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CENTRAL DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1967-1968

WOITAPE, GUARI

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
<u>WOITAPE</u>		
1-67-68	P.A. Briggs	Auga Census Div.
2-67-68	N.A. Richardson	Vetapu Census Division
4-67-68	B.R. Ede ( <i>map an the unit</i> )	Chirima & Vetapu Census Div.
<u>GOILALA</u>		
2-67-68	N.A. Richardson	Pilitu Census Div.
<u>GUARI</u>		
3-67-68	P.A. Briggs	Lower Kunimaipa C.D.
4-67-68	R.A. Power	Karuana C.D.
5-67-68	P.A. Briggs	Upper & Part Lower Kunimaipa C.D.
8-67-68	B.R. Ede	Upper & Lower Kunimaipa C.D.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of... GOLLALA... Report No... 2 1967/68

Patrol Conducted by... N.A. RICHARDSON... PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled... PILITU CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans... Nil

Natives... 2 MEMBERS R.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From... 8 / 8 / 1967... to... 16 / 8 / 1967...

Number of Days... NINE DAYS

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?... NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services... / 4 / 1967..

Medical ... / 7 / 1967.

Map Reference... Adamsons Map of the Gollala

Objects of Patrol... General Administration

Director of District Administration,  
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 ...

67-9-2

13th November, 1967.

The Director,  
Dept. of District Administration,  
Konedobu.

Patrol Report No. 2.-67/68. Waitape.  
Mr. N.A. Richardson. P.O.

The above report is forwarded for your perusal.  
It was a routine patrol and, therefore, needs little comment.

Economic Development & Roads.

I believe that a survey of the lower Vanapa  
is being carried out to check the Hydro Electricity potential.  
If this survey proves satisfactory and a dam is built, this  
could change the whole pattern of existence of these people.  
Water transport could replace road transport. Undoubtedly,  
any company doing the job would require a road to the dam site,  
thus the transport problem would be solved to a large degree  
and the area could progress economically.

*R.T. Galloway*  
(R. T. GALLOWAY)  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, C.D.



Ref: 67-8-2

15th September, 1967.

The Director,  
**Director,**  
**Department of District Administration,**  
**ICHEDOU.**

**PATROL REPORT NO.2-67/68.**

**MR.W.A. RICHARDSON.**

Copy of the above report is forwarded for your information please.

2. The patrol was a routine one, requiring no comment.

*R.P. Galloway*  
**(R.P. GALLOWAY) 4/2/40**  
**DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, C.D.**

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



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Department of District Administration,  
District Office,  
P.O. Box 776,  
Port Moresby.

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Port Moresby.

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The District Commissioner,  
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(R.T. GALLOWAY)  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER. C.D.

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3. Field Officers Journal and Campday Allowance claim attached.

*J.B. Fitts*  
(J.B. FITTS)

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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Sub-District Office,  
Tapini,  
GOILALA SUB-DISTRICT, C.D.

6th September, 1967

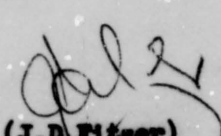
The District Commissioner,  
Central District,  
FORT MOSESBY.

PATROL REPORT NO.2 - 67/68 : PILITU C.D.

1. Submitted for the District Commissioner's information the above mentioned Patrol Report : this identical in nature and intent to P/R No.1 namely to maintain contact with the people to carry out routine Administration and it is hoped in the council area to obviate the necessity of the Council Administrative Advisor having to undertake duties of a general nature at the same time as carrying out his current tax patrol.

2. I should be grateful of your opinion on the subject of cottage industries : there could be an avenue here although a conservative streak in my nature makes me dubious. To succeed, I feel such undertakings need the guidance and time of a not only interested but knowledgeable officer, and in the absence of any limited experience in the artifact market I have formed the conclusion that all too often commercialisation has led to the production of a shoddy 2nd rate article returning little or no monetary reward.

3. Field Officers Journal and Camping Allowance claim attached.

  
(J.D. Fitzner)

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Att.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....  
Our Reference 67-1-1  
If calling ask for  
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,  
Sub-District Office,  
Goilala Sub-District,  
TAPINI C.D.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
TAPINI C.D.

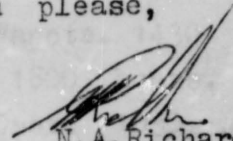
Tapini Patrol Report No.1-67/68.

Submitted for your perusal, comment, and

onforwarding are four copies of the above report.

Patrol Conducted	N.A.Richardson Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled	Pilitu Census Division.
Personell Accompanying	R.P.N.G.C. (2)
Duration of Patrol	9 Days (8/8/67-16/8/67)
Objects of Patrol	General Administration.

For your information please,

  
N.A.Richardson  
Patrol Officer.

Attached: Camping Allowance Claim  
N.A.Richardson.

Enclosed: Patrol Diary  
Appendix (1) Report on R.P.N.G. members accompanying

PATROL DIARY

- 8/8/67 Tuesday. 0900 hours departed Tapini by tractor to Ariome arrived 1015 hours. Councillor Kaita Kanava informed us that there were no carriers. Spent the afternoon organising carriers. Slept Ariome.
- 9/8/67 Wednesday. 0800 hours departed Ariome 1100 hours arrived Poruelevava. Held discussions with the people from 1245 hours to 1700 hours. Rain in evening. Slept Poruelevava.
- 10/8/67 Thursday. 0750 hours departed Poruelevava. 1000 hours arrived at deserted Bulobulo village. 1100 hours arrived Lotuava. Held discussions with the people from 1245 hours until 1500 hours. Gave instructions for village improvement. Slept Lotuava.
- 11/8/67 Friday. 0800 hours departed Lotuava. 1000 hours arrived Zhamora rest house. Held discussions with the people and treated cuts and sores until 1630 hours. Village Book handed to new V.C.<sup>†</sup>. Heavey rain in the evening. Slept Zhamora.
- 12/8/67 Saturday. 0800 hours departed Zhamora. 1100 hours arrived Lamora. Held discussions with the people and treated cuts and sores until 1215 hours then moved on to Wapote arriving 1500 hours. Held discussions until 1830 hours. Slept Wapote.
- 13/8/67 Sunday. Sargent Kenawa and self departed Wapote 0830 hours arrived Niaive 1030 hours. Held discussions with the people until 1245 hours. Inspected village then returned to Wapote at 1445 hours. Slept Wapote.
- 14/8/67 Monday. 0800 hours departed Wapote. 1430 hours arrived Opore. Held discussions until 1800 hours. Slept Opore.
- 15/8/67 Tuesday. 0830 hours departed Opore 1030 hours arrived Kone. Held discussions with the people until 1900 hours. Slept Kone.
- 16/8/67 Wednesday. 0800 hours departed Kone. 1130 hours arrived Tapini. 1315 hours carriers arrived Tapini; Patrol stood down 1340 hours.



PILIPU PATROL REPORT No. 1 1967/68.

- 1 Introduction. This was a general administration patrol to follow up a patrol by Mr. Briggs in April 1967 and to select a member for the Land Demarcation committee. The area patrolled is to the South west of Tapimi Station and is mountainous country. There is no immediate economic potential in the area because of the small number of people and the rugged terrain.
- 2 Patrol Reception, was quiet but friendly. At Niaiwe the Village Constable seemed disappointed that the patrol did not stay over night. This was impracticable however because there was no police barrack and I was not sure that there was a rest house until I arrived there. Food was readily available in all villages and the patrol was kept well supplied with fresh foods.
- 3 Villages (a) Type and Standard of Housing. There is a mixture of above the ground type housing and ground level housing. In all villages seen the ground level housing was occupied by both pigs and people. Most of the buildings were in good repair and the villages were generally neat.  
(b) Village Site. Nearly every village was built on a ridge or hilltop at least 500 yards from water. The only exceptions were Niaiwe and Kome which were very close to the water supplies. The tracks into the villages were generally difficult but in view of the terrain in that Census Division this is to be expected.  
(c) Hygiene and sanitation. All villages had latrines and some had rubbish pits. The latrines were very shallow due no doubt to the rocky terrain. The rubbish pits were all open even those which were full. Instructions were left for the latrines to be deepened and the rubbish pits closed when full.
- 4 Village Officials. All village officials were satisfactory with the exception of Kamore Kitae V.C. of LOTUAVA and Ariava Ariava V.C. of Opore. Both of these men are due for replacement because they are too old to be able to do anything with their villages. Kaditawa Tau V.C. of Poruelawawa and Kono Opu of Wagote (Councillor) were especially efficient

and helpful to the patrol.

#### 5 Political Situation.

(a) These people are nearly all illiterate and have no radios or outside contact except patrols and village people who visit Tapini or Port Moresby. As a result, their knowledge of the world outside their valley is limited. The people at Kone, Poruelavava, Opore and Lamina knew of Oala Oala Rarua, Willy Gavera and Percy Chatterton. They were not clear as to who was a Member of the House of Assembly and who was not out of these three. The other villages deeper in the valley either did not know or would not admit to knowing who these people were. Those who had returned from Port Moresby said that they never discussed the people or activities of Port Moresby with their village friends. These things gave an indication that political awareness is at a fairly low level in this Census Division.

(b) The people generally showed great interest in the series of books in pidgin entitled "Sowai Finds His Country". Copies of the series were left in all villages. Unfortunately few people in this area understand Pidgin and even fewer can read or write. It would have been easier to use these books if they had been written in Police Motu because most of the men understand it and many speak it.

(c) The absence of young men in Port Moresby was lamented by village officials at Kone, Opore and Lamora. The lamentations were in connection with leaky rest houses and overgrown patrol paths. In other villages, their absence caused no comments by village officials.

(d) In Lamina, Poruelavava, Zhamora, Lamora, Wapote and Niaive the people asked why no business men came to their valley. They seemed disappointed that the Government was not building roads, aidposts and schools in their area. When told of Trade and Industries work with Cottages Industries the people of Poruelavava, Lamora and Wapote became most talkative and enthusiastic. The particular activity envisaged is production of carved black palm walking sticks, stone axes, plaited grass bands and other artifacts for sale in Port Moresby. Whether they will produce any results remains to be seen. Their despondency may prevent them from even this type of activity.



6 Agriculture:

(a) Cash cropping. There is coffee at several places. The greatest amount is at Wapote. The people however do not tend or harvest the trees. There is nothing else in this area.

(b) The people have a difficult area in which to live. There is almost no flat ground at all. Consequently the gardens are on near impossible slopes in rocky ground. The sweet potatoe and yams grown here are of relatively poor quality. The sugar and corn in the area are quite reasonable, but do not form a significant part of the diet.

7 Livestock. The only livestock observed were pigs.

8 Commerce and Industry. NIL

9 Land. The amount of land available to these people is not small. Unfortunately it is not good for very much. The Niaive people left their valley after the last patrol and migrated to Bakoi'udu. They were not made welcome and were told to go home, by the native inhabitants of the area. They have returned to a new village site and are now settling back into their own valley again.

10 Complaints. There was only one complaint, in Niaive, against Ino Irio from a village in the Bakoi'udu area. This was referred to the A.D.C. at Tapini. The people in all other villages went to lengths to point out that they were all good law abiding people.

11 Rest Houses;

village	condition	time to next R/H.
Ariome	fair	3 hours
Poruelavava	good	3 hours
Lotuava	good	2 hours
Zhamora	leaky	3hours
Lamora	good	2hours
Wapote	good	2hours
Niaive	good	2hours
		8 hours to Opore.
Opore	fair	2hours
Kone	fair	4 hours

12 Carriers, were not abundant and often women joined the

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carrier line. Those people in the village seemed happy to carry for the patrol and no trouble was experienced. They carry on a village to village basis going further only if insufficient carriers were available in the next village.

- 13 Health. The people looked remarkably healthy in view of the fact that there are no aid posts in the area. Cough, colds and cuts were treated during the patrol. No serious complaints or diseases were noted.
- 14 Education. There is only one mission school in the area at Poruelavava and very few people have had any formal education in the rest of the valley.
- 15 Roads and Bridges. Patrol paths form the majority of the roads in this division. Some bridle paths exist but they are only scattered lengths and are of little use. The paths generally were overgrown with grass.
- 16 Missions. There is one mission school at Poruelavava. There are no other mission stations although the Roman Catholic Mission Fathers occasionally visit the area.
- 17 Airfields. NIL
- 18 Anthropological. NIL



Register

APPENDIX NUMBER (1)

REPORT on R.P.N.G. members accompanying;

Reg No.2142 Sergeant 2/C Kenawa.

A very good N.C.O. He performed his patrol duties most efficiently.

Reg No. 11295 Constable Kiawo.

A quiet efficient man. He performed his patrol duties well.

N.A. Richardson.  
Patrol Officer.