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CENTRAL DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS 1958/59

GUARI

WOITAPE

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled.</u>
Guari 1-58/59	M.Lang	Loloipa and Kataija Census Divs
" 2-58/59	M.Lang	Upper Kunimaipa Census Division
" 3-58/59	M.Lang	Karuama Census Division
" 4-58/59	R.Hill	Lower Kunimaipa Census Division
Woitape 1-58/59 (Memo only)	N.G.McNamara	Vetapu
" 2-58/59	A.F.Jadsworth	Auga Census Division

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MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. WAITAPE 1 of 58-59 Sub-District GOILALA District GOILALA

Officer Conducting Patrol Neil G. McNamara, Patrol Officer.

Census Division Patrolled YETAPU (part)

Objects of Patrol To stop and investigate a riot at KAMBISI Village dancing ground at GOROP.

Date Patrol Commenced 12.4.59 Date Completed 15.4.59

Duration—days Four

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

- 30-1-2/1(156) of 3rd June 1959 — Patrol Diary
- 21-12-3/1(157) of 3rd June 1959 — Ammunition for R.P.& N.G.C.
- 25-20-1/1(158) of 3rd June 1959 — .38 Revolvers & Ammunition
- 11-2-1/268, 14-2-1/17(159) of 3rd June 1959 — Riot at GOROP
- 30-5-1/4(160) of 3rd June 1959 — Camping Allowance

37/5/1

li. 2/16
Ack'd 27/1/59
The Director,
Dept. of N.A.,
KONEDOBU.



30-3-1/10a.
District Office,
TAPINI.
23:VI:59.

McNamara
Patrolling Officer's Signature.

I certify that all necessary local administrative action has been or is being taken on matters arising out of this patrol and that the correspondence above indicated by a "tick" has been forwarded to the Headquarters, Department of Native Affairs, Port Moresby.

cc:
P.O.i/c.,
WAITAPE P.P.,
GOILALA District.

W. E. Tomasetti
District Officer.

Duplicate

Dist. H.R. Copy



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....GOLLALA..... Report No.....WAITAPE No. 2/58-59.....

Patrol Conducted by.....A. P. WADSWORTH PO.....

Area Patrolled.....AUGA CENSUS DIVISION.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....NIL.....

Natives..6..members..R.P.&.N.G.C.. & 1 Interpreter.

Duration—From...11./..5.../1959...to...31.../..5.../1959..

Number of Days.....21.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....NO.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../..10.../1959....

Medical /..5.../1959

Map Reference.....See patrol map attached.....

Objects of Patrol.....Tax - census and routine Administration.....

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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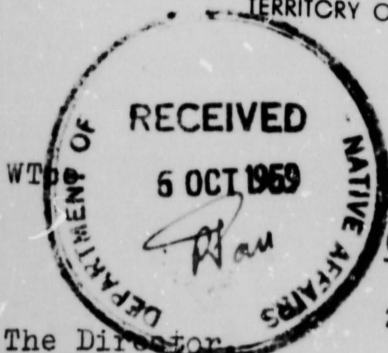
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

~~30/11/59~~ 30/11/59 ✓



In Reply
Please Quote

No. 7-1-1.
67-3-2.

District Office,
TAPINI:
Goilala Sub District.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

28 September 59. (99-34-578).

DANCING.

1. Your memo. 30-1-11 dated 2 September 59 refers.
2. I believe the Administration should continue to 'lean' against the worst habits that are apparently associated with these festivities, by discussion only.
3. Assault, riot, adultery, abortion etc, are all already offences and are dealt with as revealed here as elsewhere. Village constables no doubt conceal as many as possible.
4. The present exaggerated importance accorded to these festivities is a reflection of the present position and desires of the people and the emergence of attitudes more suitable to the twentieth century will surely see a modification of this institution.
5. I doubt the wisdom and feasibility of legislating against dances. The Administration could look very foolish and there could well be a marked and unfavourable public reaction.
6. I will be grateful for your views please.

W.E. Tomasetti
(W.E. Tomasetti.)
District Officer.

cc:
P.O.i/c WOITAPE.
P.O.i/c GUARI.

*See file 1-15
folio 101 dated
23/10 P/A*

30-1-111

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
KONEDOBU.

2nd September, 1959.

The District Officer,
Gallala District,
TAPINI.

Patrol - Waitape 2/58-59 - AUGA.

Mr. Wadsworth's description of the AUGA living standards in paragraph 3 of Native Affairs makes it, at least, understandable why they show benevolent indifference to efforts at "civilizing" them.

Percentage of adult male labour absentees is not severe although some supervision is needed in the future to ensure a reasonable balance at all times.

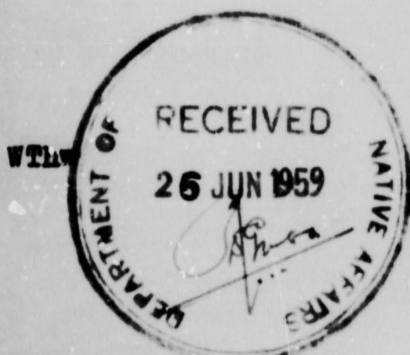
The dances appear to be more than an integral part of the lives of the AUGA - they seem to be the ultimate aim. It is agreed that Administrative means may be utilized to break down, to a degree, a custom with serious repercussions for the welfare of the people. As the man on the spot, have you any specific recommendations to make in this respect?

(A. A. Roberts)
DIRECTOR.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

20/1/11 ✓



In Reply
Please Quote

No. 30-3-1/16(754)

District Office,
TAPINI:
Gailala District.

22 June 59

The Director,
Dept. of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL WAITAPE 2/58-59 - AUGA CENSUS DIVISION.

1. Herewith the following documents:-
 - (A) Copy of the report of the above patrol:
 - (B) Copy of memo. 30-3-1/15(753) dated 22 June 59 to the P.O. I/C, WAITAPE P.P.
 - (C) Copy of camping allowance claim:
 - (D) Copy of map.
2. This Census Division is programmed for March and it was patrolled as soon as possible after the program was prescribed.
3. A useful patrol.

W.E. Tomasetti
(W.E. Tomasetti).
District Officer.

cc:
District Officer,
Central District.
PORT MORESBY.

P.O. I/C.,
WAITAPE.

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District Office,
TAMINI:
Coilala District.

30-3-1/16(754)

22 June 59

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Dept. of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

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WET

(W.E. Tomasetti).
District Officer.

cc:
District Officer,
Central District.
PORT MORESBY.

P.O. I/C.,
WAITAPE.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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CONTINGENCIES
(GENERAL EXPENSES)

Cash Office Registration No. WAI 50-59	Cash Office Consecutive No.
Departmental Reference No.	

A. F. WADSWORTH

PATROL POST

WAITAPE

Date of Supply or Kind of Service	Particulars	Order No.	Rate	Amount		
				£	s.	d.
11.5.59 to 13.5.59	To payment of Camping Allowance - Patrol Report WAITAPE No. 8/59-59 refers. Patrol 11.5.59 to 13.5.59 - 20 days @ 10/6 per day I certify that (1) I am a single Officer, and (2) no cook was provided by the Administration. I certify that the above officer has actually camped out and that no provision existed within reasonable limits of travel for messing, and that reasonable accommodation provided by the Administration was not available.			10	10	0
WET District Officer						

TOTAL	£	Pounds			
	Shillings	Pence	TOTAL	£	10 10 0

Signature of Claimant: **A. F. Wadsworth** Date: **3.6.59**

TO BE COMPLETED BY DEPARTMENT

(1) Requisition No.	(2) Division	(3) Subdivision	(4) Item	(5) Amount
	6	2	71	10.10.0

STORES.—I certify that the stores included in this account
have been received and taken on charge and that the account is
correct as regards computations, castings, rates of charge, and
faithful performance of the services charged.

OTHER CASES.—I certify that this account is correct as
regards computations, castings, rates of charge, and the faithful
performance of the services charged.

Date: **22-5-59**

WET

Person Incurring Expense

Person Incurring Expense

CERTIFYING OFFICER.—I certify that this account is correct
in the meaning of Section 36 of the "Treasury Ordinance 1951-

D. O. GOILALA DISTRICT
RECEIVED this day of 19.....

the sum of Pounds
..... shillings Pence

Certifying Officer

Signature of Recipient

Witness

Cheque No.

WTHW

District Office,
TAPINI:
Goilala District.

30-3-1/15(753)

LIKANU
TOTAL
+ F

22 June 59

Patrol Officer I/C.,
Patrol Post,
WAITAPE.

PATROL WAITAPE 2/58-59 - AUGA CENSUS DIVISION.

1. Your memo. 30-3-1/8(163) dated 8 June 59, and other papers, refer.
2. Thank you for this report. Some comments follow:-
 - (A) I expect you, as P.O. I/C., to comment on the report as you consider necessary.
 - (B) One copy only of the map is required as copies made from it will be distributed.
 - (C) The first page of the report should be headed and addressed.
 - (D) The lay-out of a report is improved by the numbering of its paragraphs right through in one sequence - this facilitates reference.
 - (E) Each daily entry in the diary should terminate with a statement of where the patrol slept. This facilitates checking of the camping allowance claim.
 - (F)(3- 5) To my knowledge the orders to build rest-houses are nowhere supported by statute - how does Mr. WADSWORTH propose to enforce these orders.
 - (G)(3- 6) If shelters have not been erected by the next patrol I suggest that patrol organise their construction on the spot - I notice this patrol was delayed for at least one day by rain.
 - (H)(4- 7) This seems contradictory - if everybody was granted an exemption no personal tax would have been collected. Please ask Mr. WADSWORTH to submit a separate memo. giving a summary of personal tax collection - I would also like to know the basis for issue of exemptions.
 - (I)(5- 3) This paragraph would have been much more useful if more facts had been included - i.e. - status of the schools under the education ordinance, formal standard of the teaching, the number of pupils attending the schools plus the line of the curricular.
 - (J)(6- 1) Why, in acknowledging the part of the Mission in road work, the district it seems unfair not to acknowledge the manual workers - the native population.
 - (K)(6- 2) What funding arrangements have you in mind for the construction of this bridle track?
3. A useful report of a good patrol - the map is well done.
4. Please show this to Mr. WADSWORTH.

WET
(W.E. Tomasetti).
District Officer.

cc:
→ The Director,
Dept. of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.
District Officer,
Central District FORT MORESBY

DIARY - PATROL WAITAPE NO. 2/58-59

1) Monday 11th. May.

Departed WAITAPE 0815hrs and after leaving the graded road between WAITAPE and KOSIPE walked over native tracks until arrival at DIGURENDA village at 1745hrs. Overnight DIGURENDA.

2) Tuesday 12th. May.

At DIGURENDA. Checked census DIGURENDA and KIRI villages. Gave short talk on Personal Tax Ordinance and granted exemptions for 1959. Slept DIGURENDA.

3) Wednesday 13th. May.

Left DIGURENDA 0845hrs. and arrived at IULAI 1015hrs. after walk along graded track. Commenced census check but had to postpone completion of same owing to rain. Overnight IULAI.

4) Thursday 14th. May.

Completed census check IULAI and granted Tax Exemptions for 1959 to all taxable males. Left IULAI 1230hrs and arrived at MONDO 1430hrs. - graded track. Overnight at MONDO.

5) Friday 15th. May.

At MONDO. Checked census KARAME, TURALA and IUMU villages and after short talk on Personal Tax Ordinance granted Tax Exemptions.

6) Saturday 16th. May.

At MONDO. MONDO, IDULA and IDAVE villages censused. Tax exemptions granted.

7) Sunday 17th. May.

Left MONDO 1125hrs. and arrived at FANE Mission Station at 1320hrs. - again walk over graded track.

8) Monday 18th. May.

At FANE. Checked census for FANE and ALAVA villages and granted Tax Exemptions. Slept FANE.

9) Tuesday 19th. May.

At FANE. GAIVA village censused and Tax Exemptions granted after short talk on Tax Ordinance.

10) Wednesday 20th. May.

Heard case in C.N.M. during morning and left FANE at 1315hrs. After walk over graded track arrived at BELAVISTA Rest House at 1530hrs. Overnight BELAVISTA.

11) Thursday 21st. May.

At BELAVISTA. Checked census and granted Tax Exemptions. A number of absentees at DEVADEVA in the Kairuku Sub-District.

TOTAL
F

12) Friday 22nd. May.

Departed BELAVISTA 0810hrs. and arrived at MAFULU 1010hrs. Sent 2 Constables with V.C. KEVA of BELAVISTA to DEVADEVA to bring back absentees from census. Checked census for MAFULU village. Held C.N.M. in which 10 men sentenced to 1 month I.H.L. - N.R.O. Sect. 101A.

13) Saturday 23rd. May.

At MAFULU. Gave talk on Personal Tax Ordinance and granted Tax Exemptions for 1959 to men of MAFULU.

14) Sunday 24th. May.

Checked census for GEPARA village and granted Tax Exemptions. Departed MAFULU 1030hrs. and arrived at POLOMANIA Mission Station 1530hrs. Track graded but short section just below MAFULU overgrown. Orders issued for cleaning of same.

15) Monday 25th. May.

At POLOMANIA. Checked census for IGUAI and LAVAVAI villages. Gave talk on Personal Tax Ordinance and granted Tax Exemptions. Orders given for construction of a Rest House and Police Barracks on a site near IGUAI.

16) Tuesday 26th. May.

Checked census for ARIONE and KAILAPE villages at POLOMANIA and granted Tax exemptions after talk on Tax.

17) Wednesday 27th. May.

Departed POLOMANIA 0940hrs. Arrived at KONE rest house at 1040hrs. KONE and LEDANA villages censused and Tax Exemptions granted after talk on Personal Tax Ordinance.

18) Thursday 28th. May.

At KONE rest house. Checked census BAIDANA village and granted Tax Exemptions. Left KONE 1230hrs. and arrived at GURORO rest house at 1630hrs. after walk along graded track.

19) Friday 29th. May.

At GURORO. Checked census for GURORO, GARIMA (1), and GARIMA (2) villages. Gave talk on Personal Tax Ordinance and issued Tax Exemptions to all taxable males. Slept GURORO.

20) Saturday 30th. May.

Departed GURORO at 0930hrs. and arrived at KUESA, a hamlet of DIGURENDA, at 1530hrs. after arduous walk over native tracks. Slept KUESA.

21) Sunday 31st. May.

Departed KUESA 1020hrs. and arrived at WAITAPE 1450hrs. Walk again mainly over native tracks.

END OF DAIRY.

TOTAL
F

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

Native Situation. The patrol was well received; on arrival at each rest house I would find all the people whose rest house it was present and ready for the census check. Invariably they had native foods ready for sale to the patrol and on one occasion, at BELAVISTA, the people refused to accept payment for cooked sweet potato and other vegetables brought in for the Police.

TOTAL
+ F

The native situation is generally quiet; the only matters requiring investigation and/or litigation being minor disputes regarding the usual three bones of contention - pigs, women, and gardens!! The last known instance of violence in the Auga was the murder of a woman during 1956. Since then this area, when compared with others in this District, has been very quiet indeed. This may be partly due to the fact that Mission influence has had the longest time to take effect here. The first Mission Station in the Collala was at MAFULU (POPOLE).

The people have very little initiative or drive - as long as they are able to find enough food to stay alive, are not obliged to work too hard, and can wander off to dances here, there and everywhere whenever they like, then they have found their Utopia. While this lethargy persists, the general native attitude to the Administration and all it stands for will remain one of benevolent indifference.

Rest Houses. Almost all the hamlets of the villages in the Auga are situated well above the graded tracks. For this reason, rest houses have not been built in the villages but at convenient points on these tracks. It has been the practice for the people of more than one village, for instance GURORO, GARIMA (1), and GARIMA (2), to work together in the construction and maintenance of one rest house for the whole group, such rest house being sited within reasonably convenient walking distance of each village. This practice seems to have worked well in the past and should continue to do so in future as long as the people of each village, and not just of one village, continue to take an interest in the maintenance of such buildings.

During the patrol orders were given for the construction of new rest houses and police barracks at IULAI (IULAI and IDAVE), MONDO (KARAME? MONDO, IUMU, TURALA, and IDULA), GAIVA, MAFULU (MAFULU and GEPARA), IGUAI (IGUAI, ARIONE, and KAILAPE), and KONE (KONE, LAVAVAI, LEDANA, and BAIDANA).

The people of all villages visited were encouraged to erect large shelters in each rest house area for use during census checks etc. in wet weather. They seemed quite keen on the idea when it was mentioned to them but whether such shelters will indeed be erected before the arrival of the next patrol remains to be seen.

Dances. Although warning of the imminent arrival of the patrol for a census check was sent to all the villages in the Auga per Police Constable, there were nevertheless a number of absentees at two dances - one at KAMBISI in the Vetapu Census Division and the other at GEPARA in the Auga. Action has been taken under Section 101A of the Native Regulation Ordinance.

Not only do these dances inconvenience patrolling officers, but they are a constant source of strife as regards women, many of whom run away with men other than their husbands, and food, which when the dances finish is just non-existent. Also, the pigs are usually killed only on the last couple of days and the people gorge themselves till they are sick. They get no benefit at all from the meat thus consumed.

Although it is probably not a good thing to place a complete ban on dances which besides being a major part of native customs, are also an emotional outlet for the people, it would be advantageous to have some Regulation to limit the number of dances that may be held in each Census Division in one year and to make a time limit of say one week for each such dance. Not only should the period of the dance itself be limited, but there should also be a time limit on the period of preparation for these dances. It is usual for a complete dance village to be built in the months preceding a dance, such villages being abandoned or burned upon completion of the dance. It is quite common for this period of preparation to be as much as six months or a year and during this time those people making the preparations think of nothing else but the dance to come. Consequently no work is done on gardens, roads, houses (other than dance houses), rest houses etc. by people preparing for a dance.

Census. The last census patrol to the Auga was that conducted by Mr. G.J. Fleet PC from June to August, 1955.

The results of the recent census show an overall increase in population of 91 during the four year period between census checks. This increase is made up of a natural increase of 103 less a migratory population loss of 12.

Although the villages visited have been censused on a number of occasions, several people were found whose names had not previously been recorded. A few of these had hidden or just not bothered to appear at previous checks, while others had been away at Mission schools. Even now Mission census figures show a significantly larger population than the Government census figures. However they have a different system of recording names so this difference is probably not as great as it at first appears to be.

Native Labour. At present 217 males, or 19% of a total labour potential of 1141, are absent from their villages in employment. Of these 27 are working within the Gailala District while 190 are at work outside this District. The only village over-recruited is LEDANA where 10 of the 27 males between the ages of 16 and 45 are at work outside the District.

TAXATION.

Although the Auga people knew of the Personal Tax Ordinance, they had not been made aware of its details by a previous officer, so a short talk on the provisions of the Ordinance and the reasons for its introduction was given at each village.

At present there is very little money in the area - only £5.2.0 was collected for tax - so every taxable male was granted an Exemption for 1959. It was explained however, that there would shortly be plenty of work to be done on roads with workers being paid at the rate of 25/- per month, so they would be expected to pay their taxes at the approved rate on the occasion of the next Tax - census patrol. In other words, their excuse of not having a means of obtaining money to pay tax would no longer be valid.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

The last Medical Patrol to the Auga was conducted by Mr. A.H. Brett EMA during May, 1958 as part of the Anti-Yaws Campaign.

Generally, the people seen during the census

TOTAL
F

check appeared to be fit and well, although there were a number of people sick in the villages with a type of Influenza which was prevalent at the time of my visit. No member of the Public Health Department was available to accompany the patrol so no Medical work was attempted.

There is a new Health Department Aid Post at MAPULU which I visited and which is slowly being built up by the Medical Orderlies there into quite a decent establishment. At the time of my visit there were a few Influenza and Malaria (contracted during trading trips to the Kairuku Sub-District) sufferers being treated as in-patients. The Mission at FANE also maintains a small Aid Post run by the Sisters.

GRAND
TOTAL
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MISSIONS AND EDUCATION.

The Roman Catholic Mission - the only mission operating in the area - from its Station at FANE, where there is a well run boarding school, looks after the education, both spiritual and academic, of the people of this Census Division. At their secondary stations; namely IEME, MONDO, BELAVISTA, MAPULU, POLOMANIA, KONE, and GARIMA; they have established village schools conducted by native teachers who are regularly visited by the Fathers. These schools are not of a very high standard though, so it would be safe to say that only at FANE is any real learning done.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE.

Sweet potato is very scarce in some villages at present. The people claim that this is because they have only just made their gardens after having worked on the Waitape - Ivane road. However they only worked for a month and this road-work finished at Christmas Time - FIVE MONTHS AGO - so probably the real reason for the shortage of food is dances. Where sweet potato is not available the people are living on pumpkin and corn.

At BELAVISTA, MAPULU, IGUAL, and GURORO the people have small coffee plots which they were encouraged to enlarge by Mr. R.Cottle AO during his Agricultural Survey Patrol of last year. The trees at the first three places are bearing and, at present, the Mission at FANE buys most of the parchment coffee produced. The natives process some of it too for their own consumption.

English potatoes grow only around the KONE area - the rest of the valley being too low for successful plantings - so it will not be possible for the natives of this area to obtain money from this source at a future date.

Oranges and Mandarines however, grow extremely well - the fruit is first class with no sign of pithiness - so, once an access road from Waitape is built, there should be no difficulty in establishing a profitable market for these fruits.

FORESTS.

The Aupa Valley is still reasonably well forested although much of the timber has been cut from the lower areas to build gardens. The Mission has pitsawyers cutting timber in the area - most of the timber for their buildings being obtained in this manner - and they seem to have no trouble finding suitable trees to cut.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The Roman Catholic Mission has constructed a

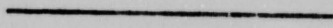
very good system of graded bridle paths throughout the Auga Census Division (see map). On the occasion of my visit all these roads, except for one short section which is seldom used just below MAFULU, had been cleaned. The paths are in excellent condition although there are a few places on the GARIMA side of the valley where the grade is rather steep.

Horses can be taken from Waitape to the Auga via ONONGE at present but this means a three day trip. The Mission Fathers have pegged another road which branches off from the Waitape - Ivane road and comes out into the Auga at DIGURENDA. Once this road is completed - work is to start on it soon - it will be possible to take packhorses etc. from Waitape to the Auga in one day. Also this road will in future provide easy access for private enterprise concerns interested in the purchase of citrus fruits from the people of this valley.

The native tracks used during the patrol were generally of poor standard, being either too steep or too muddy for comfortable walking.

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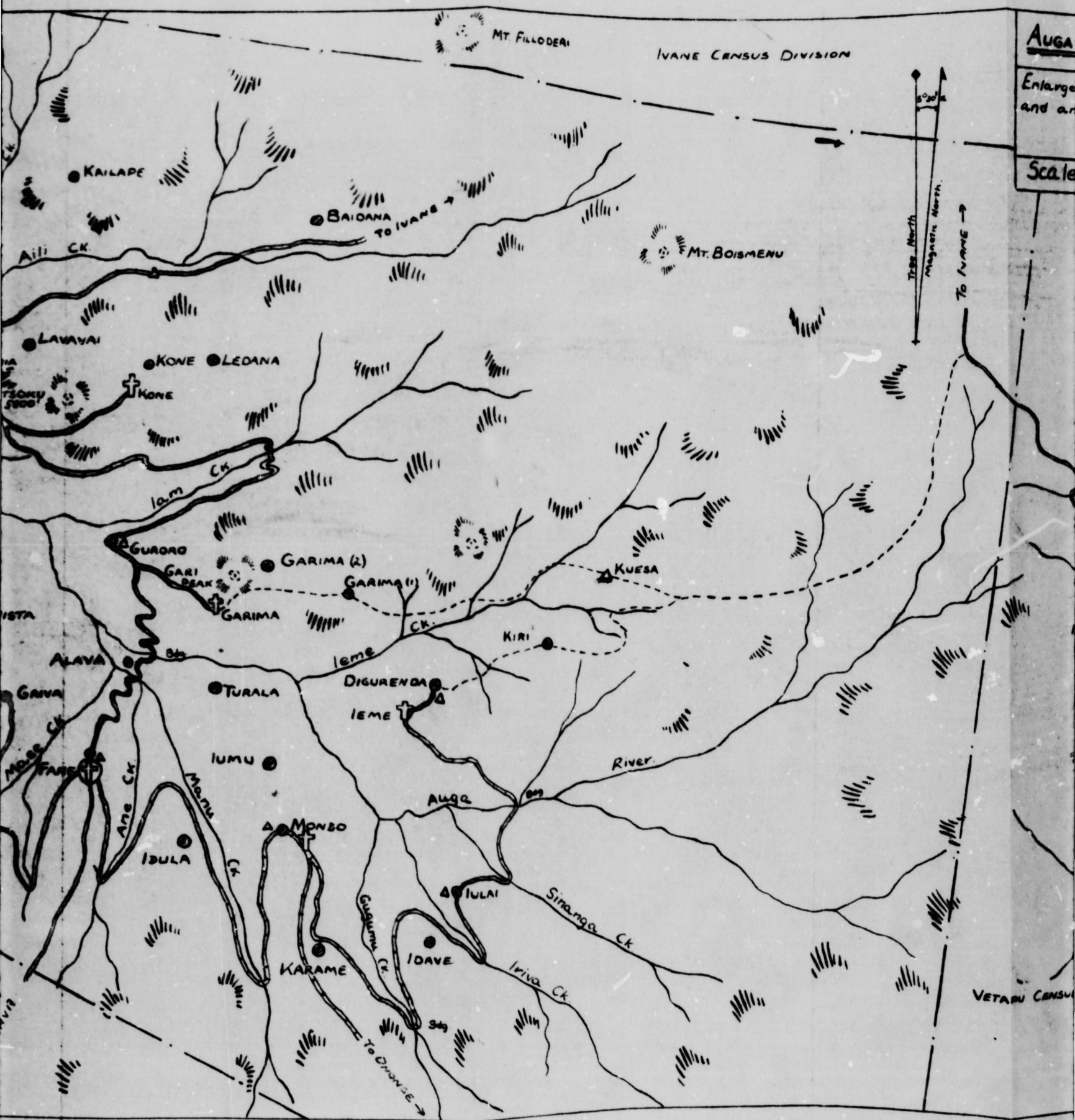


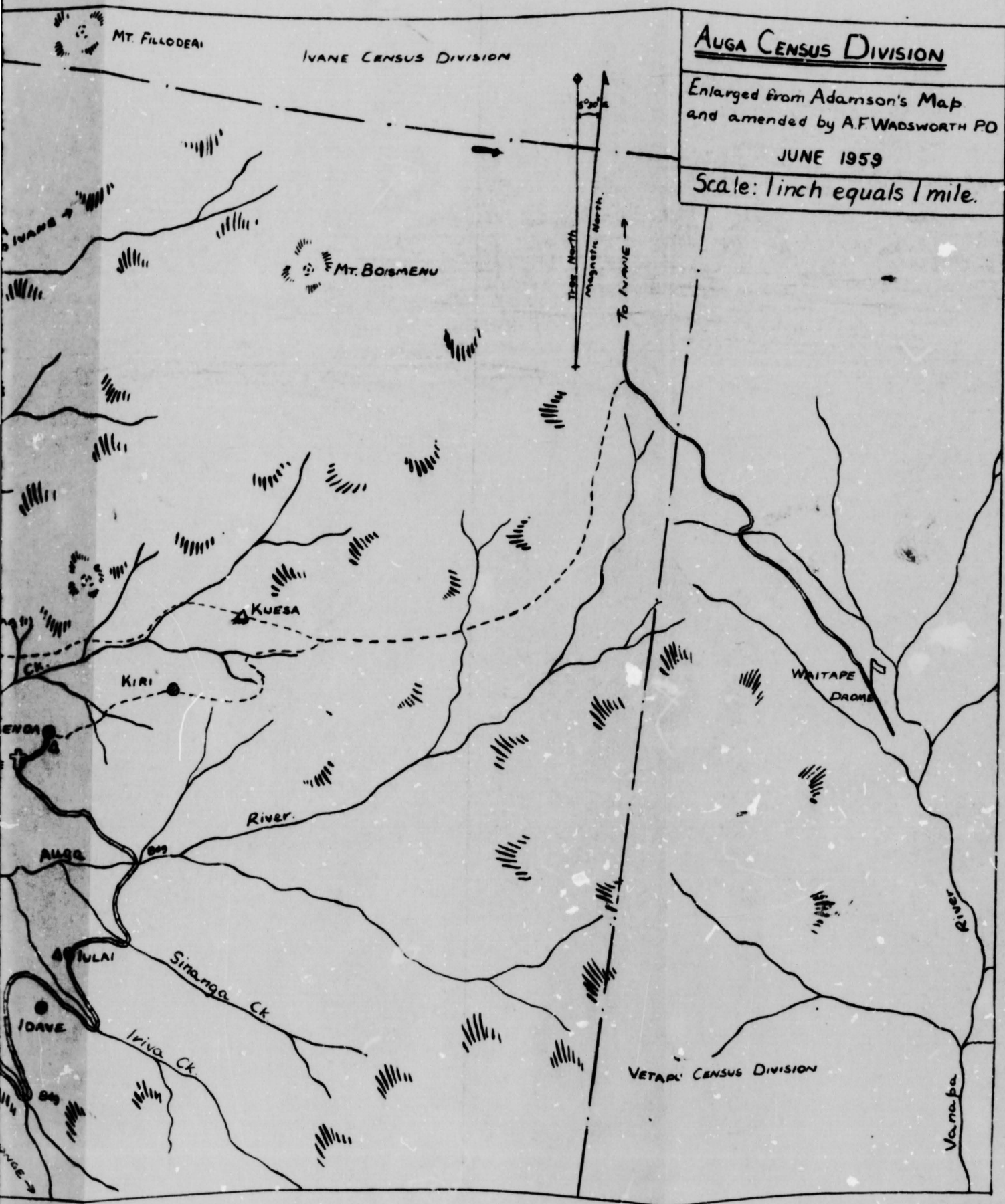
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APPENDIX 'A'.REPORT ON THE MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL PAPUAN
AND NEW GUINEA CONSTABULARY ACCOMPANYINGTHE PATROL

- No. 1790 L/Cpl. KARO. An experienced and capable NCO.
- No. 9766 Const. PANGU. Still rather over-eager but he can
be relied upon to get the job done.
- No. 7924 Const. SOKINA. Does his job but does not impress.
- No. 9386 Const. WAPORI. Young and inexperienced but willing
to learn.
- No. 6212 Const. WAIDE. An experienced Patrol Policeman -
conscientious and has the makings of a good NCO.
- No. 10095 Const. PASO. Not much experience but willing to
learn.

A. P. WATSWORTH
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(A. P. WATSWORTH)
Officer R.P.&N.G.C.





AUGA CENSUS DIVISION

Enlarged from Adamson's Map
and amended by A.F. WADSWORTH P.O.

JUNE 1959

Scale: 1 inch equals 1 mile.