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EASTERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1964/1965

CHIMBU DIVISION SUPPLEMENTARY VOLUMES

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
<u>KUNDIAWA</u>		
18 A	R.J. Akins	Yonggamugl Census Div.
<u>GUMINE</u>		
1	M.E. Tomlinson	Nomane Census Div.
2	J. Biltris	Marigl Census Div.
4	D.L. Emery	Salt Census Div.
5 (Special)	D.L. Emery	Part Upper Bomai Census Div.
<u>KEROWAGI</u>		
5	J. Humfrey	East Koronigl Census Div.
5	J. Humfrey	East Koronigl Census Div.
8 A	Kua Kauga Hezron	Kerowagi Sub-District
<u>CHUAVE</u>		
11	P.J. Wohlers	Elimbari Census Div.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

CHUAVE

District of EASTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 11 of 1961/65

Patrol Conducted by P. J. WOHLERS CPO

Area Patrolled ELIMBARI CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 6

Duration—From 25 5 / 1965 to 11 6 / 1965
16 6 65 27 6 65

Number of Days 30 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / / 19

Medical / / 19

Map Reference EASTERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT

Objects of Patrol Road Work and General Administration

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ / 19

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 £

JBE/ghv.

67-1-1

Administrative Area,
Chimbu Division,
Eastern Highlands District,
CHUAVE.

7th July, 1965.

The Deputy District Commissioner,
Chimbu Division,
Eastern Highlands District,
KUNDIWA.

CHUAVE PATROL NO. 11 OF 1964/65

Attached please find two (2) copies of the above
Patrol Report

2. The road from MOGOMA to KORORUME along what may be termed the PIMORI Ridge was commented on in my 67-1-1 of 7-6-65 covering same to Patrol Report No. 10 of 1964/65. This was a voluntary effort by the people under our requested guidance. Much more work remains to be done yet on this road. However, I believe, that a break of a few months will see a revival of interest and therefore of energy to enable completion of the road. It may require two or three more such short spurts with consequent intervals in between, before the road will be completely stoned and all weather.

3. In the latter half of the patrol share capital moneys for Kundiawa Coffee Society was accepted and the response, although startling, was satisfactory. A point of interest could be mentioned here. The Elimbari people have now 139,000 mature coffee trees out of a total of 330,000 trees. Planting is still proceeding apace.

4. The only way to ensure reasonable sanitation in all sections of the community, is by visits to all hamlets, including those off the main patrol trucks

5. With the extension of the Chuave Council to the ELIMBARI area within two to three months, then the situation mentioned on page 8 re Village Officials, will be eliminated.

It is noticed that Mr. Wohlers has used several colloquisms in his "English" terms in his report. Examples are "bos-hoi" "curts" and "lines". The use of these should be avoided. Several sentences because of their length are awkward and Mr. Wohlers would be advised to make more use of the "full-stop."

7. The above are not criticisms of the patrol but are offered as guides for the future.

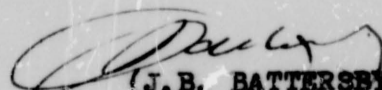
8. Mr. Wohlers has carried out his tasks in his usual keen manner.

9. Copying contingencies for Mr. Wohlers and Interpreter TRINE-KURUBE, are attached for your approval.

Director
DDA
Kundiwa

In your information

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(J.B. BATTERSBY.)
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. Mr. P. Wohlers,
Patrol Post,
CHUAVE.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Chuave Patrol Post,
Chimbu Division,
Eastern Highlands District
29th June.

District Commissioner,
Chimbu Division,
KUNDIAWA

Chuave Patrol Report No. 11 of 1964/65

Patrol Conducted by

P. J. Wohlers CPO

Area Patrolled

Elimbari Census Division.

Personel Accompanying

1 APO
3 RP&NGC
1 Interpreter

Duration of Patrol

25/5/65 to 11/6/65
16/6/65 to 27/6/65

Number of days 30

Last Patrol to Area

Immediately prior to this
patrol.

Objects of the patrol

Finish road & general
Administration.

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DIARY

Tuesday May 25th

Prepared for patrol to Karawiri to attempt to finish the road between Moguma and Kurorame. Departed Chuave by Admin. Landrover at 10.00 AM. Arrived at junction of the road work at 2.00 AM and supervised work until 3.00 AM. Spent rest of afternoon settling in.. Slept Karawiwi.

Wednesday May 26th

All day spent supervising road work on the mountain above Karawiri.

Thursday May 27th

Minor arbitration all day. No work on the road as people are very tired of working on the road and they asked for a day off.

Friday May 28th

Marked a section to be re-routed from original survey and supervised road work on the mountain above Karawiri.

Saturday May 29th

Supervised work on the road during morning. Afternoon free.

Sunday May 30th

Sunday free.

Monday May 31st.

Walked to Pimuri and Kurorame during the morning supervising and inspecting the work. Returned during afternoon. Minor arbitration during late afternoon.

Tuesday June 1st

Day free because people selling coffee. Visit from ADC during afternoon.

Wednesday June 2nd.

Road work on ridge above Kurordme and also above Karawiri. A/AO arrived during afternoon and took the Sergeant and the Interpreter back to Chuave. Replacement was Corporal Tinekawagi.

Thursday June 3rd.

Road work on section below Karawiri and inspection up to Pimuri.

Friday June 4th.

Road work on two sections below Karawiri all day. Reasonable attendance.

Saturday June 5th.

Work on section above Karawiri until 1.30 PM. Attendance very poor.

Sunday June 6th.

Sunday observed.

Monday June 7th.

Worked on the section above Karawiri all day. Attendance reasonable but little work done.

Tuesday June 8th.

No work on road because the coffee buyers are in the area buying. Watched the buying during the morning and inspected houses during the afternoon.

Wednesday June 9th.

Worked on the section below Karawiri during the morning.
 Supervised work on the Pimuri section during the afternoon.
 Attendance again poor.

Thursday June 10th.

Walked to Kurorome inspecting the road during the morning. Talked with the Roman Catholic Father about the road and the labour situation. Spoke with village officials about the road during the afternoon, and returned to Karawiri at 4.30 PM.

Friday 11th June.

Left Karawiri at 7.30 AM and started walking towards Moguma. Toyota arrived from Chuave at 8.45 AM and transported us back to Chuave.

Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday spent in Chuave.

Wednesday June 16th

12.00 AM started walking towards GOGO. Arrived Gogo at 5.00 PM.

Slept Gogo.

Thursday June 17th.

Left Gogo at 10.00 AM and proceeded to walk to Sua Rest House after having trouble in rinding carriers. Arrived at the Roman Catholic Mission at 12.00 AM and departed at 2.00 PM. Arrived Sua at 5.00 PM. and slept Sua.

Friday June 18th.

Morning spent inspecting houses and collecting capital for the Kundiawa Coffee Co-Operative. Walked

Saturday June 22nd

Collected share capital during the morning. In the afternoon discussions with officials at midday. Left Kurorome at 2.00 PM and walked to Gogoma then along the Moguma road until met Kundiawa coffee buying vehicles. After discussions returned to Gogoma arriving at 4.00 PM. Slept Gogoma.

Sunday June 23rd

Sold share capital and arbitrated in several minor courts during the morning. Inspected houses during the

to Karawiri during afternoon. Slept Karawiri.

Saturday June 19th.

Collected Share Capital with the help of APO Mr. Peter Macraw during the morning. Inspected houses during the afternoon at Moguma. Minor arbitration and talks with officials concerning the road work. Walked back to Karawiri and slept at Karawiri.

Sunday June 20th.

Walked to the village across the valley from Karawiri (Mankibi, Kidnc) for informal talks with officials and an inspection of the houses. Returned to Karawiri at 2.00PM and left for Pimuri at 3.00PM. Arrived Pimuri at 3.30 PM and slept Pimuri.

Monday June 21st.

Collected money for the Kundiawa Co-Operative during the morning. General Administration and talks with officials concerning the state of the road during the afternoon. Minor arbitration during late afternoon and inspection of houses. Left Pimuri at 6.00 PM and arrived at Kururime at 7.00PM. Slept Kururime.

Tuesday June 22nd.

Collected share capital during the morning. Informal discussions with officials at midday. Left Kururime at 2.00PM and walked to Gogo and then along the Moguma road until met Kundiawa coffee buying vehicle. After discussions returned to Girio arriving at 7.00PM. Slept Girio.

Wednesday June 23rd.

Sold share capital and arbitrated in several minor courts during the morning. Inspected houses during the

the afternoon. Left Girio at 3.00PM and walked to Kureri. Arrived Kureri at 3.30PM and settled in. Slept Kureri.

Thursday June 24th.

Collected share capital during the morning and also arbitrated in several minor disputes. Inspected houses during afternoon and left Kureri at 3.30PM to walk to Kuraguri. Arrived Kuraguri at 4.00PM and slept there.

Friday June 25th.

Collected share capital until 10.00AM when I walked down to the Kibori village to see Tultul Iori. Arrived back at Kuraguri at 5.00PM and then prepared to walk to the Gogo rest house. Left Kuraguri at 5.30PM and arrived at Gogo at 6.30PM, sleeping there.

Saturday June 26th.

Started work at 7.30AM collecting share capital and having discussions with various officials. Finished work at 1.00PM and afternoon free. Slept Gogo.

Sunday June 27th.

Had the cargo ready by 8.30AM in readiness for the Chuave vehicle which did not eventuate due to uncontrollable circumstances. Left Gogo at 11.00AM and started walking to Chuave. Chuave vehicle arrived at 3.00PM and drove us back to Chuave from Mainimo, thus finishing the patrol.

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INTRODUCTION.

The area patrolled was the complete Elimbari Census Division which included the SUA, KARAWIRI, PIMURI, KUROROME, GIRIO, KURERI, KURAGURI and GOGO rest houses.

The objects of the patrol were briefly;

- 1) Attempt to complete the road between Moguma and Kurorome which is under construction at the moment.
- 2) Carry out village hygiene and housing inspection.
- 3) Collect share capital for the Kundiawa Coffee Co-Operative.
- 4) General Administration and minor arbitration.
- 5) Check on all Trade Stores in the area.

The people in the Elimbari Census Division are advancing rapidly in the Economic field with the maturing of the coffee in the area, and in the near future they will have their first elections in the combined Elimbari Council thus maturing them politically and developing them towards eventual self-government. The Local Government Council and the Kundiawa Coffee Society will be dealt with under separate headings.

The last patrol into the area was conducted by Mr. P. Wilson CPO immediately prior to this patrol.

RECEPTION OF THE PATROL.

The reception of the patrol was of a friendly nature at all rest houses although food was difficult to get in some areas. This was partly caused by the limited time spent at most rest houses thus not allowing the "merikomitis" sufficient time to organise a supply of food.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

It is obvious from observations noted whilst in the area that a good official made the difference between a well kept village with a coOperative group, and a badly kept village with an indifferent group. It was pleasing to note at Girio, although the Luluai (Supa) did not buy ~~his~~ a share in the Kundiawa Coffee Society, this did not affect the rest of his line and most men did buy shares. From previous observations it is usually the case that where an important man did not buy a share, the rest of his line was also reluctant to do so.

The following list of officials proved to be either inefficient or very lax in their duties on this patrol.

<u>SUA</u>	LuLuai Akiri	Miori	Old
	TulTul Kawia	Iarimigori	
<u>PIMURI</u>	TulTul Munokopo	Kirogu	At Pt. Moresby
	TulTul Sinowai	Purume	Old
<u>Kuraguri</u>	TulTul Iori	Kibori	Old
	BosBoy Tiene	Kibori	
<u>GOGO</u>	Luluai Korua	Aramogo 1	Old
	TulTul Wai	Aramogo 2	
	TulTul Kaupa	Enigam 1	
	TulTul Aina	Keogo	Old

As can be seen by the above, five of the ten are old and have lost their authority to younger men. This position should be overcome in the rear future when a Council is introduced in the area so it is not worth while replacing these officials at this stage.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Not very much interest was shown on this patrol

although a number of people expressed dissatisfaction in the Local Member, Mr. Yauwe Wauwe, because he is not visiting this part of his electorate at all. A number also expressed dissatisfaction that Mr. Wauwe has never said any thing worthy of a mention over the news while Goroka, Chimbu and Kerowagi's Members are frequently mentioned. This is attributed by the people to Mr. Wauwe's age so a younger Member in the next House of Assembly could be a possibility.

ATTITUDE TO EUROPEANS, MISSIONS AND THE ADMINISTRATION.

The attitude towards Europeans is an extremely healthy one and the people expressed the wish for more Europeans to settle in the area. The people realise that with the completion of the road from Moguma to Kurortane they can expect a trade store in this area in a reasonably short time and most of them are looking forward to this acquisition.

It can be seen by the way the people worked on the road when it was first started that the attitude towards development is very healthy and this was pleasing to note.

From the reception of the patrol and the interest shown by most of the people towards the Administration, it is obvious that the attitude towards the Administration is also a healthy one.

The Roman Catholic Mission has recently placed a European Father in the area and the people are very enthusiastic about building him a house and a Church and embracing the Roman Catholic religion, thus showing a healthy attitude towards religion and the Missions. The attitude towards the Lutheran Mission being in the area is also very healthy. No apparent antagonism was noticed by the writer between the two religious factions,

although it was obvious that the Lutherans worked more consistently than the Roman Catholic converts who were also building a Church and a house for the European Missionary.

KUNDIAWA COFFEE SOCIETY

One of the aims of the patrol was to collect money in the form of share capital for the Kundiawa Coffee Society. On the patrol close to £2,600 was collected and below is a breakup of this amount into the amount collected at each rest house. A.P.O. Mr.P.Mekea accompanied the patrol during the last two weeks of its duration to speak to the people about the Coffee Society and to collect share capital. This made the collection of money much quicker and easier for the patrolling officer.

SUA	£140 . 0 . 0
KARAWIRI	£361 .11 . 0
MOGUMA	£49 . 3 . 0
PIMURI	£378 . 6 . 0
KUROROME	£378..14 . 0
GIRIO	£354 . 2 . 0
KURERI	£387 . 6 . 0
KURAGURI	£183 .18 . 0
GOGO	£354 .11 . 0
	<u>£ 2587 .11 . 0</u>

Most of the men in the area have either got mature coffee or have new coffee gardens and as the representatives from the Department of Agriculture have recently visited the area counting the trees and inspecting the coffee, the gardens are in a reasonable condition.

EUROPEAN VEGETABLES.

This is relatively unimportant yet, due to the problem

of finding suitable markets for the produce. The Lutheran Mission at Monono buys some produce, and a little produce finds its way into the market at Chuave, but apart from this, it is consumed by the people themselves.

COMMUNICATIONS

All the rest houses in the Elimbari Census Division are served by reasonable roads, or will be in the near future apart from the SUA rest house which is only about a half an hour's walk from the road which will link Moguma and Kurardme. All roads that need a little work are being repaired at the moment and all roads are stoned apart from the road to Kurardme being built at the moment.

REST HOUSES

All the rest houses in this area are in a reasonable state of repair. New rest houses have just been completed at Girio and Kuraguri and work is being done on the police house at Gogo. The rest houses at Gogo, Pimuri and Kurardme are probably the best in the Chuave Administrative area, being constructed of pitpit walls, wooden floors and lined with pitpit blinds inside.

CARRIERS

At all rest houses carriers were extremely hard to find and all carriers were reluctant to carry for more than a short distance. Small boys were enthusiastic about carrying cargo and from this the writer gathered that the older boys had enough money without carrying. The official Administrative rate for carriers was also queried and the carriers were not happy to carry for this small sum.

TRADE STORES

There are a number of native trade stores in the area as well as two trade stores run by Mr. B. Heagney. All

Trade stores are constructed from native materials although the two Heagney stores have iron roofs. As it is the end of the financial year all licences will need re-newing in the near future.

VILLAGE HOUSING AND HYGIENE.

On all routes that are frequently patrolled the houses and the sanitary measures taken were reasonable and the writer found no grounds for complaint, but in the villages that are not frequently visited by patrols no sanitary measures have been taken and the houses were very dirty. A conscientious village official usually had a good village, but an old official frequently had a sub-standard village. With the introduction of the Council into this area and the improvement and extension of the roads in the area, this situation can be expected to improve considerably.

MINOR ARBITRATION

Usually of a very minor nature and in almost all cases the dispute could have been arbitrated by the village official. As the writer has mentioned before, the officials are content to let the patrolling officer settle the small disputes, but prefer to settle the larger disputes themselves if a gaol sentence could possibly result. The writer stressed that this was wrong and insisted that all major disputes be brought into Chuave to be settled.

MOGUMA-KURURIME ROAD.

A patrol had been carried out immediately prior to this patrol to supervise the construction of the road between Moguma and Kururime, and by the time the writer commenced this patrol the people were getting tired of

work and so the rate of work done per day declined considerably.

The road follows the top of the ridge up to Karawiri and then there is a steep cliff which had to be bench-cut including several S-bends before following a reasonably flat section to Pimuri. After Pimuri the road has several steep sections which needed difficult bench cutting and a difficult section to traverse near the Roman Catholic Mission at Kurorame needed several S-bends. The road does not go all the way to Kurorame as the people did not want a road through their village, but stops just short of the first line of houses.

The previous patrolling officer completed the work to the end of the ridge above Karawiri and this patrol started on the bench cutting to reach the ~~end~~ bottom of ridge. Several groups worked on the road between Karawiri and Kurorame as there was some friction early in the patrol over which lines were not working and pulling their weight.. After this dispute it was thought more convenient to give the individual lines individual marks to work. This system proved satisfactory until most of the lines had completed their work, and then the people from Karawiri decided that they had too much work and a poor attendance was noted on the bench cutting on the steep section above the rest house. The writer suggested that all the lines should then work on this last small section of the road but this did not prove satisfactory to those people that had finished their work and consequently the work has still to be completed although it is progressing slowly. Unfortunately this small section of the road will not be of any benefit to the Karawiri people as they sell their coffee on the top of the ridge

and it will only be the people from further along the road that will suffer if the road is not completed. This was unavoidable as the Karawiri people originally told the Pimuri people that they could not work on the road above Karawiri and it is from this that the trouble stems. It is the writer's opinion that no trouble will come of this because it is expected that the Karawiri people will finish the road in the near future after they have had a rest. Tultul Geba and an ex-policeman Sinowai proved good workers from Pimuri and when the patrol left the area this line had started working on ~~the~~ this ridge from the bottom so the two groups should meet in the centre.

From the top of the ridge at Karawiri to the end of the road at Kururame the road was not very difficult to cut because there is no stone in the area and no tall trees to cut. This lack of stone is unfortunate in that the road will need to be stoned if the coffee buyers are to come into the area all the year round. It is expected that the road will be stoned eventually but it will be a slow process.

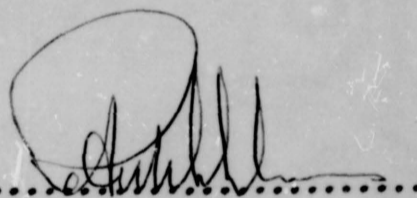
There are three small bridges on this section of road and all will be built in the form of underground culverts so no trouble should be experienced in the future in relation to bridges needing replacing.

Drains have only been partly constructed and it was thought more appropriate to finish the basic bench rather than start on the drains at this stage. It will probably need another patrol into this area in the future to supervise the construction of drains and

the stoning of the road, but at the moment coffee buying vehicles are travelling over the road with no difficulty so the people are pleased that their efforts have been rewarded.

CONCLUSION

This was a successful patrol in that over £2,500 was collected in the form of share capital for the Coffee Society, the road between Moguma and Kururime is almost complete, and that all other aspects and aims of the patrol were carried out successfully. The current price of coffee and the imminent Council elections are helping the people develop both economically and politically, and greater things can be expected of these people in the future.



(PETER J. WOHLERS) CPO

APPENDIX A

No.1983 Sergeant 2 Class NAPARI

Worked well on this patrol.

No.5219B Corporal TINEKAWAGI

A Good worker who worked well on this patrol.

No.9327 Constable BEGABEG

A good reliable policeman.

No.10602 Constable MARIPAL

An excellent policeman.

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