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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands..... Tari Report No. 1 of 1967/68.....

Patrol Conducted by..... R.M. Press..... Cadet Patrol Officer.....

Area Patrolled Iamu, Central Basin and part Haibuga-Mun9 na Census Divisions.

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

Natives..... 1 Administration Interpreter.
4 members R.P.N.G.G.....

Duration—From..... 5./...7.../1967...to..... 2./...8.../1967...

Number of Days..... 28 Patrol Days.....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... See Rep/19.....

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

Map Reference..... Patrol Map is Attached.....

Objects of Patrol..... See Report.....

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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[Signature]
District Commissioner

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

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund \$.....

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference... 67-3-5
If calling ask for
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

15th September, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBUI.

Tari Patrol No 1 of 1967/68 -
IUMU, Central Basin and Part
HALBUGU/MUNIMA Census Divisions -
Mr. C.P.O. Press.

Attached please find:-

- A) Original of report,
- B) Copy of Patrol Instructions issued to Mr. Press by Assistant District Commissioner, Tari on memorandum 67-2-7 dated 23rd July, 1967.
- C) Copy of memorandum 67-1-6/67 dated 24th August, 1967 from Assistant District Commissioner, Tari.
- D) Map of patrol area.

2. All aspects of the patrol have been covered by the Assistant District Commissioner, Tari and no comments are required.

3. Matters of interest to other departments have been extracted and forwarded to them.

(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

PRK/WTH

67-1-1/67.

Sub-District Office,
TARI.
Southern Highlands District.

24th August, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

TARI PATROL REPORT NO 1 OF 1967/1968.

Attached please find 3 copies of Mr. Press's G.P.O., report, claim for Camping Allowance for himself and Interpreter, Patrol Map and copy of his portion of the Tari Local Government Council 3rd Election Report.

As pointed out in the introduction Mr. Press aim originally was to continue the construction of the Tari/Komo Road however it became necessary to divert his evergies into the conduction of the Elections. He was then transferred to Komo to look after the station, hence the work on the Tari/Komo road was left without supervision and as yet has not been completed.

The native situation as reported in paragraph 2 - the IUMU people is a bit hard to take. My experience has shown that perhaps 1 out of 4 cases reach the Court and the remainder are settled amongst the parties concerned. Pigs are the main settlement medium. Even after a case has been settled in the Local Court the people rush off to re-commence negotiations for pigs to repay the trouble. Therefore I cannot agree that the people are using the law "as an instrument of revenge." With the Council now extending to their midst and patrols scheduled to visit them regularly we should see the situation improve.

Mr. Press has pin-pointed a degree of trouble in his section 'Complaints and Courts'.

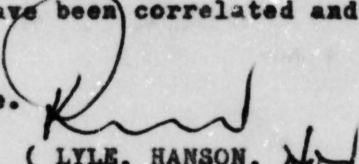
Profit from misdeeds is something I have been frowning upon as the original trouble ceases to be the object of a case, merely as a means to gain profit.

It is good to hear that the people are interested in obtaining fish, I hope they will be properly utilised. I will inform Mr. Coleman D.A.S.F. Tari of this so he can assist with pond construction.

The Tari/Komo road is nearing completion however we will have to persevere with the grading on the Tari side or in wet weather the road will become useless. Stoning will start, on these steep sections as soon as funds are forthcoming.

A good patrol and election report by Mr. Press. I have extracted all statistics and these have been correlated and forwarded under separate cover.

For your information please.


(LYLE. HANSON. *HL*)

Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Mr. M. Press
KOMO.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams.....
Our Reference..... 67 - 2 - 1
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
TARI,
Southern Highlands District.
10th August, 1967.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-district Office,
TARI.

TARI PATROL NO. 1 of 1967/68.

PATROL REPORT.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY.

R.M. PRESS. Cadet Patrol Officer.

AREA PATROLLED.

Iumu, Central Basin and part Haibuga-Munima Census Divisions.

PERSONEL ACCOMPANYING.

4 members R.P.N.G.C.

No. 9008 Constable Tia (Throughout)

No. 10132 Constable Kibo (")

No. 11668 T/Constable Yandalan.
from 5/7/67 to 11/7/67.

No. 8104 Constable Tati.
from 23/7/67 to 2/8/67.

1 Administration Interpreter.

Tagobe Peperaider.

DURATION OF PATROL.

5/7/67 to 2/8/67. (Broken).
28 patrol days.

LAST D.D.A. PATROL TO AREA.

Iumu + Haibuga-Munima + April 1967.
Central Basin : February, 1967.

MAP REFERENCE.

Patrol Map is Attached.

OBJECTS OF PATROL.

- (1) Conduct Council Elections in the Iumu and Central Basin C/D's.
- (2) Construction and Maintenance of the Tari-Komo Road.
- (3) Routine Administration.

R. M. Press
R.M. PRESS
(Cadet Patrol Officer)

INTRODUCTION

Initially, the main object of this patrol was to continue the construction of the Tari - Komo Road as a follow up to Tari Patrols Nos. 9 and 11 of 1966/67. However, during the course of this patrol, authority was received to conduct the elections for the Tari Local Government Council. It was issued additional instructions to conduct the elections in the IUMU and CENTRAL BASIN Census Divisions.

All centres in the Central Basin are situated no more than two miles from the Tari Government Station. This Census Division is the most densely populated Census Division in the Tari Sub-district. There are three large mission establishments within this area.

The Iumu Census Division is contained within the Tagari River on the west and south, the Dagia River on the east and the Hailuga - Munima Census Division on the north. This Census Division has a very difficult terrain consisting of mountain ranges running roughly parallel to the Tagari River and dissected by deep, steep sided gorges carved out over the years by fast flowing mountain streams.

DIARY

WED. 5/7/67.

AM. Final preparation for patrol - patrol equipment and personnel moved to Hiwanda Rest House by Land Rover.

PM. Inspected maintenance work being carried out on the Hiwanda - Telabo branch road - discussed road work with the village officials from Hiwanda and Telabo.

Slept at Hiwanda.

THURS. 6/7/67.

AM. Organised carriers for the Hiwanda - Idauwi walk - instructed and inspected road maintenance on the Hiwanda-Telabo branch road.

PM. Patrol departed Hiwanda 1330 hrs. for Idauwi - arrived Idauwi 1615 hrs (Approximately two hours were spent walking - en route, the patrol discussed and supervised road maintenance with various groups) Discussed the progress of the Tari-Komo Road with Village Constable TAMIDE of Idauwi - organised carriers to carry cargo to the road head.

Slept at Idauwi.

FRI. 7/7/67.

AM. Patrol departed Idauwi 0930 hrs. - inspected road route and possible diversions en route - arrived Tumbiter Road Camp 1230 hrs. (Approximately 1½ hours actually spent walking).

PM. Inspected several proposed road routes and work done since the departure of the previous patrol - sent out the word for all men in the Iumu area to come prepared for work on Monday.

Slept at Tumbiter.

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3.

SAT. 8/7/67.

AM. 30 minutes walk to the Tagari River to inspect the proposed bridge site.

Slept at Tumbiter.

SUN. 9/7/67.

Observed.

Slept at Tumbiter.

MON. 10/7/67.

Work commenced on the clearing of the proposed road route - various groups were organised and allocated specific sections of the route to clear. A total work force of about 200 men. A dispute was heard in the afternoon - this dispute was referred to the Local Court at Tari.

Slept at Tumbiter

TUES. 11/7/67.

Road route cleared to the Pangubi Creek - sent Constable Yandalan back to Tari with Court witnesses.

Slept at Tumbiter.

WED. 12/7/67.

Distributed 54 spades - pegged out the road route with the aid of an Abney Level - cutting of the actual road commenced.

Slept at Tumbiter.

THURS. 13/7/67.

Road construction continued - the people were divided into groups - each group was allocated a section of road to complete - Malaria was causing the work force to dwindle.

Slept at Tumbiter.

FRI. 14/7/67.

Road construction continued as before.

Slept at Tumbiter.

SAT. 15/7/67.

Several disputes were brought to the patrol - all of these were settled arbitrarily.

Slept at Tumbiter.

SUN. 16/7/67.

Approximately 90 minutes walk to a site on the Tagari River about a mile or two upstream from the proposed bridge site to investigate reports of fire coming from the ground. Smoke and steam was observed rising from the ground in four places spread over approximately one hundred yards - all this activity was on the Komo side of the Tagari River and as no bridge was available, I could not get closer to have a better look.

Slept at Tumbiter.

MON. 17/7/67.

Continued with road construction.

Slept at Tumbiter.

TUES. 18/7/67.

Continued with road construction - one of the most difficult sections completed.

Slept at Tumbiter.

WED. 19/7/67.

Continued with road construction - Mr. Kerr, a/A.D.C. visited the patrol - discussed the patrol's progress with him.

Slept at Tumbiter.

THURS. 20/7/67.

Road construction continued.

Slept at Tumbiter.

FRI. 21/7/67.

Road construction continued - commenced the construction of a 35' bridge over an unnamed creek about fifty yards from the already completed bridge over the Pangubi Creek.

Slept at Tumbiter.

SAT. 22/7/67.

Pegged a road route up to a few hundred yards past the Pangubi Creek - met G. Staples, C.P.O. Komo, en route to Tari to assist with Tari Local Government Council Elections - Mr. Kerr a/A.D.C. visited patrol later in the afternoon.

Slept at Tumbiter.

SUN. 23/7/67.

AM. Patrol departed Tumbiter 0735 hrs. - met tractor near the Idauwi Rest House - remainder of journey completed on tractor - arrived Tari 1200 hrs.

PM. Discussions with Mr. Kerr, a/A.D.C. concerning the council elections - later went to Piribu Rest House - word sent out for all the people in the Piribu Ward to come and vote tomorrow.

Slept at Piribu.

MON. 24/7/67.

Conducted elections for ward No. 20 (i.e. the Piribu-Paibueri Village groups plus the S.D.A. Mission)

Slept at Piribu.

TUES. 25/7/67.

Walked to the Tari Local Government Council Chambers and conducted the elections for ward No. 18 (i.e. the Tari village group.)

Slept at Tari.

WED. 26/7/67.

Conducted the elections for ward No. 12 at Halenguali (i.e. the Halenguali village group plus the U.F.M. Mission.)

Slept at Tari.

THURS. 27/7/67.

Conducted the elections for ward No. 20 at Kigida (i.e. the Kigida village group).

Slept at Tari.

FRI. 28/7/67.

Conducted the elections for the Kupari village group at Kupari (Ward No. 29).

Slept at Tari.

SAT. 29/7/67.

Office work at Tari S.D.O.

SUN. 30/7/67.

Patrol moved to Kobalu Rest House by tractor - word sent ~~for~~ in preparation for tomorrow's election.

Slept Kobalu.

MON. 31/7/67.

AM. Conducted the elections for the Kobalu village group (Ward No. 33).

MON. 31/7/67. (Cont.)

PM. Fifty minutes walk to Idauwi Rest House - paid carriers - discussions with Village Leaders of Idauwi concerning the Council and elections - word sent out for all electors to appear tomorrow morning. - also the Teni and Undubi groups to gather at Teni R/H tomorrow afternoon. Slept at Idauwi.

TUES. 1/8/67.

AM. Conducted the Council elections for the Idauwi village group (i.e. Ward No. 34).

PM. Patrol walked to Teni Rest House (45 minutes walk) - paid off carriers - confusion had developed during the morning and only the Teni groups had gathered at the Rest House - the Undubi group thought the patrol was going to visit their Rest House ~~also~~ and had gathered there - as it is over an hours walk from Teni to Undubi it would be dark by the time the Undubi people arrived here so the word was sent for them to be here first thing in the morning. All the Teni electors cast their votes and returned to their houses.

Slept at Teni.

WED. 2/8/67.

Interpreter Tabobe went to Idauwi where a Land Rover was waiting to take him to Tari, thence fly to Komo to attend the opening of the new Council there - The Undubi people voted. Result for Ward No. 39 announced.

Departed Teni for Tari via Agau and Wololo 1015 hrs.- arrived Tari 1545 hrs.- patrol stood down.

END OF PATROL.

END OF DIARY.

PATROL REPORT.NATIVE SITUATION.

There is indeed a contrast between the Two Census Division's popular attitude and understanding of laws and rules laid down by the Administration.

The people in the Central Basin, who have had continuous contact with the Administration since 1954 and have been in the council since 1964, appreciate the law as an instrument of justice whereas the people of the Iumu, who, until the beginning of this calendar year have had limited contact with the Administration and only now have joined the council, understand the law as an instrument of revenge. It appears to them a Government system of "payback".

From the 24th July, the patrol's principal object was to conduct the Council elections, so other matters of routine Administration normally covered in routine patrolling were relegated into minor importance.

The people showed great interest in the Council elections and are satisfied that the presence of a council stimulates quicker progress and development.

RECEPTION OF PATROL.

The patrol was received in a friendly and interested manner at all centres and the recruiting of carriers provided no difficulty.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

The following are the Councillors elected showing Ward No. and groups included in the Ward.

Hagobe Kirape	Ward No. 12	Halenguai (inc. U.F.M. lease).
Ayiang'go Para	" " 18	Tari.
Handaya Yago	" " 20	Kigida.
Pagari Warolepa	" " 28	Piribu (inc. Paibueri and S.D.A. lease).
Pungwa Tiri	" " 29	Kupari (inc. Capuchin Mission lease).
Badia Timbabu	" " 33	Kobalu.
Tamihe Pungwa	" " 34	Idauwi.
Parago Geya	" " 39.	Teni (inc. Undubi).

Only one of the Councillors in the Central Basin was not re-elected (i.e. the former Council President, Tagobe Peperaijer). Village Constables were elected as councillors at Kobalu and Idauwi. The V.C's from Temi and Undubi did not stand.

All those elected have a varying degree of influence upon their groups, more especially so Tamihe of Idauwi. A better man could not have been chosen.

COMPLAINTS AND COURTS.

Whilst working on the Tari-Komo Road several complaints were brought to the patrol for a decision. Several of these disputes were settled arbitrarily but three of them were referred to the Local Court Sitzings at Tari.

In the past, and even now to some extent, many acts of theft and violence were settled by the people themselves by arranging pig payments. The offences were seldom reported to the officials and so, went by without any legal action being taken.

It was emphasised to the village leaders that all cases of stealing and violence must be reported to Administration Officers who would ensure that subsequent legal action would be taken.

There ^{are} also a lot of cases where one person profits from the misdeeds of others. One case brought to me describes this adequately, e.g. The owner of a stolen pig told the thief that he would not report the theft to the 'kiap' if he was given four pigs. The people were told that if anyone profited as such they would also be taken to court and justice dispensed.

AGRICULTURE.

The usual staples, of pit-pit, sweet potato, pumpkins, bananas, sugar cane and tero are readily available at all centres. In the Iumu food supplies are not abundant (poor soil fertility causes a low and inferior yeild of all vegetablls).

Unlike the Central Basin, there is a lot of difficulty in acquiring European type vegetables in the Iumu, so I was forced to eat the traditional native vegetables.

The Iumu has no cash crops at present.

There ^{are} ~~is~~ approximately 3,700 coffee trees in the Central Basin. Some of these are bearing while the rest are not yet mature or are just useless. There ^{are} ~~is~~ approximately 500 coffee seedlings owned by Councillo~~w~~ Tagora of Hiwanda in the Haibuga-Munima Census Division.

Around Hiwanda and Telabo there are several fish ponds brimming with carp. One pond at Telabo (dimensions - 40' by 10' by 4' approx) at the last count had 71 fish - some weighing up to four or five pounds. Many ~~land~~ people are now buying fish from pond owners around Hedamari Rest House in the Duna Sub-district and stocking their own ponds. A useful protein supplement ~~to~~ these people.

HEALTH.

The general health of the people in all areas is quite good. The people of the Central Basin are adequately served by the Tari Hospital and clinics at each of the three missions.

There is an aid post at Telabo which adequately serves the people in that area of the Haibuga-Munima Census Division. The Tari Council is constructing a new aid post at this site.

The people of the Mumu Census Division are adequately served by the Census Division's only aid post located at Idauwi.

Many of the men working on the road contracted malaria (about 15 to 20 per week) and had to go to the aid post for treatment. Because of the low altitude (well below 4,000') of the Tagari River Basin malaria is quite prevalent, and as a result, the area is virtually uninhabited.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Your attention is drawn to the "Roads and Bridges" section of Mr. Munn's reports for Tari Patrols Nos. 9 and 11.

The Tari-Komo Road is now completed to the bridge across the Pangubi Creek (this bridge was constructed under C.P.O. Munn's supervision during April this year). The road now has no more than a mile to go to reach the Tagari River. This remaining section is relatively flat and treeless and should provide no difficulty. A concentrated effort may see the road's completion by the end of this month.

During the patrol's stay of about two weeks, approximately half a mile of road was constructed ^{heavily through} timbered and difficult terrain. The grades, however, are reasonable (the worst grade is one in seven - this was a very difficult section - the natives had marked a route of one in four but I managed to find a slightly better route). Should the remainder of the road prove to be a problem during wet weather, ample supplies of stone can be obtained from the bed of the Pangubi Creek (a stone crusher would have to be made available as these stones are relatively large and extremely difficult ^{to} break with hammers and picks). The patrol investigated the possibility of re-routing several sections of the road already completed, which are very ~~already~~ difficult. Many of the ~~minor~~ ^{smaller} sections can be easily re-routed to provide a better road but one section near the U.F.M. Mission station at Pandu is very steep (1 in 5 approx) and a better route could not be located. There are no stone deposits in the area which could be used to stone this section and I feel the only answer to the problem at present is to attempt to find another route which would completely miss this area, or employ tractors to carry stone to the area from the nearest stone supply (a present the nearest known stone supply is about five or six miles away).

The patrol supervised the start of a bridge across an unnamed creek about seventy five yards ~~thirty~~ from the Pangubi Creek on the Tari side. Upon completion, this bridge will be about thirty five feet long and capable of carrying a car or tractor.

I also visited the site for the proposed bridge across the Tagari River. At this site the river is 100' from bank to bank. We have two heavy cables (each slightly longer than 300 feet) and I am told by the natives from the area that suitable Tagiruba trees are available that would be suitable for pylons. If the necessary clips and light cable and cement etc. were supplied a Suspension Bridge with a span of 135' could be constructed.

P

PERSONEL.Administration Interpreter Tagobe Peperaider.

Cheerful, slow at times - has a good influence over the people - an asset to the patrol.

R.P.N.G.C.No. 9008 Constable Tia.

A good and keen officer - his Huri background provides a valuable asset.

No. 8104 Constable Tatu.

A keen and intelligent officer - executes good control over the people.

No. 10132 Constable Kibo.

Keen, cheerful and efficient - a good asset to the patrol.

No. 11668 T/Constable Yandalan.

A keen and cheerful officer.

Copies of R.S. form 1 have been forwarded to the Commissioner of Police, Konedobu.

CONCLUSION.

A rewarding patrol. All objects were accomplished.

A copy of the election report accompanies each of the copies of this report.

Camping Allowance Claims for myself and Tagobe accompany this report. Those for the accompanying police have been forwarded directly to Police, Mendi.

Patrol Instructions and map are attached.

Signature .. *A. M. Pass*

Designation .. Cadet Patrol Officer.

Date 10th August, 1967.1



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PRK/WTH.

Telegrams.....
Our Reference... 67-2-1/57.
If calling ask for
Mr.....

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

4th July, 1967.

Mr. R.M. Press,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
TARI. S.H.D.

TARI PATROL NO 1 OF 1967/1968. TARI/KOMO ROAD.

Please be ready to move out on patrol first thing on the 5th July, 1967.

As verbally discussed I want you to proceed to Hiwanda and work your way down to the border (Tagari River), remark the sections that we observed in the helicopter and organise the groups into construction teams all along the road route.

Pay particular attention to the following:

1. gradients, stick to a 1 in 8 gradient or better.
2. ditches on either side of the road.
3. have groups accumulate stone where available and if possible start them laying same.
4. I want a detailed description of the road and the bridge site, including dimensions and availability of materials to construct the bridge.
5. Pay particular attention to the native situation, attitudes etc and report on those subjects.

Comply with departmental standing instructions for your report.

I cannot say how long you will be out on this patrol; it all depends on when the Council sections are approved, but you can count on at least 10 days and very probably more.

PATROL PERSONEL:

Constable KIBO	No 10102,
" Tia	9008,
" Yandalan	11668,
Interpreter Tagobe.	

Handle any matters which crop up and which you think can be dealt with by you, however send all other matters to me.

I will try and visit you from time to time to assist you with any difficulties and dont hesitate to send word if you need extra personel.

Take 50 spades with you and issue them to the deserving lines

I wish you a pleasant patrol.

R. Kerr
(P.R. KERR.) a/ADC.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference 67/2/37 = 58.
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Sub-district Office,
TARI.

Southern Highlands District.
23rd July, 1967.

Mr. Press,
Cadet Control Officer,
TARI.

TARI PATROL No. 1 of 1967/1968. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS.

As verbally discussed please be ready to depart this afternoon to commence the Tari Local Government Council Elections.

You will be required to conduct the Elections in the IUMU and CENTRAL BASIN Census Divisions, entailing Wards:
33, 34, 39, 12, 18, 19, 20, 28 and 29. I will have to assist you with Ward 19 which includes Tari Administration Station - LA 2222 (102600), so please leave that till last. Please refer to attachment for full descriptions of the Wards which you will be covering.

Please submit to me no later than three days after the completion of the field work a rough pre-forma of forms 9, 10 and 11 plus a brief report as per Division 21 on page 11 of "Directions for the Conduct of Elections for Local Government Councils."

All Ballot papers are to be endorsed with your initials and you will keep all used and informal Ballot papers for each ward.

Your patrol personnel are the same as for the early part of the E Patrol however I require Constable Yandalan on the Station so you will take Constable Tatu in his place.

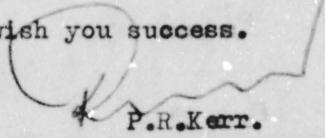
In your capacity of Assistant Returning Officer you will, under no circumstances handle any other of your usual duties of Administration during this segment of the patrol unless otherwise advised by me. Any Courts, disputes or problems are to be referred to the Station for my handling.

Finally I stress the need for accuracy at all times and please ensure the procedures are followed to the letter and most important please make sure there are scrutineers present during the count of votes.

Upon completion of the Elections and the report for the whole patrol you will then be issued with further patrol instructions to complete the Tari/Komo Road to the bridge site.

From time to time I will be visiting your patrol to assist and sort out any difficulties however please do not hesitate to let me know of any difficulties as you must realise that these Elections are vital to me and the Council.

For your information and I wish you success.


P.R. Kerr.
Acting Assistant District Commissioner.

Mr. Press.

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The Usuu Census Division.

Ward No.

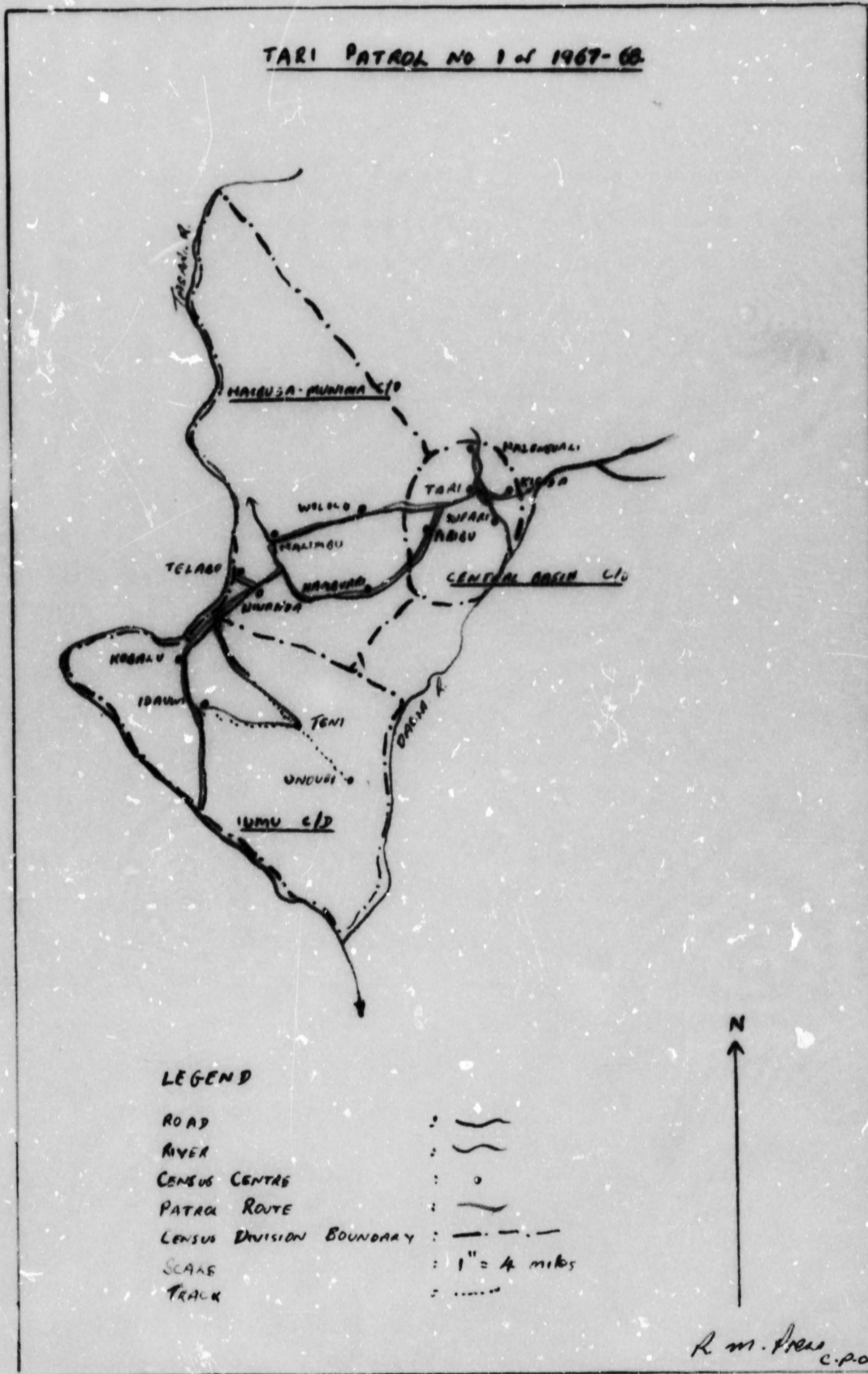
- 33. The Kobalu Village Group.
- 34. The Idauwi Village Group.
- 39. The Teni and Undubi Village Groups.

The Central Basin Census Division.

Ward No.

- 12. The Halenguali Village Group, together with that portion of land occupied by the Unevangelised Field Mission more particularly described in Department of Lands files LA1166(P)(7629) and LA3252(P).
- 18. The Tari Village Group.
- 19. The Land occupied by the Tari Administration Station more particularly described in Department of Lands file LA2222(102600).
- 20. The Kigida Village Group.
- 28. The Piribu and Paibueri Village Groups, together with that portion of land occupied by the Seventh Day Adventist Mission more particularly described in Department of Lands files LA3096(P) and LA2413(P).
- 29. The Kupari Village Group, together with that portion of land occupied by the Capuchin Friars Mission more particularly described in Department of Lands files LA2406, LA3251 and LA3690.

TARI PATROL NO 1 of 1967-68





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. Para 2 of 1967/68

Patrol Conducted by G. Staples, Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Maboga-Mabine, North Basin and Pujero-Cenau Divisions

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 3 members R.F.S.N.G.C.

1 Administration Interpreter.

Duration—From 22/7/1967 to 4/8/1967

Number of Days 13 Patrol days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / / 19

Medical / / 19

Map Reference Sub-district maps and enclosed Patrol Map

Objects of Patrol To conduct Local Government Council elections in the S/A's above named.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

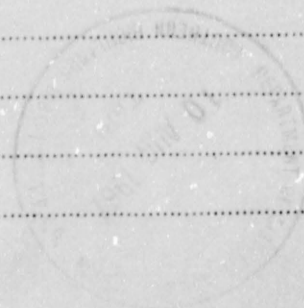
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District Commissioner

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

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund \$.....

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



67-15-4

October 25th, 1967.

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

TARI PATROL NO. 2 OF 1967/68

The above Patrol Report and comments by
the Assistant District Commissioner, TARI are ack-
nowledged with thanks.

2. Mr. Staples' report shows a satisfactory
situation in area patrolled. It is pleasing to note
the interest being taken in the Council.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Director



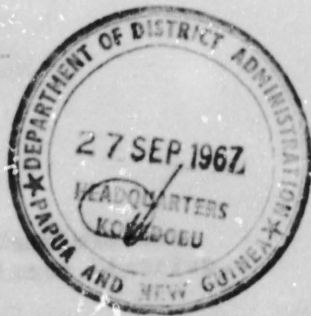
TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-15-49

Telegrams.....
Our Reference..... **67-3-5**
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

15th September, 1967.



The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEBOBU.

Tari Patrol No 2 of 1967/68
HAIKUGA/MUNIMA, NORTH BASIN and
PUIJERO Census Divisions -
Mr. G. Staples, C.P.O.

Attached please find:-

- a) Original of above report,
- b) Copy of Patrol Instructions issued to Mr. Staples by Assistant District Commissioner, Tari on memorandum 67-2-7/59 dated 23rd July, 1967.
- c) Copy of memorandum 67-1-1/70 dated 25th August, 1967.
- d) Map of the patrol area.

2. The Assistant District Commissioner, Tari has adequately covered all aspects of the report and no comment is required.

(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

PRK/WTH.

67-1-1/70.

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Sub-District Office,
TARI,
Southern Highlands District.

25th August, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MEHDI.

TARI PATROL REPORT NO 2 OF 1967/1968.

Please find attached 3 copies of the abovementioned Patrol Report, together with Election Report and patrol Map. Camping Allowance Claim for Mr. Staples, who conducted the Patrol, is tendered for your consideration.

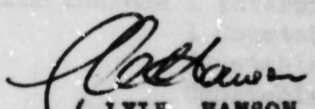
The prime aim of the Patrol was to conduct portion of the Tari Local Government Council Third, General Elections, therefore no other matters were dealt with during the Patrol.

Mr. Staples report a good situation and his comments on Roads and Bridges are noted.

All figures and statistics i.e. forms 9, 10 and 11 have been extracted and consolidated with the other portions of the Election statistics and forwarded under separate cover.

No untoward incidents occurred and the astuteness with which Mr. Staples conducted the Elections is worthy of comment.

For your information please.


(LYLE HANSON.)
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Mr. G. Staples, in Patrol Officers Training Course,
c/- Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference... 67/2/7 = 59
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Sub-district Office,
TARI.
Southern Highlands District.
23rd July, 1967.

Mr. G. Staples,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
KOMO.

TARI PATROL No. 2 of 1967/1968.

As verbally discussed please be ready to depart this afternoon to commence the Tari Local Government Council Elections.

As you are aware you are required to be in Port Moresby to attend the No. 6 Training Course for Patrol Officers, on Sunday the 20th August, 1967. This Patrol should only take you about ten to fifteen days, but if you feel hard pressed to complete the section allocated to you I will be able to assist and/or provide either Mr. Munn or Mr. Press to do same.

You will be required to conduct the Elections in the HAIBUGA/MUNIMA NORTH BASIN AND THE PUIJERO Census Divisions, covering the following Wards: 4, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 25, 26, 27, 5, 7, 8, 1, 2, 3 and 6. It is a formidable task I have allocated to you but I am quite sure you will conduct it with zeal and ~~will~~ acquit yourself favourably in this all important task.

You are familiar with the procedures for the conduction of the Elections and from time to time, as time is available I will be visiting you to assist and advise. Please call on me at any time.

When the field work has finished I will require an accurate assessment as per forms 9, 10 and 11 and a report as per Division 21 on page 11 of the "Directions for the conduct of elections for Local Government Councils". I will require this report no more than three days after the completion of the Patrol.

Patrol Personnel will include 1 Interpreter from Komo,
1 Constable from Komo,
Constable Kamgru 8262 Tari and
Constable Tol 11691 Tari.

Constable Kamgru will be in charge of the detachment, he is an excellent man but this is his first patrol in the Tari area so he too will be feeling his way.

When the patrol and report are completed you will return to Komo to pack your gear thence return Tari for movement to Port Moresby. I suggest you take all the gear you need as this is a transfer on duty thence leave. You will not be returning to Tari or Komo after the Course but will proceed direct to Australia.

I wish you a pleasant patrol and I'm sure you will handle this task well.

P.R. Kerr.
Acting Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference.....
If calling ask for.....
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Sub-district Office,
Tari.
Southern Highlands District.
7th August, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-district Office,
Tari.

Tari Patrol No.2 of 1967/68.

Patrol Conducted By;
Area Patrolled;

G.Staples, Cadet Patrol Officer
Haibuga-Munima, North Basin and
Puijero Census Divisions.

Personnel Accompanying;

3 Members R.P. & N.G.C.
9991 Const Souwei
8262 Const Kangru
11691 Const Tol.

Interpreter Mendoro Ekbaija.

Duration of Patrol;
Last D.D.A. Patrol to area;
Map Reference;
Objects of Patrol;

13 Patrol Days-11 nights camped out.
April/May 1967, Tari patrols 12 and 14.
Patrol Map Attached.
To conduct the third election
for the Tari Local Government Council.

G. Staples

G. Staples,
Cadet Patrol Officer.

INTRODUCTION.

The three Census Divisions patrolled are bordered on the North by the New Guinea border, on the ~~West~~^{East} by a line from Mt Kerewa to the Doma Peaks extended, on the South by a line about 5 degrees 48 minutes South Latitude between 143 degrees and 143.10 and a line between the Tagari and Dagia Rivers at their closest proximity. The Western border is the Tagari River.

PATROL DIARY.

Sat. 22nd. July, 1967.

0930 Patrol departed KOMO Patrol Post, arriving TARI road camp
1230. Met Mr. Press. Slept road camp.

Sun. 23rd.

0700 Patrol departed road camp accompanying Mr. Press' patrol.
0905 met tractor on road and proceeded on wheels to Tari.
Met Mr. Kerr at Tari, received patrol instructions and departed
Tari at 1600 for Henganda arriving 1830. Made camp.
Slept Henganda.

Mon. 24th.

Discussions with Councillor of Henganda and various others.
More complete planning of patrol while the talk went on
about the elections. Paperwork associated with elections.
Slept Henganda.

Tues. 25th.

0900 election started for Henganda Village Group.
1430 election completed, 1500 patrol departed for Paijaka,
arriving 1535. Slept Paijaka.

Wed. 26th.

0845 election started for Paijaka, 1130 election started for
Hariba Village group. 1300 patrol departed for Eganda, arriving
1350. Slept Eganda.

Thurs. 27th.

0845 election started, 1030 election started for Halengo.
1230 Patrol departed for Kaijagari arriving 1330.
Slept Kaijagari.

Fri. 28th.

Elections for Kaijagari and Kwangiabi at Kaijagari, finishing
1230. Patrol departed 1300 for Tari arriving 1730.
Slept Tari.

Sun. 30th.

Tractor to Hambuari, slept Hambuari.

Mon. 31st.

Elections of Hambuari and Tindima ward, patrol departed 1345
for Hiwanda arriving 1445. Slept Hiwanda.

Tues. 1st August.

Elections Hiwanda and Telabo Village Groups at Hiwanda.
1540 patrol departed for Halimbu, arriving 1605.
Slept Halimbu.

Wed. 2nd.

Elections Wololo and Halimbu Village Groups at Halimbu.
1610 patrol departed Halimbu for Tauanda arriving 1700.
Slept Tauanda.

Thurs. 3rd.

Elections Tauanda Village Group including the U.F.M., and Hare.
1520 patrol departed Tauanda arriving Munima 1650.
Slept Munima.

Fri. 4th.

Elections Munima and Karida Village Groups. 1430 patrol
departed for Tari. Met tractor half way, were at Tari by 1600.
Patrol stood down.

END of PATROL.NATIVE SITUATION.

As can be seen from the attached Patrol Instructions, this was a fairly quick patrol with as its only objective the completion of the elections in the area patrolled, consequently I was not able to spend as much time as is desirable in normal administrative duties. I shall therefore comment only on the elections.

There seems to be a healthy interest in Local Government in the area, as evidenced by the relatively large proportion of nominations received well before the elections and by the distribution of votes in most wards which, as can be seen from the attached Election Report, did not show any marked degree of pre-selection balloting. Of those people who were in the area the attendance was good.

Apparently quite a large number of people have left for the walk to Mt. Hagen Show which is imminent. Also there is a large proportion of the young adult male population from these Census Divisions away working at the coast.

The fact that many of the electors had to poll at a rest house other than that at which they normally census could have had an effect on attendance, but from what I could gather this was negligible.

Overall the situation seems settled and quiet. There has been a big concentration of effort on roads recently, and I think the men especially have been too busy to talk themselves into the usual disputes that one finds. The only dispute brought to the patrol concerned a man cutting down one "Yar" tree supposedly belonging to another. The incident occurred nearly two years ago and the aggrieved party had apparently been getting worked up about it ever since. The matter was quickly and easily settled to the satisfaction of all concerned.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

With the exception of the road between Paijaka and Eganda the roads in the area patrolled are all in excellent condition. The contrast in their condition now and before I was posted to Komo in November is quite marked.

Limestone deposits, especially on the Tari-Koroba road as far as the Tagari River which marks the boundary of Tari sub-district, are being utilised to gather surfacing material for the roads and those surfaced with the stone are ~~all~~ trafficable in all weather.

The Paijaka-Eganda section mentioned is at present made useless by the lack of a small bridge which needs repair. The road has never been one which received a lot of traffic and now the bridge is out it has deteriorated to an alarming condition. I feel that attention should be directed to this road as soon as present commitments allow. It is true that it does not open up a heavily populated area, but the road has administrative value in that it gives access to the Northern areas of the sub-district.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS AND REST HOUSES.

Those Councillors who retained their positions seem to be reasonably efficient; as to those new Councillors I cannot say.

The rest houses visited (See diary.) are all in a good state of repair and none require any maintenance.

RECEPTION OF PATROL.

The reception received by the patrol in all areas was good and every co-operation was extended to the patrol.

PATROL PERSONNEL.

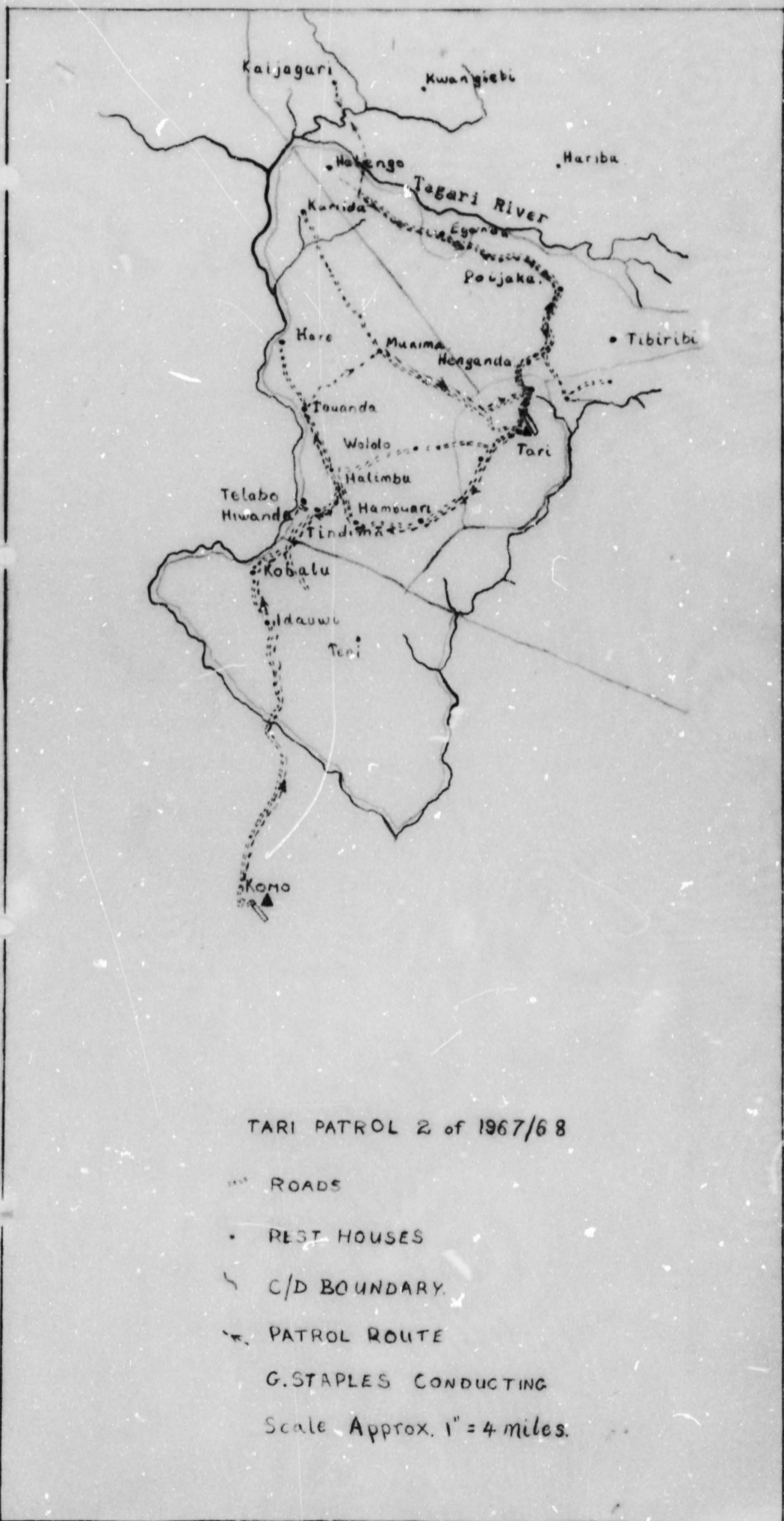
R.S. Form 1 have been forwarded to the Police Commissioner, and I feel that only 8262 Const. Kamgru warrants special mention. Being the senior member of the patrol detachment he was in charge though this was his first patrol in the Tari area. He is conscientious, will put forward in an acceptable manner any suggestions he has, usually quite helpful, and seems to be making a serious attempt to get to know the Huri people as he realises this will make him a more effective member. Overall he is a good policeman and given time to familiarise himself with the area should be quite valuable to the station and on patrol.

CONCLUSION.

The aim of the patrol, to conduct the Local Government Council elections, was achieved without difficulty in the time allowed.

Election Report and Statistical Returns attached.

G. Staples
G. Staples.
Cadet Patrol Officer.



TARI PATROL 2 of 1967/68

- ROADS
- REST HOUSES
- ~ C/D BOUNDARY
- PATROL ROUTE

G. STAPLES CONDUCTING
 Scale Approx. 1" = 4 miles.

18 DEC 1967
PORT MORESBY



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands, Tari Report No.7 of 1967/68.

Patrol Conducted by R. M. Press, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled South Basin Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

2 Members R.P.N.G.C.

Natives 1 Interpreter.

Duration—From 21/11/1967 to 1/12/1967.

Number of Days 11 Patrol Days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Aug & Sep 1967.

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Map Reference Patrol Map is Attached.

Objects of Patrol See Report.

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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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: 67-15-53

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. Papua.

3rd September, 1968.

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL NO. TARI 7-67/68

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of ~~Memorandum~~ Memorandum
* ~~Patrol~~ / Patrol Report covering patrol by Press C.P.O.
to..... South Hain Census Divisions.

This is fairly good report for a junior officer.
However, it is too general. Leadership is not discussed and the
report does not name one local indigenous person.

No explanation was given why this report did not reach
this Headquarters until 8 1/2 months after the completion of the
patrol.

T.W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
Director

* Delete as necessary.

Mr. R. M. Press,
C/- Sub-District Office,
TARI,
Southern Highlands District.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-15-53

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Telephone
Telegrams
Our Reference 67-3-5
If calling ask for
Mr.

Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

16th August, 1968.



The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Tari Patrol No 7 of 1967/68 -
South Basin Census Division -
Mr. R.M. Press, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Attached please find:-

- (a) Original of report,
- (b) Copy of memorandum 67-1-1 dated 2nd January, 1968 from Assistant District Commissioner, Tari.
- (c) Map of area patrolled.

2. It is pleasing to note that the people are still interested in maintaining their roads. I am also pleased to note that land can be made available for economic development in the area. A copy of the section on economic development has been past on to the District Agricultural Officer, Mendi for his information.

3. A good report submitted by a keen officer.

E.J. Emanuel

(E.J. Emanuel)
a/District Commissioner.

c.c.
Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
TARI.

Mr. R.M. Press,
Patrol Officer,
MENDI.

LH/WTH.

67-1-1/102.

Sub-District Office,
TARI.
Southern Highlands District.

2nd January, 1968.

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

TARI PATROL 7-1967/1968 - MR. PRESS SOUTH BASIN.

1. The following are my comments on the attached abovementioned patrol report.

Political Situation.

2. Over the past few months the forthcoming House of Assembly election has dominated the peoples' political thinking and considerable attention has been paid to explaining the processes of elections and House of Assembly organization from a disinterested point of view.

Health.

3. The South Basin people are extremely well off from the medical attention point of view there being an Aid Post for each 1,600 people. All census units are connected by road to the TARI Hospital, at the most within a few hours' walk.

Roads and Bridges.

4. The HULI people are very interested in building roads to connect their various centres. The maintenance angle also been impressed upon them and while as Mr. Press points out some sections are somewhat rough they are being improved and do at the moment provide all weather access.

5. The Tari - Magarima road has been a topic of conversation for many years and only now has a reasonable amount (\$6,000) been allocated. In conjunction with the Tari Local Government Council, labour (with provisions, medical care, transport) has been organized as mentioned.

6. Mr. Arthur Foy was employed as an overseer for four weeks and has since left the area to take up an appointment with the Police Department in Port Moresby. Future Supervision will be undertaken by Officers of District Administration Department from Tari as they can be made available. The present road head is less than an hour's drive from Tari so this should not be a problem.

Development Potential.

7. I estimate there would be more than 1,000 acres of swamp ground suitable for reclamation and planting around the area described by Mr. Press. These swamps have already been discussed with the Agricultural Officer, TARI and he is of the opinion that with suitable drainage carried out the area would be suitable for planting tea (although this is not at present envisaged for this area by the Agriculture Department) coffee and the crops of mint and cinclaona already being experimented with at Tari. The acquisition of this land by the Administration would I feel be advantageous, if not for immediate needs then surely for some future purpose of leasing to interested organizations

for agricultural purposes or re-settlement on agricultural blocks of locals.

8. It is doubted that pyrethrum would be a suitable economic crop in this area, mainly because of the problem of marketing.

Education.

9. Mr. Press should have supplied attendance figures and classes for the school at DABUDA.

10. Education is of course a problem throughout the whole District with the lack of teacher, staff being so acute.

Labour.

11. Once the limit of $\frac{1}{3}$ of the work force is neared the villagers are encouraged to refrain from offering for employment until repatriates lower the figure.

Census.

12. No cases of deliberate census evasion were reported by Mr. Press.

13. Mr. Press has conducted a routine census, administrative patrol and reports a stable situation in the area.

14. The South Basin has been regularly patrolled for a number of years now and presents no administrative problem. Road network consolidation is progressing and economic development is awaiting the results of trial plantings at the Agricultural Station.

For your information, please.



(LYLE HANSON.)

Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams.....

Our Reference 67-2-1

If calling ask for

Mr.....

Department of District Administration,

Patrol Post,

KOMO,

Southern Highlands District.

13th December, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-district Office,
TARI.

Tari Patrol No. 7 of 1967/68.

Patrol Report.

Patrol Conducted By: R. M. Press, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: South Basin Census Division.

Personel Accompanying: 2 Members R.P.N.G.C.
No. 10132 Const. KIBO.
No. 11691 T/Const. TOL.

1 Interpreter.
LAGARI IMBIAGA.

Duration of Patrol: 21/11/67 to 1/12/67.
11 Patrol Days.
10 Nights Camped Out.

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: Aug. & Sep., '67.

Objects of Patrol: (1) Census Revision.
(2) Political Education.
(3) Maintenance of Roads & Bridges.
(4) Routine Administration.

R. M. Press
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R. M. Press
(Cadet Patrol Officer)

INTRODUCTION.

The South Basin Census Division has seven rest houses and within these there are nine separate census units (Tauri and Urua Rest Houses have two census units each). This Census Division is situated in a generally southerly direction from Tari Station, it is bordered on the south by the Hogambe Range, on the east by the Doma Peaks and the Margarima Administrative area, on the west by the Piwa River and on the north by the Arua River to the Paraparu Rest House, then in a straight line to the junction of the Piwa and Tebe Rivers.

Census Revision and Political Education were the principal objects of this patrol.

PATROL DIARY.TUES. 21/11/67.

Final preparation for patrol.
Left Tari 1000 by tractor - at Tigibi 1230.
Tractor went to the end of the Margarima-Tari road to pick up Mr. A. Foy.
Notice sent out for all the people to come to tomorrow's census.
Informal discussions with locals.
Slept at Tigibi.

WED. 22/11/67.

Census revised for the Tigibi group.
Several minor disputes were brought to the patrol for settlement.
Instructions re road work and maintenance given to the people - inspected road work being carried out.
Night spent balancing and totalling census figures.
Slept at Tigibi.

THURS. 23/11/67.

Left Tigibi 0815 - arrived Piangwanda 0915.
Carrier line paid off.
Instructions regarding road work given to the Piangwanda group.
Census Revised.
More minor disputes were brought to the patrol and settled arbitrarily.
Census figures at night.
Slept at Piangwanda.

FRI. 24/11/67.

Departed Piangwanda 0800 - arrived Wabia 0835
Paid off carriers.
Instructions on road work issued and census revised.
Informal discussions with village leaders.
Night spent balancing census figures.
Slept at Wabia.

SAT. 25/11/67.

Went to the Methodist Overseas Mission at Wenani and re-surveyed the block of ground there.
Slept at Wabia.

SUN. 26/11/67.

Observed - Slept at Wabia.

MON. 27/11/67.

Patrol left Wabia 0800 for Uruma - a girl aged about ten years drowned near Uruma whilst on the way to be censused - myself and the Aid Post Orderly from Uruma inspected the body, but we were notified too late and she was already dead.

Arrived Uruma 0920 and paid off carriers.
Census revised for the Uruma and Puju groups.
A.D.C. from Tari visited the patrol.
Inspected roads in the vicinity of Uruma.
Some disputes brought to the patrol were settled after discussion. Informal discussions with locals on House of Assembly, development, etcetera.
Slept at Uruma.

TUES. 28/11/67.

Left Uruma 0800 - arrived Tauri 0910.
Carriers paid off - camp set up.
Census Revised for the Tauri & Linabin groups.
Informal discussions with local leaders.
Night spent balancing census figures.
Slept at Tauri.

WED. 29/11/67.

Departed Tauri 0800 - arrived Paraparu 0940.
Carriers paid off and camp set up.
Instructions on road work issued.
Census revised.
Census figures at night.
Slept at Paraparu.

THURS. 30/11/67.

Left Paraparu 0815 for Iangome - inspected a new native materials classroom block being constructed at the M.O.M. at Dabuda - arrived Iangome 0900.
Census revised after all buildings were repaired and cleaned. (They were in a shocking condition and it was obvious that no maintenance work had been carried out for some time).
Informal discussions with local leaders.
Slept at Iangome.

FRI. 1/12/67.

Patrol left Iangome 0900 - arrived Tari 1000.
Carriers paid off - patrol stood down.

End of Patrol.

END OF DIARY.

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PATROL REPORT.

POLITICAL SITUATION.

(1) As stated in the preamble, one of this patrol's main objects was to politically educate the people of the South Basin. The District Administration Officers in the Tari Sub-district have been conducting an intensive Political Education Campaign over the past few months, and as a result the majority of the population are reasonably familiar with election procedures, the House of Assembly and the reason for it. Interest in the forthcoming elections is mounting considerably. Since the 27th November, when nominations for candidature were first accepted, eight individuals have paid their nomination fee and it is possible there may be more who wish to contest the elections. Just what the result will be, is awaited with interest.

(2) The Native Situation in this area is relatively satisfactory, with only minor disputes being brought to the patrol's attention. On several occasions, complainants requested compensation payments for someone who had died in a tribal battle during pre Administration days. On each occasion I explained that this was not feasible because it would cause ill-feelings and discontentment and disrupt the peaceful situation which exists at present. I also emphasised to them that it was not the Administration's policy to 'dig up' past disputes and any attempts by the natives to do so, in the ambition of receiving compensation payments, would be frowned upon and the offenders would be appropriately dealt with.

(3) The peaceful and friendly situation was marred by a tragedy at Uruma. A young girl (aged about ten years) was drowned in a small pond while she was washing herself prior to being censused at Uruma. I made a thorough investigation into the incident but there were no suspicious circumstances. I made a point of explaining to the people that if there was a similar accident again, the person's life may be saved if someone with some medical knowledge is immediately notified. Had the people notified me or the Uruma Aid Post Orderly when this accident happened, the girl's life might have been saved.

(4) The patrol was received in a friendly and interested manner and requests for carriers were fulfilled quickly.

HEALTH.

(5) The general health of the people is quite good. The area is adequately served by aid posts and the people are making full use of them. There are aid posts at Tauri, Uruma, Piangwenda and Tigibi. No populated area in the South Basin would be any more than an hour's walk from an aid post. The sisters from the M.O.M. Maternity Hospital conduct child welfare clinics at various centres in the South Basin.

ROADS & BRIDGES.

(6) This patrol walked over the major portion of the South Basin road network. It is fairly obvious that a reasonable amount of maintenance work is being carried out, most of the roads being in a reasonable condition. Almost all the roads in the Wabia, Uruma and Piangwanda areas have been stoned, and some large sections in the Tigibi area also. The people of Wabia and Uruma have done an excellent job in surfacing their roads with sand and gravel. Some sections in the Piangwanda and Tigibi areas are very rough at present and will have to be gravelled in order to improve the surface. Adequate supplies of sand and gravel are available in the streams in the locality, but in some cases the distances are such that a tractor will have to be made available to transport the said surfacing materials. The people from Wabia and Tigibi have been heaping sand and gravel near the road so that full use can be made of a tractor if one is made available.

(7) A new road is being constructed from Tigibi to Kela in the East Basin. I have not seen this road but I am led to believe that work on it is progressing well and the near future should see its completion. The people from Uruma are at present engaged in the construction of a road to Tigibi. This road follows the Furia River for the major portion of its length. It has quite good grades and a lot of it has been stoned and ~~surfaced~~ gravelled. The road is almost into the Tigibi area and the Tigibi group under Councillor Tobi will have to be persuaded to assist. To date they have not rendered any assistance at all.

(8) Work on the construction of the Margarima-Tari road is now getting into full swing. Five councillors each have fifty men working under the supervision of Mr. A. Foy. Each group has been contracted by the council to complete a certain amount of road, and on the completion of their respective contracts, other groups will move in and continue working as such.

DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL.

(9) Agriculturally, the South basin has a very good potential for development. There are numerous areas of relatively extensive marsh and swamp land. On most occasions the owners indicated that they would lease, or sell the land or even take part in some agricultural project on a share or co-operative basis. One area of swamp near Iangome, about three miles from the airstrip at Tari and on the banks of the Piwa River and totaling several hundred acres, has extremely good potential and the owners have set it aside in the hope of a company coming in and starting a plantation (tea or coffee). Drainage of this and the other swamps would not be any problem.

(10)

(10) The area east of Tigibi which consists of undulating, kumai grassland could be suitable for pyrethrum growing. The altitude of this region is about or above six thousand feet, and the soil is of volcanic origin. However, my knowledge on this subject is negligible and a qualified person would have to make investigations and determine the feasibility of this proposal before any further action is taken.

(11) Either of the suggestions in the last two paragraphs could be worthwhile long range projects for the Tari Local Government Council to adopt, subject to their feasibility of course.

EDUCATION.

(12) There is only one school in the South Basin. This is the Methodist Overseas Mission School at Dabuda, near Paraparu. There are two indigenous teachers stationed there at present, and I believe that the staff will be increased to three next year. This school mainly caters for the children in the Paraparu and Langome areas.

(13) In this census division there are 1716 children of school age and only 5.54 percent of them (95) are receiving an education. This area well warrants another school. The Tari Local Government Council will construct all necessary buildings (at a site to be decided upon) if the Administration can make some teachers or a teacher available.

LABOUR.

(14) Census figures reveal that there are 392 men under some form of employment. This is approximately 26.7 percent of the male work force. Eighteen of those employed are working inside the district, while the remainder are working outside the district, under the Highland Labour Scheme (25.4 percent of the work force is employed under the H.L.S. see Appendix 'A' for percentages for each individual census unit.).

(15) The absence of young men from the census is quite noticeable. Some villages have been recruited to maximum limit desirable, namely, Piangwanda, Linabin and Paraparu. In view of the large amount of road maintenance and construction work to be done, I recommend that recruiting be terminated till repatriates have built up the work force to a reasonable strength.

CENSUS.

(16) At all centres the people were co-operative and the census calling was completed in the shortest possible time. Attendances at all centres, excepting Tigibi, was quite satisfactory. It appears that the people from Tigibi have social affiliations with the peoples of Margarima and the Benaris area. Many of the absentees were reported to be in these areas.

(17) Census figures reveal a birth rate of 2.71 percent and a low death rate of 0.70 percent, giving a favourable natural increase of 2.01 percent for the seven months since last census in April this year.

(18) Census figures realised were:-

Total, April 1967	6232
Plus Births	170
	<u>6402</u>
Minus Deaths	144
	<u>6258</u>
Plus Migrations in	145
	<u>6403</u>
Minus Migrations out	59
	<u><u>6344</u></u>
Total, November 1967	

CONCLUSION.

(19) A rewarding patrol which moved through the area at a brisk pace. All the patrol's objects were achieved.

(20) Camping allowance claims for myself, Interpreter, and police accompany this report. Copies of R.S. Form 1 have been forwarded to the Police Commissioner, Konradobu.

R. M. Press

 R. M. Press
 (Cadet Patrol Officer)

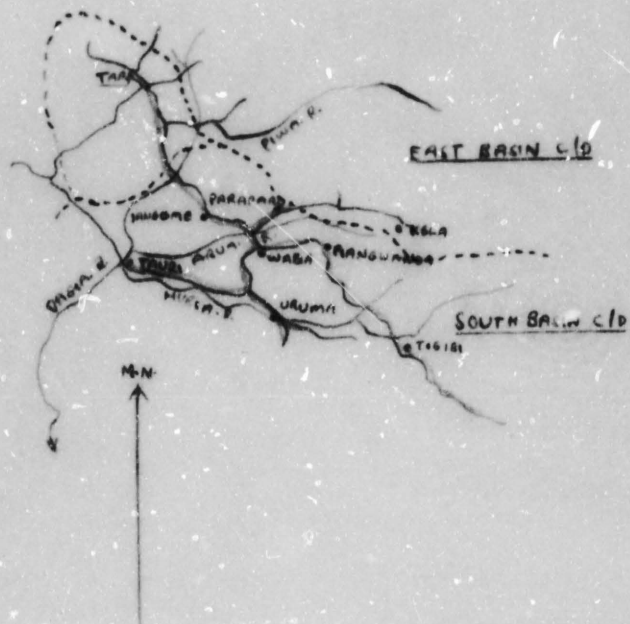
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APPENDIX 'A'

Labour Figures.

NAME OF VILLAGE	WORK FORCE	NO. ABSENT ON H.I.S.	% WORK FORCE AB. ON H.I.S.	TOTAL NO. EMPLOYED.	TOTAL % OF WORK FORCE EMPLOYED.
TANSONE	210	50	23.81	51	24.29
LINABIN	82	24	30.24	25	30.49
PAPAPABU	112	36	32.14	36	32.14
FIANGIANDA	195	65	33.33	67	34.36
PUDU	69	13	18.94	14	20.29
TAUPI	145	36	24.83	38	26.21
TIGIBI	335	80	23.88	83	23.28
URUMA	169	32	18.94	37	21.89
WABIA	152	38	25.00	41	26.71
TOTALS	1469	374	25.44	392	26.68

TARI PATROL No. 7 of 1967/68



LEGEND

- ROADS : ~~~~~
- RIVERS : ~~~~~
- REST HOUSES : *
- PATROL ROUTE : ———
- SCALE : 1" = 1/2 mile
- CENSUS DIVISION BOUNDARY : - - - - -

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 8 PART ^(a) 67/68

Patrol Conducted by Peter R. Kerr Assistant District Officer, (Presiding Officer)

Area Patrolled North Basin and Puijara Census Divisions

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Frank C. Dubois CPO, Poll Clerk
David White Reporter Sydney Morning Herald.

Natives Philip Sovara HO, Poll Clerk
Tagobe Peperelya Interpreter and 2 Policemen

Duration—From 16/2/1968 to 27/2/1968

Number of Days 12 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?

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

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

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol General Elections, House of Assembly

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

20/4/1969

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

PATROL REPORT

Southern Highlands
District of PARI Sub-district Report No. 8 of 67/68

Patrol Conducted by Mr. F. R. Kerr ADO.

Area Patrolled North Basin and Puijera Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans F. G. Du Bois JPC
D. White Reporter Sydney Morning Herald

Natives P. Sovara HO Poll Clerk

TAgobe Pererelya Interpreter

Duration—From 16/2/1968 to 27/2/1968 2 Policeman

Number of Days 12 Days (11 Nights)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? Yes

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 29/5/1967

Medical / / 19

Map Reference Attached

Objects of Patrol Conduct 1968 House of Assembly Elections

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

20, 1, 1969

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

67-15-59

30th April, 1969.

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.


PATROL NO. TARI 8/67-68.

Your reference 67-3-5 of 21st April,
1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of
Special Report by Messrs. P.R. Kerr, Assistant
District Officer, and F.C. DuBois, Cadet Patrol
Officer, to NORTH BASIN and PUIJERO Census Divis-
ions.

Both reports indicate that the elections
were effected without undue incident. Mr. DuBois
should ensure that he signs his reports.

Owing to the delay in receiving the report
no other comments are considered necessary.


(T.W. ELLIS)
Director.

C.C.
Mr. P.R. Kerr,
Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
TARI.
Southern Highlands District.

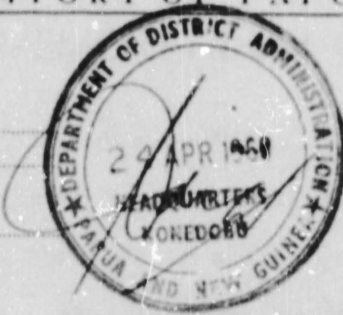
Mr. F.C. DuBois,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
Sub-District Office,
TARI.
Southern Highlands District.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



Telephone
Telegrams
Our Reference: 67-3-5
If calling ask for
Mr.

Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

21st April, 1969.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBUN.

PATROL REPORT - TARI NO. 8 OF 1967/68

Please find enclosed a report submitted by Mr. Assistant District Officer P. R. Kerr of Tari. Also attached is a report of the same patrol submitted by Mr. F. DuBois, Cadet Patrol Officer. This latter report was done as an exercise by Mr. DuBois. The Patrol Report is over a year old. How this happened I do not know, but I have just discovered it filed away amongst our records.

The patrol was mounted to assist in the last House of Assembly elections into an area in which Mr. Kerr was the Presiding Officer. The objects of the patrol were achieved and there were no untoward incidents during the course of the patrol, which was accompanied by Mr. David White of the Sydney Morning Herald.

(Signature)
(D. J. CLANCY)
District Commissioner.

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Patrolling Officer's Signature

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

(Signature)
District Officer

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MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 8 TAPI Subdistrict TAPI District SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS
Officer Conducting Patrol Peter R. Kerr, Assistant District Officer. (Presiding Officer)
Census Division Patrolled North Basin and Puijero
Objects of Patrol Conduct the Territory House of Assembly Elections in the
above named Census Divisions.

Date Patrol Commenced 16/2/68 Date Completed 27/2/68
Duration—Days 12 days F.O.J. Folios 23 to 25 inclusive.

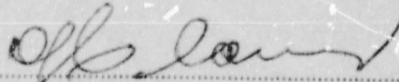
SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

1. 10. 2 Brief Report on the Patrol and Elections.



Patrolling Officer's Signature

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District Officer

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Department of District Administration,
Sub. district Office,
TARI.
Southern Highlands District.
4th March, 1968.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub. district Office,
Southern Highlands District,
TARI.

TARI PATROL NUMBER 8 OF 1967/68 / HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS,
NORTH BASIN AND PUIJERO CENSUS DIVISIONS.

Folios 23 to 25 inclusive of my Field Officers Journal refer.

The patrol, with a duration of 12 days, covered 3 Polling Booths in the North Basin and Puijero Census Divisions. The Patrol personell were:

Peter R. Kerr. ADO./ Presiding Officer.
Frank C. Dubois. CPO./ Poll Clerk.
Philip Sovara. HO./ Poll Clerk.
Tagobe Peperelya./ Interpreter.

Interest in the Elections ran very high at all the Polling Booths resulting in an overall voting figure of 84% for the two Census Divisions covered.

Polling Booth / Paijaka.

The Polling Booth was operative at the above from Saturday the 17th Febraury to the 21st February, inclusive. A total of 708 people voted at this centre, made up of: Ordinary Voters, 297 males and 360 females

Section 130(1) voters, 29 males and 22 females. No untoward incidences occurred at this Booth.

Polling Booth / Kwangiabi.

This Polling Booth was open from Friday the 23rd of Febraury to the 24th February, inclusive. A total of 360 people registered their votes at this booth, made up of: Ordinary Voters, 163 males and 171 ~~males~~ females

Section 130(1) Voters, 11 males and 15 females. Again no untoward incidences occurred.

Polling Booth / Eganda.

This Polling Booth was in operation from Monday the 26th February to the 27th February inclusive. A total of 252 people cast their votes, made up of: Ordinary Voters, 110 males and 138 females

Section 130(1) Voters, 2 males and 2 females. The Polling here was very good.

At each Booth the number of females who voted exceeded the males who voted and this is largely due to the fact that a large proportion of the male labour force is away at work, either on the coast or in other parts of the Territory. It was estimated that 1570 people were eligible to vote at the 3 Polling Booths but only 1320 people voted, hence the figure of 84% eligible voters voted. There were 81 Section 130(1) Voters who did not have their names recorded on the Common Roll for the 2 Census Divisions. However there were 250 people who did not vote and perhaps the names called ~~xxxx~~ by the voters were others than are found in the Census Registers. 12 people (old) admitted that they had not been previously censused but their residential qualifications were never in doubt.

The patrol team members, consisting of the two Poll Clerks and the Interpreter all performed their duties in a most satisfactory manner and at no time did I have cause to criticise or caution them, duty wise.

Rest Houses, Polling Booths and, in actual fact everything was extremely good and a credit to the various Councillors concerned.

None of the nine candidates elected a Scrutineer to cover the Polling during the Patrol.

Mr. David White of the Sydney Morning Herald joined the Patrol at Paijaka Polling Booth on the 21st February and remained with us for the remainder of the patrol, observing, reporting and taking pictures of the Voting procedures. He showed a genuine interest in the area and the activities of the patrol and at times assisted with day to day tasks.

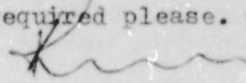
Fortunately there were no Absentee Voters to interrupt the flow of voting. I say fortunately because it appears to me that a person who is or has been resident in an area for more than 12 months, theoretically should have a genuine interest in that particular area, therefore should cast the vote for the electorate in which he is resident. I think the reasons are obvious and I hope that this will become a practice for the next General Elections.

Summing up, I think that the Polling went quite satisfactorily in the area covered, the response was excellent and most impressive was the fact that these people have only just joined the Local Government system but their understanding of the voting procedures left very little to be desired.

One further point worthy of mention, is that when the next Common Roll is compiled all additions to or deletions from the existing Common Roll be sent direct to "CELO" Port Moresby, thus eliminating the District Headquarters middle man. In this way one would eliminate the risk of loss of sections of the Roll and would enable the Common Roll to be written up in the manner in which it should be. As the General Election is a Territory wide thing, it does not necessarily abide by District and Sub.district boundaries hence my desire to see this matter handled by the Returning Officer for the area concerned and "CELO" direct. I would also like more time in the future to prepare the Roll and that a proof copy be sent from the Government Printer well in advance of the date for the Election so that any errors can be picked up which in the long run would save a lot of headaches. At the time of compilation, I was the Returning Officer for the Tari Electorate and I accept responsibility for the Roll as was printed. When it was compiled instructions were enclosed with the roll stating that Each Census unit be listed in alphabetical order but having sub.sections listed within each Census Unit. Foolishly I failed to keep an adequate copy of my instructions, thus when they were lost it was getting towards the deadline so that it became necessary, with the Roll already at the Printers, to have the roll compiled in mere alphabetical order as per the sub.sections.

This created a problem for me and no doubt for other Presiding Officers but I think the figures are fairly indicative of the situation. I for one have learnt much from the practical application of these Elections.

For your information and comment as required please.


Peter R. Kerr. ADO
Presiding Officer Tari Open
Electorate.

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The Assistant District Commissioner
Sub-district Office
TARI
Southern Highlands District.

Tari Patrol Number 8 of 67/68.- Mobile Patrol House of Assembly Elections.

Conducted by : P.R.Kerr, Assistant District Officer
Area Patrolled : North Basin and Puijoro Census Divisions
Patrol Personnel : F.C.Du Bois, Cadet Patrol Officer.
Poll Clerk.
Philip Sovara, Hospital Orderly
Poll Clerk.
Tagobe Peperelya, Interpreter
David White, Reporter Sydney Morning Herald
Const. Jahare 1505
Const. Kamgru 0835 (Part of Patrol)
Const. Kauba (Part of Patrol)

Duration of Patrol : 16/2/68 to 27/2/68
12 days.

Object of the Patrol: Exclusively House of Assembly Elections.

F.C.Du Bois.
Cadet Patrol Officer

Summary of Patrol
In every case where the patrol was out with the people the people were very helpful and co-operative and there was very little trouble with the people at all. The actual voting at the stations of polling.

Remarks
The conditions generally at Tarija and Sogakid were very good. The councilors at Sogakid had a lot to be said. They were unable to sign and they did not seem to feel the importance of their position.

Introduction

1. Patrol purpose for the 1968 House of Assembly Elections, for the Tari Open Electorate.
2. The area patrolled was the North Basin and Puijoro Census Divisions. Actual polling took place at the (1) Paijaka Rest House
(2) Kwangiabi Rest House
(3) Eganda Rest House
3. The objects of the patrol I felt ^{were} carried out extremely satisfactorily.

DIARY

- 16-2-68 1145 departed Tari by Landrover for Paijaka Rest House. Arrived 1250.
1400 to 1640 set up Polling Booth and Mr. Kerr then gave an election talk to the people of the Paijaka, Henganda, and Tibiribi Census Units.
- 17-2-68 0800 Polling commenced till 1800.
- 18-2-68 Sunday
Observed at Paijaka.
- 19-2-68 0800 to 1600 Polling at Paijaka. Polling Booth remained open till 1800 but there were no voters.
- 20-2-68 0800 to 1800 Polling continued at Paijaka.
- 21-2-68 0800 to 1800 Polling Booth open but no voters. Total number of voters at Paijaka 708.
At 1000 a woman was brought to the rest house. It appeared as tho' she had an errupted spleen.
1130 Returning Officer for the Southern Highlands, Mr. Orwin arrived with Mr. D. White, reporter from the Sydney Morning Herald, who will be remaining with the Patrol to do a coverage of the elections.
1200 Mr. Orwin departed for Tari, taking back with him the sick woman.
- 22-2-68 0630 departed Paijaka for Kwangiabi Rest House via Eganda. Arrived 1100.
46 carriers hired at Paijaka for the walk.
Patrol settled in and Mr. Kerr gave an election talk to the people present. Rest of day spent preparing Polling Booth.
- 23-2-68 0800 polling commenced. Total voters 360 from Kwangiabi, Kaijagari and Hariba.
Evening Constable Kamagru departed for Tari, to commence his leave. He was replaced by Constable Kaupa.
- 24-2-68 0800 polling booth open but again no voters.
- 25-2-68 0900 departed Kwangiabi and arrived at Eganda Rest House 1030.
1130 to 1300 set up Polling Booth.
Rest of day observed. (Sunday)
- 26-2-68 0800 to 1400 polling at Eganda.
1400 to 1800 Polling Booth open but again no voters.
- 27-2-68 0830 departed Eganda for Paijaka. Arrived Paijaka 0930. At 1000 departed Paijaka per Landrover for Tari.
End of Patrol.
Patrol stood down.

Reception of Patrol

In every case I felt the patrol was met with tremendous enthusiasm. The people were very helpful and co-operative and there was never any trouble with the people with regards to the actual voting or the obtaining of carriers.

Councillors.

The councillors present at Paijaka and Kwangiabi were extremely good. The councillors at Eganda I felt had a lot to be desired. They were unable to organise and they did not seem to feel the importance of this patrol.

Rest Houses.

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1. See map regarding position.
 2. The three rest houses (1) Paijaka, (2) Kwangiabi, (3) Eganda, were quite reasonable. They are situated in relatively good positions with a good supply of fresh water.
 3. Paijaka rest house is half an hours drive from Turi.
Kwangiabi rest house is situated two and a half hours walk from Paijaka.
Eganda rest house is situated one and a half hours walk from Kwangiabi or one hours walk from Paijaka.

Native Situation

1. There was tremendous interest shown by all census groups with regards to the elections. Voting was extremely good at all polling places, and with nine candidates to vote for the people on the whole had given considerable thought to their allocation of preferences. I feel that this shows the seriousness with which these people viewed the elections.
2. The total number of people eligible to vote was 1570 and the actual number that did vote was 1320. This thus gave a figure of 84%. This figure is extremely good considering that the voting for the elections was not compulsory. Voting per Polling place was as below.

Paijaka

Total	708 voters.	
	297 Males	360 Females
Section 130(1)	29 Males	22 Females

Kwangiabi

Total	360 voters	
	163 Males	171 Females
Section 130(1)	14 Males	15 Females

Eganda

Total	252 voters	
	110 Males	138 Females
Section 130(1)	2 Males	2 Females

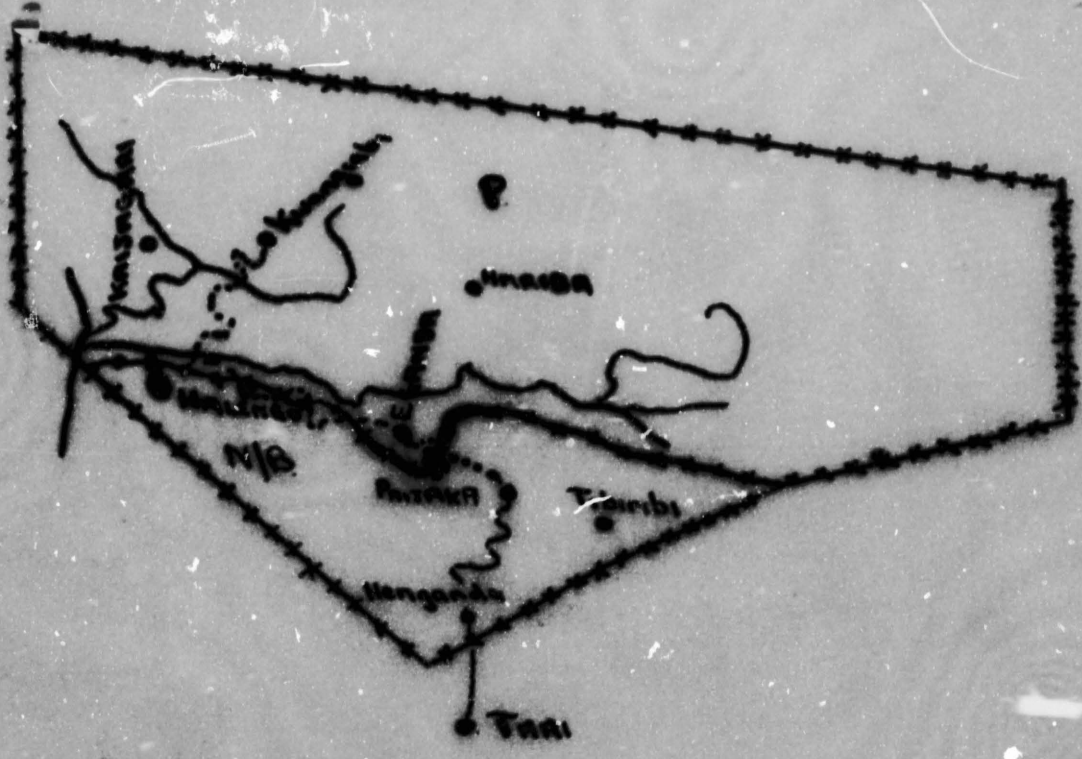
3. The reason for the Section 130(1) voters is usually the person concerned owned two or more pieces of land situated some considerable distant apart and thus by continually being on the "Move" between the land concerned they were never present at any census and thus their exclusion from the Electoral Roll.




Conclusion

1. The patrol was extremely pleasant and interesting and never at any time marred by any incidents.
2. My claim for camping allowance is also attached with this report.

TARI PATROL NO. 8 of 6/1/68

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-  Tigris River
 -  Census Division Boundary
 - NIB. North Basin Census Division
 - P. Puzerio Census Division
 -  Patrol Route
- SCALE 1" = 6 MILES