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PATROL REPORTS SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT 1966-67

N I P A

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
1-66-67	William R. Paterson	Margarima Council Area
2- <del>67-68</del>	L.R. Dickson	The Boi'ia, Ungubi, Halalinja area of the Nipa Basin
2A-66-67	C.P. Dangerfield	Egenda Rest House of the Nipa Census Division
4-66-67	William R. Paterson	Part of Magarima Census Div.
5-66-67	C.P. Dangerfield	Poroma area of the Nembi CD
6-66-67	William R. Paterson	Part of Magarima Census D.
7-66-67	C.P. Dangerfield	Part Wage, Nembi & Nipa Basin C.D.
10-66-67	C.P. Dangerfield	Part Wage & Nipa Basin CD & all of Nembi C.D.
11-66-67	W.P. Paterson	Part Wage Census Div., part Magarima Census Div.
13-66-67	W.R. Paterson	Margarima Council area
14-66-67	W.R. Paterson	Magarima & Upper Wage C.D.
15-66-67	W.R. Paterson	Part of Margima Census Div
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19-66-67	C.P. Dangerfield	Nipa Basin-Ebil/Omdol area





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. NIPA 1 of 1966/67  
~~Margarima No 3~~

Patrol Conducted by Mr. William R Paterson, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Margarima Council Area, (Margarima C.D., Part Wage C.D.)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Six  
Duration—From 20.6.66 to 21.6.66  
29/6/1966 to 18/8/1966

Number of Days 53

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by Margarima C.D.  
District Services, March/1966  
Wage C.D.  
Medical October/1965

Map Reference Sketch. Map attached

Objects of Patrol 1. Pre-election campaign. 2. Conduct Elections  
3. Census Revision Council Area. 4. Check Road Progress. 5. Routine Administration.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

25/10/1966

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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67-15-13

23rd November, 1966.

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
M B D I.

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 1-66/67:

Receipt of Mr. Paterson's Patrol Report covered by comments from both yourself and Mr. Young-Whitford, is acknowledged with thanks.

2. Should not this report be titled as "Kipe No. 1/1966-67" Margarima is not a Sub-District Office or Patrol Post.

3. Mr. Paterson appears to have conducted this patrol quite satisfactorily and has written an informative report. He seems to be deeply interested in his work.

4. I concur with all your remarks in respect of the Margarima Huri.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

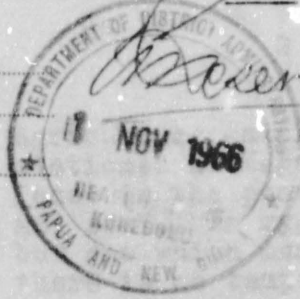


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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....  
Our Reference 67-3-4  
If calling ask for  
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

21st October, 1966.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

*NIPA*  
Subject:- Magarima Patrol No 3 of 1966/67

Attached please find the following documents arising out of the above patrol conducted by Mr. W.R. Paterson, Patrol Officer, to the Magarima Local Government Council Area, (Magarima Census Division and part Wage Census Division):-

- (1) Patrol Report,
- (ii) Covering memorandum, 67-2-5 of 8th October, 1966 from Assistant District Commissioner, Mendi Sub-District.

2. Some comments follow:-

- (a) It is doubtful whether official active discouragement can be given to individuals wishing to abandon the traditional round house dwelling for a coastal design home. The disadvantages of the latter at high altitudes due to poor warmth retention qualities and inability of owners to purchase adequate heating aids, e.g. stoves, clothing etc. should be stressed. The opportunity to improve the traditional architecture of the round house should not be lost. By increasing the height and depth of the walls not only is there obviated the common criticism of lack of head room but no appreciable degree of warmth is lost. This was demonstrated to the people of the upper Asaro valley by full scale models erected at the back of the sub-district Office, Goroka in 1957/58. By 1963/64 the Upper Asaro was full of examples of the improved style of round house, the general consensus of opinion being that they were a vast improvement on the old cramped low to the ground round house.
- (b) The "waitand see" attitude of the Magarima Huri is not difficult to understand. They are a proud and independent people who have been demanding development in all spheres and their own "kiap" for years. Because of limited resources Administrations response has not come up to expectations. There has also been some retrogression. Officers came, stayed a few short weeks and disappeared. The Administration had all the appearances of a non permanent entity that came and went without rhyme or reason. This was both puzzling and disappointing as it wasnt the case at Mendi or Mount Hagen where every second person appeared to be either a kiap, an agriculture officer, or a teacher. Now they see some tangible results from their demands. Department of Health, Education



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Agriculture and Field Staff personnel are now stationed at Magarima. But will they stay, experience in the past would indicate no - so "wait and see".. In my opinion an understandable attitude but one which must be eradicated by ensuring that there is no temporary posting of staff to Magarima.

The Magarima Huri are not only wanting stability in staff posting but also economic and social development - they have been demanding such for years. I do not agree with the Assistant District Commissioner that they are demanding too much too quickly. I am pleased that they are so open in their demands. It indicates good relationships between the people and the Government and also allows the Administration to be continually in touch with current thinking. Under no circumstances should Field Officers attempt to stifle the demands of the people as the results would be disastrous. Withdrawal into passive sullen resentment accompanied by a complete loss of confidence in the Administration.

(c) Election report and other allied to Local Government matters have been dealt with under separate cover.

(d) Amendments to the Village Directory are being dealt with under separate cover.

3. Another good patrol and comprehensive report by an officer deeply interested in his work.

(D.R. Marsh)  
District Commissioner.



67-2-5

Sub-district Office,  
MENDI  
Southern Highlands District

8th October 1966

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI

PATROL NO. 2 OF 1966/67 - MARGARIMA AND WAGE  
CENSUS DIVISIONS - W.R. PATERSON P.O.

Attached please find two(2) of a report submitted by Mr. Paterson, Patrol Officer, of Margarima. Comments are as follows (page and paragraph numbers are the same as those used in the report):

(7)(60) People living in areas at 7,000 ft A.S.L. should be actively discouraged from living in other than traditionally constructed houses. The intense cold in these areas will surely create health hazards if this is not done. As the economy of the people improves individuals may be in a position to acquire European clothing etc. and these people will automatically adopt a different style of housing if they so desire.

(7)(65-66) The Officer-in-Charge should inform the people that there is every likelihood of a European Department of District Administration field staff officer being stationed permanently in the area (subject to staff availability) and they should, therefore, think in terms of progress rather than 'wait and see' attitudes otherwise they will not be able to participate in the general economic advancement of the Southern Highlands people as a whole. Department of Health, Education and Agriculture personnel are already located in the area and in the near future a Forestry representative will be posted to Margarima. What more do the people want? It seems to me that they are deriding too much too quickly and they should appreciate that the Administration is doing as much as is humanly possible for them.

(8)(71-72) Perhaps D.A.S.F. can render some assistance in indicating additional subsistence crops which can be introduced into the higher altitude areas? In the matter of extension of pyrethrum into the area I am advised by the District Agricultural Officer at Mendi that everything possible is being done to introduce and expand existing agricultural projects into Margarima.

(8)(73) I believe that a Forestry Officer is to be posted to this District in the near future. In the interim the District Agricultural Officer at Mendi will send a Forestry field worker to Margarima to introduce a reforestation project in the areas around Margarima itself, these areas having been denuded of forest over a period of years.

(10)(81-83) So that there is no administrative conflict between Margarima and Nipa it is recommended that the following villages be included in the WAGE census Division: HENEP(179), HULAL(92), OBAL(229), OMBAL(474), SEBIBA(322), SCLAPIEM(320), a total WAGE census division population of 2,003. The remainder of the WAGE census division could be absorbed into the NIPA BASIN census division as recommended by the O.I.C. Margarima. Such an alteration in census division boundaries would streamline Council administration for both Nipa and Margarima.

The census statistics submitted with the report are accurately



compiled and show that there is an actual increase of population of 256. Births were 3.84% and deaths 1.90% of population giving a natural increase of 1.94%. The mortality rate of children between the ages of 1 and 5 years is 34.95% of total census division deaths which is excessive. I will ask the O.I.C. to enquire into the reason for such abnormalities. Perhaps the District Medical Officer at Mandi can give consideration to the posting of additional medical orderlies to the area as two orderlies to a population of 5,421 is really not sufficient. This population figure does not include the WAGE census division.

(10)(a) The O.I.C. should keep me informed of proposals for the NURI people of the KANDEP area amalgamating with the MARGARIMA people for the purpose of being incorporated in the Margarima Council. In the interim he should advise the names of the villages, plus population figures for each village, which are contemplating joining the Council.

2. A comprehensive and informative report submitted by Mr. Paterson. Camping allowance claim is forwarded for certification for payment, please. A map of the area patrolled is also attached.

*J. Young-Whitford*  
**J. Young-Whitford**  
Assistant District Commissioner

c.c. O.I.C. MARGARIMA.



25/6/61  
M.R. Patten

MARGINALIA PATROL No 1 25/6/61

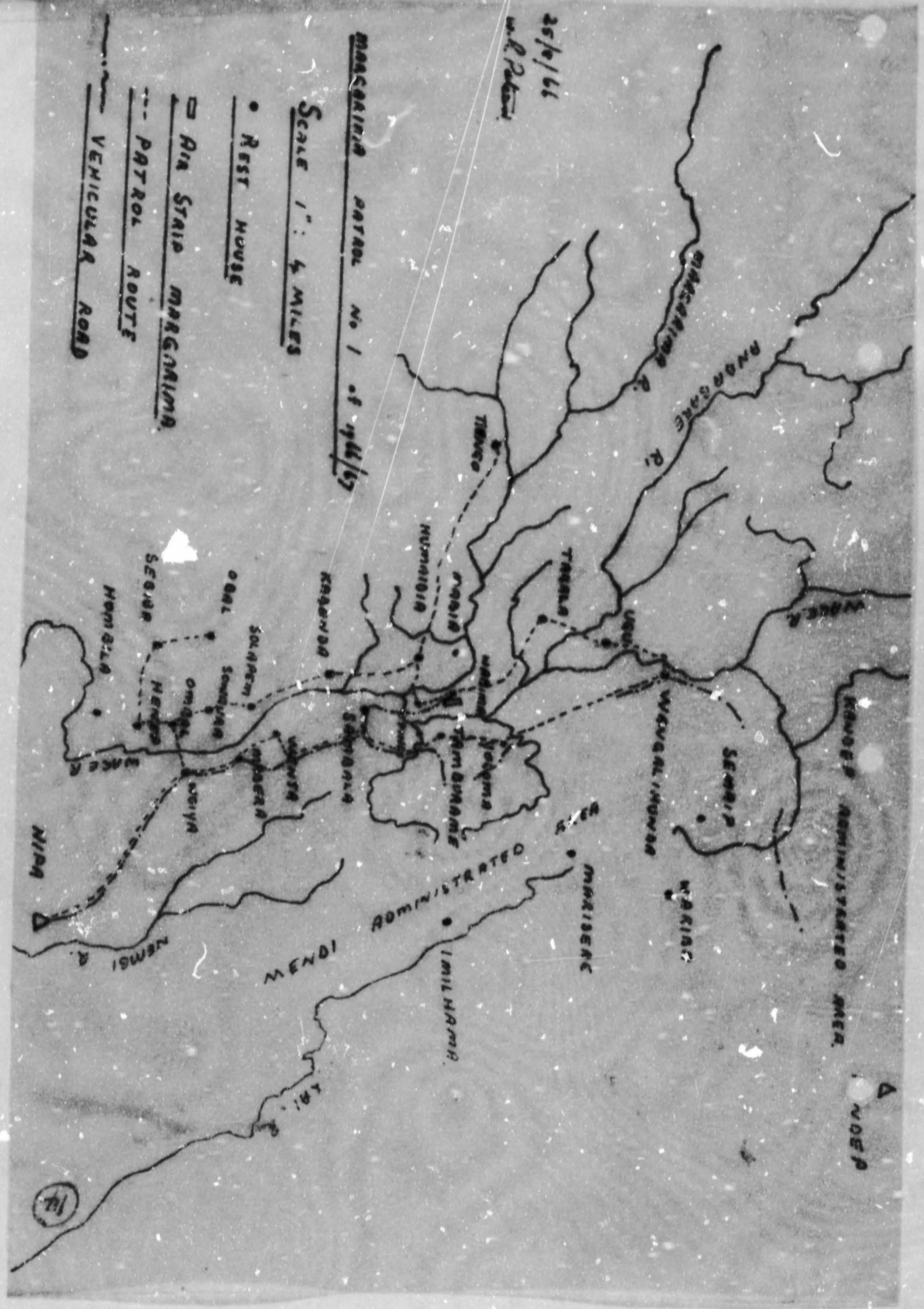
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□ Air Strip MARGINALIA

--- PATROL ROUTE

— VEHICULAR ROAD





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

MARGARIMA, via  
NIPA Patrol Post,  
MENDI Sub-District,  
Southern Highlands District.  
PAPUA.  
22nd, August 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
MENDI Sub-District,  
Southern Highlands District.  
PAPUA.

MARGARIMA PATROL REPORT NO.1. of 1966/67.

Patrol Conducted by: Mr. William R. Paterson, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: Part of Wage Census Division and whole of Margarima Census Division, this being the area included in the Margarima Local Government Council.

Personnel Accompanying the Patrol: R.P. & N.G.C.  
Sen. Const. WAGIAP  
Const. KOMPA  
" POMDEI

Health Education Orderly PAPALO.  
Interpreters; WOCERA  
TILIWAL

Duration of the Patrol: 20-21/6/66 &  
29/6/66 - 18/8/66  
Total 53 days.

Last Patrol to the area: Margarima Census Division March 1966, part only.  
Wage Census Division October 1965.

Objects of the Patrol: 1. Conduct pre-election campaign for Elections Margarima Local Government Council.  
2. Conduct initial Local Government Council elections for Margarima Council.  
3. Revision of Census for the Council area.  
4. Check progress on roads in the council area.  
5. Routine Administration.

Map Reference: Sketch Map attached.



Introduction:

1. The first purpose of the patrol was the conducting of initial elections for the Margarima Local Government Council. To enable this to be done it was necessary to conduct a pre-election campaign as the peoples knowledge of electoral procedure and Local Government aims were very limited.
2. To conduct the initial stage of the pre-election campaign the writer travelled with interpreter by motor-bike to Margarima from Nipa on the 20/6/66, staying overnight Margarima that date. On 21st approximately 2,000 people gathered, the majority of this number being men. The intended purpose of this group was to mark a man that day to be some sort of a 'number one' to represent them in some capacity in Moresby. Through discussions they were told that this was not what the present Local Government activity was all about, and an explanation was given on the system of wards with members elected to a corporate body. Discussions continued for several hours at the end of which time the people knew at least what to expect when the full patrol arrived in their area.
3. For the same purpose of education the full patrol commenced before the date of commencement of elections which was 4/7/66. This enabled a brief education programme to be carried out in the Wage Census Division before elections commenced in that area.
4. To ensure a correct and up to date Roll of Electors for the respective wards, census was revised throughout the Council area. The census occasion also provided an excellent opportunity for more intense Local Government education. Census was last revised in the Margarima Census Division in May 1965, and in the Wage Census Division in October 1965.
5. The area patrolled centred mainly around Wabima which is the proposed Margarima Government Station commonly known as Margarima. Present road works were checked and assistance given where required as part of routine administration. The whole of the area patrolled is above 6,000' A.S.L. and most of the area is over 7,000' A.S.L.

PATROL DIARY:

6. Monday 20th June 1966.

Self departed Nipa with interpreter 1030 travelling by motor-bike to Margarima. Arrived Wabima approx. 1300. Inspected station and spoke with small assembled group of locals. Slept at Wabima.

7. Tuesday 21st June.

Local people arrived in organized groups in late morning. Discussions commenced on coming Local Government elections. An attempt made to clear up existing misunderstandings and system of wards with elected members explained. Discussions completed 1515 and self returned to Nipa arriving 1735. PATROL PERIOD BREAKS.

8. Wednesday 29th June.

Patrol personnel and equipment carried to Woiya village by tractor and trailer. Patrol departed Woiya village with carriers 1400 crossing Wage River and arriving at Ombal in the Wage Census Division 1600. Sent advice to surrounding villagers to gather at ~~Woiya~~ Ombal on the following day. Slept at Ombal.



9. Thursday 30th June.

Groups Henep, Hulal, Ombal, Solapem and Songura gathered at Ombal for pre-election talks and discussions. General reception good and questions asked. Health talk given by Health Education Orderly. Slept at Ombal.

10. Friday 1st July.

Patrol departed Ombal 0830 for Sebiba, crossing range and arriving at Sebiba 1000. Sebiba group fully assembled at 1400. Pre-election talk given and census revised for group, completing at 1615. Slept at Sebiba.

11. Saturday 2nd July.

Ombal group assembled at Sebiba for pre election talks and revision of census. Census completed 1300. Compiled census figures. Slept at Sebiba.

12. Sunday 3rd July.

Compiled census figures, otherwise the day observed.

13. Monday 4th July.

Walked to Obal. Polling commenced Obal ward at approx 1000. Polling closed 1130 and poll declared. Returned to Sebiba a walk of 25 minutes. Polling commenced for Sebiba ward 1330 and closed 1530. Poll declared and election figures compiled. Spoke with elected and councillors and village people. Slept at Sebiba.

14. Tuesday 5th July.

Patrol departed Sebiba 0800 arriving Henep 0910. Groups Hulal and Henep assembled for census 1000. Census for the two small groups completed 1130. Nominations received for the Henep/Hulal ward. After further voting instructions given, elections for ward 3 commenced 1300. Polling closed 1500 and poll announced. Slept at Henep.

15. Wednesday 6th July.

Patrol departed Henep 0830 for Ombal, arriving 0845. Ombal group fully assembled for census 0930. Further pre-election talks given and census commenced 1000. Census completed 1200. Polling commenced for ward 4 at 1330, polling closed 1645 and poll declared. Slept at Ombal.

16. Thursday 7th July.

Remained at Ombal. Compiled election and census figures. Spoke with councillors elect of Henep/Hulal and Ombal and other local leaders. Slept at Ombal.

17. Friday 8th July.

Patrol departed Ombal 0835 for Songura, arriving 0925. Group Songura assembled for census 1000. Census completed 1130. After further voting instructions polling commenced for ward 5 at 1230. Polling closed 1500 and poll announced. Slept at Songura.

18. Saturday 9th July.

Remained at Songura, compiled census and election figures. Discussions with Councillor elect and village leaders during afternoon. Disputes arbitrated. Slept at Songura.

19. Sunday 10th July.

The day observed at Songura.



20. Monday 11th July.

Patrol departed Songura 0830 for Solapem, arriving 0855. Pre-election talk given and census commenced at 1000. Census completed 1200. Polling for ward 6 commenced 1330. Poll closed 1530 and results announced. Spoke with Councillor elect and village group. Slept at Solapem.

21. Tuesday 12th July.

Patrol departed Solapem 0830 for Kabenda arriving 0945. Health and pre-election talk given. Census commenced for three small groups Wau, Minya and Naip at 1130. Census completed 1500. Compiled census figures, slept at Kabenda, Margarima Census Division.

22. Wednesday 13th July.

Further pre-election talks and nominations for Councillor received. Polling commenced for ward 7 at 1000. Polling closed 1200 and Poll declared. During afternoon heard complaints in Local Court and compiled election figures. Slept at Kabenda.

23. Thursday 14th July.

Prisoners despatched to Nipa. Patrol departed Kabenda 0800 for Humaidia arriving 1000. Health and pre-election talks given. Census commenced at 1215 for groups Komboro and Aruba No.2.. Completed census 1430. Compiled census figures for both groups. Disputes arbitrated. Slept at Humaidia.

24. Friday 15th July.

Patrol remained at Humaidia. Health and pre-election talk given to Mabilia group. Census revision for Mabilia group commenced at 1100 and completed 1230. Compiled census figures and received nominations for councillors for ward 8. Slept at Humaidia.

25. Saturday 16th July.

Patrol departed Humaidia 0745 for Tiango (Aruba No 1) arriving 1010. Health and pre-election talk given and census commenced for Aruba 1 group 1115, completed 1330. Elections commenced for ward 8 ~~1440~~ 1440. Polling closed for the day at 1815 when no further voters came forward. Slept at Tiango.

26. Sunday 17th July.

Compiled census figures for Aruba 1 group, otherwise the day observed at Tiango.

27. Monday 18th July.

Patrol departed Tiango 0740 for return to Humaidia, arriving 1000. Polling continued for ward 8 recommencing at 1115. Polling closed 1545 and poll declared at 1615. Slept at Humaidia.

28. Tuesday 19th July.

Patrol departed Humaidia 0830 for Pingi, arriving 0930. Health and pre-election talks given followed by a revision of census for the Pingi group, this completed 1130. Elections commenced for ward 9 1300, polling closed 1400. Compiled census and election figures. Had visit during afternoon from M.H.A. Momei who spoke to assembled group at close of Polling. Slept at Pingi.

29. Wednesday 20th July.

Patrol departed Pingi 0835 for Wabima (Margarima Station) arriving 0900. Health and pre-election talk given, followed by a revision of census for groups Pelele and Honei concluding at 1300. Slept at Wabima.



30. Thursday 21st July.

Local Government Elections conducted for ward 10. Polling commenced 1030 and closed 1300. Poll declared. During afternoon delegation received from Wage River area of Kandep, people requesting inclusion in the Margarima Council. Slept at Wabima.

31. Friday 22nd July.

Compiled census figures for groups Honei and Pelele and election figures for wards 8 (Aruba) and 10 (Wabima). Discussions held with Councillors elect of Aruba, Kabenda, Pingi and Wabima. Slept at Wabima.

32. Saturday 23rd July.

Heard complaints in Local Court at Wabima, completed election figures. Slept at Wabima.

33. Sunday 24th July.

The day observed at Wabima.

34. Monday 25th July.

Patrol departed Wabima 0915 for Tabala arriving 1010. Health and pre-election talks given. Census revised for groups Tabala and Wambia, commencing 1130 and finishing 1430. Compiled census figures for both groups. Slept at Tabala.

35. Tuesday 26th July.

Patrol remained at Tabala. Elections for ward 12 (Wambia) commenced at 1050. Polling closed 1330 and poll declared. Elections for ward 11 (Tabala) commenced at 1430, polling closed at 1530 and poll declared. Compiled election figures, slept at Tabala.

36. Wednesday 27th July.

Patrol departed Tabala 0830 for Ugu arriving 0920. Health and pre-election talk given. Census revised for Ugu group commencing at 1115 and finishing at 1300. Compiled census figures. Slept at Ugu.

37. Thursday 28th July.

Patrol remained at Ugu. Elections for ward 13 conducted. Polling opened at 1115 and closed at 1330, poll declared. Compiled election figures. Discussions held with councillors elect of Tabala, Wambia and Ugu. Slept at Ugu.

38. Friday 29th July.

Patrol departed Ugu 0830 for Wangalihunda arriving 0930. At 1030 group Yenagari fully assembled and health and pre-election talk given. Census revision commenced at 1130 and completed at 1400. Compiled census figures, slept at Wangalihunda.

39. Saturday 30th July.

Patrol remained at Wangalihunda. Elections for ward 14 commenced at 1115. Polling closed 1430 and results announced. Complaints heard in court of Local Matters. Compiled election figures, slept at Wangalihunda.

40. Sunday 31st July.

The day observed at Wangalihunda.

41. Monday 1st August.

Inspected road progress on Margarima-Kandep road to north of Wangalihunda. Had discussions with Councillor elect and people. Slept at Wangalihunda.



42. Tuesday 2nd August.

Patrol departed Wangalihunda 0830 for Yoloma arriving 1030. Health and pre-election talk given commencing 1100. Census revision for the Iaru group commenced at 1230 and completed at 1400. Compiled census figures, slept at Yoloma.

43. Wednesday 3rd August.

Patrol remained at Yoloma. Assistance given to people in selection of candidates and voting system further explained. Elections commenced for ward 15 at 1130, polling closed 1330 and results of poll announced. Compiled election figures. Slept at Yoloma.

44. Thursday 4th August.

Patrol departed Yoloma 0900 for Tamburame, arriving 0930. Health and pre-election talk given. Census revision for Keme group commenced 1100 and completed 1200. Elections commenced for ward 16 at 1300, polling closed 1500 and results of poll announced. Compiled census and election figures, checked road progress. Slept at Tamburame.

45. Friday 5th August.

Patrol departed Tamburame 0850 for Sambala, arriving 0950. Health and pre-election talk given. Census revision for the Sambala group commenced 1105 and completed 1300. Compiled census figures, slept at Sambala.

46. Saturday 6th August.

Further voting instructions given and elections for ward 17 commenced 1045. Polling closed 1330 and results announced 1400. Discussions held with Councillors elect of groups Iaru, Keme and Sambala. Compiled election figures, slept at Sambala.

47. Sunday 7th August.

The day observed at Sambala.

48. Monday 8th August.

Patrol departed Sambala 0845 for Wenja, arriving 1000. Health and pre-election talk given followed by a revision of census commencing at 1130. Census revision completed 1330. Further election discussions held during afternoon. Slept at Wenja.

49. Tuesday 9th August.

Further voting instructions given and elections for ward 18 commenced 1115. Polling closed 1430 and results of poll announced shortly after. Compiled census figures and commenced election figures. Slept at Wenja.

50. Wednesday 10th August.

Patrol departed Wenja 0850 for Mabera, arriving 0915. Health and pre-election talk given and census revision for the Pul group commenced 1110, census revision completed 1215. Compiled census figures and completed Wenja election figures. Slept at Mabera.

51. Thursday 11th August.

Further voting instructions given and elections for ward 19 commenced 1015. Polling closed 1200 and results of poll announced. Spoke with councillors elect of Wenja and Pul and compiled election figures. Slept at Pul.

52. Friday 12th August.

Patrol departed Mabera 0850 for Woiya, arriving 0930. Health and pre-election talk given followed by census revision commencing 1100, completed 1200. Elections for ward 20 commenced 1330 and completed 1500, results announced. Slept at Woiya.



53. Saturday 13th August.

Patrol remained at Woiya. Local disputes heard and settled and census figures tabulated. Slept at Woiya.

54. Sunday 14th August.

The day observed at Woiya.

55. Monday 15th August.

Patrol remained at Woiya, three road regradients marked in vicinity of Woiya and work commenced on sections. Slept at Woiya.

56. Tuesday 16th August.

At woiya. Road work supervised and one charge heard in Local Court. Slept at Woiya.

57. Wednesday 17th August.

At woiya. Road work supervised, road regradients marked. Local disputes arbitrated, slept at Woiya.

58. Thursday 18th August.

Patrol departed Woiya for Nipa 0820. Changed carrier line at Sama. Arrived Nipa 1040, patrol stood down.

END OF DIARY.

Reception of Patrol:

59. The election of Councillors was made a time of celebration in all wards. The celebrations varied in intensity but generally the celebrations became more elaborate as the elections progressed. It was felt though that these celebrations were in direct connection with the Elections, I do not regard them as being an extra friendly reception to the patrol. Although celebrations were not as elaborate the patrol received a generally friendlier reception in the Wage C.D. than in the Margarima C.D., but in both areas reception was good.

Villages:

60. No variation has been noted in standard or type of housing throughout the area. The elected L.G.Councillors all declared a wish to build a coastal style house now that they had attained their new position. This idea was neither encouraged or discouraged at this stage but climatic conditions will eventually decide which type of house is suitable for the area.

61. Village hygiene is being attended to, though in many cases improvements were obviously made only as the patrol came into the area.

Village Officials:

62. Twenty five Councillors were elected to the Margarima Council. Of these only one was not presently or previously a Village Official, or Administration employee. This indicates the high regard in which the majority of Village Officials are held by their people.

Outline of Political Situation:

63. Local Government Council is at the moment holding priority position in the mind of the average village person. Village Officials and others made frequent requests to the people as a whole not to bring to attention matters in dispute as this could upset the establishment of the Council.



64. Although Council is holding a priority position very little is known about council activities and purposes. A thorough education programme will be required, preferably while the interest remains strong. An education programme for elected Councillors will be a 'must' before the first meeting of the Council.

65. Even though the reception of the patrol in the Margarima Census Division was good the people displayed a marked attitude of reservation or wait and see. The people had been told on previous occasions that a 'Kiap' was to be stationed at Margarima, nothing had eventuated, the attitude now was wait and see. Though some doubt remains as to the permanency of a Patrol Officer in the Margarima area the view was often expressed by Village Officials that they would be much happier under ~~XXXX~~ administration direct from Margarima than through Nipa which was too distant. The Wage Census Division people were not much affected by the change in Administrative area as their position places them approximately half way between Nipa and Margarima.

66. The general attitude throughout the Margarima area has been affected by the murder of a policeman at Kandep in March 1966 then again by the suicide of a Tari native prisoner in the Nipa gaol in May 1966. Neither of these incidents had any direct connections with the Margarima people, but the Margarimas are basically Huri, and the two incidents were concerning Huri people of adjoining areas. There is little doubt that the two separate incidents are linked in the thinking of the Margarima people. In their thoughts one death is a traditional 'back' of the other. The situation will require close attention for some time.

67. Attitudes towards the two active missions in the area remain good. The European skin or white skin carries with it always a high regard but there are signs that the position of the educated coastal native has improved, no longer is the coastal native just a 'one skin' with no authority. Inter group relationships are improving but traditional unions and divisions show in settlement of disputes.

68. To summarize, the political situation is a little unsettled. The people have largely adopted an attitude of wait and see what moves the Administration will make next. It is to be hoped that Margarima will not become a case of too little being done too late.

#### Local Government Elections:

69. The first purpose of the patrol was the conducting of first elections for the Margarima Local Government Council. A short pre-election campaign was held as part of the patrol. Interest shown in the elections was high. In only one ward was the number of candidates contesting a seat no greater than the number of seats being contested. A total of 4,291 electors were enrolled, of these 3,949 voted and 256 were classed as unavoidably absent. Women exercised their individual vote and often voted the other way to their husbands. No women were nominated as candidates. The total population in the council area is 7,624.

#### Agriculture:

70. The food situation in the Wage Census Division is very good, the same applies though most of the Margarima Census Division. Only one group remains short on staple food, that is the Aruba No.1. group situated at 7,600'-3,000' A.S.L. In this area frosts recently ruined a majority of the gardens.

71. The acreage under pyrethrum is continually expanding. Present planting covers 80-90 acres, the majority of plots are still very small, average size being about 1/10 of an acre. Very little cash return has been seen to date but the people are accepting 'the Flower' as a means of income. The Council may be able to pass by-laws which will assist in the further planting and maintenance of pyrethrum gardens. A continuing problem will be getting the pyrethrum flower to the point of processing before it begins to lose its pyrethrum content. More frequent air services will be the eventual answer to this problem.



Livestock:

72. Two groups, one in the Margarima Census Division and another in the Wage Census Division are saving towards the possibility of small cattle projects. Present D.A.S.F. policy would appear to preclude the size project which would be within their financial resources. Goat population in the Margarima has shown an increase to three. Two goats were recently bought by a group in the Wage.

Forests:

73. As mentioned in Nipa Patrol Report No 9 of 1964/65 there is an increasing need for a reforestation programme in the Margarima area. Only a limited programme can be carried out with local resources.

Complaints & Courts:

74. More complaints and courts were brought to the notice of this patrol than to most previous patrols. This was in spite of a tendency to keep disputes at a minimum with Local Government Elections. No complaints were of a serious nature and no trends were evident.

Health:

75. There are two active Aid-Posts in the area patrolled, these are situated at Wabima and Ugu, both in the Margarima Census Division. Both were inspected and found to be under good management with buildings and grounds in good condition. At Wabima new houses for Aid Post Orderlies were being constructed. The P.H.D. staff at Wabima has been increased by the addition of a trained nurse, wife of the Methodist Minister in the area. This should vastly improve the services able to be rendered by this establishment.

76. The Aid Post at Henep in the Wage Census Division has been closed since the beginning of the year. The A.P.O. previously in attendance at this Post has been absent at a P.H.D. course in Hagen. New buildings are being erected at Henep and the A.P.O. is returning this month.

77. Census figures indicate a healthy position in both Census Divisions patrolled.

Education:

78. The only school operating in the area is the Administration school at Margarima. Present total enrollment is 131 with grades ranging from Prep. to standard 4. The Teacher-in-Charge reports that attendance is good. Present teaching staff is adequate for the present year. A further teacher will be required for next years intake, making a total of 5 teachers.

Roads & Bridges:

79. The vehicular road between Nipa and Margarima is in reasonable condition. Condition varies with use and rainfall. Stoning is continuing and short sections are being regraded where necessary. The Margarima/Kandep road remains unfinished but work is continuing. The main obstacle is a big timbered section through which work is progressing slowly. This road when through will be a big aid to economic development as it will make accessible large areas of land for pyrethrum planting. Walking tracks are in fair condition, most had been cleaned with the approach of the patrol.

Missions:

80. The Catholic and Methodist Missions are the only two Missions active in the Margarima area. The Apostolic Christian Mission of Nipa has a strong following in the Wage area. The Seventh Day Adventist Mission from Tari is beginning to show an interest in the Margarima area.



Census:

81. Census was revised in the Margarima Census Division and in that part of the Wage Census Division to be included in the Margarima Council. Census figures for the Wage Census Division will be submitted from Nipa when the census has been revised for the remainder of that Census Division. It is recommended that the Wage Census Division be split into two sections. Those villages included in the Margarima Council to form the (new) Wage Census Division. These are the villages of Sebiba, Obal, Henep, Hulal, Ombal, Songura and Solapem. The remainder of the Villages joining the Nipa Basin Census Division. I believe recommendations will be going forward from Nipa to this effect.

82. The village of Woiya (Nipa Basin C.D.) is also a part of the Margarima Council, census was revised in this village prior to elections. Census figures for this group will be submitted with Nipa Basin figures. The Woiya unit may eventually become part of the Margarima Census Division but I suggest this should be left for 12 months against the possibility that this group may later wish to join Nipa Council in preference to Margarima. The Village is half way between Nipa and Margarima.

83. Census revision summary for the Margarima Census Division is as follows;

	Previous Census Division Total-	5,265
Add	Migrations in	211
	Births	208
	Total	5,684
Less	Migrations out	160
	Deaths	103
	Total of current patrol, i.e. 1966.	5,421

Total number of new names recorded is 6. These are included in 'Migrations in' above.

Personnel:

84. Behaviour of all patrol personnel was good. Three members of the R.P. & N.G.C. accompanied the patrol, all performed their allotted duties to my satisfaction. Entries have been made in their respective records of service and forms R.S.1 forwarded to Police Headquarters.

Conclusion:

85. As mentioned in paragraph 30 of this report a group of upper Wage River people from the Kandep (W.H.D.) area are interested in joining the Margarima Council. It is also expected that the Margarima Council will seek a change in its constitution allowing these people to join. It is understood that 5 census units are involved in the proposed transfer. A joint patrol from Margarima and Kandep will be necessary to clarify the matter. It would seem to be impractical to include these people in the Margarima area if Margarima is not eventually to become a Patrol Post. The inclusion of the upper Wage groups would put the population in the Margarima Council area in excess of 10,000.

This report was completed on the 25th of August, 1966

*W.R. Paterson*  
 W.R. Paterson  
 Patrol Officer.



Appendix to Margarima Patrol Report No 1 of 1966/67

Neonatal Mortality Rate.

The neonatal mortality rate for the Margarima Census Division calculated on the figures obtained in the 1966 census is .96 per 100 live births.

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*W.R. Paterson*  
W.R. Paterson  
Patrol Officer.  
25th August, 1966.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of... SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS ..... Report No. 2A NG # of 1966/67 .....

Patrol Conducted by... C.P. Dangerfield Patrol Officer. .....

Area Patrolled... Egenda Rest House area of the Nipa Basin Census Division .....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans... nil .....

1 Cons. R.P.&N.G.C.

Natives... 1 Patrol Interpreter .....

Duration—From... 19/7/1966 to 26/7/1966 .....

Number of Days... Eight (8) days .....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? ... no .....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services... Sept /1965 .....

Medical ... /19.....

Map Reference... Sketch Map attached .....

Objects of Patrol... Improvements NIPA Mendi Road near EGENDA Rest House .....

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

13/9/1966

*[Signature]*  
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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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29 SEP 1966

MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 1/66-67 Subdistrict District: MURUBE FO  
 Officer Conducting Patrol G.G.HARDY, ADC. P.A. SEEFELD D.O. P.H. SIMPSON P.O. S.GIBSON/  
 K. RAWALI, L.G.A., J. WHITE CPO R. MORRISON CPO.  
 Census Division Patrolled MARHAM COUNCIL AREA, including Atzera, Amari, Leron,  
 Yaras and Giga Census Divisions.  
 Objects of Patrol 1966 Council Elections  
 (Electoral Teams : Team 1 P.A. Seefeld and J. White.  
 Team 2 P.H. Simpson and R. Morrison.  
 Team 3 G.G. HARDY/S. Gibson and K. Rawali.)

Date Patrol Commenced 19.8.66 Date Completed 2.9.66  
 Duration—days Team 1: 12 days/ Team 2: 12 days / Team 3: 10 days

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

42 - 1 - 0 of 7.9.66 Electoral Report and Statistics.

F.O.Js. P. Seefeld Folio 5 to 11

P. Simpson " 39 to 40

J. White " 33 to 38

Camping Allowance claims for above officers.

Patroling Officer's Signature.

G. G. HARDY, ADC

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.

District Officer.



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67-15-6

15th December, 1966.

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
M E N D I.

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 2 OF 1966/67:

Receipt is acknowledged of Mr. Dangerfield's report of his patrol to Egenda rest house for the purpose of road-work.

The covering memoranda from yourself, the Assistant District Commissioner Mendi and the Assistant District Officer Nipa, fully cover matters arising from the report.

Economic awareness takes time and it is a matter of education. No doubt, given time, the Egenda people will gain this awareness.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-15-6  
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Telegram

Our Reference: 67-3-4  
If calling note for  
Mr.



Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

13th September, 1966.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Subject:- Nipa Patrol No 1 of 1966/67

Attached please find the following documents relating to the above patrol conducted by Mr. C.P. Dangerfield, Patrol Officer, to part of the Nipa Basin Census Division:

- (i) Patrol Report ✓
- (ii) Covering memorandum, 67-2-3 of 19th August, 1966 from the Assistant District Officer, Nipa Administration Area. ✓
- (iii) Covering memorandum, 67-2-3 of 7th September, 1966 from the Assistant District Commissioner, Mendi Sub-district.

2. A routine patrol which has been adequately covered by the Assistant District Officer, Nipa and the Assistant District Commissioner, MENDI.

(D.R. Marsh)  
District Commissioner.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....  
Our Reference..... 67-23  
If calling ask for.....  
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,  
Sub-district Office,  
Mendi,  
Southern Highlands District.

7th. September 1966

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 1966/67  
MR. C. DANGERFIELD

Attached please find two (2) copies of a report submitted by Mr. C. Dangerfield, Patrol Officer. Also attached are two (2) copies of covering memorandum 67-3-2 dated 19th. August 1966 from the Officer-in-Charge, Nipa.

2. The purpose of the patrol was to repair a bad section of the range road between Nipa and the Iai Valley. This was carried out by the patrolling officer.

3. With the accent now on the construction and completion of a new road to Nipa via HUM/KULANDA in the Mendi sub-district in a more direct route, the work undertaken on this patrol is most worthwhile.

4. Attached please find camping allowance claim for Mr. Dangerfield and also attached is a map of the area. The Officer-in-Charge will be advised to ensure that patrol instruction accompany reports in the future.

*J. Young-Whitford*

J. Young-Whitford  
Assistant District Commissioner

c.c. Officer-in-Charge, NIPA.

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67-2-3.

Patrol Post,  
NIPA.

S.H.D.

19th August, 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
Mendi Sub-District,  
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL No. 1-66/67 - EGENDA VILLAGE.

Please find attached the report on Nipa Patrol No. 1-66/67 to Egenda Village in the Nipa Basin Census Division. The object of the patrol was to widen a section of the Nipa - Mendi road, east of Egenda, from 8 to 12 feet by removing a number of large limestone rock outcrops. This objective was successfully achieved.

No doubt the economic problems of the area will resolve themselves to a certain extent in time. With an Agricultural Officer now permanently Station at Nipa it will be possible institute coffee planting some time during the next year.

Mr Dangerfield has done excellent work in improving the trafficability of the Nipa - Mendi Road.

*A.F. McNeill*

(A.F. McNeill)  
Assistant District Officer.





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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote  
P/R 1  
No. 66/67

NIPA Patrol Post,  
Mendi Sub/District,  
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT.

1st August 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub/District Office, MENDI.

NIPA PATROL REPORT No. 1 of 1966/67  
to NIPA BASIN CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol conducted by:

C.P. Dangerfield, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled:

NIPA Census Division. Area of NIPA  
MENDI Road just east of EGENDA Rest  
House.

Personnel Accompanying:

Cons. UAMA 6752.

Interpreter, NCGEA/WIRU

Duration of Patrol:

19th to 26th of July, 1966.  
Eight (8) Days.

Last Patrol to Area:

September 1965.

Objects of Patrol:

To widen a section of the Nipa/Mendi  
road just east of EGENDA Rest House  
going towards SHUMBI Rest House.

C.P. Dangerfield

C.P. DANGERFIELD - PATROL OFFICER

Introduction

(a) The patrol operated from EGENDA Rest House, which lies about five miles by road east of the NIPA Station, on the present NIPA/MENDI Road.

(b) The present section of the NIPA/MENDI Road maintained by NIPA runs east from the station in a winding but generally easterly direction to SHUMBI Rest House, about 12 miles east of NIPA, and then bends south-east to reach the LAI River Bridge near KIP Rest House.

(c) The terrain over which the road is built presents considerable problems of maintenance. Firstly, to reach the LAI Valley from NIPA it was originally necessary to go against the generally north to south run of the ranges, and although the route followed generally the most suitable lie, the road in sections is too narrow, steep or poorly drained.

(d) The section upon which the Patrol concentrated lies between EGENDA and SHUMBI Rest Houses, where the road rises eastward over a 1000 foot ridge between the two Rest Houses. Just east of EGENDA where the road begins the initial climb, the road narrows, is poorly drained, and in two main sections was blocked by stone outcrops. Here, because the road runs across the face of a steep slope, the ground is subject to occasional small slides.

DIARYJULY 1966

Tuesday 19th. Patrol to EGENDA - 1 hour 15 minutes walk - arrived 12 noon. Long talk with assembled people re roads and economic development. To above section of road in the afternoon - inspected. Rain - returned to and slept EGENDA.

Wednesday 20th Supervised Egenda people in removing stone from the to formerly mentioned outcrops. Slept EGENDA.

Thursday 21st As yesterday. Slept EGENDA.

Friday 22nd. As yesterday. Also removing small slides clogging road. Slept EGENDA.

Saturday 23rd. As yesterday. Slept EGENDA.

Sunday 24th. Observed. Slept EGENDA.

Monday 25th. Continued road work. ~~SLIDE~~ Large outcrop removed. Slept at EGENDA.

Tuesday 26th. Finished work. Returned station in afternoon.



Reception:

Good. People here are relatively sophisticated owing to proximity to Nipa Station.

Native Situation

(a) The people of EGENDA Rest House are among the most economically aware in the NIPA Area. Being close to the administration station they monopolise, together with other groups close to NIPA, the market for fresh foods and firewoods.

(b) Their greatest encouragement to economic activity is: large areas of communal forest land on the western slopes of the NIPA/LAI Divide, and, a present market for timber at the administration Saw-Mill at NIPA.

(c) This relative prosperity has proved the value of money, and rather than having satisfied the peoples desire for the same, it has made them aware of their lack of economic avenues.

(d) However the locals remain basically and understandably ignorant of the source and limited availability of money, although with a greater diversity of articles circulating in the native economy, they seem to have gathered the significance of money as a means of exchange. To the EGENDA's the administration is the main source of "business", a word which is generally accepted in the local vocabulary as meaning economic activity other than ceremonial exchange.

(e) As a consequence of:-

1. The peoples desire for money.
2. Their identification of the administration as the source of money, and the provider of "business".
3. Their failure to understand that the administration main object is to encourage and provide them where possible with opportunities for advancement, and not to act as the market for a money economy.

the people,

1. Fail to appreciate the difference between self-help and genuine economic activity. That is to them the sale of a bag of kau kau to a Policeman ( or some private individual ) is the same as sale of a Pit Pit Mat for a hospital building<sup>and</sup> are regarded in the same light. The people are tending to become involved economic of short range objectives. They do not understand that as they contribute nothing to the administrations upkeep, they must contribute something if they want development. Paying people to do something for themselves

only makes them think it is for the person paying that the work is done. It's a vicious circle. The administration comes to help the locals, then pays the locals to help themselves. Then the locals expect payment for helping themselves, as they do not understand that they are helping themselves, because they are getting paid for it, or they think that getting paid for it is helping themselves. This is fair enough. If one could point out to the people examples of real economic development on one hand, and ~~on the other~~ show large payment of taxes to pay for Administration services and assistance towards development, and on the other hand contrast it with their own state, all would be sweet. Then perhaps they could see that economic development meant more than sales to the administration, and that if they couldn't pay tax, they could pay with muscle.

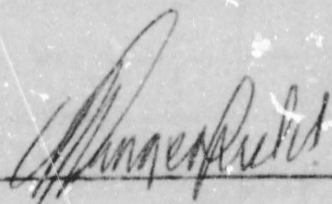
#### Roads

(a) The Nipa-Kip-Mandi Road between NIPA and KIP is as mentioned over mountainous terrain. On the whole drainage of the road is poor owing to lack of camber and drains, however stoning has proceeded and with the gravelling of the stoned surface the road should quite passable.

(b) The patrol worked on what was probably the worse section of the road, which is referred to in the last paragraph of the Introduction.

This section, about 500 yards long, was almost completely blocked in two sections near the top of the slope and about 100 yards apart, by outcrops of limestone. Large amounts were removed and the road opened, but if the ground continues to slide, it will eat back to the limestone again. The people were asked to take care with the drainage of this section.

Conclusion:- Patrols objectives were accomplished.



C.P. DANGERFIELD PATROL OFFICER



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SCALE  
1" = 4 miles



LEGEND: --- Vehicular Road  
▲ Rest House.

MENDI

SKETCH MAP to  
ACCOMPANY  
NIPA PATROL REPORT  
No 1 of 1966/67

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



# PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. NIPA. 4  
Margarima No 2 of 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by William R Paterson Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Part of Margarima Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Three

Duration—From 25/8/1966 to 26/8/1966

Number of Days 2

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services July/1966

Medical ? ...../19.....

Map Reference Sketch Map Attached

- Object of Patrol
1. Purchase of land "TIANGO"
  2. Routine Administration

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

23/10/1966

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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67-15-11

18th November, 1966.

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
M E N D I.

HIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 2/1966-67:

Receipt of Mr. Paterson's patrol report covered by your memorandum is acknowledged with thanks.

2. It is incorrect to style the report as "Margarima Patrol Report No. 2/1966-67" because Margarima is neither a Sub-District Officer or Patrol Post.

3. It appears that this report is brief mainly because the patrol was mounted for the purpose of a land purchase. The officer could have improved it with a little more conscious effort on his part.

(J. K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR

67.15.11

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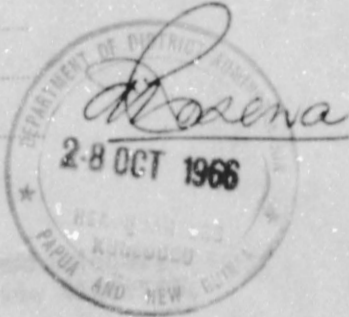
TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Our Reference 67-3-4

If calling ask for

Mr.



Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

21st October, 1966.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

*NIPA*

Subject:- Magarima Patrol No 2 of 1966/67

Attached please find one copy of a report on  
the above patrol conducted by Mr. W.R. Paterson, Patrol  
Officer.

2. A routine patrol mounted for the purpose of  
land purchase. Documents are being processed under separate  
cover.

(D.R. Marsh)  
District Commissioner.



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Sub-district Office,  
MENDI  
Southern Highlands District

8th October 1966

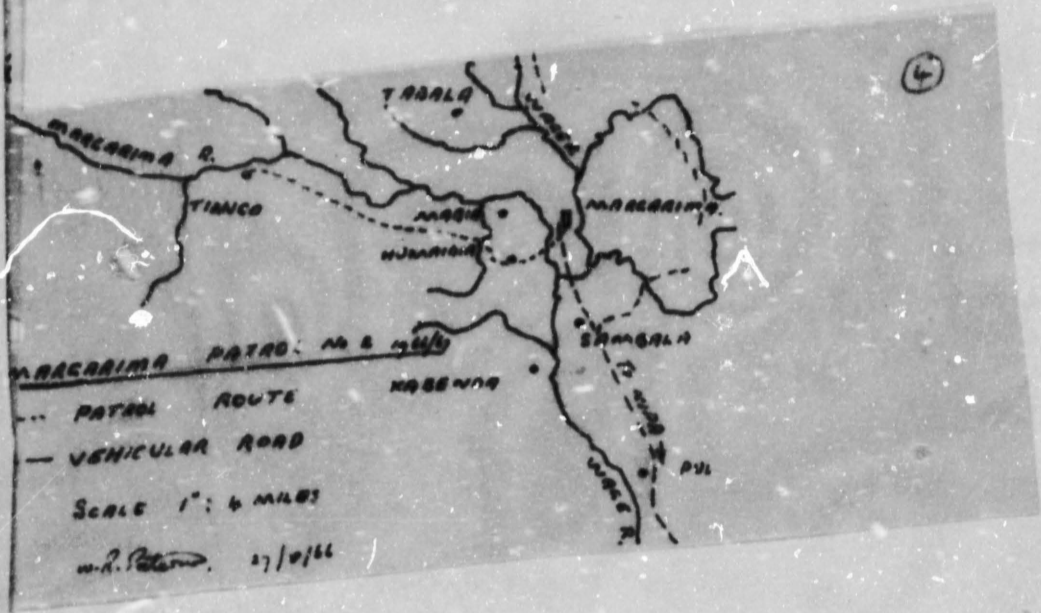
The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI

PATROL NO. 2 OF 1966/67 - LAND PURCHASE 'TIANGO'-  
MARGARIMA - MR. W. Paterson P.O.

Attached please find two (2) copies of a report dealing with the purchase of land known as 'TIANGO' located in the MARGARIMA area.

2. The report is self-explanatory and indicates that the purchase was completed as planned.
3. Map of the area where the land was purchased is attached. No camping allowance claim was submitted by the patrolling officer.

*WJ*  
J. Young-Whitford  
Assistant District Commissioner





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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MARGARIMA, via  
NIPA Patrol Post,  
MENDI Sub District,  
Southern Highlands District.  
PAPUA.  
27th, August 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
MENDI Sub-District,  
Southern Highlands District.  
PAPUA.

NIPA  
MARGARIMA PATROL REPORT No.2. of 1966/67.

Patrol Conducted by: Mr. William R. Paterson, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: Part of Margarima Census Division.

Personnel Accompanying  
the Patrol: R.P. & N.C.C.  
Const. KOMBA  
" BOKI

Interpreter: MOGERA.

Duration of the Patrol: 25/8/66 to 26/8/66  
Total 2 days.

Last Patrol to the Area: July 1966.

Objects of the Patrol: 1. Purchase of the land known as  
TIAPGO, L.F. 64/1550 DDA 35-5-15.  
2. Routine Administration.

Map Reference: Sketch Map attached.

Introduction:

1. The main purpose of the patrol was the purchase of the small block of land known as Tiango which consists of 5.90 acres of grass land.
2. The Local Government Elections, Census and Routine patrol recently through the area left very little else to be done.

Patrol Diary:

3. Thursday 25th August, 1966  
Patrol departed Margarima Station 0800 for Tiango, arriving 1040. Spoke with owners of the land "Tiango" who were presently assembled. At 1130 spokesman for the owners announced all owners fully assembled and Land Purchase carried out. Slept at Tiango.
4. Friday 26th August, 1966  
Patrol departed Tiango 0730 for Margarima station arriving 1000. Patrol stood down.

END OF DIARY.

Reception of Patrol:

5. Owners of the ground "Tiango" were notified three days previous to the arrival of the patrol that the purchase would be carried out on the 25th August. Most of the owners were fully assembled on the arrival of the patrol and the balance of owners arrived soon after. No problems were experienced during the purchase of the ground and the owners appeared satisfied with the payment offered.

Outline of Political Situation:

6. The village of Tiango or the Aruba No 1. census unit is the nearest Margarima village to the Tari-Margarima border. The Aruba people are also the most strongly Huri of the people in the Margarima area. These people are continually shifting back and forth between Margarima and Tari areas. Following on the recent patrol in July this particular visit by the patrol will help strengthen good relationships in this area which is one of the more remote from Margarima station.

Roads and Bridges:

7. The Margarima - Tiango walking track has been much improved since the last visit by a patrol in July. The track has been widened and some attempt has been made at grading. The proposed Tari- Margarima Road will pass through the Tiango area but on the opposite side of the Margarima River to where the present walking track is sited.

Conclusion:

8. The land purchased was paid for with cash. The Margarima people have always been very cash conscious and have preferred cash to other forms of payment such as Kina. With the realization of Council Taxes the demand for cash is growing even more and Kina etc will have very limited value in the future.

This report was completed on the 27th of August 1966.

*W.R. Paterson*  
W.R. Paterson,  
Patrol Officer.



67-3-4



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 5 of 1966/67 7 NIPA

Patrol Conducted by C.P. DANGERFIELD P.O.

Area Patrolled POROMA Area of the NEMBI CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans BIL

Natives 2 R.P. & N.G.C.  
1 Interpreter

Duration—From 25 / 8 / 1966 to 29 / 8 / 1966

Number of Days 5 Days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services JHL/AUG 1966

Medical 27th Dec / 1966

Map Reference Sketch Map attached.

Objects of Patrol Survey of land adjacent POROMA REST HOUSE

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

30/11/1966

  
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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67-15-23

16th January, 1967.

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
M E N D I.

HIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 5/1966-67:

Receipt of the above mentioned patrol report and your memorandum 67-3-4 of the 30th November, 1966, is acknowledged with thanks.

2. Mr. Dangerfield seems to have surveyed the land adjacent to the Poroma Rest House quite adequately but has submitted a very brief report.

3. If POROMA is to be a Base Camp, I hope the people see their way clear to accept the Administration's valuation of this block.

(J. K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR





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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....  
Our Reference... 67-3-4  
If calling ask for  
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI

30th November, 1966.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBUI

SUBJECT: NIPA PATROL 5 OF 1966/67

Attached please find the following documents relating to the above patrol conducted by Mr. C.P. Dangerfield, Patrol Officer to POROMA Village in the Nembu Census Division.

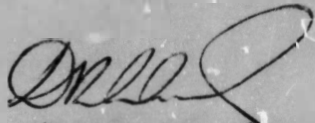
1. Patrol Report.

- ii. Memoranda 67-1-2 of 18th August, 1966 and 67-3-2 of 10th November, 1966 from Assistant District Officer, NIPA and covering memorandum 67-2-3(2) of 24th November, 1966 from Assistant District Commissioner, MENDI.

As stated by the Assistant District Commissioner, Mendi the area of land envisaged for the establishment of the proposed POROMA Base Camp site should prove adequate for our needs and the possibility exists to extend the present airstrip site to take up to DC3 type aircraft. The Assistant District Officer, NIPA is at present preparing the land investigation report of the area of land in question and it is anticipated that the amount of money required to be paid will be acceptable to the Administration and the people themselves.

The Officer in Charge, Patrol Post Lake Kutubu is preparing to move to OROKANA prior to commencing the construction of a foot-track from OROKANA to POROMA to enable him to set up his base camp. Funds for this work and also to enable a road to be built from NIPA to POROMA have already been allocated from M.N.W.(A) funds held at Mendi.

An inordinate delay has occurred since the completion of the patrol and the submission of the Report. It is understood that Mr. Dangerfield has been continuously on patrol over the past few months however the Assistant District Commissioner, Mendi is being requested to inform him that Reports for completed patrols must be submitted before a further patrol is mounted.

  
(D. R. Marsh)  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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67-2-3(2)

Sub-District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

24th November.1966.

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL No. 5 of 1966/67  
POROMA AREA - MR. C.P. DANGERFIELD. P.O.

Attached five copies of a report submitted by Mr. C.P. Dangerfield, Patrol Officer. It should be noted that this report was received at Mendi on the 16th November 1966.

2. The report is of a general descriptive nature and indicates that the POROMA land is a potential D.C.3 type aircraft airfield, and that approximately 350 acres is available for purchase by the Administration. No land investigation report on POROMA has been received and the O.I.C. Nipa will be requested to submit this as a matter of urgency.

3. No covering letter from the O.I.C. Nipa accompanied the report, I will enquire into this. Camping allowance is attached for certification of payment and ultimate payment when funds become available. A map also accompanies the report.

The investigation report will be submitted as soon as time allow, the past two months have been and the next will be fully utilized with Council affairs.

J. Young-Whitford.  
Assistant District Commissioner.

O.I.C. Nipa.  
Mr. C.P. Dangerfield. P.O.



67-3-2.

Patrol Post,  
NIPA via Mendi,  
Southern Highlands District.

10th. November, 1966.

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

Subject: COMMENTS - PATROL No. E-66/67.  
FOROMA VILLAGE - NEMBI CENSUS DIVISION.

Please find attached three (3) copies of the report.  
Purpose of the patrol was to survey an area of land which  
will possibly form the Foroma Station and Airstrip site.

I myself collected the information which will form the  
basis of the investigation report, unfortunately it was not  
possible to survey the land at that time as the two compasses  
at NIPA gave inaccurate readings.

I am concerned regarding the inflated value the people  
place on the land.

During my visit the same attitude was evinced, namely that  
the people should receive in the vicinity of \$ 8,000 for the  
land. It is to be hoped that the misconception as to its true  
value can be removed prior to the purchase.

The Investigation Report will be submitted as soon as  
time allow. The past two months have been and the next will  
be fully utilized with Council Affairs.

*A.F. McNeill*  
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(A.F. McNEILL.)

Assistant District Officer.

PS Council Matters delayed  
until above report completed

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Patrol Post,  
Nipa,  
S.M.D.  
18/8/66.

Mr C.P. Dangerfield,  
NIPA.


PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - NIPA PATROL No. 5-66/67, NEBI C/D.

On receipt of a compass from Koroha please prepare to proceed immediately on patrol to Peroma Village in the Nebi Census Division.

The object of this patrol will be to conduct a survey of approximately 350 acres of land in the immediate vicinity of Peroma Rest House. This land contains a potential airstrip and patrol post site.

The area was visited by myself some two weeks ago when it was ascertained that the people were willing to sell the area. I have already collected the information which will be incorporated in the land investigation report.

On your return from Peroma you will proceed on a census and election education patrol of the Wage Census Division. A separate set of instructions for this patrol will be handed to you on your return from Peroma.



(A.F. McNeill).  
Assistant District Officer.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply  
Please Quote

No. P/R 3 1966/67

NIPA Patrol Post,  
MENDI Sub-District,  
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS.

26th September 1966

The Assistant District Commissioner  
SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE,  
MENDI

NIPA Patrol No 5 of 1966/67 to "POROMA"  
in the NEMBI C.D.

Patrol Conducted by:	C.P. Dangerfield P.O.
Area Patrolled:	POROMA in NEMBI Census Division.
Personnel accompanying:	Cens. AKAU 7842. Cens. ANDAGAMA 10838.
	Interpreter HOGRA/VIHU.
Duration:	Five (5) Days. 25 August to 29th August 1966.
Last Patrol to area:	July/August 1966.
Objects:	Chain and Compass Survey "POROMA"
Sketch Map attached.	

C.P. Dangerfield.

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C.P. DANGERFIELD P.O.

INTRODUCTION

(a) The sole object of this patrol was to complete a chain and compass survey of land adjacent to POROMA Rest House in the southern region of the NEMBI Census Division. Investigation into the willingness of the owners of the land surveyed to sell to the administration was carried out by Mr A.F. McNeill (ADO NIPA) during a recent visit to the area; (NIPA Patrol No 3 of 66/67 Memorandum and 35-3-II of 15th August refers).

DIARY - August 1966

Thursday 25th Left NIPA for POROMA 1020. Self by motor-cycle and rest of party by tractor. Tractor within a mile of MATO Rest House. Stopped due bridges without decking between this spot and POROMA, about 3-4 further on. Party by foot, self by bike to POROMA. Bearers for all bridges in as far as POROMA.

Some discussions with leaders re purpose of visit. Slept POROMA.

Friday 26th. Spent all day on survey POROMA Land Area. Slept at POROMA.

Saturday 27th. Finished survey 1430. Slept POROMA.

Sunday 28th. Patrol moved up the Nembi Valley to MERUT (Tinden) Rest House and spent the night there.

Monday 29th. Self by bike to NIPA and arrived 1000. Rest of party arrived during lunch-time by tractor. Patrol stood down.

COMMENTS.

(a) According to the WABAG/TARI Area Maps put out recently by the C.S.I.R.O. Lands and Surveys Branch there is within this district 30 square miles of land classified as "PO"; i.e. short for POROMA. This land is described as "Gentle, sloping elongate lava plains formed on valley flows, locally broken into irregular hills. Humic, brown clay soils. Altitude 3,500 to 5,500. Relief generally less than 50 feet". Of this area it is estimated from the said maps, that 5 to 6 sq. miles of this land type are within the TARI Sub/District. This leaves 24 to 25 sq miles around the junction of the NEMBI, LAI, MENDI, AKURA and SUGU Rivers where they converge in close proximity to form the ERAVE River.

(b) Of this last mentioned area roughly half, that is about sq miles 12 lie on the western or Nipa Bank of the ERAVE and NEMBI Rivers. Most of the land classified as "PO" follows the course of the ERAVE, but there is about one to two square miles of this type near KUNDJULU Rest House on the WAGE where that river makes a sharp bend from a south flowing to a near north flowing direction. This for the present is not accessible by road. This leaves about 10 sq miles on the NIPA side. Of this about a quarter is probably owned by the URIDA Group who although on the west bank of the ERAVE, are administered from KAGUA. It is therefore estimated that about 7 to 8 sq miles of POROMA type is within the NIPA administrative area and is accessible roadwise. There is then about 4,500 to 5,000 acres of this land type which can be investigated from NIPA.



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(c) Land Availability.

1. A limiting factor in this respect could be the primitive state of the people, and their as yet poor understanding of administration aims. What is necessary is a cautious approach to the people at POROMA and TOIWARO Rest House Groups, who are the main owners of "PO" type land on the NIPA side of the ERAVE. There are some leaders in the area who grasp that payment for the land is not the main return to be looked for but rather some form of development of the land sold. On the whole the majority of the POROMA people at least followed the attitude of one old man who felt that a Land-Rover would should be his share in the payment for the land at "POROMA".

At least he was looking beyond traditional.

However as the southern area of the NEMBI Division should be getting very intensive patrolling over the next year or so there should be ample opportunity to explain why the administration is interested in their land, and why they should not regard payment for the land as the main reason for parting with their land.

The people living on "PO" type land are not a large population, as formerly this land was too hard to defend against attack. Also south of TOIWARO Rest House one would be entering the malarial belt. There is some resettlement going on, but because of the small population this does not involve many people.

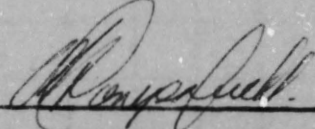
(d) The land surveyed adjacent to POROMA Rest House and known as "POROMA" is between 340 and 350 acres (Investigation being compiled). It is elongated in a north/south direction between POROMA Rest House in the south and the NEMBI River in the north. The eastern boundary parallels a 300 foot ridge and the western border follows the PUNDIA Creek from POROMA to the NEMBI. Between the Pundia Creek and another sharp ridge to the west there is only a little suitable land left for purchase.

For the present the people desire to wait until they have received payment before parting with more land. If we decide favourably there appears to be another 200 acres extending south from the present area.

(e) The airstrip previously cleared at POROMA on the land surveyed is of potential DC3 type. Altitude is 4.750.

There is only a gentle slope down from south to north, and this is hardly noticeable and occurs in the last northern  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the strip. The strip runs almost north to south and is clear of obstruction in a direct line for ~~some~~ a good distance. Flying along the western side and landing either way appears easy. The 300 foot ridge paralleling the eastern side may and may not interfere with approaches from either end banking on to the strip from the east. It might also interfere with circuits. I doubt it. Figures re distance and elevation of this ridge will be submitted with the next NEMBI Patrol Report.

(f) Objective completed.

  
C.P. Bangerfield  
Patrol Officer. 28/9/66



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of... Southern Highlands..... Report No. *NIPA 6* ~~Margarima No. \*~~ of 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by... William R. Paterson, Patrol Officer.....

Area Patrolled... Part of Margarima Census Division.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans... Nil.....

Natives..... 3.....

Duration—From... 14 / 10 / 19 66 to... 16 / 10 / 19 66

Number of Days... 3.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... No.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services... March / 19 66

Medical ...??...../...../19.....

Map Reference... Sketch Map Attached.....

- Objects of Patrol..... 1. Check on possibility of complicity in Biako murder.
- ..... 2. Routine Administration.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

*16 / 11 / 1966*

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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67-15-18

15th December, 1966.

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
M E N D I.

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 6 OF 1966/67:

Receipt is acknowledged of Mr. Paterson's report of his patrol to the Margarima Census Division and of covering memoranda received from yourself and the Assistant District Commissioner, Mendi.

A brief patrol for a specific purpose, which calls for little comment from this office.

The continued progress being made on the Margarima-Kandep road and the continued enthusiasm of the people in getting the road through is indeed gratifying.

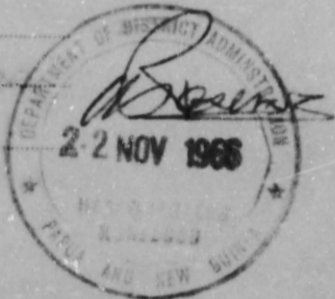
(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.



67. 15. 18<sup>(5)</sup>

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....  
Our Reference 67-3-4  
If calling ask for  
Mr.....



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

15th November, 1966.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU, Papua

*NIPA.* 6  
Subject: Margarima Patrol *A* of 1966/67

Attached please find the following documents arising out of the above patrol conducted by Mr. W.R. Paterson, Patrol Officer, to part of the Margarima Census Division.

- i) Patrol Report;
- ii) Covering memorandum, 67-2-5 of 9th November, 1966 from the Assistant District Commissioner, Mendi.

2. Duties were confined to field investigations and checking on the possibility of various individuals being implicated in the Biako murder. No complicity was revealed.

(D.R. Marsh)  
District Commissioner.

c.c.'s.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
MEN DI.

Assistant District Officer,  
NIPA.

Patrol Officer,  
MARGARIMA.



67-2-5

Sub-District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.


9th November, 1966.

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

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PATROL No. ~~X~~ of 1966/67  
MARGARIMA, MR. W. PATERSON, P.O.

Two copies of the above report are forwarded, please.

2. Instructions were issued from the District Office, Mendi, to make certain inquiries at BIAKA in relation to acquiring additional information regarding what is known as the "Biaka Case."
3. The inclusion of the Biaka people in the Margarima Local Government Council is the subject of discussions now between the A.D.O. Kandep and myself and will be reported on more fully later.
4. Progress on the Margarima-Kandep continues and the enthusiasm of the people in getting the road through has not abated.
5. Map of the patrol route is attached and camping allowance claim will be forwarded for certification of payments when received.

  
J. Young Whitford.  
Assistant District Commissioner.

cc. O.I.C. Margarima.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

MARGARIMA, via  
NIPA Patrol Post,  
MENDI Sub District,  
Southern Highlands District.  
PAPUA.  
25th October, 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
MENDI Sub-District,  
Southern Highlands District.  
PAPUA.

MARGARIMA PATROL REPORT No. <sup>6</sup>X. of 1966/67.

Patrol Conducted by:	Mr. William R. Paterson, Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled:	Part of Margarima Census Division.
Personnel Accompanying the Patrol:	Const. KOMBA of the R.P. & N.G.C. Patrol Interpreters Tiliwal, Hapa.
Duration of the Patrol:	14/10/66 to 16/10/66. Total 3 days.
Last Patrol to the Area:	March/April 1966.
Objects of the Patrol:	1. Check on possibility of complicity of Ialip of Pelpoi in murder case. 2. Routine Administration.
Map Reference:	Sketch Map attached.



Introduction:

1. On Monday 10th October I received a request on the District Radio to check on a vague rumour that one Ialip Village Constable of Pelpoi village was involved in the murder of a policeman at Biako in March of this year. Word was sent out for people of the Biako area to come in to Margarima where general questions concerning group relationships were asked on the 12th of October. No suspicious facts were uncovered. Following further discussions on the District radio I departed with Patrol on Friday 14th for the Biako area in an attempt to establish further facts.
2. The patrol provided opportunity to check on road progress on the Kandep-Margarima Road.

Patrol Diary:

Friday 14th October, 1966.

3. Patrol departed Margarima 0840 passing through Tabala 0915, Ugu 1015 and arriving Wangalihunda 1115. Departed Wangalihunda 1145, arrived Biako 1500. Made camp. Sent runners out for Ialip and Hal of Pelpoi and other locals. Despatched note to ADO Kandep advising him of position and suggesting road work discussion. Ialip of Pelpoi arrived 1800.

4. Saturday 15th October, 1966.

Pelpoi and Biako groups gathered 0800 and conversation re line associations and inter group activities commenced. Discussions bordering onto March 1966 Biako murder. Questioning concluded 1130. At 1200 A.D.O. Kandep arrived and after brief discussion Patrol equipment returned to Margarima with interpreter while self and Constable went on to Kandep with A.D.O. Discussions on road works etc with A.P.O.

5. Sunday 16th October, 1966.

Note received at Kandep to effect self required at Margarima if possible Sunday afternoon for discussions with A.D.C. Mendi. Departed Kandep approx 0930 by Landrover for Rumbipaga road head. Left road head 1015, commenced walking, arrived Margarima 1600.

END OF DIARY.

Reception of Patrol:

6. The Patrol was particularly well received at Biako. The Biako people are Huri speakers and are keen to transfer their allegiance to Margarima from Kandep. They wish to become part of the Margarima Council however Administratively they are closer to Kandep.

Investigation Complicity Biako Murder:

7. The facts discovered in the investigation have been made known to the prosecuting attorney through Mr J.S.Hicks in Mendi. Generally Ialip and the Pelpoi group were shown to be clear of any suspicion in the case. No group connections were traced between the accused and the Pelpoi group. The Biako people speak highly of Ialip's loyalty to the Administration, such has also been my own experience. Ialip explained his activities and whereabouts on the day of the murder.

Roads and Bridges:

8. Only two large portions of the Margarima-Kandep road remain, these are indicated on the Patrol Map. Completion of these portions and finishing of other smaller sections with construction of bridges is expected to take to June 1967.

Conclusion:

9. I travelled to Mendi on the 12th of October. Points mentioned in paragraph 7. of this report were then made known. The remainder of that week was spent in Mendi, this has delayed the submission of this formal Report.

This report was completed on the 25th of October 1966.

*W.R. Paterson*  
W.R. Paterson,  
Patrol Officer.



MARCARIMA PATROL No 3 of 1966/67



Scale 1" = 4 MILES  
PATROL ROUTE - - -  
• REST HOUSE  
Road - - -

WLB 25/10/66



Director DDA



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. 7 of 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by C. V. Dangerfield (Patrol Officer)

Area Patrolled Part WAGE, NWMBI and NIPA BASIN Census Divisions

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 2 R.P.N.G.C.  
1 Interpreter

Duration—From 30/8/1966 to 17/9/1966

Number of Days 19 (nineteen) Days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services NWMBI December 1965  
WAGE/19 May 1966  
NIPA Basin Nov 1965  
Medical ...../...../19.....

Map Reference Sketch Map Attached

Objects of Patrol Local Government Education  
Compilation Common Roll Council-Census  
Census WAGE C.D.

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 .....  
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67-15-24

24th January, 1967.

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
NEEDY.

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 7/1966-67.

Receipt of the above patrol report and your 67-3-4 of 14th December, 1966 is acknowledged with thanks.

2. Mr. Dangerfield has made some effort in reporting on this patrol, but incorrect spelling detracts from the worth of it.
3. It appears however, that the patrol achieved its purpose (viz. - disseminating information on Local Government aims and procedures).
4. The Assistant District Commissioner and yourself have quite adequately commented on this report.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

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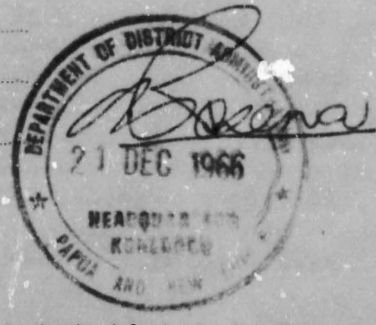
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegram.....  
Our Reference 14-2-8  
If calling ask for 67-3-4  
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI

14th December, 1966.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU

SUBJECT: NIPA Patrol No. 7 of 1966/67

Attached please find the following documents relating to the above patrol conducted by Mr. C. P. Dangerfield, Patrol Officer to Parts of the NEMBI, WAGE and NIPA Basin Census Division.

1. Patrol Report.
2. Memorandum 67-2-3 of 9th November, 1966 from Assistant District Officer, NIPA.
3. Covering memorandum 67-3-2 of 1st December, 1966 from Assistant District Commissioner, Mendi.
4. Two copies of Village Population Register for WAGE Census Division.

Both above memoranda give adequate coverage to the Report as submitted. It is interesting to note that ginger grows well in the WAGE Census Division. This crop could well be one of the economic crops for this area in the near future.

My comments in memorandum 67-3-4 of 30th November, 1966 relating to late submission of Reports are also applicable in this case of this Report.

It is a pity that Mr. Dangerfield has detracted from the worth of the Report by incorrect spelling and poor typing.

*D. R. Marsh*  
(D. R. Marsh)  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

14/1



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67-3-2

Sub-District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDEI.

4th December, 1966.

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDEI.

NIPA PATROL No.7 of 1966/67  
PART WAGE, NEMBI, and NIPA CENSUS  
DIVISION - MR.C.P.DANGERFIELD. P.O.

Attached two copies of the above report are forwarded, please.

2. The following comments are submitted on the report:

(a) NATIVE SITUATION:

The isolation and consequent lack of economic development opportunities in areas such as NIPA are understandable and additional problems are evident when it is considered that the area in question has only been under constant Administration influence for a few years. The need for cash can only become a reality if the people themselves are prepared to apply themselves diligently to a rapid application to economic development projects introduced by the agriculture officer at NIPA.

(b) LOCAL GOVERNMENT EDUCATION.

The report indicates that a large cross section of the people in the NIPA Local Government Council area are concerned at the apparent high tax rate to be levied. As the report indicates, no good purpose would be served by lowering it below 50c for adult males, as the Council could not function financially. Undoubtedly economic development in the Council area is virtually nil but this situation will undoubtedly change as the Council becomes firmly established and agriculture projects are introduced more widely into the area.

(c) AGRICULTURE:

The report indicates that there should be a step up of agriculture extension projects in the Council area if the Council is to be justified. The Council will rely on such projects to give the people an impetus to achieve their future goal of economic viability.



(17)

(d) HEALTH:

With a combined total population of 765 and considering the number of deaths which have taken place in the HEBINJA, PINJIP, KAWARI, and INJASUJUL, it is recommended that the Department of Public Health give consideration to establishing an aid post in the above area located on the WAGE River. If the people migrate to an area located on the range east of their existing villages they will still undoubtedly farm on their present traditional gardening sites. If this is the case, then there will always be a high incidence of malaria and sickness in the area.

(e) CENSUS:

The natural increase of population to 1.23% is heartening and would have been except for an increase in the mortality rate in one area in particular. It would be reasonable to assume that the percentage figure could be increased next year if an aid post is established in the HEBINJA area.

(f) CONCLUSION:

The patrol, designed primarily to disseminate information on Local Government aims and procedures, etc. appears to have achieved its purpose.

The presentation of the report is poor and this includes the map. There are a number of spelling mistakes which are quite unnecessary. No patrol instructions accompanied the report.

Camping allowance claims is attached for certification of payment, please.

J. Young Whitford  
J. Young-Whitford  
Assistant District Commissioner.

(g) cc O.I.C. NIPA.

MR. DANGERFIELD, P.O.

As regards page 4 para (c) of the report the position regarding the unwillingness of the Erep and Kambila people to work on the Nipa-Mandi road is not particularly serious, it is based largely on the fact that a number of Egeada people (the people who own most of the land through which the road passes) have been absenting themselves from work. This position has since been rectified.

Page 4 para (e). The NIPA-KREP ROAD, some four miles in length would benefit both the administration and the people as it would give access to a forest area where logs could be harvested for the Station sawmill.

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*In Reply  
Please Quote*

No. 67-2-3.

Patrol Post,  
NIPA.  
S.H.D.  
9th November, 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
Mendi Sub District,  
MENDI.

COMMENTS ON REPORT - NIPA PATROL No. 4. 66/67 - WAGE C/D.

Please find attached three copies of Nipa Patrol Report No. 4. 1966/67 and accompanying claim for Camping Out Allowance.

The delay in submitting comments to this report is regretted but unfortunately unavoidable as so little time was available between the completion of the report and the commencement of the election patrol.

This patrol was not restricted to a single Census Division for the following reasons:-

- (a) Approximately half the Wage Census Division has been incorporated into the Margarima Council and is thus now administered from Margarima by the O.I.C. there. Census was conducted in this section by the O.I.C. there some six weeks prior to this patrol. The census figures accompanying this report are for the whole Division.
- (b) A number of Nipa Basin census units were included in this patrol as the time available for the patrol was severely limited by the proximity of the date of commencement of the elections. The time available was insufficient for another Officer to cover the whole of the Nipa Basin area.
- (c) The Nembu Villages of Korop and Ulal are incorporated in the Nipa Council and had thus to be visited.

As regards Page 4 para (e) of the report the position regarding the unwillingness of the Erep and Kombila people to work on the Nipa-Mendi road is not particularly serious, it is based largely on the fact that a number of Egenda people (the people who own most of the land through which the road passes) have been absenting themselves from work. This position has since been rectified

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The Angu's will be encouraged, but not pressured, to move to Halalinja land as their present location will give rise to grave problems in the field of future economic development.

The Ewari people are in a more difficult position in that their relationships with people of the Nipa area are not as close as those of the Angu's. The problem will probably solve itself as this village has shown a steady decline in population over past years, it is quite possible that it will cease to exist in the next five years through migrations out.

HEALTH. Page 8 para (a). The area in which these Wage villages are located is malarial. Constant attacks by this disease have undoubtedly lessened the peoples resistance to other diseases. The migration to the top of the Wage Divide that is being considered by these people will only be of value if the people have sufficient garden land there to support them. If it is necessary to visit the malarial valley constantly to cultivate gardens the people will still be subject to malaria.

The population of the area, approximately 700, does not appear to warrant an Aid Post.

ROADS AND BRIDGES. Page 9. The Pwe Creek Valley access routes have been further examined and a tentative route marked, construction, initially of a motor cycle track, will commence at the end of this year.

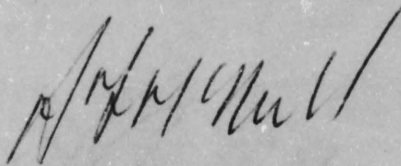
This road has first priority in new road construction in the Nipa area as it will ultimately be extended to give an access link with the main Nembi population group in the Tobua/Penarep area. The people of this area are not exactly pro Administration, the road will allow greater contact to be made with these people and thus give the opportunity to correct this situation.

The Nipa/Halalinja road route provides no great construction difficulties, it will give access to the middle Wage valley. Construction, initially of a motor cycle track, should commence early in the new year.

b A road linking Ulal with Ungubi would be of no great value as it would run parallel with the existing Nembi-Nipa-Margarina road, some three miles South West of it.

Mr. Dangerfield has conducted a very useful patrol, particularly in that aspect of the Patrol were the two road routes were located.

The report is interesting but a little more care could have been exercised in the typing of it.



(A.F. McNeill)  
Assistant District Officer.

Territory of Papua & New Guinea

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Quote No. 7 of 66/67  
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The Assistant District Commissioner  
Sub/District Office,  
MENDI

NIPA Patrol Post,  
MENDI Sub/District,  
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

24th September 1966

NIPA PATROL No <sup>1</sup> 4 of 1966/67  
to

Part NEMBI, WAGE, and NIPA BASIN Census Divisions.

Conducted by; C.P. Dangerfield P.O.

Area Patrolled: Parts of NEMBI, WAGE, & NIPA BASIN C.D.

Personnel accompanying; Cons. AKAU 7842  
Cons. ANDAGAMA 10538  
Interpreter MOKRA/VIHU

Duration: Nineteen (19) Days.  
30th Aug. to 17th Sept.


Last Patrol to Area: WAGE C.D. - May 1966  
NEMBI C.D. - Dec 1965  
NIPA Basin C.D. - Nov 1965

Objects: Education at all centres visited  
re Local Government with attention  
to Election procedure.

Census all centres within proposed  
Nipa Council Area for purposes of  
Compiling Council Roll.

Annual Census of WAGE C.D. ( that part  
not visited by O.I.C. Margarina  
Mr W.R. Patterson P.O. recently)  
Sketch Map attached.

Map:

  
C.P. Dangerfield  
(Patrol Officer) 21/9/66.



INTRODUCTION.

The objectives of this patrol are covered by the attached Patrol Instructions. Comments are as follows.

## Area Visited:-

(a) Patrol visited parts of the WAGE, NEMBI, and NIPA BASIN Census Divisions comprised of Wards 9, 10, 11, 12, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 24. Main aim of the patrol was education of the people of the above Wards re Local Government in readiness for the Nipa Local Government Council Elections which commence next month (October). Secondary aims included road feasibility into the middle WAGE area, and, into the PWE Creek area in the northern part of the NEMBI Division.

(b) The region visited is not a single unit going by either administrative or natural boundaries. Commencing about 6 miles south of NIPA at EREP Rest House the patrol visited villages in Wards along the NIPA BASIN/NEMBI Boundary west to ULAL Rest House in the PWE Creek area of the NEMBI. Then crossed the WAGE-NIPA Divide, and moved north along the south flowing WAGE River, to where the river bends near HALALINJA Rest House and flows in from the east. Patrol returned NIPA visiting Rest Houses in the north-west of the NIPA BASIN Division.

(c) While in the WAGE the patrol made a diversion as instructed to visit AUGU and AWARI Units in the AUGU Valley.

This valley parallels the WAGE Valley to the west. These two units were formerly under LAKE KUTUBU but were transferred to the WAGE Division (NIPA) for reasons of accessibility.

## Census:-

(e) NEMBI Units of ULAL and KOROP censused for purpose of compiling Council Roll of Electors. No figures submitted herewith as these groups will be included in the annual census of the NEMBI in November.

(f) NIPA BASIN groups of BOIA, EREP, HONT, KOMBILA and UGUN censused for purpose of (e), but also for annual census.

Figures for these units to be submitted by Mr A.F. McNeill ( ADO NIPA ) with figures for rest of this division.

(g) WAGE Census Division. Patrol revised census for groups not visited by Mr W.R. Patterson P.O.I.C. MARGARIMA during his recent visit to the WAGE. That is to say those WAGE's who are basically NIPA speakers and who will be included in the NIPA Council, as opposed to the HURI speakers censused by Mr Patterson and who form part of the MARGARIMA Council.

## General:-

(f) This area visited shares one thing in common. For excluding for the present AUGU and AWARI, all units will be incorporated into the NIPA Council. As such they will be the generally least economic section of the council; (the exceptions being BOIA and EREP which are closer to NIPA than the majority. These people are sufficiently close to NIPA to be favourable to the administration, but too distant to have much share in station and mission trade.

They desire advancement and feel the lack keenly.

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DIARY30/8/66.

Party by tractor to INJIP south of NIPA, then by foot to EREP. People still at work on NIPA/MENDI Road near EGENDA, as although word re arrival had been sent, this had been fouled along the way. Rain. Slept EREP.

31/8/66.

Census, talks, and nominations taken for EREP. Short hop south along ridge to KOMBILA through rain. Census KOMBILA.

Slept KOMBILA.

1/9/66.

Census KOROP, which group with KOMBILA makes up Ward 34 of the NIPA Council. Talks and nominations. To HONT through heavy rain. Direct route out, so retraced steps through EREP and thence to HONT across NEMBI. (1245 to 1350). After dinner heard three minor disputes. Slept HONT.

2/9/66.

Census and talks with HONT. To ULAL (1250 to 1355). Rest House in poor condition so organized gathering materials for a better job. Slept ULAL.

3/9/66.

Census, talks and nominations. More rain. Slept ULAL.

4/9/66.

Observed. Slept ULAL.

5/9/66.

Frame for new Rest House constructed. To HEBINJA (3.40 hours actual walking). Talks with local leaders.

6/9/66.

Census, talks, and nominations. Then to PINJIP. (40 minutes). Further talks and discussions. Nominations. Two minor disputes settled. Slept PINJIP.

7/9/66.

Census of PINJIP, KAWARI, and INJASUJUL. Talks re hygiene. Slept Pinjip.

8/9/66.

Left PINJIP 0835 and arrived AUGU 1335. Actual walking 4.20 hrs. Track poor and little used. Leeches. AUGU assembled but as AWARI group not present left census to morrow. Talks re council with leaders. Slept AUGU.

9/9/66

Census and talks. Slept AUGU.

10/9/66.

To HALALINJA. 0822 to 1206. Bridge crossings 40 minutes. Actual walking 3.04. Census and talks with HALALINJA. Slept at HALALINJA.

11/9/66.

Observed.

12/9/66.

Censused HOMBILA. Talks with both HALALINJA and HOMBILA re councils. Nominations accepted. 25 minutes to UGUBI. Census talks and nominations with this group. Slept UGUBI.



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13/9/66

To BOIA. 50 minutes. Place untidy. Cook House rebuilt and place cleaned. Census UGUM here. Examined possible road route. Slept BOIA.

14/9/66

Census BOIA. Talks and nominations from BOIA and UGUM. Spent afternoon hearing land dispute and inspected disputed land. Slept BOIA.

15/9/66

Marked road route from between BOIA and UNGUBI to near the NIPA/MARGARIMA Road between TILIBA and SUMA. Finished 1830 and slept BOIA.

16/9/66

Marked route from between BOIA and UNGUBI, to UNGUBI Rest House. Finished 1730. Returned and slept BOIA.

17/9/66

Marked route between UNGUBI and HALALINJA. Finished at 1430. Returned BOIA and arrived 1600. Patrol left BOIA 1630 and arrived NIPA 1745. Patrol stood down.

\*\*\*\*\* END of DIARY \*\*\*\*\*



NATIVE SITUATION.(4) WARDS 22 & 24

(a) Ward 22 consists of the EREP Group, and Ward 24 of KOMBILA ( NIPA B. C.Div. ) and KOROP ( NEMBI C.D. ).

(b) This area lies generally to the south-east of the NIPA Station, for the most part to the east of the ARL River just before it joins the NEMBI. These two Wards have been dealt with together due to the cordial relations which seem to exist between them, and because their future seems to be interconnected.

(c) The reception given the patrol here was cordial without being particularly warm. There was no hostility of any sort or unfriendliness. There was a certain sourness however. The reason for this appeared to be the main NIPA/MENDI Road. Both groups have been working on this as the EREPS have a small portion of land including part of this road and the KOROP and KOMBILA have land close to parts of it. The people say that they understand the importance of this road and intend to keep on with improving it. What seems to rankle them is the fact that through isolation from most of this road they have been able to gain no immediate income through it. They point out that EGENDA Rest House Group, being close to the NIPA Station and generally situated around the road have been able to capitalise on their work through supplying timber to the station saw-mill. The sections maintained by the EREPS and KOMBILA/KOROPS are to far out for the people to profit in this respect. A further grouch seems to be the fact, whether true I do not know, that the people have not been paid for their part in building the road in the past.

(d) The people agree in principle with the idea of not being paid for road work, but in this case claim that other groups, namely the naughty EGENDA's, have been paid.

(e) At least there appears to be a strong desire for money, and this appears to be gathering momentum. In line with this the leaders of this group approached the writer. Through their spokesmen KOL-NANDIS V.C. they stated that they desired a road from either NIPA or INJIP Rest House to be marked through EREP and KOMBILA down to KOROP at the head of the NEMBI Valley. When they have finished their section of the NIPA/MENDI Road they desire that this be done.

(f) In favour of this is the willingness of the people to build the road without payment, and the fact that most of the work would be done by these groups. Also from previous inspection of this area there is a better route into the NEMBI Valley than the one followed by the present NIPA/NEMBI Road.

Against this is the fact that a road to the NEMBI already exists, and although steep where it drops to the NEMBI Valley between HONT and MERUT (Tindom) this is in the process of being improved. Further a new road would parallel the old one rather closely on the eastern side of the NEMBI down to MERUT. To be considered also is the amount of work which has been put into the present road. However the EREPs etc, only desire to build this road for purposes of access to their area.

(g) Usual tax doubts were expressed, and 20¢ and 10¢, for male and female suggested instead of the present 50¢ and 20¢. It was pointed out that Legal action would only be taken against those who had money and fail to pay taxes.

(f) For the present ( excluding EREP which has some share of the station trade) these people will be without a fixed means of earning income.



(2) WARD 19 - HONT (NIPA BASIN)

(a) This group very responsive to administration. Reception friendly. Gift of 3 fowls made to patrol. HONT Rest House lies about 8 miles south of NIPA on the NIPA-NEMBI Valley vehicular road. They are not a large group, but appear to own a fair area of land, and consequently they maintain a large section of the made road. They appear to expect things from this road. This group is close enough to NIPA to have developed a particularly keen desire for economic advance, but are sufficiently far away to be excluded from most of the Station trade.

(b) During the course of discussions regarding the purpose of Local Government Councils was a step forward towards self government. Self government was explained. The Village Constable of the group, TEMBIL, expressed the hope that this would not come too soon, and said that "my mind and heart vomits up the thought that you white people should go to soon". When it was pointed out that there were areas of the Territory more advanced than his own, and nobody could say when and how independence would come, so that it therefore was sensible for them to work as hard as possible for development, TEMBIL, said "I hope our needs will be considered". The people have no opposition to the idea of independence. They accept this as a good goal. What they cannot see is how they can maintain themselves when it comes if they have no form of economic development. What they fear is to be left with this desire for better things but without the guidance necessary to achieve it.

(3) WARD 20 - ULAL (NEMBI)

(a) Patrol arrived here when people preparing for "Sing-Sing" and Rest House in poor condition. Spoke to the people who helped construct frame for better rest house.

(b) Reception generally friendly. These people more complacent than the HONTS about development, although the desire for money was by no means absent. They seem to respect the law and the situation is quite good. While there is respect and acceptance given the administration as a whole they are not fully committed. However they were keen on a road into their area and quite willing to build it. With a road the ULALS should start to look for something to happen.

(4) WAGE (Census Division) - WARD 21 HEBINJA & WARD 17: KAWARI, PINJIP and INJASUJUL.

(a) These groups occupy an area of terraced slopes on either side of the WAGE River, immediately south of where the river starts south again after bending in east from the main MARGARINA/NIPA Valley area. South of HEBINJA the country becomes narrow valley and mainly inhospitable.

(b) Reception of the patrol was cordial. These people are not as bushy as would be imagined, and anxiety about Council Tax has prompted the leaders in particular to start thinking about their isolation from the main stream of things. It was explained that the administration could exempt where it appeared necessary.

(c) All these groups are related over into the NIPA Basin, but after the ceasing of clan warfare they chose to remain due the greater abundance wild life and because bananas, marata, and ginger grow well.

(d) These groups now desire to move their dwellings from the floor of the WAGE Valley east to the top of the WAGE/NIPA Divide, and they were encouraged to do this by the writer. If the people do this they will nearer the centre of things as regards the NIPA Council. Further for reasons of health dealt with under "HEALTH" the people might be healthier on the top of the range where there is a shallow depression suitable for dwelling sites. Also the people would not forgo any of the special gardening advantages of the WAGE, as they would be sufficiently close to garden areas. Further reasons are dealt with under "ROADS and BRIDGES".

(5) AUGU and AWARI (WAGE).

(a) As mentioned these two groups were formerly under LAKE KUT-UBU Patrol Post, and have been contacted for a considerable time. The main changes seem to have been in the fields of Law and Order and of hygiene as they are a good distance from the centre of things. There is however a prevalence of trade goods through bods working at KUTUBU or the coast and returning home. Basically the AUGU appear to be of the same stock and language as the NIPA people and they number about 130 people. However they are related by marriage to the distinctly HURI speaking AWARI to the west; this last group numbering a little under fifty people.

(b) Reception was restrained but not in any way antagonistic. The AUGU Group were more willing to accept the change over to NIPA control than the AWARI people. However when the advantages were explained they were far more receptive. Neither group will be included in the NIPA Council but they were approached regarding future incorporation. They expressed few doubts regarding tax, as they appear to have sufficient cash. Their doubts were in the direction of their isolation. The people from HALALINJA offered these people land further east between the AUGU and WAGE Valleys. At first there was opposition from the elder people although the leaders were in favour. I left it up to them. Since then the people have approached us at NIPA and state that they intend to make the move while retaining gardens in the AUGU.

(6) HOMBILA (I0), HALALINJA (II) UGUBI (I2).

(a) These three groups occupy an area of land surrounding the WAGE River where it bends west coming down from MARGARIMA. The reception was good with the exception of UGUBI where the Village Constable is uninterested, and the people were a little lethargic. However most of this can be attributed to the Village Constable. Desire for money was as strong as with the HORIS, and as usual they pointed out the advantages possessed by groups nearer to the station.

(7) WARD 9 BOIA & UGUN - NIPA BASIN.

(a) Reception was cordial but the people at BOIA were a little ~~unco-ordinated~~ unco-ordinated due lack of strong leadership. They did however take a keen interest in the marking of a road route into their area, and displayed the usual desire for more money.

(8) SIOP

(a) The patrol did not visit SIOP for the following reasons:-

SIOP is not yet a recognised Census Unit. It was constructed only 6 months ago by the ORAPA people living about 2 to 3 hours south of HEBINJA. These people had before the coming of the administration



the ORAPA Clan fought with the PAROP Clan from the OBUA Rest House area of the NEMBI. The ORAPA were driven into the WAGE and in turn drove out PAROP people then resident in the WAGE. During patrol No. II of 1965/66 the people of SIOP said that they could not move into the NIPA-BASIN/NEMBI area as they had no land there.

(b) The two clans have now settled their differences. The ORAPA Clan will resume land in the PWE Creek area, and the PAROPS will have access to land in the WAGE. This makes any Census Unit at SIOP redundant, as the people desire to census at Rest Houses in the PWE Creek area, and would be more logically included in the proposed council survey of the NEMBI Division.

#### (9) Local Government Education.

(a) Doubts were expressed at most centres regarding tax, but this appeared to be maintained as a matter of form. From personal observation of the fact that one NIPA Village, which was not close to the Station, ~~had~~ had \$400 it is doubtful that there will be many areas which cannot meet tax. This would not be all the money in this particular village. So as a village of 500 would pay about \$100 tax there should be no problem.

(b) Prior to discussions regarding the purpose and nature of time was spent on basic Economic Education. The means by which the administration acquired ~~the~~ funds, and the limited availability of the same was discussed. The limited avenue of trade with the administration was emphasised. Real economic development was something else, and the administration was there to help them achieve the same but not to act as the market for the same.

(c) Similarities between the House of Assembly and local councils, and differences, were discussed. Generally the people seemed to grasp what was most essential, and took an interest in discussions re money in particular.

#### (10) VILLAGE OFFICIALS

(a) List of present officials with comments contained in Appendix "B".

(b) As a new form of leadership is now to be introduced it is appropriate to say that on the whole the Village Officials have done a good job. This can be seen by the tone of areas where the officials have been respected, as compared to those where he has been a mere figure-head. Most officials nominated for the elections and many appear to have good chances of winning.

#### AGRICULTURE

(a) Judging from the plentiful supply of vegetables brought to the patrol there seems to be no shortage. The people in the WAGE appear to accept their generally poorer Kau Kau because of better quality bananas and marata grown by them, and the greater abundance of game. European vegetables seem to form part of the local diet; in particular tomato and cabbage. Main interest in these appears to be for sale for cash.

(b) The only area visited where a commercial cash crop has been introduced is the HALALINJA, UNGUBI, and BOIA areas adjacent to the WAGE. Here there is about 10 acres of Pyrethrum. It is unlikely that this will have any startling effect on the economy.



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LIVESTOCK

(a) Indigenous pigs are common, particularly in the ULAL and HONT areas. No improved stock appear to have been introduced.

(b) Most groups have people who own poultry. These tend to be weedy and the eggs are noticeably undersized. No commercial value at present, but they are a status symbol and are used as with pigs, in traditional feasts and exchange.

(c) One billy-goat was observed at ULAL. He was large and old and graced the place as a status symbol. A male and female ~~SAE~~ is owned by a leader at HALALINJA.

(d) In the HALALINJA area there was some interest in acquiring cattle, however there is some tendency for the people to regard these in the same light as their own, and to imagine that they are to the European what the pig is to them, a means of acquiring status.

FORESTS

(a) There are large areas of mixed forest on the WAGE/NIPA divide, but this is not accessible by road and could not be used anyway, as the timber is only sufficient in value to be used in local projects, and this market is swamped at the moment.

HEALTH

(a) Generally this was good. There were few instances of tropical ulcers and sores, and general cleanliness appears to have improved through the example of leaders and officials who acquire soap (formerly for reasons of status) but who now appear to be using it in some cases.

(c) The exception to this rule was in the HEBINJA, PINJIP, KAWARI, and INJASUJUL area of the WAGE Census Division. Here the death rate was far too high amongst all age groups and it was intended to prosecute for not having taken the people concerned to hospital.

However according to the leaders sickness and death has been occurring very close together, so that there is little warning of impending death. Inspection was made of selected hamlets and although hygiene could have been better it was by no means very bad. Instructions were given to improve hygiene even more. It appears however that the main reason for the deaths is the lower altitude of this area, together with the people's frequent foraging into lower areas towards KUTUBU. Sister H. Young of the Methodist Overseas Mission at PURIL near NIPA, says that she has had reports of sickness in this area, but that these indicate a steady high death rate, rather than a sudden epidemic. Sister Young thinks that the deaths could be a result of Malaria combined with Pneumonia or some other illness, and this would explain the suddenness of death after a short illness. For this reason as already mentioned the people might be better off living on top of the WAGE/NIPA Divide. There is a definite need for an aid-post in this area as the one at HALALINJA is fairly close but the walk is difficult. Figures are contained in Appendix "A"-CENSUS.

MISSIONS

(a) The two main Missions in the area visited are the Apostolic Christian Mission situated at TILIBA near NIPA, and the Methodist Overseas Mission situated at PURIL, also close to NIPA. The A.C.M.s main influence is in the northern part of this area, and the M.O.M.s in the south. Both provide medical treatment, but the M.O.M. is better equipped in this respect. The A.C.M.s biggest draw is a Mission trade store. This latter mission is teaching people of all ages to read and write their own language, and are meeting with a good response.



ROADS and BRIDGES.

(a) A road into the PWE Creek area of the NEMBI appears quite feasible. Two routes exist. One starting on the main NIPA NEMBI Road south of HONT would run between HONT and SEMIN west to ENJUA or OBUA. The other would commence north of HONT near EBIL and run to a point between ULAL and ENJUA. The people report that the road could be then continued south along the PWE Creek down into the TOBUA Rest House area.

(b) A route was marked from HALALINJA through UNGUBI and BOIA to a point near the NIPA/MARGARINA Road between TILIBA A.C. Mission and SUMA Rest House. It would be difficult to extend the route past HALALINJA, down the WAGE to the HEBINJA and PINJIP areas, and considering the desire of these last mentioned people to shift their dwellings to the top of the range it would be perhaps inadvisable to so extend the route.

(c) It appears that it would be possible to extend a road from ULAL along the WAGE/NIPA Divide north to UNGUBI. This would only be practical if the PINJIPS and HEBINJAS etc move up on to the range between ULAL and UNGUBI. The PINJIPS, and adjacent groups want a road marked as above if they move their houses up to the top.

CONCLUSION.

It is felt that all the people visited are ready for the step forward into Local Government. In most of the area there was a desire for economic development which demands an avenue. There is a knowledge of the disadvantages they are under in trying to achieve this development. Attitude to the administration is good and the people have accepted very rapidly the rule of law. What must be seen is that despite their relatively short contact these people are far more aware and progressive than a group of the same amount of contact, say, 10 years ago. There is the example of other areas to stir them, and it cannot be denied that the House of Assembly Elections previously must have made some of the leaders aware that there are forces working which could affect their lives. On the whole the people are no longer merely acted upon, but, are beginning to react.

C. P. Dangerfield.

C.P. Dangerfield  
(Patrol Officer) 2/10/66

Appendix "A" and "B" attached.



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APPENDIX "A" CENSUS

As stated Census Units of the WAGE Division included in the MARGARIMA L.G. Council, were censused in July by Mr W.R. Patterson, P.O.I.C. MARGARIMA. Figures for these units are included with figures for WAGE Units censused by this patrol. With the exception of AUGU and AWARI (for present) these units are included in the NIPA Council.

Units censused by:

W.R. PATTERSON (JULY)

HENEP <del>184</del>	184
HULAL	94
OBAL	239
OFBAL	494
SEBIDA	331
SOLAPEM	329
SONGURA	379

total 2050

C.P. DANGERFIELD (SEPT)

AUGU	117
AWARI	41
INJASUJUL	126
HALALINJA	214
HEBINJA	388
HOMBILA	213
KAWARI	187
PINJIP	190
UNCUBI	303

total 1879

1966 Total WAGE Census Division - 3829

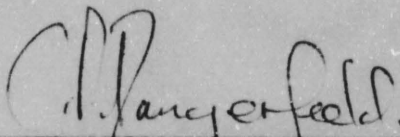
Last Years total - 3580 - plus last years AUGU & AWARI FIGURES of 122 and 40 respectively equals: 3742

minus 49 deaths : 3693  
minus 70 migs/out: 3623  
plus 96 births : 3719  
plus 110 migs/in : 3829: equals this years total.

(a) Excluding the addition of AUGU and AWARI there has been an increase of 87 in this Division. Birth-rate fell from 2.96 to 2.507, but the death rate fell from 2.93 per 100 to 1.270, so that the overall rate of natural increase as improved from an almost static 0.03 to a reasonable 1.237 per hundred.

(b) The only area where there has been ~~now~~ improvement is in the lower part (south) of the Census Division. Here at HEBINJA, KAWARI, and PINJIP there were 18 deaths in a combined population of 765, that is approximately 2.40 per 100 as against 18 births, so the increase was 0.00. Particularly bad was HEBINJA with 11 deaths to 5 births.

(c) There is no aid post in this area and as most of these people want to resume their land east of their present situation at a higher altitude an aid post should not be necessary.

  
C.P. Dangerfield P.O.



APPENDIX - "B"- LEADERS

HEBINJA: V.C. UWABE Of this group seems a forthright and fairly strong personality. Chances in Council Elections for which he was nominated seem quite good.

HALALINJA: V.C. ~~FM~~-SENCE is a young and progressive man, who despite youth has influence and should be a certainty for Local Government Councillor.

PINJIP: V.C. TALIP a good type. Appears to be the strongest contender for Ward I7 for which there is also nominees from KAWARI and INJASUJUL standing.

KAWARI: V.C. TIMBAL fair only.

INJASUJUL: V.C. SANK is not a noticeable type.

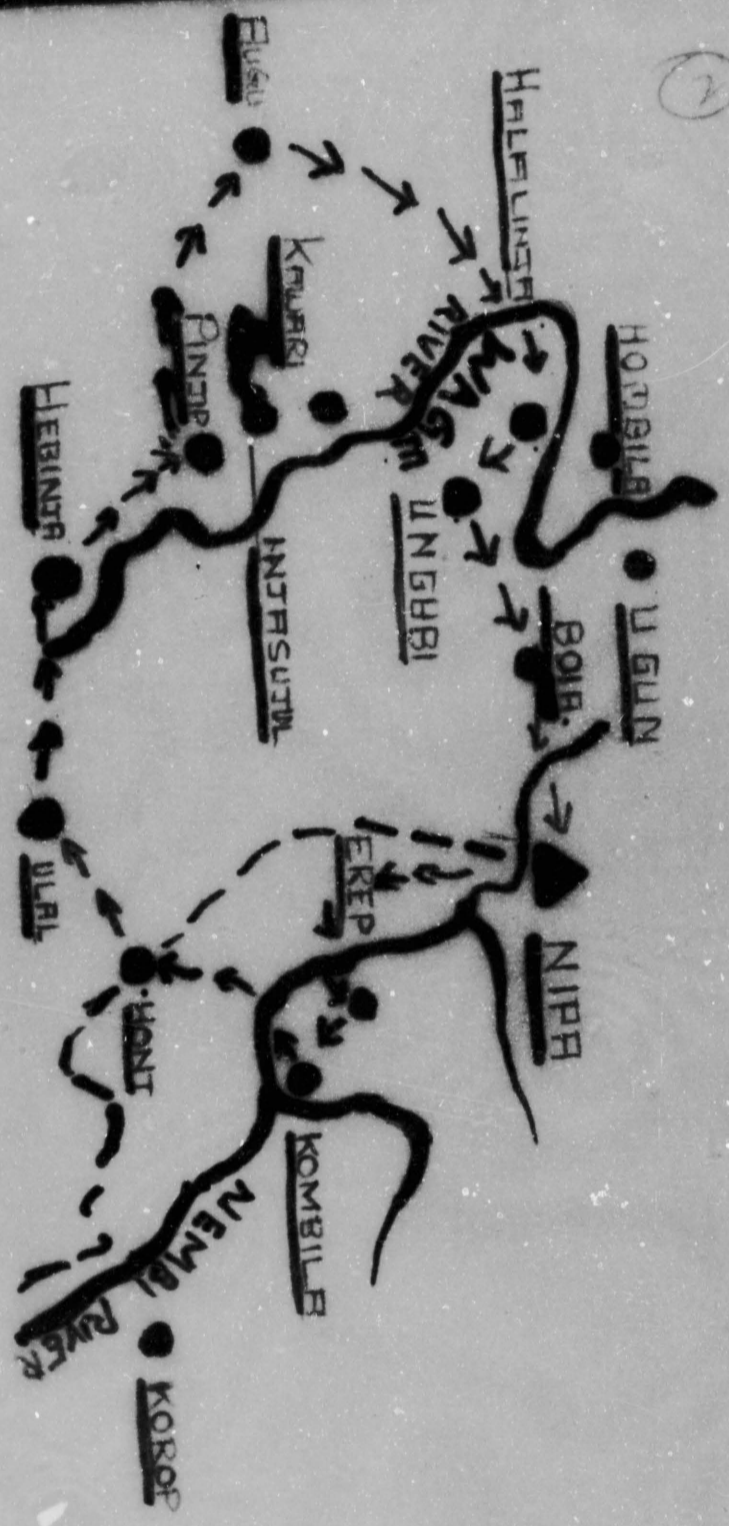
HOMBILA: V.C. KUNK reasonable but does not hold out much hope for his chances at the Council Elections.

UNGUBI V.C. ENJEP is lethargic and appears to be glad that a new form of leadership will relieve him of his responsibilities.

C.P. Dangerfield (Patrol Officer)

NIPPA

Sketch Map - Patrol No. 47  
of 1966/67



Scale 1" = 4 miles





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. NIPA No. 9 of 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by C.P. Dangerfield (Patrol Officer)

Area Patrolled Part WAGE & NIPA BASIN Census Divisions and all of NEMBI C.D.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

4 R.P. & N.G. Constabulary  
Natives 1 D.D.A. Interpreter  
1 A.P.O. P.H.D.

Duration—From 10/10/1966 to 1/12/1966

Number of Days 23 Days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Sept /1966 WAGE & NIPA BASIN  
August/1966 NEMBI.

Medical Nov. Dec. /1965

Map Reference Map Attached based on Aerial Photograph Maps

Objects of Patrol WAGE & NIPA BASIN - Initial Elections NIPA L.G. Council.  
NEMBI-Census Revision, Consolidation of Law and Order, Road  
Surveys, Land Availability Investigation, Area Survey, and  
Willingness of certain NEMBI Groups to join NIPA Council.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

26/11/1967

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 .....

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67-15-33

13th March, 1967.

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
M E N D I.

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 10 OF 1966/67:

Your 14-2-9, 67-3-4 of the 26th January, 1967,  
refers.

Both your comments and those of the Acting Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa, adequately cover Mr. Dangerfield's quite good report of an apparently well conducted patrol.

One or two matters do, however, deserve a little comment from me.

1. If there has been cultist activity at Poroma it should be thoroughly investigated and ruthlessly eradicated. Past and present history only too plainly shows us the folly of being complacent and casual towards cults. It would be quite tragic to allow cults to develop in your Highlands area at this time.
2. I imagine that the spasmodic and brief nature of our contacts with the Nemi to be the real cause of the current reported native situation. I am sure that acceptance of the Administration and its aims will be forthcoming with the opening of Poroma and the pursuance of our policies by vigorous, enthusiastic and forthright officers. It will most likely be found that the use of cash in all transactions rather than trade items will be most helpful in improving the situation.
3. I think Mr. Dangerfield may have over simplified the traditional practice of bride price and barter.
4. In regard to the development of the area roads must be completed and linked up as quickly as possible and as much land as possible should be investigated for possible future purchase. I would rather see the Council assist in the establishment of projects such as cattle than missions. This way they may be properly controlled and developed and give the Council added prestige.
5. Whilst mentioning Councils you may decide it would be better for all those people controlled from the Poroma Patrol Post to be included in a new Council rather than bit by bit join the Nipa Council. Then, maybe after two years or so, both Councils could amalgamate. This depends upon your findings naturally but it would allow both Councils to go ahead with capital works projects unhindered by new demands.



6. I presume arrangements have been made through the Regional Local Government Officer for a Councillors' training course for the Nipa Council. This is important as it appears to be a natural tendency for newly elected Councillors to consider themselves not very far removed from patrol officers in authority and power.

7. I am not sure what the Acting Assistant District Commissioner means by his comment that Courts for Native Matters do not have jurisdiction for more than two months in areas such as the one patrolled. It is my understanding that Local Courts are empowered to sentence up to six months in any area in the country.

8. My only other comment is that if Mr. Dangerfield finds it necessary to use Pidgin English terms in his reports he should ensure that he uses the correct ones.

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(J. K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....  
Our Reference..... 14-2-9  
If calling ask for 67-3-4  
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI

26th January, 1967.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU

SUBJECT: NIPA PATROL NO. 10 OF 1966/67

Attached please find following documents relating to above Patrol conducted by Mr. C. Dangerfield, Patrol Officer to parts of the Wage and NIPA Basin Census Divisions and the whole of the NEMBI Census Division.

1. Memorandum 67-1-2 dated 9th October, 1966 from Assistant District Officer, NIPA - Patrol Instructions.
2. Patrol Report.
3. Covering memorandum 67-2-3 dated 28th December, 1966 from Assistant District Commissioner, NIPA.
4. Memorandum 67-2-3 dated 16th January, 1967 from Assistant District Commissioner, NIPA.
5. Village Population Register - NEMBI Census Division.

Mr. Dangerfield's report is comprehensive and gives a very good picture of the NEMBI area as at present. Comments by Assistant District Commissioner, NIPA also adequately cover points raised by Mr. Dangerfield.

I propose to post Mr. G. Salu, Patrol Officer, to NIPA Sub District on his arrival here in early February and also will post Mr. N. Wright, Patrol Officer to the Sub District on his return from leave later this year. The posting of these two additional Field Staff Officers should enable the Assistant District Commissioner to effectively carry out his planned programme of intensive patrolling and construction of main and feeder roads suitable for motor traffic within the NEMBI Census Division.

As you are also aware Mr. N. McQuilty has now moved into the POROMA area and his presence there has given renewed impetus to the development of the area generally.

I recently inspected POROMA and found the present cleared area of the airstrip to be satisfactory. With only minor additional work required at present the airstrip could more readily be opened to light aircraft operations thus assisting in the rapid expansion of Administrative influence in the immediate POROMA area, the lower Undiri area formally controlled from Mendi, and the more isolated areas in the Nembi Census Division.

Roads in the area are quite extensive and the only major work to be done is to link these roads to provide access and egress to the areas mentioned above and to place a steel-cable foot bridge across the Lai River. This is in hand through the efforts of Mr. P. Leibfried, Assistant District Officer, in the POMBADL area at the Lower Undiri area. The provision of a Land Rover for NIPA can be

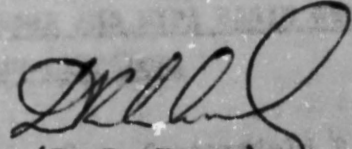


regarded as a priority for 1967/68 to enable this recently declared Sub District to be effectively controlled by the Assistant District Commissioner at NJPA.

Present planning is for the Nambi to be brought under Council influence in 1968. It may now be possible with the establishment of POROMA as a Patrol Post to have the Nambi and Lower Undiri areas combined to form a Council in its own right rather than include these areas in the present EIPA Council. A definite decision on this will be made when the Area Study is received from Assistant District Commissioner, NJPA.

I agree with the Assistant District Commissioners comments concerning the adopting of the listing used for the Census figures as a definitive Village list for this Census Division.

An interesting report on one of the lesser developed areas in this District.



(D. R. Marsh)  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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Sub-District Office,  
NIPA.  
S.H.D.  
28th December, 1966.

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

COMMENTS - NIPA PATROL No. 10-66/67 TO PART WAGE AND NIPA BASIN CENSUS  
DIVISIONS AND ALL OF NEMBI CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol No. 10-66/67, conducted by Mr. C.P. Dangerfield P.O., visited a number of villages in the Nipa Basin and Wage Censu Divisions for the purpose of conducting the Nipa Local Government Council initial elections and then the whole of the Nembi Censu Division. The objects of the patrol are fully covered by the patrol instructions which accompany the report. This report covers the Nembi section of the <sup>patrol</sup> report, the Wage and Nipa Basin sections are covered in the election report.

NATIVE SITUATION.

Though the native situation in the Nembi is, as yet, by no means entirely satisfactory, it is pleasing to note that the people are at last improving their relations with the Administration. The way is now open to accomplish more intensive and lasting contact, with which the Administration can raise the situation to a completely satisfactory standard.

Intensified contact is planned for 1967. During that year the Officer to be posted to Poroma can be expected to devote some of his time to administering the lower Nembi, in fact the establishment of a Government Station itself in the Nembi will be of great value. In addition it is also intended to mount what will virtually be a standing patrol in the Pambarel/Pebra area - its objectives will be to supervise the construction of a motor road to the area and do general administrative work.

It is to be hoped that following this contact the area will cease to be a problem one and evince some pre-administration feeling.

In general it can be said that the present situation is one of surface calm overlying a still potentially unsettled native situation. Nether the less the surface condition itself will make it easier to work for the desired native situation.

Para 3. Since the patrol the people responsible for the maintenance of the Nembi Valley motor road have surfaced a considerable length of the road. All that the people need to keep them working is a fortnightly visit by an Administration Officer. This is rather difficult with Nipa's existing Transport facilities - one semi U/S motor cycle.

Para's 9 and 10. The high regard in which the traditional leaders are held is not surprising, the obvious way of preventing them from causing trouble is to get them 'on side'. Due to lack of previous contact however



it is not yet possible to determine just who the real leaders are. Intensified contact during 1967 should make the position clearer and thus allow approaches to be made to gain the respect and confidence of such men.

Para 12. It appears unlikely that Undiri groups have been attempting to extort valuables from the Membi's. Such actions would be foolish considering the numerical superiority of the Membi. If only small groups such as the Mato's and ~~MEMBI~~ Perema's were approached it is most probable that the attempts would have been reported. Attempts will be made to ascertain the origin of these rumours.

#### VILLAGES AND OFFICIALS.

Little comment is required under this heading. Most of the villages mentioned in para's 5, 6 and 7 have been subjected to almost weekly visits since the completion of the patrol. They are now doing valuable work on the Perema Airstrip and the Membi road.

Para 9. Somin has always been a problem Village. This group will be concentrated on during 1967 in an effort to improve the present situation. Fortunately the group has no allies, thus there is little danger of their attitude spreading.

#### FORESTS.

Most of the people inhabiting the Membi Plateau are short of timber. The Forestry Officer Rendi is to be approached and requested to establish a forestry block at Mipa and commence a re-forestation scheme in the area.

#### LAND.

The relatively small area of good land available near the mouth of the Ema Creek will be of little value unless similar acquisitions are made on the Laguna side of the Krave River. The two areas would then have to be linked by a motor road and the two areas developed as a whole.

#### LAW AND ORDER.

The people appear to be readier to lodge complaints and initiate action than previously. This state of affairs should continue to improve during 1967 when the people will have access to both the Perema Station and the standing patrol in the middle Membi.

The number of convictions recorded, 41, is not excessively high when the reluctance of the people to bring Courts to Mipa is considered, this reluctance is brought about by the peoples fear of passing through land owned by their traditional enemies. The result is that they tend to wait until an Officer visits their area before making a complaint. It is a pity that the Court for Native Matters does not have jurisdiction for more than two months in areas such as this.

#### HEALTH.

Health of the people in the area will improve as administrative control is increased and the people become less afraid of rival groups. The establishment of a station at Perema will probably result in the establishment of a few Aid Posts in the Lower Membi and perhaps a hospital at Perema.

#### EDUCATION.

It is understood that the establishment of an Administration School at Perema has third priority in the District in this field.

#### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The Ebil-Tobua-Uba vehicular road is feasible, a route has already been marked and the kumai and pitpit cleared. No difficulties are expected in the construction of a bench. The work, supervised by Mr. Dangerfield will probably commence in February or March of ~~1967~~

1967.

The road will be extremely valuable in that it will give access to a population of some 5000 people and provide these people with an alternative to making trouble.

The Tzivare - Noi road is not of sufficient value to warrant the expenditure and labour its construction would entail; that is if the route marked is indeed feasible.. We will have to be content with constructing a good walking or bridle track.

The Nipa - Tzivare road is now open to traffic up to three tons for its entire length - surfacing should be completed within six months.

#### AIRSTRIPS.

The Poroma strip is now operational for a length of 1700 feet. All that is required now is a D.C.A. inspection and the presence of an Officer to give daily strip reports.

On Mr McQuitly's arrival at Poroma he should be able to commence cutting a further 300 to 400 feet.

Further extension will be a little more difficult, though still relatively simple. The final length should be between 3500 and 4000 feet.

#### Poroma.

Work has commenced on clearing building land on a portion of the Station site and some native material; have been gathered for the construction of temporary housing.

The Mandi/Nipa Sub-District Boundary in the area south west of the Lai is in the process of being decided.

#### ELECTIONS.

Comments on this aspect were covered in the report on the initial elections for the Nipa Local Government Council, previously submitted.

#### WILLINGNESS OF SOME NEMBI VILLAGES TO ENTER NIPA COUNCIL.

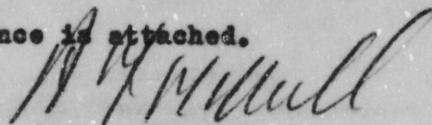
The peoples wish to join the Nipa Council will be met during 1967.

Mr Dangerfield has completed a long and arduous patrol to an area that is still not under complete administrative control. The visit appears to have convinced the people of the area that the Administration is here to stay and that they will have to accept the situation - they appear to be well on the way to doing this. It is to be hoped that we can further consolidate the situation during 1967 by changing passive acceptance into a pro-administration feeling.

The report itself is informative and shows improvement in presentation, grammar and typing when compared with Mr Dangerfield's more recent reports. The only objective not yet achieved is the submission of an area survey. Mr Dangerfield states that he has still to collect a little more information. On completion the report will be forwarded to yourself.

The comments and report are being held at Nipa until a legible copy of the 1965 census figures are received from Mandi so that a correlation can be carried out with this years figures.

Claim for Camping Out Allowance is attached.



(A.F. McNeill)

Assistant District Commissioner.



67-2-3.

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

15th January, 1967.

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MEMBI.

ADDENDA TO PATROL COMMENTS - NIPA PATROL No. 19-66/67.

The delay in forwarding this report has been considerably greater than was anticipated. The legible copy of the Census figures we were waiting for, on Membi, in order that the 1965 and 1966 figures could be correlated, did not arrive until 12th January. This delay was caused by the batch of mail which contained the figures being off-loaded at Kutubu just before Christmas.

COMMENTS ON CENSUS FIGURES. (Appendix 'A').

The 1965 figures for Penarep and Unjabia were incorrect, as a check on the Tax Census Register revealed. It would appear that during the compilation of the Register sheets in 1965 one of the loose pages in the Unjabia section of the Register was counted under P Penarep. This would virtually account for the surplus of 48 at Penarep and the deficiency of 50 at Unjabia. The overall deficiency of three, after the above is taken into account, is reasonable when the nature of the area is considered.

As far as I am aware there is no definitive <sup>Village</sup> list for the Membi Census Division. It is suggested that the listing used for the census figures accompanying the report be adopted.

(A.F. McNeill)

A/Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 67-1-2.

Mr C.P. Dangerfield,  
Patrol Officer,  
NIPA PATROL POST.  
S.H.D.

Patrol Post,  
NIPA.  
S.H.D.  
8th October, 1966.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - NIPA PATROL No. 66/67 - WAGE AND NEMBI  
CENSUS DIVISIONS.

Please prepare to proceed on patrol to the Wage and Nembi Census Divisions. The patrol will commence on 10th October, 1966.

The objects of your patrol will be:-

- (1) To conduct the Nipa Local Government Council elections in Wards 9, 11, 12, 17, 20 and 21.
- (2) Conduct a Census and routine administration patrol of the Nembi Census Division.
- (3) Conduct an area survey of the Nembi Census Division. Though it is considered that the Nembi is not nearly ready for Local Government the report will provide valuable information about the area which will be of use not only to the general administration of the area but also at the time when such a Council is under consideration. Refer to your copy of the District Administration Standing Instructions for the format of the survey.
- (4) Ascertain the willingness of SEMIN, ENJUA, OBUA, TREGIBA, KAM, and KERONGUTU Villages to join the Nipa Local Government Council. A deputation of Semia Villagers have already approached me with the request that they be allowed to participate in the Council.
- (5) Survey and commence construction of a road giving access between Ulal and the Nipa - Nembi Motor road. This road is to be initially wide enough for motor cycle traffic. On completion of this track it will be widened to accommodate general motor traffic.
- (6) Investigate the potential for a road route giving access between Ulal (and thus Nipa) and Pumberel and Uba Villages.
- (7) Give particular emphasis to improving the native situation in the Pumberel/Tobua and Toi'aworo/Kunjuru areas. You will be able to continue your work in these two areas on your return to the Nembi in early 1967.
- (8) Ascertain the possibility of acquiring larger areas of land (up to 2000 acres) near the junction of the Emia Creek and the Erave River. Ensure that the people are not led to believe that there will necessarily be a purchase if the people are willing to sell.
- (9) If time is available ascertain <sup>the potential</sup> or attempt to locate a suitable route for a bridle track linking Toi'aworo with Kunjuru and subsequently Orokana. If possible the route should be suitable for a motor cycle track.
- (10) Arrange the commencement of surfacing of the Nipa-Nembi motor road between Tindom and Toi'aworo.

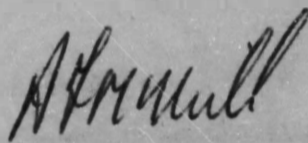


- (11) Complete the marking out of the Nipa - Wage River (Halalinja Village) vehicular road.

As regards the surveys to locate potential routes for vehicular roads linking Ulal with the Nipa - Nembi road, Ulal ~~in~~ with Pumberel and Uba, and the track linking Toi'aworo with Orokana in the Kutubu area, if suitable routes are located construction will commence during your second visit to the Nembi in early 1967.

Please ensure that election results and returns are forwarded to Nipa immediately on completion of that section of the patrol involved in elections. Also forward a handwritten copy of the election report to Nipa as soon as possible after the completion of your series of elections.

I trust you will have an enjoyable and rewarding patrol.



(A.F. McNeill)  
Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Our Reference P.R. 10-1966/67

If calling ask for

Mr

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

16th December 1966.

To the: Assistant District Commissioner,  
NIPA Sub-District Office.

NIPA Patrol Report No. 10 of 1966/67  
to  
NEMBI CENSUS DIVISION and part WAGE and NIPA BASIN DIVISIONS

(A) PREAMBLE

Patrol conducted by: C.P. Dangerfield (Patrol Officer)

Area patrolled: All of NEMBI Census Division and part WAGE and NIPA BASIN Divisions.

Personnel accompanying Patrol:

Constable 6752 UAMA ( 53 Days )
" " 7842 AKAU ( 44 Days )
" " 9466 BOKI ( 50 Days )
" " 10538 ANDAGAMA ( 44 Days )

Interpreters;

NOGEA/WIRU ( 36 Days )
SUELI/KARIT ( 17 Days )

Aid Post Orderlys:

IAGASA/WABI ( 50 Days ).
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Duration of Patrol; 10/10/66 to the 1/12/66.  
( 53 Days )

Last Patrol to Area: NEMBI C.D. - August 1966.  
WAGE C.D. - September 1966.  
NIPA BASIN C.D. - Sept 1966.

Objects of the Patrol:

(a) Part WAGE & NIPA BASIN Census Divisions - to conduct initial Elections for NIPA L.G. Council.

(b) NEMBI Census Division - Census, Law and Order, Routine, Road Surveys, Land Availability Investigation, Area Survey, Willingness to join NIPA Council, and Roads & Bridges.

Map Reference: Taken off Maps compiled from aerial photographs.

*C.P. Dangerfield*

C.P. DANGERFIELD ( Patrol Officer )  
16th December 1966.



(B) INTRODUCTION

1. Objects of this Patrol are fully covered by the attached Patrol Instructions. These necessitated visiting two separate areas of the now NIPA Sub-District; part of the WAGE and NIPA BASIN Census Divisions to conduct Initial Elections for the newly formed NIPA Local Government Council; and the NEMBI Census Division in full to carry out objectives listed in the Instructions and Preamble to this report.
2. First two weeks were spent conducting the Elections in the area stated above, for Wards 8,9,10,11,12,17,20,21 which with the inclusion of Ward 8 ( ALAMANDA ) and exclusion of Wards 19,22, and 24, (HONT, KOMBILA/KOROP, and EREF) is the same area as visited by this Officer during Patrol No. 7 of 1966/67 for the purposes of Pre-Election Education. Briefly, it includes the lower (southern) part of the WAGE Division, where the people are basically MENDI speakers, and the north-western part of the NIPA Basin Division. Emphasis is given to the NEMBI in this report, as Report No.7 covered fully the mentioned area of the WAGE and NIPA BASIN. Comments on this area are limited to facts relevant to the Elections.
3. The last ward visited was ULAL at the head or north of the PWE Creek Valley. This Unit is together with KOROP the only area of the NEMBI Division included in the NIPA Council for the present. From ULAL the patrol proceeded on to visit all NEMBI Units to carry out objectives already indicated and which are elaborated on in the body of the report.
4. The NEMBI Census Division covers an area of between 220 and 240 square miles and has a population of over 11,000 people. With the inclusion of the MENDI Sub-District Unit of MALA, which has been recommended to the Director previously by the Assistant District Commissioner, MENDI, the NEMBI would have a population approaching 12,000 people. The boundaries of the NEMBI are the ERAVE River in the south, south-west from it's junction with the NEMBI River to TOTWARO Rest House, the LAI/NEMBI Divide along the eastern side, and the NEMBI/WAGE Divide along the west. Both these ranges running in a north-west to south-east direction. The northern boundary is a line running east-west about 8 miles south of NIPA.
5. Geographically the Division consists of four regions which are as follows:
  - (a) The NEMBI Valley proper, a steep sided U-shaped valley, which is generally a mile across its level floor. It runs south-east for about 10 miles following the NEMBI to its junction with the ERAVE near POROMA Rest House. General elevation is between 4,700 and 4,900 feet and Kunai Grass and Causarina Trees predominate. The heavily timbered LAI divide rises steeply 1,500 to 3,000 feet to the east. Formerly sparsely populated due poor defence it is rapidly being resettled as the soil is fertile. Had this area been purchased earlier there would have been economic potential. Soils are described by a C.S.I.R.O. survey as Piedmont plain and fans, with humic olive ash soils, peaty soils and deep dark clay soils.
  - (b) West of this valley lies the NEMBI Plateau which contains the greatest bulk of the divisions population. A steep timberless ridge rises west out of the NEMBI valley. West of this the plateau rises gradually to the crest of the WAGE Divide. The surface of this area consists of a series of enclosed depressions separated by pyramids and towers of limestone generally barren of forest and between 1000 and 500 feet in elevation. Erosion has proceeded apace on the ridges but soil is conserved in these many basins due to the poor drainage of the area. Humic brown clay soils and shallow dark clay soils predominate.

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5. (c) South of the NEMBI Valley and Plateau , along the course of the ERAVE River is an area of gently sloping elongate lava plains of deep humic brown clay soil, broken by irregular hills. The EMIA and OM Creeks flow out of the plateau across these flats to the ERAVE ( although the OM goes underground on the way). Where the plateau falls to the flats in the south along the EMIA, the relief becomes very rugged and pinnacles of limestone cluster like a football crowd.

(d) Lastly the WAGE Valley west of the plateau despite being steep and up to 3,000 feet deep, provides extra garden space and game for half of the plateau population.

(C) PATROL DIARY.

- Monday 10/10/66 Departed NIPA on foot 1100hrs and arrived BOIA Rest House 1225. Made camp and in view of rain decided to hold elections tomorrow. Slept BOIA.
- Tuesday 11/10/66 Elections conducted for BOIA/UGUN Ward 9, and Village Constable of BOIA one LOL and Village Councillor of UGUN, one SAGUL, elected. Slept BOIA.
- Wednes. 12/10/66 Finished marking WAGE Road from a point between BOIA and the NIPA/MARGARIMA Road. Will have to re route last 400 yards marked up to main road. Rain began at 1500. Walked to ALAMANDA Rest House and arrived in rain at 1600. Slept ALAMANDA.
- Thurs. 13/12/66 Elections ALAMANDA. Poll declared. 1430 to 1630 to HOMBILA. Slept HOMBILA.
- Friday 14/10/66 Elections HOMBILA. Winner a young man with mission ties. To HALALINJA vis steep descent and ascent of the WAGE Gorge. Elections Halinja. Village Constable EM elected unanimously. Slept HALALINJA.
- Satur. 15/10/66 To UNGUBI Rest House ( 30 minutes ). Elections held and declared. Close thing. Two clans census here unfortunately and both wanted there own man despite only one seat. Son of a head man, one NIP just won from Village Councillor HANAL. Slept UNGUBI.
- Sunday. 16/10/66 Self waiting on message from NIPA. Day observed at UNGUBI.
- MONDAY 17/10/66 Left UNGUBI 0800 and arrived WAGE River 0925. All across by 0955. Steep little walk up to PINJIP Rest House to arrive 1020. Actual walking - self 1.50 hrs. Commenced Elections and had half finished when thunderstorm brk so proceedings stopped. Slept PINJIP.
- Tuesday 18/10/66 Finished elactions Ward 17 PINJIP/KAWARI/INJASUJUL, and winners in this two seat ward were the Village Constables of PINJIP and INJASUJUL. Walked for 30 minutes to HEBINJA. Elections HEBINJA commenced, but again heavy rain. Slept HEBINJA.



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- Wednes. 19/10/66 Elections HEBINJA completed. Left 1320. 40 minutes for all to cross WAGE near HEBINJA. 1400 to 1635 over steep track to ULAL. Last in arrived 1735. Slept ULAL.
- Thurs. 20/10/66 Elections ULAL. Village Constable IRAP elected. Examined access routes into PWE Valley close to ULAL. Slept ULAL.
- Friday 21/10/66 Round through INJIP, EBIL, HONT, and SEMIN examining routes into ULAL. Heard one court "Adultery!" Slept ULAL.
- Satur. 22/10/66 Route marked from EBIL to ULAL. Good grade but a trifle to long. Slept ULAL.
- Sunday 23/10/66 Observed ULAL.
- Monday 24/10/66 Second route EBIL/ULAL marked. Slept ULAL.
- Tues. 25/10/66 Third route EBIL/ULAL marked. Slept ULAL.
- Wednes. 26/10/66 This day spent connecting and straightening out three routes. Patrol then moved to ENJUA ten minutes walk from ULAL. Slept ENJUA.
- Thurs. 27/10/66 Census revised. Discussion held re Local Government and general administration aims. Marked road route from ULAL to TEGIBO (TREGIBO). Heard five Courts at ENJUA and three disputes. Slept ENJUA.
- Friday 28/10/66 To OBUA (10 minutes). Census revised. Talks and discussions. Rain. Five case Local Courts heard. Two disputes. Slept OBUA.
- Saturday 29/10/66 To TREGIBO (10 minutes). Census, talks and discussions. Road route marked to this groups boundary with KERUNGUTU. Slept TREGIBO.
- Sunday 30/10/66 To KAM Rest House (50 minutes). Rest of day observed.
- Monday 31/10/66 Discussions with KAM Clan which includes MUL Rest House Group with emphasis on Local Government. Census revised. Several disputes settled. 35 minutes to KERUNGUTU. Two disputes here settled. Tried to get to bottom of rumour that this group had accused an OMDOL of using sorcery against a young but very powerful leader of the KERUNGUTU people. Name of this rest house should be KERUNGULI. Slept here anyway.
- Tuesday 1/11/66 Census and talks. Road route marked from TREGIBO boundary to KERUNGUTU. Slept KERUNGUTU.
- Wednes. 2/11/66 Marked route KERUNGUTU to TOBUA. Census and talks with TOBUA. Two Courts heard and several disputes. Slept TOBUA.
- Thurs. 3/11/66 Day spent trying to locate route from where left off between KERUNGUTU and TOBUA to between TOBUA and PUMBAREL. Route marked unsatisfactory. Slept TOBUA.
- Friday 4/11/66 Located route through to PUMBAREL. Census PUMBAREL and slept the night PUMBAREL.
- Saturday 5/11/66 Talks and discussions with PUMBAREL. Route marked to PENAROP. Census PENAROP finished 1730. Slept PENAROP.

- Sunday 6/11/66 Discussions with PENAROP and thence 35 minutes to ENIP Rest House. Walked into NIPA for Court Case arriving at 2000 hrs. Slept NIPA.
- Monday 7/11/66 Walked back to ENIP arriving 1400. Conducted census and held discussions. Slept ENIP.
- Tuesday 8/11/66 Road route marked PENAROP-UBA. Then patrol moved from ENIP to UBA ( 30 minutes walking ). Census and discussions with UBA's. Five or six courts after tea. Slept UBA.
- Wednesday 9/11 UBA to SEMIN - 2 hours. People slow assembling despite being given two days warning of arrival of patrol. New Rest House built by SEMINS 7½ feet high. Decided to build another & materials gathered. Two courts heard and convictions recorded. Slept SEMIN.
- Thursday 10/11 Rest House completed except for roofing. Census and discussions held. Rain. Slept SEMIN.
- Friday 11/11/66 To KONGU Rest House ( 1 hour ). Census and talks. A bit of interest shown. Slept KONGU.
- Saturday 12/11 To TINDOM (MERUT) a short walk of 40 minutes. Census and discussions with road work emphasised. Slept TINDOM.
- Sunday 13/11/66 To UDJABIA (30 minutes) .Day observed.
- Monday 14/11/66 Census and talks UDJABIA. Thence to KUM. Census KUM. Slept KUM.
- Tues. 15/11/66 Censused PETUM. Then talks with KUM and PETUM which are of the same main clan. To KESU - 35 minutes. Census and discussions. Three courts. Slept KESU.
- Wednesday 16/11 To KUSA in 20 minutes. Census and discussion. Group to build new Rest House and Police Barracks. More courts. Slept KUSA.
- Thurs. 17/11/66 To NENJA ( 1.20 hrs ). Full attendance from a group notorious for evasion of census. Still a very heiry group of people but superficially quiet. Slept NENJA.
- Frid. 18/11/66 To TOIWARO( 1.25 hrs). Census and talks. New Police Barracks commenced. Slept TOIWARO.
- Satur. 19/11/66 Frame for barracks completed, and 30 foot span bridge built over the EMIA creek about a mile from TOIWARO. Slept TOIWARO.
- Sunday 20/11/66 To KUNDJULU (NEI) Rest House. Day observed.
- Monday 21/11/66 Census and talks. Frame new Rest House built. Walked south about an hour from NEI to examine country. Returned and slept NEI.
- Tues. 22/11/66 To POROMA. 3.20 hrs. Census and discussions. Lazy group here. Slept POROMA.
- Wednes. 23/11/66 People commenced clearing strip site at POROMA which had been allowed to become overgrown with saplings up to 10 feet high. Self to TOIWARO after lunch to await arrival O.I.C. Lake Kutubu Mr N. McQuilty P.O. Returned and slept POROMA.
- Thursday 25/11 Continued clearing strip and station boundaries. Slept POROMA.



Friday 25/11/66 To MATO Reat House. Census and discussions. Several Courts and disputes heard. Slept MATO.

Satur. 26/11/66 Party along main road to UDJABIA. Self through KESU to KUM to summons an individual of PETUM. Thence down to UDJABIA.

Sunday 27/11/66 Self by Christian Union Mission Motor Cycle to NIPA to arrange transport into NIPA. Returned and slept UDJABIA.

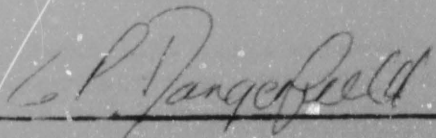
Monday 28/11/66 Constables AKAU, BOKI, and ANDAGAMA to NIPA with Mission tractor. Self heard 8 Local Court cases. In afternoon commenced to tear down old bridge over creek a 100 yards north of Christian Union Mission Station. This bridge about 20 feet above the stream caving in the abutments and to unsafe. Cleared site new bridge at a lower level. Slept UDJABIA.

Tuesday 29/11/66 Abutments and bearers placed. Slept UDJABIA.

Wednes. 30/11/66 Fifth bearer cut, pulled, and placed. Decking placed. Span of bridge about ~~30-35~~ feet. Slept Udjabia.

Thurs. 1/12/66 Party to NIPA. Self arranged cutting of approaches to the new bridge. Mr M.A. Goodson Agricultural Officer at NIPA arrived on Motor Bike to take writer into NIPA. Arrived NIPA 1300. Patrol stood down.

ENDOFDIARY

  
C.P. DANGERFIELD (Patrol Officer)

16/12/66

(D) OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTSNEMBI -- NATIVE SITUATION

1. The people of the NEMBI Census Division have not got a good record of contact with the Administration. Up to two or three years ago Patrols were being greeted with open hostility and defiance. The people of TOBUA went as far as threatening the life of an officer in 1964, the then O.I.C. NIPA Mr R. Focken. Since then the people have come to feel the Administration's strength, and to accept this, at least when there is an officer in the region. At the time mentioned the people were allowing patrols through their area, but, violent reactions took place when any intrusion was made into their traditional society. Since then there has been an improvement in the situation, however they have not reached a stage where they desire our presence, appreciate our intentions, or support our aims.
2. Reception of this patrol was never openly hostile and the people attended the Census in full. Despite a superficially cordial attitude the impression was gained that the departure of the patrol would see the majority of the people continuing on their merry old way. Jurisdiction is accepted while a patrol is in residence, but many cases are not brought forward. A number of Officials were advised of their duties but follow up action will still be necessary. Fear of imprisonment is intense, mainly because the people fear crossing enemy territory to get home after their term is finished. For this reason a fuss is still made when a "Head-Man" is imprisoned, through fear of his being killed by enemies. Certainly the discontinuance of tribal fighting has been the biggest achievement so far, but the old animosities linger on. Despite this it appears that the vehicular road running the length of the NEMBI Valley proper has given the people in that part of the Division greater confidence about moving through hostile territory.
3. The people of the NEMBI Valley have done considerable work in the past on the NIPA/NEMBI Road, but enthusiasm is flagging as the people have no desire for development if it means hard work. They do not appear to regard the road as "theirs", and for their ultimate benefit. It is difficult to find examples to encourage them. Desire for money is not lacking amongst these people, but it is not sufficient to stimulate a demand for development as yet, or to rouse an enthusiasm for work.
4. The "Cargo" Cultist movement formerly centred around POROMA appears to have died out as no rumours of it's continuance were heard.  
  
Also the people of TOBUA and PUMBAREL were quite reasonable this year, and there was no surface indication that they are still working "TAMBERAN" to get rid of D.D.A. Officers and Police.
5. The conservative attitude of these people is not purely a result of their lack of understanding or of being primitive. Comparisons may be odious but they are useful. Regular patrolling has been going for little less time than with the MARGARIMA people. In the NEMBI the broken terrain, and heavy population make for isolation, and warfare, whereas the lighter population and easier terrain round MARGARIMA have helped the HURI people there to become aware of the outside, to measure up to it, and submerge their feuds. This cannot fully explain the attitude of the NEMBI people however, for with MENDI being established 16 years and themselves being of MENDI stock some awareness of our peaceful intentions must have filtered through. Two facts appear to explain part of their attitude. Firstly, that an unfavourable view of the administration filtered through before the advent of regular patrolling. Secondly, is the graded nature of the society where unlike the HURI the people don't regard themselves as being as good as the next man; the "Head-Men" are very powerful still.



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6. The main problems retarding these people are inter-related; intensified traditional economics, bride-price, and the status of the traditional leaders. The end of tribal fighting has resulted in leaders of clans, and within clans, competing in "Races" to see who can acquire greatest wealth. The traditional means of gaining status has been intensified. Prestige and power still go to those who acquire great wealth.

Apart from old rivalries being intensified by this competition, it is strengthening the old ways, making the people, through their leaders, negative towards the administration.

7. The native economy has become inflated owing to the activity of the "Head-Men", and the influx of European Kena Shell making exchange easier. Below is a list of native valuables and their monetary value within the native economy.

Most valuable are the HEAD-KENA Shells. These are usually of large size or age and are given a personal name in honour of their worth. In one case such a shell was so valuable that a full clan group were unable to purchase it with their pooled resources. Usually they are not quite this valuable. An average value of a Head Kena would be 20 to 50 normal Kena of good quality. In the native economy a good normal Kena is worth between \$5 and \$10 if bought with money. So a Head Kena could be worth up to \$500 if converted to our terms. The influx from European sources of normal Kena has facilitated purchase and exchange, and as the Head Kena changes hands its value increases as does the prestige of owning one.

A large sow pig which is reckoned most valuable by the people will fetch between 6 and 10 normal Kena. A good quality Cassowary is worth between 12 and 20 normal Kena, which converts to between \$100 and \$200. This agrees with the cash value of some cassowaries sold in MENDI. Tree-Oil from Lake Kutubu is worth 2 to 3 Kena for a Large Bamboo container of about 12 sectors. This would be roughly around \$3 a gallon if converted, but probably more if actual money was used.

Lastly to European animals have been introduced in small numbers and play a part in "Races". These are Goats and Turkeys. There are only a few and are purely prestige items, their native value being far greater than their European value. A large turkey is worth about the same as a medium sized Cassowary. A goat is worth about 6 good Kena.

8. This desire for wealth has had an effect on the bride-price situation. Numerous disputes are presented to an officer over its repayment. Formerly 6 to 8 KENA and one or two pigs would have been an average price. Now in one case the following was paid over: One HEAD KENA, worth 20 Kena, 24 normal Kena, 1 large Cassowary, and two large pigs. Bride-price has been said to be a ceremonial exchange with no profit motive. This does not appear to be the case in the NEMBI area. One old man of PENAROP stated that "Our daughters do not carry the blood of the line on, so when we lose them in marriage, we must have payment". Yet if no profit motive exists then all would be willing to accept a set price, which in itself would render the thing pointless as no one would gain. The fact is that a profit motive appears to exist, and for this reason forced marriages occur, also child marriages, in one case 9 years of age. Problems arise when divorce occurs over repayment. With the larger payments these days this is more difficult, especially the fact that parents and relatives tend to spend the pay as soon as they get it. Previously it was custom for the pay to be held till it was seen that the marriage was working out. Head-Men are usually involved in these disputes in some way, and are often responsible for much of the trouble, by instigating profitable marriages.

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9. The Head-Men are still the power in this society, tending to undermine the position of Village Officials. They do not desire a situation where an alternative form of gaining authority is offered. Most of the Village Officials are too weak to bring to Court cases involving the Head-Men. Further when a patrol leaves a village, the Village Officials have difficulty in persuading the people to carry out the instructions given by Officers of this Department. The only areas where the Officials are also leaders are few, but here the Official does possess authority.

10. Unless intensive patrolling is maintained, and some alternative of acquiring prestige offered, these leaders will through their actions in gaining status through "Races", intensify old antagonisms, and without strong judicial action, resort to the ancient method of arbitrating.

11. The people of the middle and lower NEMBI area speak the AIKELEL Dialect of the MENDI Language, which differs them slightly from the AISIOPKAL and AISKAL speakers from around NIPA itself. They speak this dialect in common with people from the western area of the UNDIRI Census Division of the MENDI Sub-District. This Division lies to the east of the NEMBI and for the greater part separated by the NEMBI/LAI Divide from the NEMBI. The main area of contact is around DEL Village where the LAI and NEMBI Rivers flow into the ERAVE a short distance north of the proposed POROMA Station. The DEL people gave refuge to the people from KESU and KVSA in former fighting with NATO and POROMA.

12. This is about the limit of former alliances and enmity between the NEMBI and UNDIRI areas. At KESU there were rumours that individuals from closer to MENDI had been into the NEMBI bearing arms and attempting to do the NEMBI people down in business transactions. The source of the feeling here, which appears to be more fear than fact, was that the NEMBI has felt the power of the administration, and are less inclined to fight than formerly. The troublesome attitude of some of the UNDIRI groups has therefore worried them. Previously their large numbers would have prevented the UNDIRI people from trying anything on with the NEMBI. This officer was in residence at UDJABIA Rest House on the day of the PUMI Massacre. No movements of men from the NEMBI was noticed or rumoured.

13. Although the Native Situation in the NEMBI is unsound, it cannot be denied that there has been a vast improvement over the past few years. The one aspect of Law and Order that the people are beginning to appreciate is in regards to the discontinuance of warfare. Officials are readier here to report cases of threatening behaviour or language, or other aggressive action. Unfortunately if this is between two separate clans, the case is brought to light by officials from the offended parties clan. There is less willingness to bring to light offences against women, or by Head-Men.

14. Continual contact with the administration has improved vastly the attitude of the people to the patrolling officer. This may be only superficial, and I anticipate some reaction as contact becomes more intensive, particularly on the part of the leaders.

VILLAGES AND OFFICIALS.1. UPPER PWE CREEK.

This area lies in the north-west of the NEMBI Plateau, consisting of ULAL, ENJUA, TREGIBO, and ORUA Villages. Perhaps the most responsive NEMBI area owing closeness to NIPA Station. ULAL has been incorporated into the NIPA Council. The ULAL Councillor IPAP is young, intelligent, and popular. The people of TREGIBO in the south of this area are still primitive, although co-operative. There still to many children with bad sores in this area. Parents have been told to take better care of them. Village Officials are doing a reasonable job in this area. The only problem is population pressure which limits economic potential.



VILLAGE AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS2. KAM and MUL

MUL is a Sub-Group of the main clan censused at KAM, and the combined population is about 300. This group live along the WAGE Range south of area 7, where the PWE Creek goes underground. A still primitive group, but the situation is good. Reception to the patrol was friendly, and the people co-operative.

3. Lower PWE CREEK

This area consisting of KERUNGUTU (KERUNGULI), TOBUA, ENIP, PUMBAREL, IOMO, and PENAROP Rest House, were formerly very troublesome. On this occasion reception was restrained but not hostile. The attitude tended to be negative and passive. They did co-operate well in marking of a road route through their area. Head-Men are very powerful in this area.

4. EMIA CREEK

Consisting of KUM, PETUM, and WAKIA (NENJA and MONDOMAP) groups situated in the southern part of the NEMBI Plateau where the terrain is extremely broken. These people are very primitive. The only thing they really grasp is that their presence is required at census. There appears to be no trouble, although obviously many matters remain hidden. Generally quiet. Only the Village Constable of KUM possesses any real authority.

5. KESU AND KUSA

Situation in these two villages was not good. People fail to make use of Courts, and leaders tend to take matters into their own hands. The Village Constable of KESU, PEP-PAIYAL, possesses a great deal of authority if he chooses to use it, but tends to become involved in disputes of KENA.

6. SOUTHERN Area.

Consisting of NEI (Kundjulu), MATO, POROMA, and TOIWARO, these groups appear to have settled down after trouble earlier in the year caused by ~~POX~~ TOIWARO and MATO. The POROMA were convinced that the Administration was not going to build a station at POROMA and had allowed the airstrip there to become overgrown. Officials are lethargic, except at MATO, where Village Constable MENGIARA displays considerable energy.

7. NEMBI Valley

Consisting of UDJABIA, TINDOM, KONGU, and KOROP, these people tend to be lazy, but present no real problems. Situation quiet. Leaders tend to be lethargic.

8. UBA

Formerly a trouble spot. Now appears quiet. Ex-Village Constable PE who has recently returned after 11 months in the NIPA Prison for assorted offences, needs watching.

9. SEMIN

A poor situation exists here despite nearness to NIPA and closeness to NIPA/NEMBI Road. The two Village Constables MAEP and TELAP have no authority or ability. The people are uncooperative. They feel that the administration has done the wrong thing for imprisoning them for offences against other groups. These people were formerly perhaps the most powerful group in the NIPA Sub-District. They are completely surrounded by former enemies. They have a keen desire to enter the NIPA Council, but only because they feel humiliated at being excluded.

WOMEN

The status of women remains traditional. They will remain second class citizens for as long as the strong Patrilineal Society continues, although they have their place and role, they cannot partake in the life or inheritance of their clan. As in most societies theirs is a world within a world. It is impossible for a woman with ability or intelligence to gain great status, as she cannot be a full member of her husband's clan. Family life appears less strained than with the HURI people, but wife bashing is common, and occurs over sometimes trivial issues. With the HURI people there is a tendency for the women to fight back, here it rarely happens.

AGRICULTURE

(i) At all centres there was sufficient native food available and no food shortage.

(ii) There are no cash crops planted in the NEMBI.

FORESTS

The NEMBI/LAI and the WAGE Divides are heavily forested with mixed timbers, and the NEMBI Valley proper, has many stands of Casuarina Trees. The area down the centre, and in the south of the division is running out of timber. At SEMIN where it is scarce it is regarded almost as a luxury to have a fire.

There is a 12 to 15 acre stand of HOOP or KLINKI pine near NEI in the KUNDJULU Valley, but this for the moment remains inaccessible. Apart from the Christian Union Mission at UDJABIA there is no market for timber.

COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

Apart from a small trade store run by the Christian Union Mission there is no commerce. Money comes to the people through Administration Carrier or Road Payments, and Mission purchases. This is only a small amount.

The people probably gain more money in traditional business transactions, where, money plays some part in the exchange. The source of our wealth remains a puzzle to these people. An effort to explain was made on this patrol so as to avoid a belief that the Administration obtains its wealth from nothing.

LAND

The people at TOIWARO state their willingness to sell land near the junction of the EMIA Creek with the ERAVE River. There appears to be 1000 acres of fertile land available along the EMIA, narrowing back north towards NENJA. A portion of this belongs to the IAPI group censused by KAGUA. They are resuming land on the NIPA side of the ERAVE. The area that they are willing to sell is included in the estimate of 1000 acres. It was explained that it was not definite that the Administration would buy.

The land is of the same soil type as that pending purchase at POROMA. It is however slightly more undulating. An estimate of 4000 to 5000 acres of land classified as "PO" has previously been made for the land and groups under NIPA, in the TOIWARO/POROMA area. This was based on Soil Type Maps which the C.S.I.R.O. has brought out. This is reduced by unsuitable terrain and limestone out-crops to around 2000 - 2500 acres at the very most. The land around the EMIA may be suitable for Tea, but could be too undulating. Tea would depend on the amount of land which can be purchased on the KAGUA side of the ERAVE.

The Christian Union Mission is interested in a 300 acre Agricultural Lease along the EMIA. They wish to start a cattle project which ultimately would be in partnership with the local people. It is suggested that a decision be made whether or not to purchase the 1000 or more acres indicated. It is supported. If no one purchases this land then it could be used for native economic projects. The Christian Union Mission is willing to wait until a decision is made. If the full amount is purchased then the Mission desires to lease 300 acres of this. If not they will formally apply. In such a case the area selected by them might render the rest of this land fragmented.



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Purchase of the aforesaid land would not affect the peoples subsistence. There are only a few gardens on these flats owing to the danger of malaria, and in the past of attack. Most of the people prefer to live and garden on the slopes. That it would cause them no hardship is shown by the willingness of these primitive people to sell. The possible advantages were explained to them. They agreed for the need for economic development.

COMPLAINTS

These were numerous. Those requiring judicial action mainly involved complaints of striking or threatening or offensive behaviour.

Those not requiring judicial action, but only mediation, centred around bride-price, and various debts and loans. Unless the people can be persuaded to stop, forcing their daughters into marriage, or demanding exorbitant prices, there appears to be no solution to the bride-price situation.

LAW & ORDER

Offences are still common, but there has been an improvement in the peoples readiness to use the courts. Further there has been a lessening of a tendency to make demonstrations when a person is imprisoned.

Forty-one convictions were recorded - 3 from the WAGE, and 38 from the NEMBI. These were as follows. "Unlawfully Striking" 9, "Unlawfully Laying Hold" 5, "Offensive" or "Insulting Manner" 5, "Threatening Behaviour" 4, "Stealing" 6, "Census Evasion" 3, "Lying Reports" 3, "Adultery" 2, "Obscene Language" 1, "Bribery" 1.

REST HOUSES

These tend to be too small, cramped, and ill constructed. This applies also to Police Barracks. Cleanliness was satisfactory. New Rest Houses were built at ULAL and SEMIN and one commenced at NEE (Kundjulu), while the people of KUSA have been instructed to build another. Frames for new Police Barracks were constructed at TOIWARO. The SEMIN are to build new Police Quarters.

CARRIERS

No difficulty was encountered obtaining carriers in the NEMBI.

HEALTH

Some notice has been taken of previous instructions regarding sanitation. Houses in the more accessible areas have pit-latrines.

There is an Administration Aid-Post at TOBUA, under Aid-Post Orderly PIMA-LOA. An aid-post is run by the Christian Union Mission at UDJABIA under the charge of Sister M.J. Waugh. Health in the area of these Posts has improved. The worst area as far as health is concerned is around TREGIBO, OBUA, and KAM in the PWE Creek, and in the south around TOIWARO and POROMA. For the former area there is not much excuse as they are closer to NIPA than most of the NEMBI. In the latter case there is some fear of passing through enemy territory associated with reluctance to seek medical attention. Most of the ailments requiring attention were common ~~ones~~<sup>ones</sup>, mainly affecting children, which had been allowed to spread and become badly infested. Anti-Yaws injections seem to have been effective and few cases were noticed, and those not of a serious nature. Leprosy is not a problem in this area. A few cases discovered were sent to NIPA for confinement. Aid Post Orderly IAGASA/WABI who accompanied this patrol performed his duties conscientiously. Action will have to be taken against careless parents in the future as there is little excuse now for not seeking medical care for their children.

EDUCATION

Only one school is located in this Division, that at the Christian

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Union Mission at UJABIA. This is a primary school with 32 local pupils, and has been operating for only one year. It is to be expanded next year.

ROADS & BRIDGES

(i) A road route was marked from UJIL, six miles south of NIPA on the NIPA/USMFI Road, to ULAL, thence down the PUI Creek to KOWAMBU, on through TONUA and FENAROP to UAI West House. This road will give access to the heaviest concentration of population in the Division; 5000 people in 20 to 25 square miles. It is estimated that the road will be 15 to 18 miles long. The important task of this road is that it will give access to an area formerly very troublesome, TONUA/FENAROP. This road could in the future be linked from UAI to between USMFI and SINDON on the NIPA/USMFI Road. The people of the area are willing to build this road as an improving Native Situation has resulted in their feeling out of things. This road is important, and sufficient shovels will be needed to prevent slow progress and consequent loss of enthusiasm.

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(ii) A bridge was constructed at the UJIA Creek a mile east of TOIWARO, on the NIPA/USMFI Road, and another on the same road, adjacent to the Christian Union Mission at UJABIA. Staking of the NIPA/USMFI Road to TOIWARO has been commenced, or rather stopped up.

(iii) Potential for a vehicular road from TOIWARO west to NEI in the BUNWULU Valley is limited owing to the pinnacle nature of the country through which it must pass whichever route is followed. It would not be impossible with a large labour force. A route has been previously marked. On this route are 20 large sink holes which present problems. A road could be built round the sides of these sink holes but where the two sink holes connect is a steep rocky saddle 150 feet high. This could be overcome by grading a road up to near the connecting rim, and blasting the remaining estimated 40 to 50 feet of stone. The other main problem on this route is where the route as marked leaves the EBAYE flats and enters into the 500 foot pinnacle hills bordering the flats. A large amount of stone would have to be dug out here. It is considered possible to construct a motor cycle track to NEI. Alternatively it might be possible to construct a road from NEI to FENAROP through a gap in the WAVE Range. This would have to be investigated, and if constructed would give GWAKIRO access to NIPA and POROMA.

CEMETRIES

There are no graves set aside for common burial. The only custom or traditional burial is that the people leave bodies hanging for up to a week in a cocoon of bark, while they bewail. A rather unhealthy arrangement.

MISSIONS

The only Mission with European Personnel in the USMFI is at UJABIA, where the American, Christian Union Mission, has a 90 acre lease. The head of the station Mr J. Hessel has gone on leave. The Rev. D. Seymour is Acting Head at the moment, and is involved in a stepped building programme.

The Primary USMFI School is to be expanded with the recent arrival of teachers, the Rev. L. Johnson, and Miss E. Connolly. This Mission is active in all parts of the USMFI and has Evangelists at most centres.

The Capuchin Friars Mission has Catechists stationed at MATO, and TOIWARO. The Methodist Mission at PURIL near NIPA has considerable influence around ULAL in the PUI Creek Area. Mission teachings have not penetrated deeply, and the people maintain the only beliefs they understand, except for the occasional keen mission adherent.

AIRFIELDS

The POROMA Strip which had become overgrown with saplings up to 10 feet high was reclaimed for a distance of 500 feet. About 2000 feet



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can be cleared without difficulty. North of this section is a decline of 10 degrees, about 100 to 150 yards long. After this is another section of about 1000 feet suitable for construction.

POROMA

The establishment of a post at POROMA would give access to the Lower NEMBI, but also to the area of the UNDIRI Census Division generally west of the LAI River, and to the groups in the KAGUA Sub-District just east of the ERAVE River. If these groups are not incorporated then the hard work will be done by the NEMBI People. The others will be free to cash in on this when they feel like. Secondly, to be considered is the poor native situation in some of these mentioned areas, which can more readily be corrected from POROMA.

THE ELECTIONS

No incidents occurred during the conduct of the Elections in the WAGE and NIPA Wards visited. All candidates were elected with an absolute majority, as, most wards had candidates to be elected in accordance with whether or not there was one or two clans censused at the unit. There was great conformity in selection of first preference as the people had obviously come to an agreement beforehand. Greater variation occurred in the selection of minor preferences ( 2nd and 3rd ), where women in particular showed no inclination to follow their husbands selections. This was not a sign that they did not know what they were doing. The only close voting was at UNGUBI ( Ward 12 ) where the son of a head man, NIP, just won from Village Councillor HANAL. Reason for this voting was that two clan groups were included in the same ward with one candidate to be elected. A number of HANAL's clan were included with INJASUJUL (Ward 17), had they been included at UNGUBI the winner could have been HANAL.

I feel that the functions of a Councillor should be made clear to them from the outset. Naturally the newly elected members have great pride in their status. While they must be given support any tendency on their part to become dictators should be discouraged. Obviously this is a step beyond being a Village Constable. What must be avoided is the idea that they are glorified Village Constables, with not only powers of arrest, but the right to decide what cases shall be presented to magistrates and what cases shall not. Their role as responsible leaders must be emphasized. Any appropriation of judicial authority must be discouraged, as is already a tendency in discussions for them to look upon themselves in this light. They have been informed that they have the right to advise only, not to decide. If they do so inevitably Law and Order will deteriorate. Our aim is to introduce civilised justice. These people will all too readily become involved in things beyond jurisdiction, such as marriage relations, and judge these things by traditional standards.

WILLINGNESS OF NEMBI UNITS TO ENTER NIPA COUNCIL.

As instructed an Area Survey of the NEMBI was carried out and will be forwarded later. Further as instructed certain units were asked as to their willingness to join the NIPA Council. These units were MAJUA, OBUA, TREGIBO, KERUNGURU, and SEMIN. All were willing to join. This was decided by a show of hands. These people are not ready for immediate incorporation into the NIPA Council. They themselves desire to wait at least 6 months until the completion of the EBIL/ULAL/PUMBAREL/UBA Road. The SEMIN people unfortunately, have got the wrong motive for joining. Their main reason for wanting to join "immediately" is so that they can hold a pig-kill in celebration, and be on an equal with their traditional enemies who are already in the Council. It is felt also that a later date TOBUA, IONO, PUMBAREL, PENAROP, and ENIP be incorporated into the NIPA Council. They do not wish to be under a Council centred at POROMA. They suggest a wait 1½ years. The completion of a road into their area would make NIPA the logical centre.

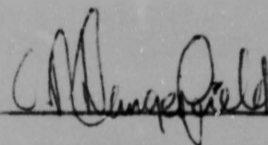
LABOUR

Apart from the Highland Labour Scheme, the only source of employment is the Christian Union Mission at UDJABIA. They employ a line of 50 casual labourers. With the need for development in this area to catch up with other areas, I feel that excessive recruitment for Highland Labour Scheme is not satisfactory. The only real resource this area has is man-power. To develop they are going to have to use this. A reasonable amount seems fair. But excessive recruitment will not result in a great deal of money coming into the NEMBI. Frustration would be a probable outcome.

CONCLUSION

The people of the NEMBI have not yet fully accepted the necessity of our presence, the native situation is quiet, and the people beginning to realise that we are here to stay, therefore compromising accordingly. There is a growing realisation that we have something to offer on the material side of things. To maintain this state extensive patrolling will have to be maintained, due to continued ill-feeling between clans which could be sparked off by the machinations, and rivalries of the leaders.

Economic development in the more populous regions of the NEMBI will be limited due to land availability, in an area where much of the terrain is pinnacle limestone. Development of the area in the south of the division will depend on the amount of land which can be acquired on the KAGUA side of the ERAVE. Without any economic development a well maintained Native Situation will inevitably break down, due to the fact that no alternative means of acquiring position through wealth is offered, and that the traditional rivalries and "races" will continue unabated. A road to the south is vital to any real economic growth.



C.P. DANGERFIELD (PATROL OFFICER)

22/12/66

Appendix "A" - Census - attached.



APPENDIX "A" - CENSUS

BALANCE:	Last years total	= 10296
	Corrections:-	
	PENAROP should have been 398 not 350 i.e. plus 48	= 10344
	UDJABIA should have been 697 not 747 i.e. minus 50	= 10294
	Migrations In 1966	654
		= 10948
	Births 1966	380
		= 11328
	Migrations Out 1966	369
		= 10959
	Deaths 1966	<u>155</u>
	Correct total 1966	<u>10804</u>
	Actual total 1966	<u>10801</u>
	Deficiency	- 3

NEW NAMES

Approximately 300 New Names were recorded.  
An estimated 200 to 300 are yet to come.

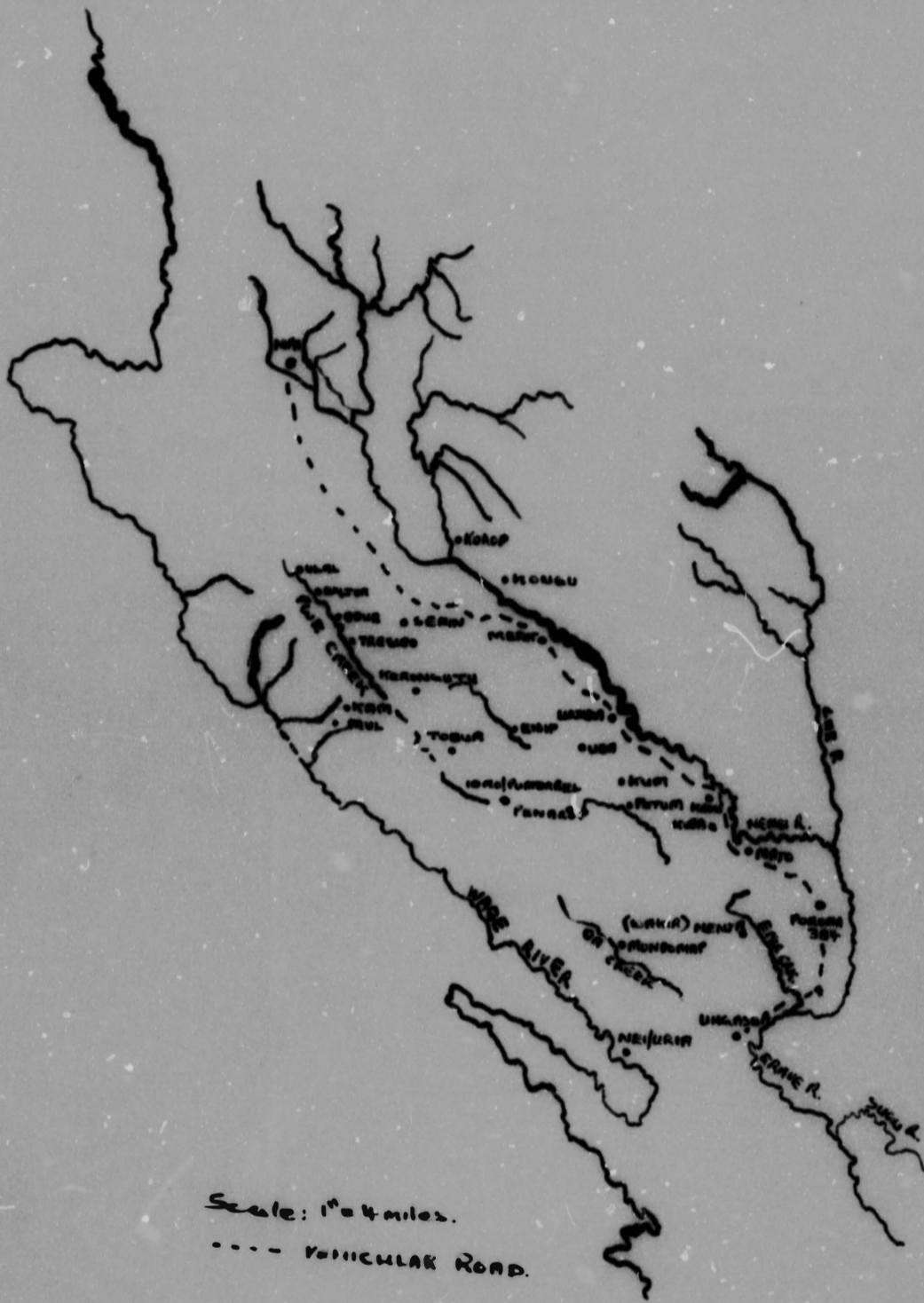
SPELLING

The correct spelling of TREGIBO is TEGIBO.  
The correct spelling of KERONGUTU is KERUNGULI.

NOTES

1. The IOMO Clan census with PUMBAREL at PUMBAREL.
2. PETUM census at KUM. KUM and PETUM belong to the one Clan Group.
3. MUL is a Sub/Clan of the main clan at KAM -TERENAIS, and MUL Census with KAM.
4. URIA and NEI Census at KUNDJULU Rest House.
5. MONDOMAP and NENJA Rest Houses consist of one group called WAKIA. Census Point for this Group is NENJA.
6. UNGASBA is the name of a clan living at TOIWARO and TIGA. The Census Point is TOIWARO Rest House.

.....*C. P. Dangerfield*.....  
 C.P.DANGERFIELD (PATROL OFFICER)



Scale: 1" = 4 miles.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. 11 of 1966/67- Nipa

Patrol Conducted by Mr. W.R. Paterson Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Part Waga Census Division, Part Margarima Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 2

Duration—From 19/11/1966 to 21/11/1966  
25/11/66 to 24/11/66

Number of Days 5

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services In/11/1966

Medical ?? / / 19

Map Reference Sketch Map attached

Objects of Patrol 1. Investigate possibility of Upper Wag groups joining Marg. Council. 2. Investigation and Survey for 'Kania' land application.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

17/11/1967

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	....	.....
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67-15-32

8th February, 1967.

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
M E N D I.

PATROL REPORT - NIPA NO. 11/1966-67:

Receipt of the above report and your 67-3-4 of the 17th  
January, 1967 is acknowledged with thanks.

A very brief report by Mr. Paterson which does however,  
indicate a satisfactory situation in the Waga and Margerima areas.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



Telegrams.....  
Our Reference 67-3-4  
If calling ask for  
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI

17th January, 1967.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU

SUBJECT: NIPA PATROL NO. 11 OF 1966/67

Attached are following documents relating to above patrol conducted by Mr. W.R. Paterson, Patrol Officer to parts of the WAGE and MAGARIMA Census Divisions:

1. Patrol Report.
2. Covering memorandum 67-2-1 of 14th December, 1966 from Assistant District Commissioner, NIPA.

As mentioned by the Assistant District Commissioner, NIPA the eventual incorporation of these Upper Wage people in the Magarima Council, which is planned for by the end of this year, is dependent upon agreement being reached on the re-allocation of existing boundaries between Kandep and Magarima. Accordingly due thought must be given to this matter in order that the position may be clarified in the near future.

A further point which emerges is that this boundary must also be determined in the recommendations for the new Open Electorate regions proposed for the 1968 House of Assembly.

A neatly set out report by a capable officer.

*D.R. Marsh*  
(D. R. Marsh)  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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67-2-1.

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

14th December, 1966.

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

COMMENTS - NIPA PATROL No. 11/ 66-67 PARTS OF WAGE  
MARGARIMA CENSUS DIVISIONS.

Please find attached copies of Nipa Patrol Report  
No. 11/66-67.

The objects of the patrol were:-

- (a) To prepare a Land Investigation Report on land known as  
KANJO;
- (b) To determine the views of ARIAKA, PANDUAGA and LIULIU Villages  
in respect of their joining the Margarima Council and being  
administered from Margarima.

As regards (a) the Report has been forwarded under  
separate cover. Unfortunately Mr. Patterson does not have a  
copy of D.D.A. Circular Memo 351 on file at Margarima, as a  
result para 10(k) of the Report has been omitted, (concern-  
ing the Declaration of Willingness to Sell). Mr Patterson has  
now been supplied with the relevant details and will subsequent-  
ly submit the Declaration as an addenda.

The owners have reduced the area they are willing to  
sell from five to 1.3 acres. The applicants, the Capucian Mission  
at Nipa state that they are still interested in the reduced area.

Subject to the ultimate relocation of boundaries be-  
tween Margarima and Kandep no obstacles should be encountered  
in the incorporation of Ariaka, Panduaga and Liu Liu villages  
into the Margarima Council and Administrative area. The people  
of this area wish to be controlled by Margarima and they are  
of the same ethnic group as the Margarimas. As such the pro-  
posed move is to both their and the Administrations benefit.  
It is understood that a tentative agreement has been reached  
between the Western and Southern Highlands that the proposed  
new boundary would run to the north of the area.

Mr. Patterson has submitted a neat report and ap-  
pears to have carried out his objectives in an efficient man-  
ner.

Claim for Camping Out Allowance is attached.

*A.F. McNeill*  
(A.F. McNeill)  
Officer in Charge.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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MARGARIMA, via  
NIPA Patrol Post,  
MENDI Sub-District,  
Southern Highlands District.  
PAPUA.  
3rd, December 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
MENDI Sub-District,  
Southern Highlands District.  
PAPUA.

~~N.I.C.A.~~  
MARGARIMA PATROL REPORT No. 11. of 1966/67.

Patrol Conducted by: Mr. William R. Paterson, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: Parts of Wage and Margarima Census Divisions.

Personnel Accompanying the Patrol: R.P. & N.G.C.  
Const Wainagari.  
Interpreter MOGERA.

Duration of the Patrol: 19/11/66 to 21/11/66  
and 23/11/66 to 24/11/66  
Total 5 days.

Last Patrol to the area: July/August 1966.

Objects of the Patrol: Investigate possibility of Upper Wage groups joining Marg. Council.  
2. Investigation and Survey for 'Kanjo' land application.

Map Reference: Sketch Map attached.

Introduction:

1. The point was raised in Margarima Patrol No 1 of 1966/67 that certain upper Wage groups presently administered from Kandep (WHD) were anxious to join the Margarima Council. In covering memoranda the Assistant District Commissioner Mendi asked for this matter to be clarified. Patrol No.3. provided an opportunity for this matter to be discussed with the A.D.O. Kandep. The matter was not concluded but the A.D.O. suggested that I visit the groups Ariaka and Panduaga as he knew that these two groups at least were interested in joining Margarima Council.

2. The second part of the Patrol was conducted for the purpose of investigation and survey for Kanjo land application.

Patrol Diary:

3. Saturday 19th November, 1966.

Patrol departed Margarima 0720 for Panduaga, passing through Tabala 0810, Ugu 0900 and arriving opposite Wangalihunda (Yenagari) 0930. Set out for Ariaka 1000 following Wage River upstream, arrived Ariaka ~~1215~~ 1215. Departed Ariaka 1300 for Panduaga arriving 1430.

4. Sunday 20th November, 1966.

Groups Ariaka and Panduaga gathered 1100, representatives from other surrounding groups also present. Purpose of Patrol explained and village officials and leaders asked to give views on the possibility of their joining the Margarima Council. Village Officials explained that they were closely related to several of the Margarima groups and hence were anxious to become part of the Margarima Council. During afternoon spoke with several individual leaders.

5. Monday 21st November, 1966.

Patrol departed Panduaga 0620 arrived Ariaka 0725. Arrived Margarima 1230.  
Patrol breaks.

6. Wednesday 23rd November, 1966.

Patrol departed Margarima 0715 for Ombal travelling along road arriving Pul 0915. Departed Pul 0925 crossing Wage River and arriving Ombal via Songura 1105. Land survey and investigation of Kanjo 1.3 acres completed 1445.

7. Thursday 24th November, 1966.

Patrol departed Ombal 0730 for Margarima, arriving 1145.  
Patrol stood down.

END OF DIARY.

Reception of Patrol:

8. The patrol was well received in both villages where camp was made. The Panduaga and Ariaka and other Upper Wage groups have been agitating for some time to have consideration given to the possibility of them becoming part of the Margarima area, however, this was the first time that an attempt had been made to ascertain the feelings of the whole group.

Outline of Political Situation:

9. The people visited in the Upper Wage area are all Huri as are the Margarima people. The people are closely related, this is indicated by clans in the Wage and Margarima areas going by one common name. It would be administratively easier for the Panduaga, Ariaka and Liu-liu groups to be administered from Margarima. With the groups further north than Panduaga there is no apparent administrative advantage in either Kandep or Margarima. To Kandep's favour is the fact that the groups concerned are presently administered from Kandep,



to Margarimas favour is the fact that these groups are one linguistic and cultural group with the Margarima people. Further discussions have been held with the A.D.C. Kandep on the findings of this Patrol and a survey of the area is being conducted in conjunction with routine censuses.

10. If the Huri people of the Margarimas area are to stand a chance of having their own representation in the next 'House' then it will be important that all the Huri people of the area are contained within the one ward. This does not appear likely to happen with the present administrative border where it is.

LAND:

11. The small piece of Land Kanje in the Wage Census Division was surveyed and the land purchase investigation was carried out. Investigation findings and related papers have been forwarded under separate cover.

Conclusion:

12. The total population of the Ariaka, Panduaga and Liu-liu groups is 1300. Population figures for the groups further north are not known this office. The present survey being conducted by a patrol from Kandep will largely determine the Administrative border.

This report was completed on the 3rd of December, 1966.

*W. R. Paterson*  
W.R. Paterson  
Patrol Officer.

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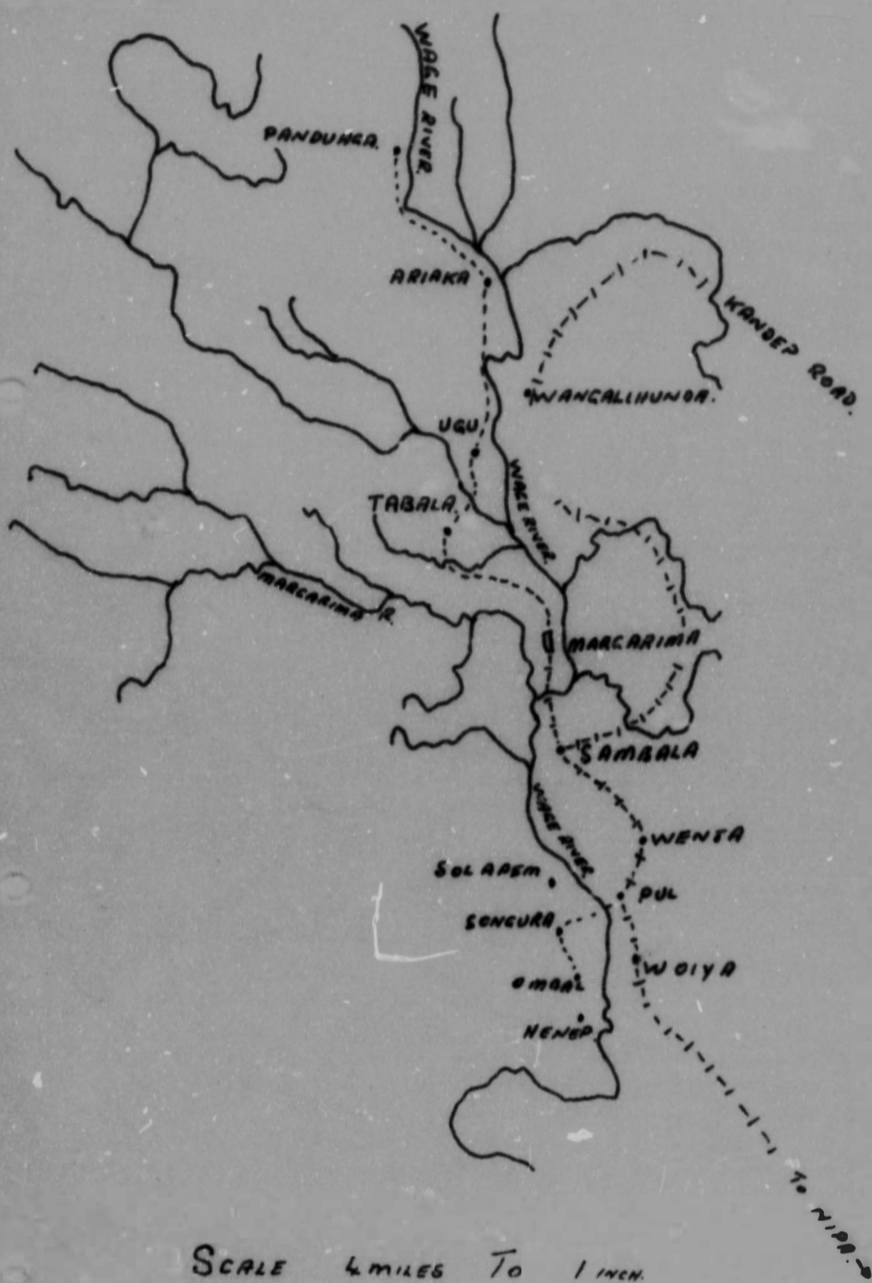
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MARGARIMA PATROL No 14 of 1966/67

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. NIPA No 13 of 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by Mr W.R. Paterson P.O.

Area Patrolled Margarima Council Area. Being Margarima Census Division & Portion of Wage Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 2

Duration—From 5 / 12 / 19 66 to 21 / 12 / 19 66

Number of Days 17

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services July/August 66 (Complete Coverage)

Medical ... November / 19 66 (Part Only)

Map Reference Sketch Map Attached

Objects of Patrol 1. Initial Council Tax Collection Margarima Council Area.

2. Routine Administration.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

6111967

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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67-15-31

7th February, 1967.

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
M E N D I.

PATROL REPORT - NIPA NO. 13/1966-67:

Receipt of the above report and your 67-3-4 of the 6th January, 1967 is acknowledged with thanks.

Mr. Paterson is to be commended for his conscientious work in the Margarima Census Division. His report indicates good progress in the area patrolled.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegram  
Our Reference 67-3-4  
If calling ask for  
Mr.



Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI

6th January, 1967.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBUI

SUBJECT: NIPA PATROL NO. 13 OF 1966/67

Attached are relevant documents relating to above patrol conducted by Mr. W. R. Paterson, Patrol Officer to part of the Wage and the whole of the Magarima Census Divisions which go to make up the Magarima Local Government Council area.

1. Patrol Report.
2. Covering memorandum 67-2-3 of 3rd January, 1967 from a/Assistant District Commissioner, NIPA.

Report reveals a most pleasing situation in the area and Mr. Paterson is to be commended in placing the emphasis of the main object of the patrol as being a Council Tax patrol. The assistance given by the Councillors accompanying the patrol is also most heartening.

These people are approaching the problem of developing their economic viability in a sensible manner however an increase in transport facilities seems to be an obvious and primary need. Comments regarding same have been passed onto DAC, Mendi for his information and action.

I agree with a/Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa on his remarks regarding the need to discourage the people of HARUGE and IAJ from coming under the control of Magarima. Their interests are best served by remaining under the control of TARI. A factor which must be considered in the not too distant future is the absorption of the HURI speaking people from the KANDEP area into the Magarima Council. No doubt these people will be even more determined to join the Council now they realize that a Department of District Administration Officer is to be permanently stationed at Magarima and that the Magarima people are beginning to see the road ahead more clearly.

My 1-5-6 of 12th December, 1966 requested that you again re-consider your decision regarding Magarima's present status and approve its recognition as a Patrol Post. This will, more than ever, give stability to this area and encourage other technical Departments to increase their activities at Magarima.

A well conducted and successful patrol by a very capable and enthusiastic officer.

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(D. R. Marsh)  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

67-2-3.

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

3rd January, 1967.

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

COMMENTS - NIPA PATROL No. 13-66/67 - MARGARIMA COUNCIL AREA.

Please find enclosed copies of Nipa Patrol Report No 13-66/67 to the Margarima and part of the Wage Census Divisions, the entire Margarima Council area. The patrol was conducted by Mr. W.R. Paterson P.C.

Political Situation. Para 27, 28, and 29 refer. It is considered that bringing Harute and Lau Villagers, at present censused in the Benaria Census Division of the Tari Sub District, under Margarima control, should be discouraged.

The main reason for this opinion is that any future development would be more likely to accrue from Tari rather than Margarima. The Benaria Valley as a whole is easily accessible to Tari and will become more so when a vehicular road is constructed to link the area with that Station. The construction of such a road is comparatively simple. It also appears certain that any future Tari access road to the coast will pass within three miles of the outlet of the Benaria River into the Tegari.

A further point is that the land owned by the two groups near Tiango, to which they propose to migrate, would appear to be not particularly suitable for subsistence gardening due to its susceptibility to frost. The Tiango people, who cultivate gardens in the area, are forced to move to their Benaria land from time to time to procure sufficient food to exist. There seems little point in encouraging the migration if the people are going to spend half of their time on each portion of their land.

Agriculture. Para 31 refers. No solution suggests itself to the problem of moving the pyrethrum crop to the market point. It can only be hoped that the development of the Margarima area will result in increased aircraft movements. The same problem will undoubtedly be experienced in other areas unless the areas planted are correlated with the capacity to move the produce to its market.

Forests. Para 33 refers. It is understood that the Mendi Council is to purchase a semi portable saw and bench. It may be worthwhile to consider hiring this plant and exploiting the stands referred to. The markets for the timber which suggest themselves are sale to P.W.D. for future permanent housing, which will undoubtedly be erected and bridge decking.

Commerce and Industry. Para 34 refers. Native owned trade stores are not a particularly good business proposition unless the owners divorce themselves almost completely from clan and social ties. The owner will require exceptional strength of character and good advice if the store is to survive.

The owner will, of course, require a licence prior to the opening of the store.



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**Personal Tax.** Para 44. It is pleasing to see that no trouble was encountered in the collection of Council Tax, particularly as the people had so little time to find the required money.

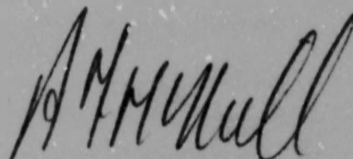
As regards an increased tax rate for males during 1967 it is considered that such a move is essential if the Margarima Council is to become economically viable. With the coming into bearing of more pyrethrum and the increased amounts of cash being made available for road maintenance there is no doubt that the people will be able to meet a tax of 50 cents.

**Conclusion.** The Native situation throughout the Margarima area continues to be excellent. The main reasons for this would appear to be the assistance the Administration has given them over the past six months and the continued presence of Mr. Paterson at the Margarima Base camp and, more particularly, on Patrol.

It is to be hoped that Margarima becomes a Patrol Post in the near future, in everything but name, it is almost that now.

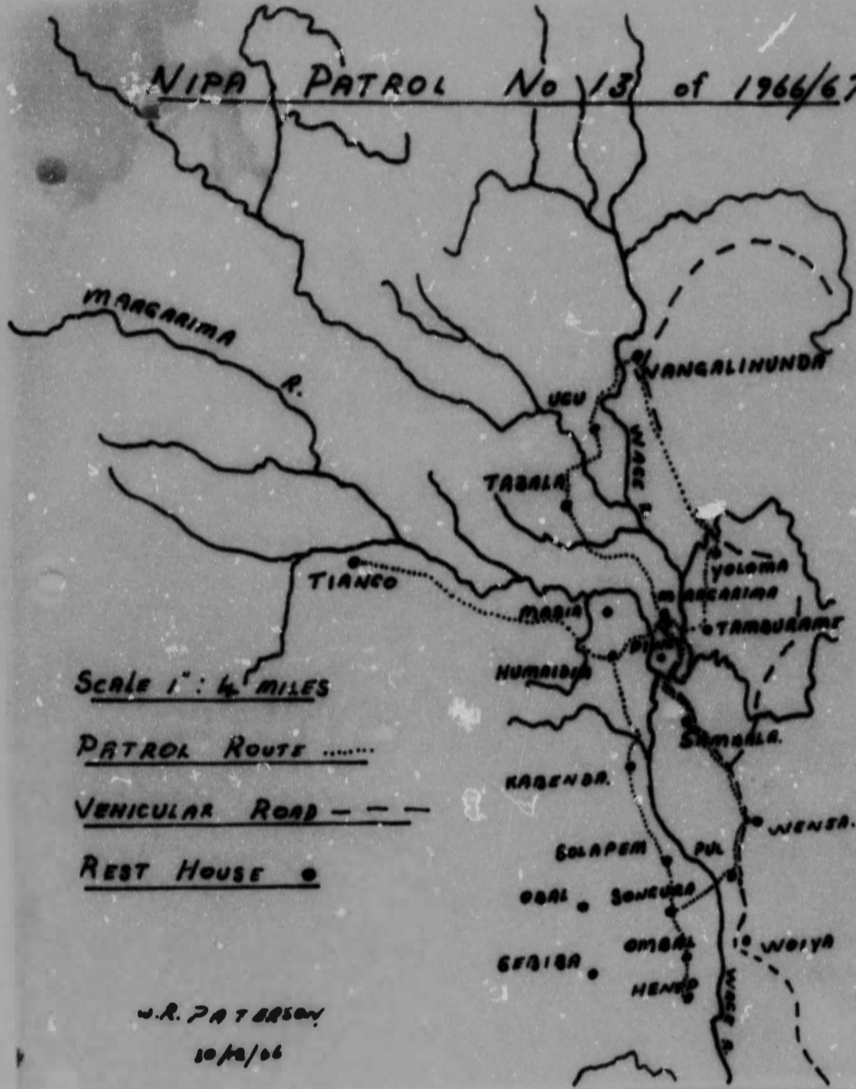
Mr Paterson has carried out his duties in a capable manner and has submitted a good report. It is assumed that his next visit to the area will place emphasis on the education of the people in Local Government procedures and methods.

Claim for Camping Out Allowance is attached for signature.



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

NIPA PATROL No 13 of 1966/67



Scale 1" : 4 MILES

PATROL ROUTE .....

VEHICULAR ROAD - - -

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W.R. PATTERSON  
10/10/66



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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MARGARIMA, via  
NIPA Sub-District,  
Southern Highlands District.  
PAPUA.

29th December, 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
NIPA Sub-District,  
Southern Highlands District.  
PAPUA.

NIPA PATROL REPORT No. 13. of 1966/67.

Patrol Conducted by: Mr. William R. Paterson, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: Part of Wage Census Division and whole of Margarima Census Division, this being the area included in the Margarima Local Government Council.

Personnel Accompanying the Patrol: Const Robi of the R.P. & N.G.C.  
Interpreter Mogera.  
Members of the Council Tax Review Committee.

Duration of the Patrol: 5/12/66 to 21/12/66  
Total 17 days.

Last Patrol to the area: Complete Coverage July/August 1966.  
Part Only November 1966.

Objects of the Patrol: 1. Initial Council Tax Collection for the Margarima Council.  
2. Routine Administration.

Map Reference: Sketch Map Attached.

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Introduction:

1. The main object of the patrol was to assist in the collection of Council Tax for the year 1966/67 for the Margarima Local Government Council. Margarima being without a Council Clerk and having no Councillors educated to the stage where they could issue a Tax Receipt this job was done by the Supervising Officer. Care was taken to impress on the people that cash collected was for Council and not for Central Government purposes. Cash when actually collected was received by the hands of Councillors appointed to the task and the Tax Review Committee dealt with all cases of inability to pay as they arose.
2. Routine administrative matters were dealt with as they arose but it was stressed that the main object of the Patrol was not for normal Administrative functions but collection of Council Taxes, and that this was therefore a 'Council patrol' more so than an 'Administration patrol'.
3. The whole of the area patrolled is situated above 6,000' A.S.L. and most of the area is above 7,000' A.S.L. Pyrethrum has been planted throughout most of the area the only exceptions being villages in the northern and southern extremes. Pyrethrum is the only cash crop in the area, cash has been coming from this source since early 1966.

Patrol Diary:

4. Monday 5th December 1966.

Patrol departed Margarima station 1000 for Yoloma arriving 1100. After tax discussions tax collected from Keme and Iaru wards, collection completed 1400. Particulars taken for recruits for Highlands Labour Scheme. Slept at Yoloma.

5. Tuesday 6th December

Patrol departed Yoloma 0830 for Wangalihunda arriving 1030. After Councillors and self explained tax and collection system Council Tax for the Yenagari ward collected. Collection commenced 1100 and completed 1400. Particulars taken from Labour recruits. Slept at Wangalihunda.

6. Wednesday 7th December

Patrol departed Wangalihunda 0800 for Ugu arriving 0900. After discussions tax collection commenced 1000, completed 1200. Particulars taken for Labour recruits. Slept at Ugu.

7. Thursday 8th December

Patrol departed Ugu 0810 for Tabala arriving 0900. After discussions tax collected for Tabala and Wambia wards. Tax collection commenced 1000 and completed 1400. Particulars taken for Labour recruits. Slept at Tabala.

8. Friday 9th December

Patrol departed Tabala 0720 for Margarima station arriving 0830. After discussions tax collected for Pingi and Wabima wards commencing 1000 and completing 1300. Heard complaints in Local Court. Slept at Margarima station.

9. Saturday 10th December

Patrol departed Margarima station 0815 for Tiango (Aruba No 1) arriving 1100. After tax and general discussions tax collection commenced for Aruba ward at 1130. Collection for Tiango section of Aruba ward completed 1410. Particulars taken for Labour recruits. Held discussions with men from Benaria Census Division concerning council affiliations. Slept at Tiango.



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10. Sunday 11th December, 1966.  
Patrol departed Tiango 0720 for Humaidia arriving 0930. Checked tax figures.
11. Monday 12th December  
Patrol remained at Humaidia . Tax collected for remainder of Aruba ward commencing at 1000 and completing at 1400. Particulars taken for Labour recruits. Slept at Humaidia.
12. Tuesday 13th December  
Patrol departed Humaidia 0810 for Kabenda arriving 1010. Council tax collected for the ~~Aruba~~ Kabenda ward, groups Wau, Minya and Naip. Tax collection commenced 1100 and completed 1300. Slept at Kabenda.
13. Wednesday 14th December  
Patrol departed Kabenda 0740 for Solapem arriving 0900. Groups Sengura and Solapem gathered at Solapem. Tax collection for Sengura and Solapem wards commenced 0930 and completed 1230. Slept at Solapem.
14. Thursday 15th December  
Patrol departed Solapem 0810 for Ombal arriving 0900. Groups Henep Hual and Ombal gathered. Tax collection for Henep and Ombal wards commenced 1000, completed 1400. Slept at Ombal.
15. Friday 16th December  
Patrol departed Ombal 0820 for Henep arriving 0840. Sebiba and Obal groups gathered 1000. Tax collection commenced for Sebiba and Obal wards following discussions. Collection commenced 1100, completed 1300. Slept at Henep.
16. Saturday 17th December  
Patrol departed Henep 0715 for Pul arriving 1015. Pul and Woiya groups gathered. Tax collection commenced for Pul and Woiya wards 1100, completed 1400. Slept at Pul.
17. Sunday 18th December  
Patrol remained at Pul. Checked receipts and balanced figures.
18. Monday 19th December  
Patrol departed Pul 0745 for Wenja arriving 0840. After tax and general talks tax collected for Wenja ward. Collection commenced 1000 and completed 1230. Particulars taken for Labour recruits. Slept at Wenja.
19. Tuesday 20th December  
Patrol departed 0750 for Sambala arriving 0825. After tax and general talks tax collection commenced for Sambala ward 0930, completed 1200. During afternoon checked figures and cash and checked work on bridge on Margarima-Kandep Road, returning to Sambala 1600. Slept at Sambala.
20. Wednesday 21st December  
Patrol departed Sambala 0815 for Margarima station arriving 0900. Patrol stood down.

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Reception of Patrol:

21. The patrol was well received in all places visited and by all groups contacted. Although the enthusiasm of the Election period was not evident most people had made up their minds to pay the tax and were well prepared to do so.

Villages:

22. All villages visited were reasonable well maintained. In the one instance where Village hygiene was not of good standard directions were given to improve standard of hygiene and this has since been attended to.

Village Officials:

23. The Local Government Councillors have now taken the place of the old Village Officials, in many cases this has meant only a change in title and position for the old Village Official as the majority of elected Councillors were previously Village Officials. The elected position of Councillor has given a renewed interest and loyalty to the Village Officials.

Outline of Political Situation:

24. Council remains the focal point of all activities. Though there was some opposition from rate payers to the idea of paying tax before the end of 1966 this was overcome before the Tax Patrol commenced and nearly everyone paid their tax without hesitation.

25. The first 6 months of the Councils existence have been crowded with pre-election campaign, first elections, Council opening, construction and opening of Council Chambers and payment of first Tax. A comprehensive education programme for voters/tax-payers is required and it is intended that this will be carried out before the next elections are held. The Council is seen by the people as a means whereby the elected members can raise the living standard of the whole community and this not only on an economical basis but also on the basis of providing laws suited to the particular needs of the community. The due processes of drafting by-laws or raising living standards through cash economy are not understood.

26. The people generally speaking have now a much greater trust in the actions of the Administration than they did have 6 months previously. Although Margarima has not been developed as a Patrol Post they see some permanency in the construction of the Patrol Officers house and in the continuing presence of a member of the Department of District Administration.

27. While the patrol was at Tiango a delegation was received from members of the Harute and Lau groups of the Benaria Census Division presently administered from Tari. Delegations of like nature have previously been received at Margarima from these same groups, these two groups express a wish to join the Margarima Council. Although their main living area is 2 days walk from Margarima the groups own and make some use of land less than 2 hours walk from the Margarima Station. It was explained to the group that in their present situation they were too far way to join the Margarima Council but that if they were sincere in their wish to join the Council it would be to their benefit to build more houses and make more gardens on their clan ground closer to Margarima Station. This way they could participate in the general development of the area as their present home area was too far distant from both Margarima and Tari to see any development in the near future.

28. The groups Harute and Lau are very closely related to the Tiango section of the Aruba group which also has land rights in the Benaria area. Tiango area is frequently struck by frosts. When these become severe enough to effect garden production the Tiango group migrates to their land at Benaria where they live until the food situation improves in their home area.



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29. If the Harvte and Lau groups live more on their Margarima land then their inclusion in the Margarima Council would seem to be practical, however, in their present situation it would be of no advantage to themselves or the Council for them to become a part of the Council.

Agriculture:

30. The food situation at Margarima is at present good, no shortages exist. The most popular introduced crop is the English Potato which has at least a limited local market and is of some use in the local diet, though here the sweet-potato is more nutritious and is also preferred.

31. Pyrethrum is the only real cash-crop in the area. Pyrethrum is grown widely and most gardens are well maintained. The people appreciate the cash gained from the pyrethrum though they wish the flower could bring a higher cash price. Approximately 100 acres is now planted with pyrethrum, however, all this amount has not reached the picking stage. A problem exists in transporting the bagged flower to Mendi or Hagen as the average one Cessna 185 per week is not able to cope with the amount of flower to be shifted.

Livestock:

32. The native pig remains the only livestock kept in any quantities. Goats are becoming popular, though at the moment they are kept more as a prestige item than as a source of food or for cash income.

Forests:

33. There are only very limited forest areas close to Margarima Station, but good forest areas with mixed timber exist further out; at the present time these are not readily accessible. The local Missions have a few pit-saws operating taking out a small quantity of timber. A need still exists for a programme of reforestation.

Commerce and Industry:

34. One enterprising local who has had previous service as a policeman has commenced to construct a building at Ombal with the idea of establishing a trade store on a very limited scale. The person concerned is very much an individualist in this regard and I am surprised that any local person in the area would have the courage to start such a venture. Should the venture be carried through to completion and then succeed it will be a stimulant to the surrounding community. At present there are no trade stores in the Margarima area.

35. Complaints and Courts:

Very few complaints or courts were heard during the duration of the patrol. This was partly because I wished to stress the Patrol as a Council function and not as a Administrative one, and partly because disputes have been brought into Margarima as they have arisen.

Rest Houses:

36. Most rest-houses were found to be in good condition, one has been rebuilt since the patrol was in that particular area. The rest house at Wenja has been moved since the last full coverage patrol in July/August. The new rest house is across a range from the old site, the new site being adjacent to the Nipa/ Margarima road. The people of the Wenja group live and maintain gardens in both areas.

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Health:

37. General health in the area appears to be good, with the most frequent cause of sickness pneumonia. The most common physical injuries are eye damages.
38. The Aid-Post at Margarima is well patronized. An average of 800 out-patients are treated every month. Monthly average of 'in-patients' is about 30. The Aid-Post currently has a staff of one trained nurse and two Aid-Post-Orderlies. The Aid-Post at Ugu operates on a much smaller scale with a staff of one Aid-Post-Orderly..
39. A new Aid-Post has been built at Henep to replace the previous one which was poorly sited, however, no staff has yet been found to staff it. This Aid-Post has now been without staff for 12 months. The Henep Aid-Post would serve a population of over 2,000 people all of whom live on the western side of the Wage River.

Education:

40. The only school in the area is the Administration school at Margarima with an enrollment of 131 in grades ranging from Prep. to Std 4. It appears likely that the general shortage of teachers will mean no fresh intake of students next year.

Roads and Bridges:

41. The only vehicular road in the area open to traffic is the Nipa-Margarima road. At present sections of this road are being regraded and improved. Work is continuing on the Margarima-Kandep road and the first major bridge on the road is now being built. The completion of this bridge will open up about 4-5 miles of completed road. Walking tracks are being maintained but the main emphasis is on Roads.

Missions:

42. There are three missions active in the area; the Capuchin Mission, the Methodist Mission and the Seventh Day Adventist Mission. This latter mission has only started operations in the area in the last 6 months and has a very limited number of adherents to date. The Methodist and Capuchin Missions are well established with large followings.

Labour:

43. During the patrol approximately 100 young men presented themselves as labour under the Highland Labour Scheme. A total of 150 have presented themselves for this purpose over the previous few months. The sudden influx of labourers wishing to go to the coast is attributed to a growing realization that without cash earned from outside sources the people are not going to be able to meet future Tax demands. Very little opportunity for employment of labour exists in the home area.

Personal Tax:

44. Attitude towards payment of the Council Tax was good and even better than was expected considering that a strong reluctance to pay was evident earlier in the year. A total of 4,232 Tax Tickets were issued and 41 people were granted exemptions. Approximately 20 people have yet to pay the 1966/67 Tax. Although the Tax rate was very low (only 30¢ M & 20¢ F) it was obvious that some people particularly in the older age groups did not have the money but were assisted by their younger relations. A higher rate for Males will almost certainly be introduced for the 1967/68 tax. No coercion was required for the collection of the tax.



Personnel:

45. Behaviour of all Patrol personnel was good. The team of Councillors who accompanied the Patrol were especially helpful. The Constable who accompanied the Patrol was not required to perform any Police functions. The Councillors assisted in the conducting of the patrol, played a major part in the collection of the Taxes and assisted in the counting and checking of cash received.

Conclusion:

46. A few of the Margarima people are learning that the best way for them to make progress is for the people to help themselves. These few are mainly the elected Councillors. The majority of the people are still looking for 'hand-outs' but it is thought that this situation is improving. The Council Chambers was built on a total voluntary basis and various individual groups are starting to think about constructing minor roads into their areas. With Council Tax a recurring outlay the demand for cash is also understandable.

This report was completed on the 30th December, 1966.

*W. J. Paterson*  
( W. J. Paterson )

Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. 13 of 1966/67 NIPA

Patrol Conducted by Mr. W.R. Paterson Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Margarima and Upper Wage Census Divisions.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 3

Duration—From 11/4/1966 to 7/6/1967

Number of Days 33

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services January/1967

Medical May 67 Part Only

Map Reference Sketch Map Attached

- Objects of Patrol. 1. Revision of Census for Upper Wage and Margarima C.D.s  
2. Check road works and mark road extensions. 3. Council Education programme.  
4. Initial education for House of Assembly Elections.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please

17/8/1967

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... \$.....

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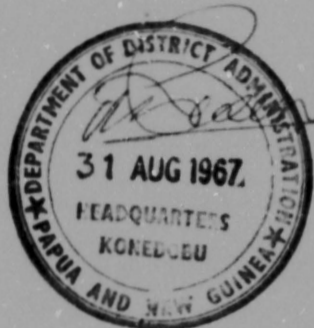


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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

16th August, 1967.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Nipa Patrol No 14 of 1966/67 -  
Upper Wage and Magarima Census Division  
Mr. W.R. Paterson, Patrol Officer.

Attached please find:-

- (a) Original of report,
- (b) Copy of memorandum 67-2-3 dated 15th July, 1967 from Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa.
- (c) Map of Patrol area.

2. I agree with the Assistant District Commissioner Nipa that it is important that Magarima should be upgraded as soon as possible. Economic development in the area is being extended, roads are being constructed in the main economic developmental areas of Magarima and the Council and Administration is working as a team to help the people achieve their goal of catching up with the more advanced and developed areas in this District. The upgrading of Magarima to a Patrol Post will be a tangible demonstration to the people that we are permanently at Magarima to assist them.

3. I will take the matter of transport for the movement of pyrethrum from Magarima to Nipa, up with the District Agricultural Officer, Mendi.

4. The Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa has commented adequately on the report. Mr. Paterson has again submitted a useful report and his obvious value to the people cannot be overlooked.

(D.R. Marsh)  
District Commissioner.

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

15th July, 1967.

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

COMMENTS - NIPA PATROL No. 14-66/67.

Please find attached copies of Nipa Patrol Report No. 14 of 1966/67 to the Margarima and Upper Wage Census Divisions. The patrol was conducted by Mr. W.R. Paterson, P.O., from the Margarima Base Camp.

Political Situation.

As was expected the native situation in the area has shown continuous improvement following the retention of a District Administration Officer at the Margarima Base Camp. The existing situation is all that could be desired at this stage of the areas development.

Para 41. It is pleasing to see that the people have accepted the Council to such an extent and that the Council is the source of such a high proportion of the developmental activity within the area. It is to be hoped that the peoples high regard for the Local Government system can be maintained.

Para. 42. General relationships between the people, and the Administration and Missions appears to be very satisfactory. The only reversal in present attitudes would be brought about by the withdrawal of District Administration staff from Margarima.

Margarima certainly warrants being upgraded from a Base Camp to a Patrol Post as it now administers approximately 10000 people and the Station itself is staffed by an Education establishment of four and Public Servants and an Agriculture one of two. It will not be possible to run the Station really efficiently until a cash office, in particular, is opened, this, I understand can only be done on a Station with Patrol Post status or above.

It is to be hoped that Margarima will thus be recognised within the next six months. This in itself will give the Station more permanence and serve to further improve the native situation.

Agriculture.

Para's. 44 and 45. The proposed increases in the areas of land under pyrethrum will further aggravate the problems of gaining access to its market. It is to be hoped that the Department of Agriculture has considered the fact that aircraft backload space available at present is only just sufficient to meet the present production and that any increases will require additional means of getting the produce to the market.



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The most obvious solution is the provision of a vehicle for D.A.S.F. and improvements to the Nipa-Margarima road. This would enable surplus pyrethrum to be backloaded on Nipa Charters. The space available should be adequate for at least the next two years.

Para. 47. Should the people be interested in purchasing pigs to improve their native breeds it should now be possible for the Agricultural Officer at Margarima to provide them with piglets from Goroka.

Roads and Bridges.

Para. 54. The Margarima people deserve commendation on their efforts on the Nipa - Margarima road. The old route has been re-aligned between Pul and Margarima to the point where it is now possible to cruise at 30 m.p.h. It is understood that the blasting referred to at Pul (Mabera) is on the 1967/68 M.N.W.(E) programme

Para 55. Mr Paterson has since advised that the Margarima section of the Kandep road should be completed, apart from surfacing, within two months.

Para 57. The road referred to may eventual provide an alternative route between Margarima and Nipa, if it proves possible to link this road with the Nipa Halalinja road now being constructed.

Census.

Para. 60. Village listing have been compiled in accordance with our memorandum 14-1-1 of 16th May, 1967.

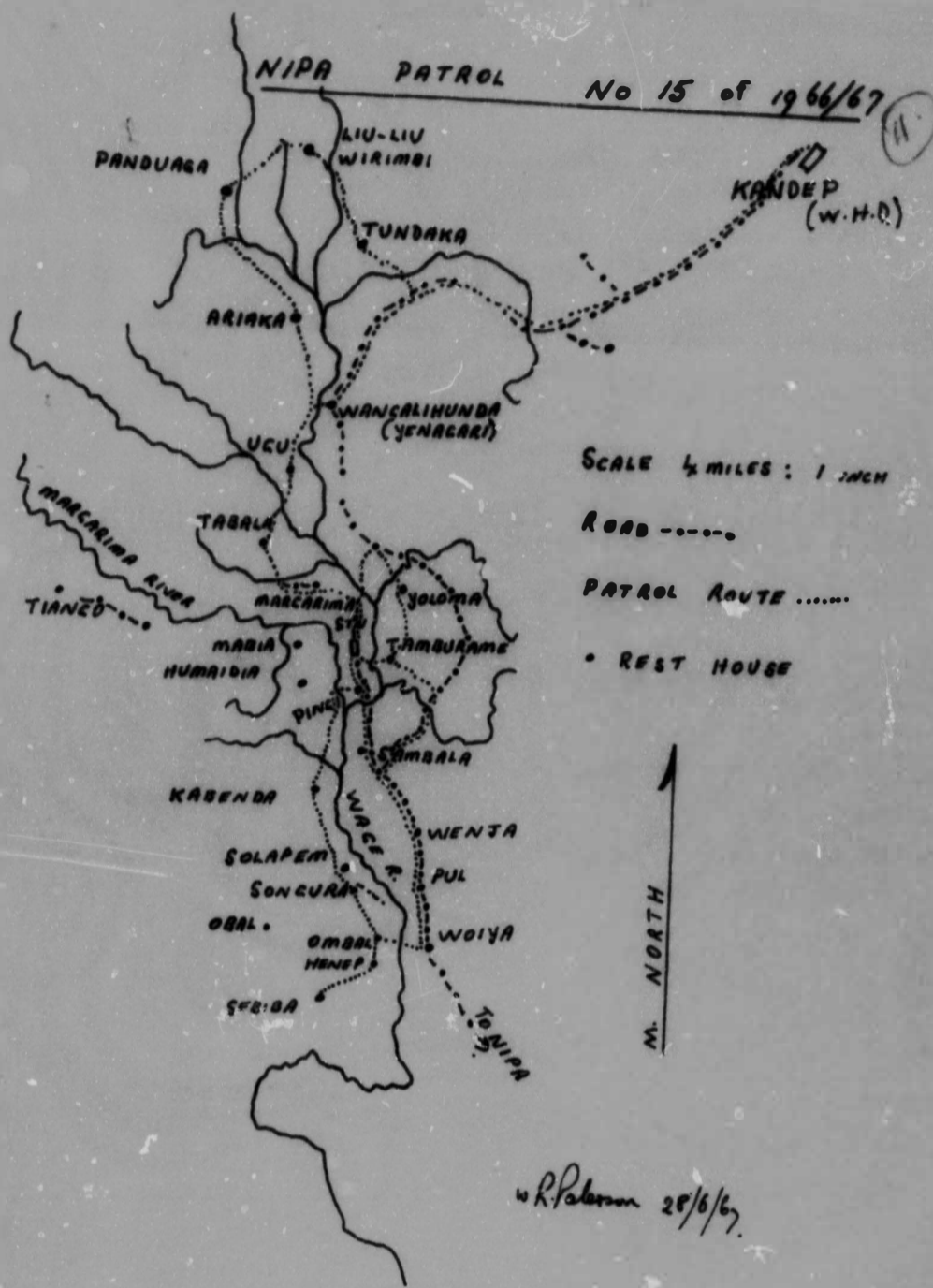
Conclusion.

Mr Paterson has completed another valuable patrol. The improving native situation and the general development of the area over the past year points to the success of his activities. The only remaining point to be made is that broken patrols should be avoided where ever possible.

Claim for camping out allowance is attached.

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

NIPA PATROL No 15 of 1966/67



W.R. Palsson 28/6/67.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

MARGARIMA, via  
NIPA Sub-District,  
Southern Highlands District.  
PAPUA.  
26th June, 1967.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
NIPA Sub-District,  
Southern Highlands District.  
PAPUA.

NIPA PATROL REPORT No. 14. of 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by: Mr. William R. Paterson, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled: Margarima and Upper Wage Census Divisions.

Personnel Accompanying the Patrol: Interpreters MOGERA.  
IOWANUS.  
R.P. & N.G.C. Const GANDI.

Duration of the Patrol: Broken periods;  
17/4/67 to 22/4/67 6 days  
25/4/67 & 26/4/67 2 days  
28/4/67 & 29/4/67 2 days  
3/5/67 to 12/5/67 10 days  
25/5/67 to 27/5/67 3 days  
29/5/67 to 7/6/67 10 days  
Total of 33 days.

Last Patrol to the area January 1967.

Objects of the Patrol: 1. Revision of Census for Margarima Census Division.  
2. Revision of Census for Upper Wage Census Division.  
3. Check road works and mark Road extensions.  
4. Education programme covering Council Elections, Council Aims and By-Laws recently passed by the Council.  
5. Initial Education for House of Assembly Elections.

Map Reference: Sketch Map Attached.

Introduction.

1. The patrol covered all of the Margarima Council area and included the area previously administered from Kandep W.H.D. but now administered from Margarima. This area was censused for the first time from Margarima and a survey carried out to ascertain the peoples feelings regarding joining the Council. It is a well known fact in the area that these people have been pressing to join the Margarima Council, however, during the patrols stay in that area the feelings of individual people were ascertained. These people have very close ties with the Margarima people, therefore, it is not surprising that they are eager to join the Council.
2. The Margarima Council has discussed and passed a number of Rules and the opportunity was taken to find out how well these Rules were understood. The President of the Margarima Council also accompanied the Patrol for its greater part and he discussed Council matters with the people. The forthcoming Council Elections, Council Tax for 1967/68 and the House of Assembly Elections were also discussed.
3. Road progress was inspected and an access road into the Wage area from the Nipa-Margarima Road was marked. This road is essential for the further development of pyrethrum in the Wage area.
4. Census was revised for the Margarima and Upper Wage Census Divisions and routine administrative matters were attended to during the course of the Patrol. The patrol was conducted in broken periods interspersed with Council Committee meetings, Council Meeting, discussions on Common Roll revision and routine station administrative matters.

Patrol Diary:

5. Monday 17th April 1967.  
After final preparations patrol departed Margarima Station 1000 for Woiya arriving 1330. Educational talks commenced 1330, this followed by revision of Census concluding at 1500. Compiled Census figures. Slept at Woiya.
6. Tuesday 18th April  
Departed Woiya 0815 for Pul arriving 0845. Educational discussions followed by Census Revision commenced 1000, completed 1230, compiled census figures, slept at Pul.
7. Wednesday 19th April  
Patrol remained at Pul. Revised Council Tax and Electoral Roll. Checked Road work on new re-route section, heard complaints in Local Court. Slept at Pul.
8. Thursday 20th April  
Patrol departed Pul for Wenja arriving 0900. General talks and Census commenced 1000, completed 1230. Afternoon compiled Census figures and revised Council Tax Register. Slept at Wenja.
9. Friday 21st April  
Remained at Wenja. With Wenja Councillors inspected the Wenja section of the Nipa Margarima road marking sections that required regrading etc, heard disputes, slept at Wenja.
10. Saturday 22nd April  
Patrol departed Wenja 0815 for Sambala arriving 0900. General talks commenced 0930 followed by revision of the Census finishing at 1230. Patrol returned to Margarima arriving 1315.



11. Tuesday 25th April

Travelled by motor bike along the Kandep road and thence by foot to Tamburame village arriving 0930. After general discussions census revised for the Keme group, census revision completed 1230, returned to Margarima station, compiled census figures.

12. Wednesday 26th April

Walked to Yoloma village where conducted Census following general Educational discussions. Census revision completed 1130. Inspected road work and returned to Margarima, compiled census figures.

13. Friday 28th April

Heard complaints in Local Court at Margarima Station. Following general discussions census revised for the Honei and Pibi groups, finishing at 1330. Compiled census figures.

14. Saturday 29th April

Travelled by motor bike to Pingi where conducted Census for the Pingi group. Census and general discussions completed 1130, returned to station, compiled census figures.

15. Wednesday 3rd May

Heard complaints in Local Court at Margarima. Departed station 1050 for Tabala, arrived Tabala 1135. Commenced general talks followed by revision of census for Tabala and Wambia groups finishing 1445. Slept at Tabala.

16. Thursday 4th May

Patrol departed Tabala for Ugu 0745, arrived 0840. General discussions commenced 0900, census commenced 1000, finished 1130. Compiled census figures for Ugu, Tabala and Wambia. Slept at Ugu.

17. Friday 5th May

Patrol departed Ugu 0745 for Wangalihunda, arrived 0850. General discussions commenced 0945. Census revision for Yenagari group commenced 1030, completed 1145. During afternoon compiled census figures. Slept at Wangalihunda.

18. Saturday 6th May

Departed Wangalihunda 0745 for Kandep station, checked road progress enroute. Arrived existing road head 10.30. Continued to Kandep by car. Discussions with A.D.C. Kandep concerning various border groups and road works.

19. Sunday 7th May

The day observed at Kandep.

20. Monday 8th May

Departed Kandep by car approx. 0915, arrived road head 1005. Commenced walking in company with Kandep Patrol 1010, arrived Wangalihunda 1245. Most of the way walking on semi finished road but lacking bridges. Compiled various census figures, held talks with local population concerning proposed census regrouping for tomorrow. Slept at Wangalihunda.

21. Tuesday 9th May

Patrol with Kandep Patrol departed Wangalihunda 0630 for Liu-liu travelling via Tundaka. Arrived Liu-liu at 1100. With P.O. from Kandep revised Census for Wirinot and Tundaka groups. Slept at Liu-liu.

~~22. Wednesday 10th May~~  
Margarima

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## 23. Wednesday 10th May

Margarima patrol only departed Liu-liu 0730 for Panduaga, arrived 0900. After discussions census commenced for 2 Panduaga groups 1030, completed 1500. During afternoon arbitrated disputes and discussed Council. Slept at Panduaga.

## 24. Thursday 11th May

Patrol departed Panduaga 0730 for Ariaka, arriving 0830. Following general talks census revision commenced 0945, completed 1130. During afternoon compiled figures and heard disputes. Slept at Ariaka.

## 25. Friday 12th May

Patrol departed Ariaka at day break 0600 for Margarima, arriving 1100, paid off carriers.

## 26. Thursday 25th May

Patrol departed Margarima 0945 for Nigaura, arriving 1015. Following general talks revision of census commenced for Mabilia group 1045, completed 1145. Compiled census figures during afternoon. Slept at Nigaura.

## 27. Friday 26th May

Patrol departed Nigaura for Tiango arriving 0930. Following general talks census revision for the Aruba 1 group commenced 1030, completed 1200. Compiled census figures. Slept at Tiango.

## 28. Saturday 27th May

Patrol departed Tiango 0715 for Humaidia, arriving 0915. Census revision for Kamboro and Aruba 2 groups commenced at 1000 following general discussions. Completed at 1130. Returned to Margarima station arriving 1200.

## 29. Monday 29th May

Patrol departed station 0930 for Woiya arriving 1030. Checked on road works and arbitrated disputes. Slept at Woiya.

## 30. Tuesday 30th May

Patrol departed Woiya 0800 for Ombal in the Upper Wage Census Division. After crossing Wage River arrived Ombal 0900. Following discussions census revised for Ombal group, finishing 1200. Compiled census figures, slept at Ombal.

## 31. Wednesday 31st May

Patrol departed Ombal 0800 for Sebiba arriving 0845. Following general talks and discussions census revised for Sebiba and Obal groups, finished 1300. During afternoon arbitrated disputes. Slept at Sebiba.

## 32. Thursday 1st June

Patrol departed Sebiba 0740 for Henep arriving 0820. Following general talks census revised for Hulak and Henep groups finishing at 1100. During afternoon checked out various bridge sites over the Wage River. Slept at Henep.

## 33. Friday 2nd June

Patrol equipment departed Henep 0800 for Songura. Self with Councillors walked down to and along the Wage River inspecting various road and bridge sites into the wage area. Arrived Songura 1400. Slept at Songura.

## 34. Saturday 3rd June

After general talks census revised for Songura and Solapem groups. Slept at Songura.



35. Sunday 4th June  
Patrol remained at Songura, revised census figures.
36. Monday 5th June  
Commenced road marking from Wage River up to Songura R/H finishing 1300. Afternoon discussed road project. Slept at Songura.
37. Tuesday 6th June  
Patrol departed Songura 0745 for Kabenda arriving 0900. After discussions census revised for Kabenda group commencing 1000, finishing 1130. During afternoon compiled census figures and arbitrated disputes. Slept at Kabenda.
38. Patrol departed Kabenda 0745 for Margarima station arriving 0930. Patrol stood down.

END OF DIARY.

Reception of Patrol:

39. The patrol was well received in all places visited and in most places the people were assembled ready for Census revision on arrival of the Patrol. The people recently transferred to the Margarima area in the northern section made a greater show of their welcome, however, they were noticeably less relaxed and at this stage less genuine.

Villages & Village Officials:

40. All villages visited were well maintained and Officials appeared to be doing a good job. Following the passing of a Ward Committee Rule by the Council, Committee men were elected for each of the Wards in the Council area. The next general Elections for the Council are due to commence on 1st August 1967 when all positions will be open for re-election.

Outline of Political Situation:

41. The motive force behind most activities in the area is the Council or individual members of the Council though a few Councillors are not doing their share of the work as well as could be expected. This is generally realized too by the people in the constituencies and it is thought that there will be a few changes of office at the next general elections, but these changes are expected to be only few in number. The Council is expected to become even more a fairly stable body of men. The Councillors main aim would appear to be to lift Margarima out of the 'Bush' situation in which it has previously existed and bring it up to something like the level of civilization which they have seen in other neighbouring places.

42. Attitude towards the Administration is good and can be expected to improve over the next few years as Council and Administration work together for the general progress of the area. The general attitude towards the Missions is good and the Missions naturally try to keep it that way. The Council recently asked Missions in the area to consider asking their village staff to assist with community work. This caused some mixed reaction among mission staff but the result has been an all round increase in work attendance on community projects.

43. Relationships between groups within the Council area are improving. This appears to be mainly due to an increasing number of close relationships forming between individual Councillors. The Margarimas as a group are also seeking closer ties through the Council with related groups in the Upper Lai (Mendi) area.

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Agriculture.

44. Pyrethrum remains the only cash crop in the area. A total acreage of 100 acres has been planted through the area but of the total only about 60-70 acres is producing flower at the present time. The remainder requires replanting or has just been split and has not returned to production. A major splitting and replanting programme is being conducted this month. Unfortunately the month of June has been the driest experienced so far for the year, this has delayed recovery of the recently split plants. Cash gain from the crop has not been high to date, a total of approx \$1500. being earned in the area for the year 66/67. This amount should be at least doubled in the new financial year.

45. The problem of transport of the pyrethrum to Mendi has been solved temporarily as more aircraft have been in to Margarima providing more opportunity of back loading. Transport problems will grow though as production increases and road transport must eventually be used.

46. To assist in increasing the pyrethrum production in the area the Council passed an Agricultural Hygiene Rule. The Rule has been enforced by Councillors and Committee men and pyrethrum gardens have shown a noticeable improvement. The growers themselves say that they have realized that the Rule is for their own benefit and to date there has been no need for Court action to support the Rule.

Livestock:

47. The native pig remains the only livestock kept in any quantities. The Primary T School has a pig project going with 3 pigs of cross bred imported stock and there is one other imported pig in the area. The council intends to commence a pig breeding project in the new financial year. Goats are on the increase but no new stock has been introduced over the past year. There have been many inquiries from people seeking to start cattle projects, but present DASP policy would appear to preclude the possibility of cattle in the area at least for the present time.

Complaints and Courts:

48. Very few complaints or courts were brought to the notice of the patrol, most are dealt with at Margarima as they arise. A few disputes were settled by the people under the auspices of the patrol.

Rest Houses:

49. The patrol did not stay at all rest houses in the area as in some instances roads have made it more practical to do day trips. All rest houses used were in good condition and a new rest house has been built at Ugu since the patrol was last in that area.

Health:

50. The Aid Post-Hospital at Margarima staffed by one Sister, one Hospital Orderly and one Aid Post Orderly is the centre for medical attention in the area. The Council recently financed the building of 3 native material 15 bed wards on the Hospital grounds. Beds for the wards are still being made up.

51. Other Aid Posts in the area are at Ugu and at Henep in the Upper Wage Census Division. There is also an Aid Post as yet not staffed at Pul, which is half way between Nipa and Margarima. The people at Panduaga, Ariaka, Tundaka and Wirimbi along the Wage River to the north of Margarima are presently served by an Aid-Post at Liu-liu which is staffed from Kandep. The Aid Post also serves people administered from Kandep. Should this Kandep Aid Post be closed for some reason it will be necessary for an Aid Post to be opened from this end.

52. General health in the area appeared good. An Aid Post Orderly accompanied the patrol for a part of the time and he did not find any serious diseases.



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Education:

53. The Administration Primary T School at Margarima has an enrollment of 130 in grades ranging from Prep to Std 4. There is a total teaching staff of 4, 3 Native and 1 European. The Council is assisting the school with issues of lap-lap. The Council is also considering a Truancy Rule. A few children from the Nipa end of the area attend the boarding school run by the Capuchin Mission at Nipa.

Roads and Bridges:

54. Regrading on the Nipa-Margarima Road is now nearing completion, the only major section remaining being the mountain at Pul which requires blasting. Most of the Margarima section of the road is as yet not stoned but is to date handling traffic safely with its present surface, the grades on the road are very gradual.

55. The first major bridge on the Kandep road was completed in late January, several smaller bridges have been built since. The second larger bridge is now nearing completion, when completed one further large bridge will still be remaining to be built before traffic can use the completed sections of road. Approximately 1 mile of road remains to be cut before the section of road in the Margarima area is completed.

56. An access road is being built from Tiango into Margarima on the Western side of Margarima. Another road is being built north from the station to Tabaia and Ugu, this road is an extension of the Nipa-Margarima road, approx 1 mile of this road has been completed, road progress is moving slowly through timber. All of these roads will be essential if pyrethrum production is to increase.

57. During the patrols stay in the Upper Wage area various bridge and road sites were checked out with a view to obtaining a link from the Wage area to the Nipa-Margarima Road. The Agricultural Officer has said that it is not practical to concentrate on pyrethrum in the area unless a vehicular road can be put through to the area. A short and suitable route was found at a point between Pul and Songura. The Wage people are keen to have a road over to their side of the River and work has started on the road.

Missions:

58. There are three missions active within the Margarima Census Division, the Capuchin Mission, the Methodist Overseas Mission and the Seventh Day Adventist Mission, the former two have been active over a longer time in the area and have greater following. The Apostolic Christian Mission and the Capuchin Mission are active in the Upper Wage. The A.C.M. is also seeking to become established in the southern end of the Margarima area.

Labour:

59. A total of over 200 men were absent from their villages having found employment under the Highland Labour Scheme. This would be an all time high for the Margarima area. The need to earn cash for Council tax is thought to be a main contributing factor in regard to people seeking outside employment.

Census:

60. During the Patrol Census was revised for the Upper Wage Census Division and the Margarima Census Division. The Margarima census included for the first time the villages of Panduaga 1 & 2, Ariaka, Wirimbi and Tundaka. The groups Wau, Minya and Naip have been removed from the Margarima Census figures and now appear under the Upper Wage Census Division as the single unit of Kabanda. The village of Woiya which previously appeared in the Nipa Basin Census Division is now listed under the Margarima Census Division.

61. The Village Population Register and a balance of Census figures are attached as appendices to this report. Total population in the Margarima area now exceeds 2,000.

Conclusion:

62. A motion was passed at the last meeting of the Margarima Council seeking an amendment to the Constitution of the Council to include the Panduaga, Ariaka, Wirinbi and Tundaka groups in the Council area. A revision of the Constitution is now being prepared.

63. The area as a whole is making steady progress. An adequate system of roads will be necessary for pyrethrum extension and consolidation. This is realized by the majority of the members of the Local Council and a Road Maintenance Rule is currently under discussion.

This report was completed on the 28th of June, 1967.

*W.R. Paterson*

W.R. Paterson

(Patrol Officer)



## Appendix A.

Census Revision summary Margarima Census Division.

1966 Census Division Total	5,421
Add Migrations in (Includes Panduagas, Ariaka Wirimbi, Tundaka & Woiya)	1,502
Births	163
Sub-total	<u>7,086</u>
Less Migrations Out Deaths	55 65
Sub-total	<u>6,966</u>
Less Groups Wau Minya & Naip transferred to Upper Wage CD.	349
Current C.D. Total - 1967	<u>6,617</u>

The village of PIBI previously listed as PELELE in the 1966 census has been listed as PIBI on the 1967 Village Population Register, this conforms with Village Directory.

Census Revision summary Upper Wage Census Division.

For the purposes of the 1966 Census the Upper Wage formed part of the larger Wage Census Division, this has now been split with the upper portion forming part of the Margarima Council.

1966 total of those villages now forming Upper Wage C.D.	2,050
Add migration in (Includes Kabenda).	405
Births	76
Sub-Total	<u>2,531</u>
Less Migrations Out Deaths	32 27
Current C.D. Total - 1967	<u>2,472</u>



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. 15 of 1966/67 WIPA

Patrol Conducted by Mr. W.B. Robinson Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Part of Margarinia Canava Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 1

Duration—From 23/1/1967 to 26/1/1967

Number of Days 4

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services December/1966

Medical ?? / / 19

Map Reference Sketch Map Attached

Objects of Patrol 1. Indicate re-gradients of High Margarinia Road as required.  
2. Routine Administration.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

1512/1967

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 .....

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Ref: 67-15-39

Dept. of District Administration,  
KONEDCEJ, PAPUA.

31/5/1967.

District Commissioner,

*Mendi*

PATROL NO. (Mendi) 15-1966-67

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of:-

- Memorandum of Patrol No.
- Patrol Report No. 15-66/67

covering patrol by..... *Mr. W. Paterson* .....

*J.K. McCarthy*  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

\* Delete as necessary.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



67-16-39  
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Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
HONIARA.

14th February, 1967

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
HONIARA.


Subject:- Nipa Patrol No 15 of 1966/67

Attached please find relevant documents in respect of patrol conducted by Mr. W. Paterson, Patrol Officer to part of the Magarima Census Division.

1. Patrol Report,
2. Covering memorandum 67-2-3 dated 16th February, 1967 from Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa.

Mr. Paterson achieved the aims of the patrol however his Report is very brief. Nevertheless the Report emphasises the fact that one of our still necessary major task in this District is the establishing of a network of roads both intra and inter Sub-District.

I have asked the Assistant District Commissioner to advise me when blasting operations will be required in order that explosives and personnel can be made available for same.

  
(W.A. Marsh)  
District Commissioner.



67-2-3.

Sub-District Office,  
NIPA.  
S.H.D.  
6th <sup>January</sup> 1967.

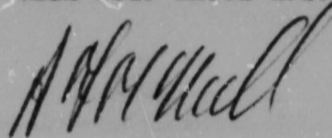
The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

COMMENTS - NIPA PATROL No. 15 1966/67 - MARGARIMA C/D.

Please find attached copies of Nipa Patrol Report No 15-66/67 to a part of the Margarima Census Division. The Patrol was conducted by Mr. W.R. Paterson P.O. from the Margarima Base Camp.

The only comment required on the patrol <sup>Report</sup> is that it is rather to sketchy. Information on just what work is to be done on the road could have been included. I understand that the work is not merely the regrading of the road but a re-routing around Pal Mountain and the cutting of a new bench on parts of the Suma Hill. These improvements will be well worthwhile.

If in fact the road is to be rerouted around Pal Mountain I understand that a little blasting will be necessary. Could you please advise the possibility of procuring explosives and personnel for this task. This blasting may well prove essential as the road routes present location could never be of any value to other than four wheel drive vehicles and tractors.



(A.F. McNeill)

A/Assistant District Commissioner.

P.S. Claim for camping allowance attached.

NIPA PATROL No 14 of 1966/67



Scale 1" : 4 miles.

Rest House •

Road ----

Patrol Route ....

*[Signature]* 2/2/67



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

MARGARIMA, via  
NIPA sub-District,  
Southern Highlands District.  
PAPUA.  
2nd February, 1967.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
NIPA Sub-District,  
Southern Highlands District.  
PAPUA.

NIPA PATROL REPORT No. 15. of 1966/67.

Patrol Conducted by: Mr. William R. Paterson, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: Part of the Margarima Census Division.

Personnel Accompanying the  
Patrol: Interpreter MOGERA.

Duration of the Patrol: 23/1/67 to 26/1/67  
Total 4 days.

Last Patrol to the area: December 1966.

Objects of the Patrol: 1. Indicate regradients of Nipa-Margarima  
Road as required.  
2. Routine Administration.

Map Reference: Sketch Map Attached.

Introduction:

1. The main portion of the Nipa-Margarima Road was marked in June 1965. Work on the road has been progressing at various stages since that time. The Road was open for traffic with the completion of the Wage bridge in December 1965. Most of the Road is stoned and stone has been heaped in readiness for stoning in other sections. A few sections require regrading before stone is put on the surface, these latter mentioned sections were the subject of this Patrol.
2. Routine administrative matters were dealt with as they arose.

Patrol Diary:

3. Monday 23rd January 1967.

Patrol departed Margarima station 0930 walking along road to Pul, arrived 1210. Spoke with assembled road work groups at Pul, made payment for completed work on road. Discussed further work with Councillors. Slept at Pul.

4. Tuesday 24th January

With work force from Pul cleared bush and pit-pit around Mt Hiri at Pul and rerouted section of Road. Slept at Pul.

5. Wednesday 25th January

Walked along Road from Pul to Woiya and Suma. Indicated gradient alterations where required. Rerouted small section of road at Suma and organised work force to recut section. Returned to Pul.

6. Thursday 26th January

Patrol departed Pul 0815 for Margarima station arriving 1100, Patrol stood down.

END OF DIARY.

Reception of Patrol:

7. The patrol was well received, the people were aware that changes would soon have to be made to a few sections of the Road, they were waiting for initial guidance.

Political Situation:

8. The whole of the Margarima area was covered by a Patrol in December 1966, this was reported on by myself in Nipa Patrol No 13 of 1966/67. The Political situation has not changed since that time.

Complaints and Courts:

9. Only one complaint was brought to the notice of the Patrol, this was settled 'out of Court'.

Roads and Bridges:

10. The Nipa Margerima Road has had two particularly troublesome sections, these are, the 'Pul Mountain' and the 'Suma Hill'. On both sections the grade was proving to be too steep for the majority of traffic to negotiate without annoying delays. The too steep gradients were also making it difficult to keep



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a stone surface on the road as the action of running water was continually undermining and dislodging the surface. The Sums Hill and the Pul Mountain are both examples of 'old knowing best' when the original bench cut was made. The new sections when completed should mean a big improvement to the Road as a whole.

Personnel:

11. The main function of the Patrol being Road construction, members of the Regular Police were not included in the Patrol Personnel, nor were they necessary for this Patrol. Patrol Interpreter Nogera performed his duties well, his remuneration as an Administration Servant does not appear compatible with the invaluable service he performs.

Conclusion:

12. Remarks covering the general situation in the Margarima area were made by myself in Nipa Patrol No. 13., as this report was submitted less than a month ago it is not thought necessary to repeat those remarks again here.

This report was completed on the 2nd February, 1967.

*W.R. Paterson*  
(W.R. Paterson)

Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. Nipa 16/6667

Patrol Conducted by N. Wright, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Part Nipa Basin Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans No

Natives 2 RPNGC, 1 Interpreter

Duration—From 16/5/1967 to 19/5/1967

Number of Days 4

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services /10/1966

Medical /19

Map Reference Map Attached

Objects of Patrol 1. Collect Local Government Tax 2. Arbitrate in boundary dispute 3. Road inspection 4. General Administration.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

14/7/1967

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 .....

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Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

28th June, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
NIPA.

Patrol Report No. 16-66/67.

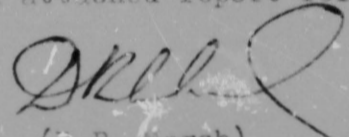
Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of the above report and your comments thereon (67-2-3 of 16th June, 1967).

This patrol achieved its object by the co-operation of the people and a sympathetic and patient approach to the peoples' problems.

(D.R. Marsh)  
District Commissioner.

c.c. The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

The above and attached report refers.

  
(D.R. Marsh)  
District Commissioner.

Att..

67-3-4

Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

14th July, 1967.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Nipa Patrol Report No 16/66-67.

My 67-3-4 of 28th June, 1967 refers.

It seems that I may have omitted to attached  
a copy of the patrol report to my letter.

Report is attached hereto.



(J.R. Marsh)  
District Commissioner.

Att..



67-2-2.

Sub-District Office,  
NIPA,  
S.H.D.  
12th May, 1967.

Mr. N. Wright,  
Sub-District Office,  
NIPA.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - NIPA PATROL No. 16 - 1966/67.

Please prepare to proceed on patrol to Shumbi, Egenda, Ingin, Mak and Komia Villages in the Nipa Basin Census Division on Tuesday 16th May, 1967. The objectives of your patrol will be:-

- (a) To accompany and educate members of the Nipa Council Tax Review Committee during the first part of their tax patrol to the Nipa Basin Census Division.
- (b) To attempt to arbitrate a land dispute between people from Kip and Shumbi Villages. This land is located about 1 mile S.E. of Shumbi Rest House.
- (c) Inspect progress and set tasks on the Nipa - Mandi vehicular road.
- (d) Carry out routine administration as necessary.
- (e) Collect gas samples from the vicinity of Egenda Rest House in the bottles supplied.

Please request Sgt. [redacted] to supply two policemen to accompany you on the patrol. Interpreter Nagesa will also accompany.

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

67-2-3.

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

16th June, 1967.

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

COMMENTS - NIPA PATROL No. 16 - 1966/67.

PART NIPA BASIN CENSUS DIVISION.

Please find enclosed copies of Nipa Patrol Report No. 16 - 1966/67 to Shumbi, Egenda, Ingin, Mak and Komia villages in the Nipa Basin Census Division. Mr. N. Wright, A.D.O. conducted the patrol.

Comment.

Native Situation.

It is pleasing to note that the good native situation that has existed in this area in the past is being maintained. There appears to be little doubt that the situation will continue in the future.

As regards the land dispute between Kip and Shumbi it would appear that previous attempts at arbitration failed because the two branches of the creek, which had been agreed upon as the boundary, had not been taken into account. It is usual, in this area, for the people to accept a Government Officers delineation of a land boundary. The two groups have agreed to accept the boundary as marked by Mr. Wright.

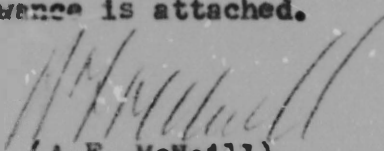
Nether the less, should the dispute break out again, application will be made for a Lands Commission determination.

General.

Tax Collection. As this was the first occasion on which tax was collected in the area it was considered essential that the Tax Review Committee of the Council be educated in the principles of collection and the granting of exemptions. As a result Mr. Wright assisted the committee.

The objectives of the patrol as listed in the patrol instructions were fully carried out. Mr. Wright has necessarily furnished a brief report of a brief patrol.

Claim for Camping Allowance is attached.

  
(A.F. McNeill)

A/Assistant District Commissioner.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams 16/66-67

Our Reference  
If calling ask for  
Mr

Department of District Administration,  
Sub District Office,  
NIPA  
Southern Highlands District.

2nd June, 1967.

Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Nipa Patrol No. 16/66-67

Patrol Conducted by	: N. Wright, Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled	: Part Nipa Basin Census Div.
Duration	: 16/5/67 to 19/5/67 4 days.
Personell Accompanying	: <u>Police</u> 7681 Constable PAGAHAU 9081 " " AWA'ALI  <u>Interpreter</u> Nongea/Wiru
Objects of Patrol	: Collect Local Government Tax 2. Arbitrate in boundary dispute between the SHUMBI and KIP groups. 3. To inspect the Nipa - Shumbi section of the Nipa - Mendi road and give advice re repairs and maintenance where necessary. 4. Carry out general administration

.....  
N. Wright,  
Patrol Officer

INTRODUCTION:

The patrol covered a small section of the NIPA BASIN CENSUS DIVISION, namely the villages of SHUMBI, EGENDA, INGIN, MAK and KOMIA.

This area lies to the north east of NIPA, which is headquarters of the NIPA SUB DISTRICT. It is mountainous in character lying between 5,500' - 7,000' asl.

The objects of the patrol were;

1. Collect Local Government Tax in the area visited.
2. Arbitrate in a boundary dispute between the SHUMBI and KIP groups.
3. To inspect the NIPA - SHUMBI section of the NIPA - MENDI road and give advice re repairs and maintenance where necessary.
4. Carry out general administration.

All of the above stated objects were achieved during the course of the patrol.

This report is brief by virtue of the brevity of the patrol.

DIARY:

My Field Officer's Journal Folios 4 & 5, paragraphs 26 - 29 also refer.

Tuesday 16th May.

1000 Departed Nipa by Land Rover in company with A.D.C. McNeill. Remainder of patrol sent ahead earlier by tractor.

1100 Arrived Shumbi Mill. A.D.C. returned to Nipa.

1230. Arrived Shumbi Rest House.

Tax collected, minor complaints attended to.

Slept SHUMBI.

Wednesday 17th May.

0800 Departed SHUMBI for Shumbi - Kip boundary to arbitrate on boundary dispute. Dispute settled. Remainder of on ahead to Egenda.

1100 Departed Kip boundary for Egenda.

1345 Arrived Egenda Rest House.

Completed collection of Council Tax. Attended to minor complaints.

Slept EGENDA.

Thursday 18th May.

0830 Departed Egenda.

1000 Arrived Ingin, Mak group also in attendance.



Tax collected from both Ingin and Mak groups. Minor complaints attended to.

Slept INGIN.

Friday 19th May

0815 Departed Ingin.

0930 Arrived Komia.

Collected tax and attended to minor complaints.

1200 Departed Komia.

1300 Arrived Nipa.

Patrol stood down.

NATIVE SITUATION:

During its course the patrol was well met on all occasions. As this was the first tax collection for the newly established Nipa Council it was envisaged that some difficulty may have been experienced in collecting the required tax, the opposite proved to be the case. Many people, who were given complete or partial exemptions due to age or disability, in the first instance quite readily proffered their full tax. At no stage was there any ill feeling over paying tax. At present it appears to be a matter of pride to be able to pay the full tax which is 50 cents and 20 cents for males and females respectively. It is to be hoped that this situation continues.

The patrol also arbitrated on a long standing boundary dispute between Shumbi and Kip, which is in the Mendi Sub District. The dispute, which has been the cause of unrest in the area, was due to disagreement over which of two junctions represented the upper reaches of HOMAL Creek, which is the acknowledged boundary between the two groups, and therefore the continuation of this boundary. The dispute has existed for some years, although it has been arbitrated on several occasions by different patrols none of them actually visited the site. This patrol visited the site in company with representatives of both groups, after much discussion the boundary was decided on and suitably marked. The settlement appeared to satisfy both parties.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

The patrol inspected the road running between Nipa and Shumbi which continues onto Mendi, a distance of some 45 miles. The road commences at 5,500', at Nipa, climbing to 7,000', above Shumbi, then falls to 6,000', in the Lai Valley.

Between Nipa and the Nipa - Mendi border some 75% of the road is surfaced with stone. Work is in progress to complete the surfacing and other work required on the remaining sections.

Fair numbers of people appear to be turning up for work. The work which is being done is of a reasonable standard. If work continues at the present rate the road should be all weather as far as the Mendi border within six months.

Where necessary advice was given re maintenance and repairs to be carried out.

Walking tracks were used between Egenda, Ingin and Komia only. Though these are little used by patrols they were none the less in reasonable condition.

REST HOUSES:

The rest houses at all the places visited were found to be in good condition. Both Ingin and Mak lined at Ingin though both have rest houses. Mak intend moving their rest house over the range to a site close to Komia.

GENERAL:

The patrol was accompanied by the following Councillors, Togi (president), Kep, Nonga, Pes, Ibane, who comprise the Council Tax Tribunal. These Councillors carried out their duties with a minimum of fuss and a reasonable amount of efficiency.

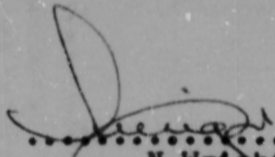
Council Clerk Orim Tokau also accompanied the patrol to assist in the tax collection. He proved to be a most capable and usefull addition to the patrol.

The council has been opened for too short a period to be able to gauge the local peoples reaction to its operation.

During the patrol an active gas seep was noted in the vicinity of Egenda Rest House, a sample of this gas has since been taken and forwarded to the District Commissioner, Mendi.

There are no aid posts, schools or mission stations in the area visited consequently no comments have been made under these headings.

The short time the writer has been in the Nipa area and the brevity of the patrol preclude any detailed analysis of the general situation prevailing in the area visited.

  
.....  
N. Wright,  
Patrol Officer





NIPA PATROL No. 4/46-7  
Scale 1: 250,000  
N. Wright. A.S.O.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of.....Southern Highlands..... Report No. 19 of 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by.....C.P. Dangerfield, Patrol Officer.....

Area Patrolled.....NIPA Basin - EBIL/OMDOL area.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... No

Natives..... I Interpreter.  
..... 2 R.P. & N.G.U.

Duration—From 27 / 6 / 1967 to 30 / 6 / 1967

Number of Days..... 4 Days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... Nov / 1966

Medical ..... Nil / 19.....

Map Reference..... Sketch Map attached

Objects of Patrol..... Supervise Construction NEMBI Plateau Road - and  
give instructions and advice for future construction.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

17/8/1967

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 ... ..



67-15-72

8th November, 1967.

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MINDI.

NIPA PATROL NO. 19 OF 1966/1967.

Thank you for the above Patrol Report and your  
67-3-4 of the 23rd August, 1967.

2. Mr. Dangerfield appears to have carried out a  
successful patrol. It is pleasing to note the attitude of the  
Councillors and the willingness of the people to work and to  
bring disputes forward for settlement.

3. Road works seem to be advancing at a satisfactory  
rate and on completion should assist in helping economic  
advancement.

4. A short but adequate report on a well carried out  
patrol.

(T.W. Ellis)  
DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-15-72

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Telegrams  
Our Reference 67-3-4  
If calling ask for  
Mr. JYW/mk



Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

23rd August, 1967.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KOME DOBU.

Nipa Patrol No 19 of 1966/67 -  
Nipa Basin - Mr. G.P. Dangerfield,  
Patrol Officer.

Attached please find:-

- (a) Original of report,
- (b) copy of patrol instructions issued by Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa to Mr. Dangerfield on file 67-2-2 dated 26th June, 1967.
- (c) copy of memorandum 67-2-3 dated 17th June, 1967 from Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa.
- (d) Map of area visited.

2. The extension of the road net work to such a heavily populated area is long overdue.

3. Extracts have been made of matters of interest to other departments.

(D.R. Marsh)  
District Commissioner

Att..



67-2-3.

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

17th July, 1967.

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

COMMENTS - NIPA PATROL No. 18-1966/67.

Mr. C.P. DANGERFIELD.

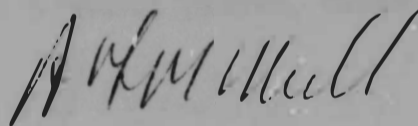
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(A.F. McNeill)  
A/Assistant District Commissioner.

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

17th July, 1967.

The District Commissioner,  
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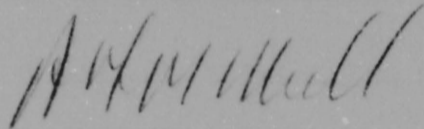
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26th June, 1967.

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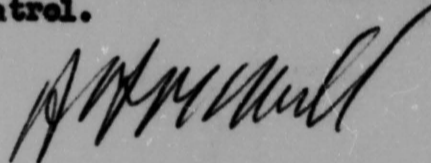
PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - NIPA PATROL No. 18, 1966/67.

Please prepare to proceed on patrol to the Ebil/Omdel area of the Nipa Basin Census Division on 27th June, 1967 for a period of three or four days.

Objects of this patrol will be to supervise construction on the first four miles of the Nipa-Nambi Plateau vehicular road between Ebil and Ulal and to mark and commence work on a diversion of the Nipa-Peroma road in the immediate vicinity of the Hont Rest House.

General administration duties are to be carried out as and when necessary.

Two members of the Nipa Police Detachment and Interpreter Sueli/Karit will accompany your patrol.



(A.F. McNeill).  
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....  
Our Reference.....P/R 18 of 66/67  
If calling ask for  
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Department of District Administration,  
NIPA Sub/District Office,  
Southern Highlands.

3rd. July 1967

To the Assistant District  
Commissioner, N I P A,  
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NIPA Patrol No. 18 of 1966/67

to the

EBIL/OMDOL Area of the NIPA Basin C.D.

Patrol Conducted by: C.P.Dangerfield, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: EBIL and OMDOL Area of the NIPA Basin Census Division.

Personnel accompanying: Cons. UAMA 6752.  
Cons. AWA'ALI 9081.  
SUWELI/KARIT - Interpreter.

Duration : 27th. June to 30th. June 1967.  
Total 4 Days.

Last Patrol to Area: October 1966.

Objects of the Patrol: Stimulate progress on the MUDI Plateau Road between EBIL and OMDOL. Indicate sections to be widened and re-graded. Give advice on future work on road.

Map reference: Sketch Map Attached.

*C.P. Dangerfield*

C.P.Dangerfield P.O.  
( 3/7/1967 )



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Introduction

The objects of this patrol were as follows: to stimulate work on the NEMBI Plateau Road bench cut, indicate sections of the bench cut in need of widening and re-grading, and re-route a section of the main NIPA-POROMA Road near HONT Rest House, 8 miles south of NIPA Station.

The patrol camped at EBIL R.H. on the said main road, 6 miles south of NIPA. The proposed NEMBI Plateau Road commences at EBIL and runs south-west to ULAL R.H., and then south-east to UBA R.H. in the NEMBI Plateau region. Between EBIL and ULAL the initial bench of 15 to 20 feet is 90 % completed. The ground area surrounding this area of the road is owned by EBIL, OMDOL, HEBINJA, and ULAL. The patrols activity was limited to this section.

Diary

June 1967.

Tues. 27th

By jeep to EBIL. Arrived 1230. Checked attendance at road work. Spent afternoon supervising EBIL, OMDOL, and HEBINJA People in road work. Finished 5.30 p.m.. Slept EBIL.

Wed. 28th

Checked attendance. This good. EBIL and OMDOL Groups working towards one another on unfinished section of bench, 600 yards from turn-off from Nipa-Poroma Road. Hebinja Group working on short section of unfinished road 1300 yds. further up road.

Went to HONT in afternoon. Marked out a re-route section of main NIPA-POROMA Road. This had already been cleared by HONTS, who put in a good attendance. Returned to EBIL. EBIL and OMDOL finished the section they had commenced in the morning. Slept EBIL.

Thu. 29th

Good attendance. EBIL commenced widening, re-grading, and curbing from the turn-off up. OMDOL working 400 yards of untouched road route, 1200 yards from turn-off. HEBINJA completed their section of the bench this morning. Marked out sections to be widened etc. from turn-off to the ULAL Boundary. Walked to where ULAL people were working. Discussions with this group, and advice given. Walked to HONT in afternoon, inspected commenced work on re-route. Good attendance. Returned EBIL and heard two Local Court Cases. Slept EBIL.

Fri. 30th

Continued the work of yesterday till 1400 hours. Mr G.Salu, Assistant Patrol Officer, arrived EBIL ex POROMA. Walked with Mr Salu and patrol to NIPA. Self picked up by Mr A.F.McNeill a/ADC close to NIPA. Patrol stood down 1600.

.End....of....Diary.

Observations and Comments

Reception: All groups contacted displayed a friendly and co-operative attitude. The EBIL and OMDOL are more familiar with the Administration than the ULAL and HEBINJA People. The latter two groups have begun to show a more progressive attitude over the past year or so.

Village Officials: All of the area visited is included in the NIPA Local Government Council. There is a tendency for the Councillors and their attendant Committee Members to stand aloof from their people. In supervising road work it was noticed that they tend to talk when action would better illustrate what they wanted. It was pointed out that if Policemen and the writer could occasionally demonstrate with a shovel, there was no reason why they should not do the same. Councillors ~~SIXNER~~ PEIAP and IRAP/KARIL, of HONT and ULAL respectively, seem to have the strong support of their people. IRAP, despite a rather gentle manner, appears strongly pro-Administration, and is very progressive. PU/HEP of EBIL has not the traditional prestige of the former two men, but does a fair job. KUINJ/PUL of HEBINJA has the co-operation of his group, and although a little hazy as to the status of his new position, is most co-operative. Of the two OMDOL Councillors, AI'IO.KEI'AMP and SINAM.ASOP, the latter appears to exert the most influence.

Political Situation: This appears to be good. A progressive attitude is evinced by the peoples willingness to work. The demand for money and some sort of commercial agricultural development is keen, and is growing stronger. The people of ULAL and HEBINJA in particular have shown enthusiasm in building their sections of the NEMBI Plateau Road bench cut. These two groups formerly displayed a cordial but negative attitude.

Respect for the Law is good, and the people of these areas make good use of the Local Courts. There is a tendency to hold the less serious cases until a patrol arrives in the area, or even forget about them, until the offended party complains. Relationships between groups appear cordial, and there are no apparent intense antagonisms or disputes. Old enmities may not be forgotten, but the people appear willing to use the courts to settle them. Access through other's territory via the main road appears free. Little fear is shown in doing so.

The need for economic development of some sort has been dwelt upon in earlier reports. It will be necessary, to prevent deterioration of the present good situation, and to effect further social change. The people are aware of their need for economic progress, not just to satisfy wants, but as a means of protection come Independence.

Agriculture: Little attention was given to subjects covered under other headings owing to the specialised purpose of the patrol. However no shortage of food was reported. European vegetables such as cabbages, tomatoes, pumpkin, and spring onions, are grown. Cash markets for these are limited by small European population, and competition. There is no true cash cropping.

Livestock: Indigenous pigs, and introduced poultry. The chickens seen were weedy.

Forests: Small stands dot the inhabited areas. Use mainly for building and firewood. Too far away to exploit Nipa market. The ULAL and HEBINJA Groups have access to the forested slopes of the WAGE-NEMBI Divide. Of little significance for the present.



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Commerce and Industry: Apart from occasional sales of vegetables, timber, and livestock, to Administration and Mission personnel, there is no indigenous involvement in commerce or industry.

Courts. Two Local Court Cases were heard. One case of "Unlawfully Striking", and one of "Offensive Behaviour". Two convictions were recorded.

Education: Compared with other areas of the Sub/District there are adequate facilities for education within an hour to two hours walk of the area. There is the Methodist Mission Primary "T" School 4 miles north of EBIL, and the Administration and Capuchin Mission Schools another mile north.

Roads & Bridges: The NEMBI Plateau Road will when completed, give access to the heaviest concentration of population, and the least developed area of the NIPA Administrative Area.

It was planned that an initial bench of 15 feet should be built, and when completed, widened, graded, and cambered. Work on the bench has reached a stage of being 60% complete. The section upon which the patrol worked, between EBIL and ULAL, was 85% completed.

EBIL worked on a 100 yard section of new road, 600 yards from the turn-off. When they completed this the EBILS commenced re-grading and widening their section of the bench. OMDOL worked on a 400 yard section of untouched route 1200 yards from the turn-off. They had completed nearly 250 yards of this when the patrol left. HEBINJA completed a 50 yard section 2000 yards from the turn-off. ULAL was working 3400 yards from the turn-off, and has about 300 yards to complete to link the road with a completed bench section running from ULAL. With the completion of the small OMDOL and ULAL section the bench will give access to the FWE Creek Area.

Conclusion: Objects completed.

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5/7/67

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MAP TO ACCOMPANY  
PIREPORT NO 18-146667

Scale 1:25<sup>000</sup> = 1 mile

