase oil.

15. There is little possibility that this track will become a vehicular road in the future due to the limestone nature of the country and two major rivers to cross.

16. For a vehicular to this area it will have to be built from the Mubi Valley up the Kokoma Valley to the Southern Highway in the Samberigi or Xrave Valley.

17. The Poroma/Nipa road is deteriorating as at the moment the labour force is working on Poroma Patrol Post. They will be put back on the road shortly to keep it open.

18. The Poroma/Del/Mendi road is all but completed. The Nembi River has been bridged and all that remain are three medium bridges plus one large one over the Lai River. This will require either a Bailey or suspension bridge.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY:

19. The only businesses in this Administrative area are Trade Stores. There are three - two run by the U.F.Mission in the Lake Kutubu area and one run by the C.U.Mission in the Nembi Valley. All of these stores only stock the basic necessities.

20. Several companies have expressed a desire to move into Poroma station with Trade Stores but as the land has yet to be purchased no moves can be made at the moment.

AGRICULTURE:

21. Agriculture in both census divisions patrolled is subsistence farming with the introduction of some European vegetables to supplement the native foods. Tomatoes, corn, beans, peanuts, onions and cabbages have been introduced and grow well.

22. Although there is no cash cropping in the area, Tigase tree oil (which grows wild) is being exported in greater quantities, from the Lake Kutubu area, than ever before.

23. The people from the Nembi Valley will have a market for peanuts when sufficient quantities are grown. The D.A.S.F. is buying them for 15/- per pound, dried and shelled.

24. Work has commenced on a cattle project adjacent to Poroma station. Work is progressing on fencing and grassing of approximately 80 acres which should hold 6 to 7 head of cattle. This should be completed in about 12 months.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE:

25. The health of the people in the Nembi Valley is fairly good due to the work done by Sister Waugh from the C.U.Mission at Udjabia and native field staff employed by the same mission.

26. The Kutubu area due to sparse population is difficult to cover with health service but the U.F.Mission make an attempt with first aid and infant welfare facilities at Orokan and Inu - The one at Inu being unstaffed at the present due to the missionary being on leave.

27. The Administration have an A.P.O. stationed at Sorotago in the lower Foi'i region. This A.P.O. also patrols into the Fagu area. A Medical Assistant due to be posted to Poroma within the next month will spend most of his time patrolling.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE: (Continued)

28. The Fei'i Census Division is a T.B. area but due to two X-ray teams within the last four years it has been checked and a large proportion of the effected have been treated. Due to poor or no pre-patrol education and notice of arrival of the patrol not all villages and people were X-rayed which is an absolute necessity with a disease like T.B. if it is to be of any value. Further and more thorough visits by the T.B. team will be required before this area can be classed as safe.

29. The Kutubu area is also very much effected by malaria. This makes the people very lethargic and poor workers.

LABOUR:

30. Approximately 50 young people a year join the Highlands Labour Scheme from the Fei'i area but as they come from a malaria area they are not in demand. Approximately another 50 find their own way to Kikori and either work at Kikori or go to Moresby.

31. Only a small number of people from the Nembi Valley join the Highland Labour Scheme at the present but it is anticipated that within the next two years when they become 'money aware' a great number more will wish to go.

32. As most of the labour available in the area is unskilled, uneducated and illiterate the only positions they can fill are general labourers, etc.

FORESTS:

33. As mentioned in previous reports, approximately two thirds of the Fei'i Census Division is covered with timber but due to distance from the market and lack of economic transport it cannot be exploited. If or when this area is connected to the proposed Southern Highway this could become a profitable industry for the local people.

34. The Nembi Valley on the other hand has very little or no timber resources at all. The only timber there is available is stunted scrub on the slopes of limestone ranges and sinkholes. To rectify this a tree nursery will be set up very shortly to ensure that there will be sufficient timber for building and fuel in the future.

MISSIONS:

35. The Unevangelised Fields Mission has permanently European staffed stations at Orokana and Inu. Both stations have Primary 'T' Schools, Infant Welfare clinics and general first aid facilities.

36. The Christian Union Mission at Udjabia in the Nembi Valley have a primary 'T' school and general first aid work including any infant welfare work necessary.

AIRSTRIPS:

37. There are two Administration airstrip, one mission and another proposed mission airstrip within the Administrative Area.

38. Moro Airstrip (Administration): Dimensions: 3,200' x 200'. This is a very wet strip and requires constant maintenance to keep it open. Now that the oil search party is using it constantly it has broken up and had to be closed. They are using crushed limestone to fill in the softer, water spots and should have it open again very shortly.

AIRSTRIPS: (Continued)

39. Peroma Airstrip (Administration): Dimensions 1,500' x 100'. Should be extended to 2,800/3,000' x 150' by Christmas 1967. This is an all weather airstrip and even though it is not drained sheds the water like the proverbial duck.

40. Orokana Airstrip (Mission): Dimensions 1570' x 100'. This is an all weather 'strip with a good hard surface. It has just been improved to D.C.A. standards. This 'strip cannot be extended any further either end.

41. Ka(Udjabia) Airstrip (Mission): Work is still in progress on this airstrip for the Christian Union Mission. The expected dimensions will be 2,000' x 250'. This should be a well drained all weather airstrip similar to Peroma.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL:

42. There is only one council in the Peroma Administrative Area - the Lake Kutubu Local Government Council covering the Foi'i and Fasu Census Divisions. It will have completed its first 12 months of operation on the 12th August this year.

43. The council is low level with 12 councillors from 12 wards. The total tax collection in the first year was \$522 and is expected to be the same this financial year. The tax rates, i.e. 50c men and 20c women, is the same.

44. Due to the amount of time required to work on Peroma Patrol Post and airstrip and patrolling the council area very little of the council works program has been carried out.

45. The councillors and the people had very little idea of the reasons and workings of Local Government at the beginning but the second year of operation should be a big advance in this field.

VILLAGES AND WATER SUPPLY:

46. The villages visited by this patrol in the Foi'i Census Division were found to be well set out, clean and the houses in a good state of repair. The villages also contained sufficient pit latrines and rubbish holes. A clean, constant spring for water is found near by.

47. The people of the Nembu Valley do not live in villages but in hamlets spread out amongst their gardens. These houses, are, more often than not, kept in a good state of repair as an insulation against the wind, rain and cold night air. These people have an ample supply of clean water but in some cases it is some distance from the houses.

CEMETERIES:

48. The Foi'i people have become rather sophisticated in this regard but have yet to become organised. The deceased are buried in graves shortly after death. The graves however are not organised into cemeteries but singularly around the clan land.

49. The Nembu people, on the other hand, still keep their original foul method of hanging the body outside the house for four to five days and then the body is deposited in cracks in the limestone ridges. Some are now burying the dead in graves and with some encouragement from patrols all should use this sophisticated method within two years.

REST HOUSES:

50. Rest Houses in both census divisions are adequate and well repaired.

COMPLAINANTS AND COURTS:

51. Several complainants were brought before the patrol whilst in the Poi'i Census Division - all concerning Bride Price. These were settled arbitrarily to the satisfaction of all concerned. It was felt that these people had made little effort to settle the matters/before bringing them before the patrol. They were told that in future they were to try and settle them themselves and only when they were unable to do this were they to bring them before a patrol.

52. Numerous complaints were brought to the patrol at Poroma - all of a minor nature and mainly concerning Bride Price and marriage. Here again the Bride Price complaints are settled arbitrarily by the patrol.

53. Divorces in the Nembi Valley have reached an alarming number and these constitute a large proportion of the complaints for that area. Every effort is made to keep the number down to a reasonable number. In these cases, if the two parties come to the patrol for assistance and advice, the two parties talk it over in the presence of the patrol and every effort is made to straighten out the differences. ~~It is then up to the two people concerned.~~ It is then up to the two people concerned.

CONCLUSION:

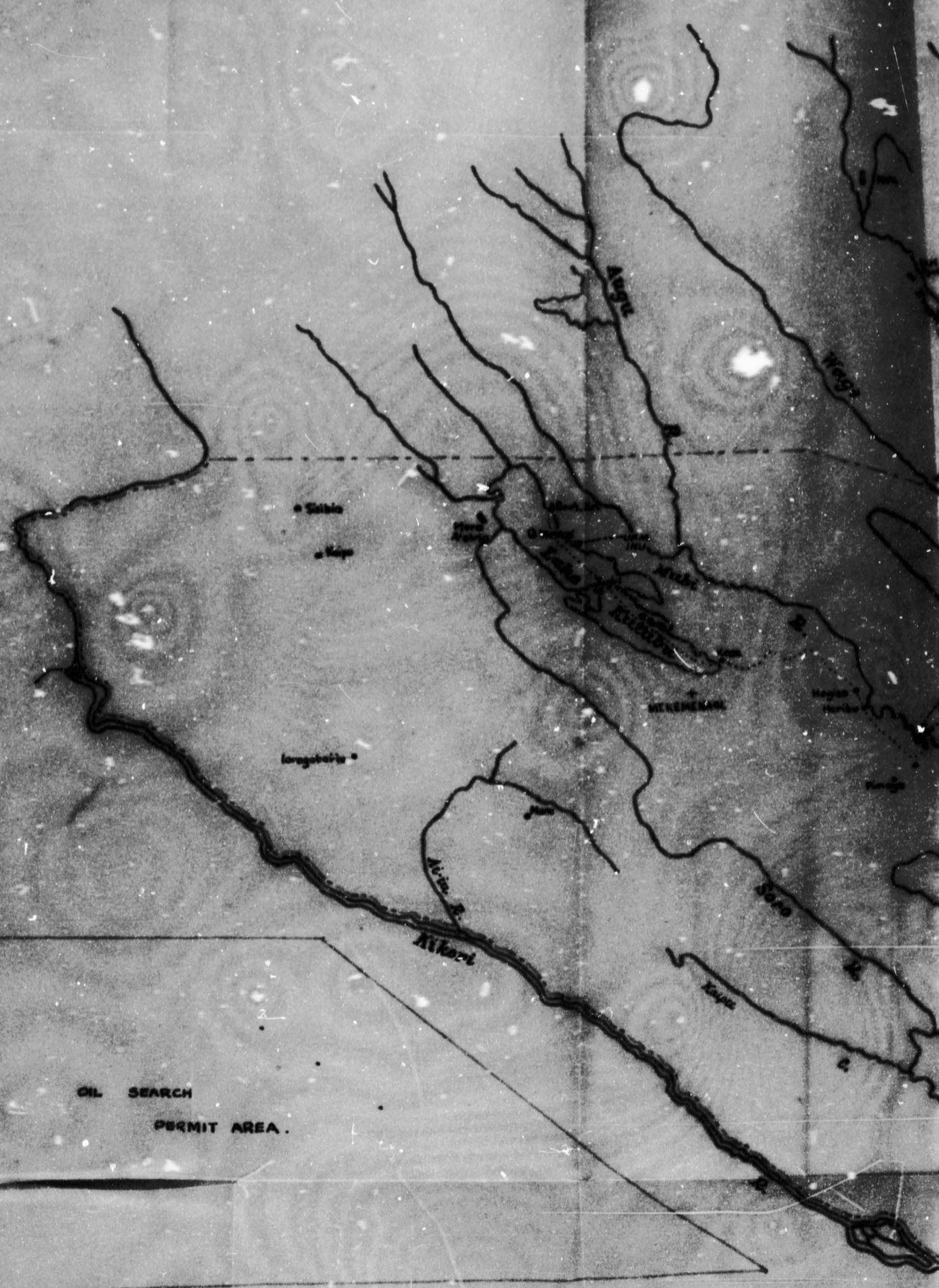
54. No further Patrol Reports will be submitted covering the construction of Poroma Patrol Post as it has now reached the stage where it can operate as a patrol post and not a base camp. However reports in memo. form can be forwarded to the District Commissioner as and when required.

55. This patrol can report a satisfactory state of affairs in the two census divisions visited. Both groups of people accept and respect the Administration and its aims - the Kutubuna more so than the Nembi people.

56. This has been a successful patrol accomplishing all it set out to do.

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Scale: Farnit

Key:

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- Blank/Stream road
- Anchors
- Village
- Perm. Area
- Rivers

