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SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1967-1968

KOROBA

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
1-67-68	K.A. Bond	Koroba C.D.
2-67-68	W.P. Aaron	Koroba C.D.
4-67-68	W.P. Aaron	Koroba C.D.
7-67-68	W.P. Aaron	Koroba & part Mogorofugwa C.D.
10-67-68	W.P. Aaron	Mogorofugwa, Lavani Tumbudu & Paru
11-67-68	J.O. HUNTER	POGAIA AREA



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 1- 1967/68

Patrol Conducted by K.A. BOND PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled KOROBA CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 2 R.P., 2 N.G.C. & 1 INTERPRETER

Duration—From 1/ 8/19 67 to 22/ 8/19 67

Number of Days 22

Did Medical Assistant Accompany NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 12/ 4/19 67

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

*Handed to MDC  
29/8/67*

Map Reference ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol A. CONDUCT OF GENERAL ELECTIONS WARDS 1 to 17 INCLUSIVE KOROBA

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL. B. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION WHEN NECESSARY

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

*51101 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

67-15-7

Telegrams.....  
Our Reference..... 67-3-11  
If calling ask for  
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

5th October, 1967.

The Director  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEBOBU.

KOROBA Report No 1 of 1967/68  
Local Government Council Elections  
Mr. K.A. Bond, Patrol Officer,

Attached please find:-

- (a) Original of report,
- (b) Patrol Instructions issued by Assistant District Commissioner, Koroba to Mr. Bond, on memorandum 67-2-1 dated 28th July, 1967.
- (c) Copy of covering memorandum 67-5-2 dated 15th September, 1967 from Assistant District Commissioner, Koroba
- (d) Map of patrol area.

2. There is a food shortage in the District but it is not of a serious nature and I have continuously kept a close watch on the situation. Planting on old gardens has reduced the size and quality of sweet potato and the people have not allowed this. In addition, planting techniques will have to alter and plantings will have to be made during October/November instead of may only each year. The matter is receiving the attention of the District Agriculture Officer, Mendi.

3. All matters of interest to other Departments at Mendi have been extracted and forwarded to them for information and comment.

4. Mr. Bond has reported well on Local Government and administrative matters undertaken on the field.

(D.R. Marsh)  
District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams  
Our Reference 67-5-2  
If calling ask for  
No.

Department of District Administration,  
Sub-District Headquarters,  
KOROBA,  
Southern Highlands.

15th September, 1967.

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands,  
MENDI.

KOROBA PATROL REPORT No. 1 of 1967/1968.

KOROBA CENSUS DIVISION.

1. Attached please find in triplicate copies of the above patrol report submitted by Mr. K. Bond Patrol Officer. Claim for camping allowance also attached for your signature please.

2. COMMENTS.

In one way the fact that all old Councillors were re-elected is somewhat disappointing as a bit of new blood amongst this old group would be an Administrative advantage. Of the 17 elected 8 were elected unopposed in this the third election. In the second election all except two were elected unopposed. The general feeling now no doubt amongst a few is that they are in for life. A further interesting aspect is that only three of these Councillors are ex Village Constables while for the new incorporations nearly every new Councillor is an ex Village Constable.

What is the reason personally I am not sure, but am aware that political education has been more than ample throughout the whole sub-district.

The matter re Andagali exists through them previously having all his goods addressed to President Andagali KOROBA L.G.C. with the result that the Council, on occasions receives freight bills from the airline companies which in this case has confused a number of people. The matter re address/title etc. has been rectified and the subject explained to the people.

Work is to commence on the KUPARO bridge this month.

Mr. D. Led D.A.S.F. is currently patrolling the area and will be submitting a report on the food shortage : which he has confirmed : in the near future.

3. GENERAL.

A good patrol competently carried out by Mr. Bond.

For your information and enforwarding please.

(B. Greedy)  
A/Assistant District Commissioner.



Patrol Personnel

Constable No. 10451 KAMBOLONGE ; Worked well and diligently.

Constable No. 11442 ELENA : Worked well and diligently-has that rare quality, common sense - has potential .

Interpreter HETAIDIA LAMA ; Did his job well. Reliable man and good interpreter.



Conclusion

page 5.

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The objects of the patrol, that is the conduct of the elections and routine administration when necessary, were achieved. The election report is going under separate cover, but anything which could be of interest has been included in the diary or Political Situation part of this report. This report has been very brief, but any additions to it would be either unnecessary, or padding.

*K. A. Bond*

K. A. Bond

Patrol Officer.



Political situation.

The political situation is so good at the moment that there is very little to report. At all places the patrol was well received, and during conversations with the local people no troubles or worries of complaints were brought up. The situation at Marea where all the people were cross last time I patrolled has improved considerably owing no doubt to all their old debts for road stoning etc being settled.

The fact that all the former councillors were re-elected is very interesting. Why is this so? Do they have most of those qualities the people consider as being necessary in a councillor. If the first couple of elections had resulted in new councillors would a trend have been set? No one will ever know for sure, but I think that most of the people regard their councillor as their representative to the administration, the go between who approaches the Sub District Office with their ideas and grievances, therefore they want the person who they feel has the most influence with administration officers.

The most closely contested seat was that of ~~KOKK~~ Kakaran, where Megera was opposed by Hanigini and Aguma. After preferences were counted Megera won by 36 votes (Hanigini got only 44 votes). It was only at Kakaran was there obvious dislike of an opponent or candidate, and this was due to village politics; I doubt anything at all serious, part of the problem being a trade store burning down some time ago, which set a few unlicious tongues wagging, and Megera not helping matters when he tried to court some people who tried to help him with a donation. At Tedia the Council interpreter, Teagoba, asked me, the day before the election for that ward, whether it was true that Andagari had stolen \$106 of council money sent to the council from Mount Hager. I tried to find out the strength of this outrageous question. Teagoba clammed up, but it seems that some people suspect that Andagari's trade goods are sent to the council from the Regional Local Government Office, and that Andagari is diverting them to his store. I deliberately refrained from trying to find out who believed the rumour, or how widespread it was, so as not to aggravate it, but I think that part of the opposition to Andagari was due to this story.

Roads and Bridges .

The large amount of rain over the last month has knocked the roads about a bit, but even so they are in fairly reasonable condition. Most of the roads in the census division are under stone.

The first bridge towards the Tagari River from the new Erebo (Kuparo) rest house will soon need new bearers. The bridge is very springy, and one of the bearers is already cracked.

The Humberu people are building a road from Humberu to Marea. They have a lot of work left to do, and where the proposed road crosses a limestone ridge alongside the Naggia river will be a very hard piece. This road has been left in abeyance while the new airstrip is being constructed.

Agriculture and Livestock

Everywhere it was claimed the people were short of sweet-potatoe. I did not see anybody who showed obvious signs of malnutrition, but fairly muscular people such as these may be able to get fairly hungry without losing weight so that it showed. At any rate, no one tried to sell great quantities to the patrol, although the two police and the interpreter managed to get enough sweet potatoe to keep going. Father Berard has now to travel in his landrover to buy food for his school. Women carrying sweet potatoe to Koroba market on Saturday morning are being stopped by Huri village men who buy the sweet potatoes from them, for money, on the road, before it reaches the market.

At present most people are able to substitute. I found that a man who has had a meal of corn, cabbage, pumpkin etc is quite likely to say he has not eaten unless he has had sweet potatoes as well.

Fowls are plentiful throughout the area.

Health.

Apparently very good. One mother and six month old child, both obviously unwell, sent from Pabulumu to Pureni mission for care and treatment.

Complaints

There were two convictions for behaving in a riotous manner, and one for behaving in an offensive manner, during the patrol. One man was arrested and charged and convicted for using obscene language. Various trivial complaints dealt with out of court.



Sunday 13/8/67.

Observed at station.

Monday 14/8/67

By landrover to Kuparo to do the elections for the Erebo-Kebia ward. Horle standing again. Someone nominated Ponaria Waraba, the station labourer interpreter, so I postponed the election day and sent a note to A.D.C. at Koroba to find out whether Ponaria was willing to stand.

Tuesday 15/8/67

0900 hrs to 1400 hrs polling conducted Erebo/Kebia ward. Need not have bothered finding out whether Ponaria would stand or not as he got very few votes. Patrol then walked to Magara Rest House. After settling in at Magara I walked to Pureni to visit the Fathers there.

O/night Magara.

Wednesday 15/8/67

0800 hrs to 1200 hrs polling at Magara. Two candidates. Taroali re-elected. Thence to Tumbite to see if there were any further nominations there. At Tumbite found all the people waiting. Gave my talk, but no more nominations forthcoming and Tiki re-elected unopposed. Patrol moved on to Pabulumu. Talks with Tangimabo and Pabulumu councillors. Warago from Tangimabo a bit down in the mouth - Is not keen on doing another term as a councillor but can not talk anyone into standing against him.

O/night Pabulumu.

Thursday 17/8/67

This morning the folk turned up for the Pabulumu and Tangimabo elections. At each ward the previous councillor is unopposed, and remained so after my little talk. From 1000 to 1600 hrs hearing minor disputes. Three convictions under section 8 of the Police Offences ordinance. Several problems settled out of court. 1700 hrs Land Rover came to take me to station. O/night Koroba.

Friday 18/8/67

A couple of hours in office filling out an analysis of activities form for the confidential report. Eventually got away from office and left for Egele in landrover, arriving 1300 hrs. At Egele a bit of a predicament arose. Ora, the previous councillor was refusing to stand again, and all the people there refused to nominate anyone else. No one there wanted anyone other than Ora. Talked to Ora and the people and got nowhere. Eventually told them someone would have to change their mind and sat in the shade while they argued about it. Ora eventually agreed to do another term as councillor. 1530 left Egele for Magara, arriving Magara about 1730. O/night Magara.

Saturday 19/8/67

0700 hrs left Magara for Kundugu, arriving about 0900. No elections Kundugu owing to Matiape being unopposed. A couple of local disputes settled out of court. At Kundugu met up with the tax patrol waiting to return to Koroba. 1200 hrs the landrover came and we all climbed aboard and returned to Koroba.

Sunday 20/8/67

Observed at Koroba.

Monday 21/8/67

General duties at office.

Tuesday 22/8/67

Elections at Tedia. Two candidates. Polling from 1000 hrs to 1430 hrs. Andagari re-elected.

END OF PATROL

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Introduction .

The primary object of this patrol was the conduct of the Koroba Local Government Council elections for the wards contained in Koroba census division. Full details of the elections are contained in the election report under separate cover,.

Before the patrol was started the approaching elections were well publicised. The councillors knew of the impending elections a couple of months beforehand. Roneod notices were sent to schools and missions in the area, and talk was sent out. The end result was that attendance at polling places on the appointed days was very good.

At each polling place before nominations were finally closed a talk was given to the people, telling them that any person who fulfilled the residential and age qualifications could nominate for election.

There was not a single change in councillors. The previous councillors who were opposed easily held their seats.

Patrol Diary .

Tuesday, 1st, August, 1967.

0800 hrs. gathered up the ballot boxes and ballot papers and went to the Council chambers to do the election for Andidia ward. Magaidia was opposed by Hagwei Etaidia, but won easily. Polling from 1000 hrs to 1400 hrs.

Wednesday 2/8/67.

Polling day for Pandu ward. Went to the council chambers 0900 hrs. Waited for a while for the people to finish coming. Only one nomination, Erebi the previous councillor. Gave my talk and waited for another half an hour to see if any more nominations forthcoming. They were not, so closed nominations at 1130 hrs. Rest of day at office.

Thursday, 3/8/67.

0930 hrs departed for Gunu on motor cycle, having sent the two police constables on beforehand in the landrover. The only nomination at Gunu was that of Elara, the previous councillor. Closed nominations at noon and returned to Koroba on motor cycle.

Friday, 4/8/67.

0800 left for Muri on motor cycle, sending the police and equipment on by landrover. Two candidates at Muri, Tarali and Kaludia. Polling at Muri from 0900 to 1500 hrs. Returned to Koroba on M/cycle via the new airstrip road, and a very slippery ride it was too.

Saturday 5/8/67.

At Koroba Station.

Sunday 6/8/67.

Observed at Koroba station.

Monday 7/8/67.

0930 left Koroba with rest of party by landrover, for Kakaran. Three candidates at Kakaran. Polling at Kakaran from 1100 hrs to 1700 hrs. Then walked to Marea, arriving 1800 hrs. O/night Marea.

Tuesday 8/8/67.

Elections at Marea. Two candidates, and polling from 0900 hrs to 1300 hrs. Agiria reelected. Minor complaint brought by Tarali dealt with out of court. Rest of afternoon spent with some councillors and ward committed members discussing elections, the sweet potatoe famine, and other topics.

Wednesday 9/8/67

Left Marea 0730 hrs for Humberu, arriving shortly after 0900 hrs. Two candidates at Humberu. Polling from 1000 hrs to 1400 hrs. Kaiopa regained his seat. Left Humberu 1500 hrs. for Hedimari, arriving approx 1700 hrs. Track fairly muddy in places. O/night Hedimari.

Thursday 10/8/67

Polling at Hedimari. Two candidates. Polling from 1000 hrs to 1430 hrs. Votes counted and Tabale re-elected. 1700 hrs landrover came to take me back to Koroba to attend tomorrow's council meeting.

Friday 11/8/67

All day at council meeting.

Saturday 12/8/67 .

Today day for Station and C.M.M.L. mission ward. Only one nomination, Mr. K. Liddle. Nominations closed. Rest of day at Finance Executive committee meeting of council.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams .....

Our Reference 67-2-1.

If calling ask for .....

Mr .....

Department of District Administration,  
Sub District Office,  
KOROBA,  
Southern Highlands District,  
29th. August, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub District Office,  
KOROBA.

KOROBA PATROL No. 1-1967/68

Patrol conducted by : K.A. Bond Patrol Officer

Area patrolled : Koroba census division

Personnel accompanying the patrol :- Constable 10459 Kambolonga  
Constable 11442 Elena  
Interpreter Hetaidia Lama

Duration of Patrol : 1/8/67 - 22/8/67  
Twenty -two days

Last patrol to area: CpP.O. Mr Jones April-June, 1967.

Objects of patrol . Conduct elections wards 1 to 17 inclusive  
Koroba Local Government Council.  
Routine administration.

Map reference : Attached

Appendices : Report on patrol personnel  
Patrol instructions

*K.A. Bond*

K.A. Bond

Patrol Officer.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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

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Department of District Administration,  
Sub-District Headquarters,  
KOROBA.  
Southern Highlands.  
28th July, 1967.

Mr. K. Bond,  
Patrol Officer,  
KOROBA.

KOROBA PATROL No. 1 of 1967/1968.

KOROBA CENSUS DIVISION.

1. In confirmation verbal talks please be prepared to mount a patrol Monday 1st August '67 to the above named Census Division.

2. OBJECTS.

A. Conduct the general elections of Wards 1 to 17 inclusive of the KOROBA Local Government Council.

All relevant details regarding these Wards are on the respective file.

Duration of the elections is to be from the 1st August, 1967 to the 25th August, 1967. All returns etc. are to be submitted by the 6th September, 1967.

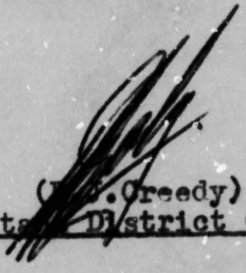
The order of elections will be up to yourself however please note that elections cannot be held on a Sunday and also that PABULUMU; EGELE & MAGARA and KUNDUGU are mainly of the S.D.A. faith.

Your authority to conduct these elections is contained in my 41-1-3 of this date to yourself wherein as Returning Officer I have appointed you Assistant Returning Officer.

B. Routine Administrative duties when necessary.

3. PATROL PERSONNEL.

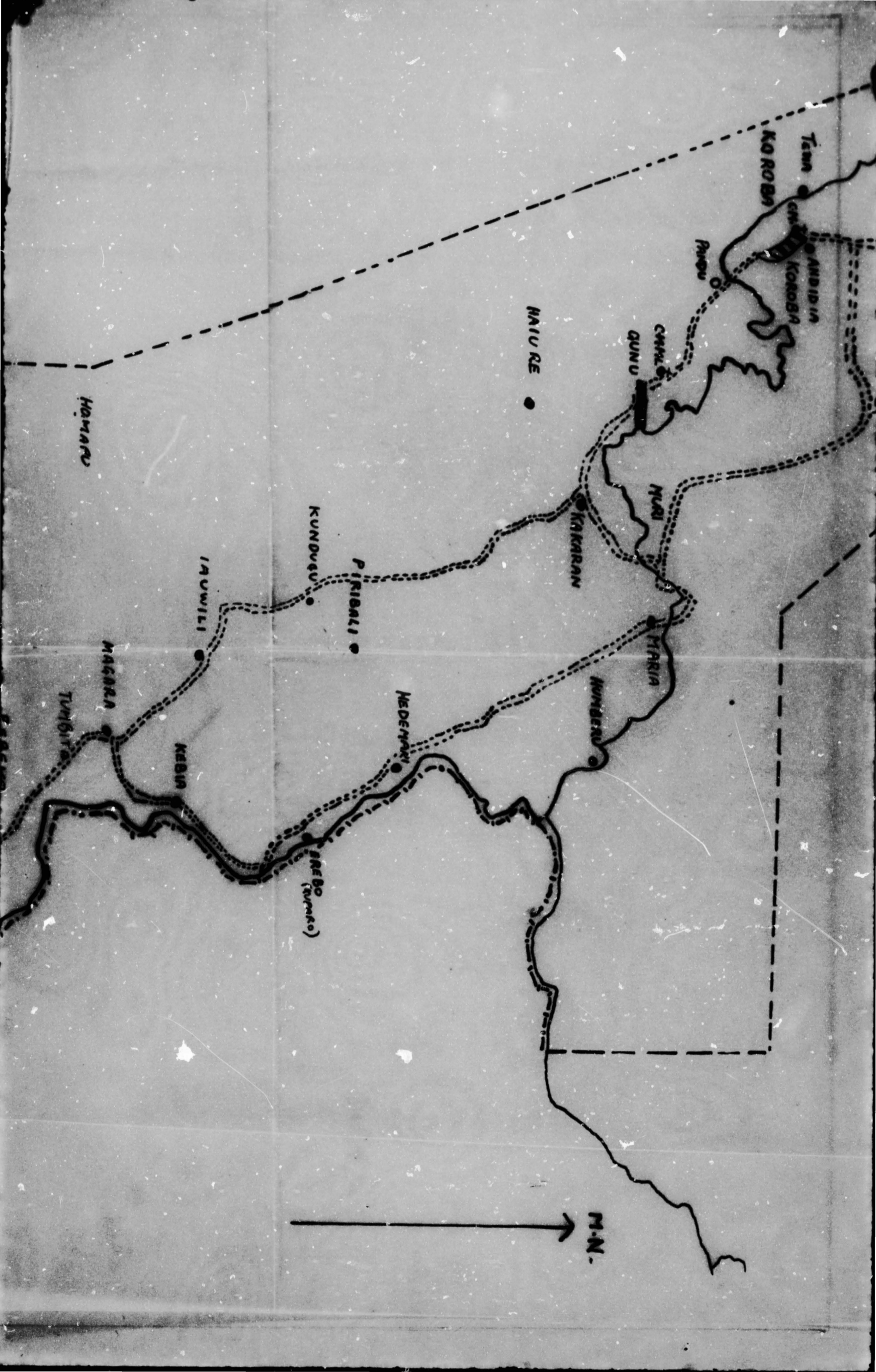
As the Council clerk is currently occupied collecting Council Tax Constable ELENA will accompany your patrol as Polling Clerk. Please approach the Sgt. Police re Constables to accompany your patrol.

  
(J. Greedy)  
A/Assistant District Commissioner.



Patrol 1-67/68  
 census division boundary  
 Sub District  
 Technical roads  
 Mission stations & churches  
 Scale 1" = 1 mile  
 K. G. Bond. P.O.







KORORUA CENSUS DIVISION.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLAND Report No. KOR. 2/67-68

Patrol Conducted by W.P. AARON, P.O.

Area Patrolled KOROBA CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 3 R.P. & N.G.C.  
2 INTERPRETERS.

Duration—From 30./8./1967 to 2./9./1967

Number of Days 3 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

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

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

Map Reference B. J. CREEDY'S MAP OF DUNA SUB-DISTRICT.

Objects of Patrol SUPERVISE THE ROAD WORK.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ / 19

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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. 10  
TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....  
Our Reference... 67-3-11  
If calling ask for  
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

10th October, 1967.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Koroba Patrol Report No 2 of 1967/68  
Mr. W.P. Aaron, Patrol Officer

Attached please find:-

- (a) Copy of original of the report,
- (b) Patrol instructions issued to Mr. Aaron by Assistant District Commissioner, Koroba on memorandum 67-2-1 dated 30th August, 1967.
- (c) Copy of memorandum 67-5-2 dated 2nd October, 1967 from Assistant District Commissioner, Koroba.
- (d) Map of area patrolled.

2. It is pleasing to see that the road in the Naggia River Area has been diverted and completed. The previous road in this section was both dangerous and subjected to continual flooding.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'D.R. Marsh'.

(D.R. Marsh)  
District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams..... 67-5-2.

Our Reference.....  
If calling ask for

Mr.....

Department of District Administration,  
Sub-District Headquarters,  
KOROBA.

Southern Highlands.

2nd October, 1967.

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands,  
MENDI.

KOROBA PATROL No. 2 of 1967/1968.

PART KOROBA CENSUS DIVISION.

1. Attached please find in duplicate copies of the above Patrol Report and claim for camping allowance submitted by Mr. W. Aaron Patrol Officer.

2. COMMENTS.

Mr. Aaron has submitted three copies only of the report and has been informed that in future four copies are required. As there is nothing in this report that you could wish to cut out for other Departments I have not had another copy made and consequently am onforwardsing two (2) only for your consideration please.

The delay in submission of the report is regretted - on completion of the patrol, Mr. Aaron was given time off in his house to compile the report which apparently he did and typed; however it appears that wind blew the report around the house and his wife utilized some from the floor to commence the morning fire.

As this road patrol was run in conjunction with my same road patrol - Koroba P.R. No. 3/1967-68 and Native Situation Report 51-2-1 of 20th September, 1967 detailed comment on the road in these comments is unnecessary.

The Councillor from MARIA has been spoken to and it is anticipated that no further trouble will be forthcoming. The unfortunate aspect is that this Councillor is far to immature in years and experience to competently handle his group.

3. GENERAL.

Apart from the shortness and delay in submission of the report a good patrol by a usefull and developing officer.

For your information and onforwardsing please.

(B. Greedy)

A/Assistant District Commissioner.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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

Department of District Administration,  
Sub-District Headquarters,  
KOROBA.  
Southern Highlands.

30th August, 1967.

Mr. W.P. Aaron,  
Patrol Officer,  
KOROBA.

KOROBA PATROL No. 2 of 1967/1968.

PART KOROBA CENSUS DIVISION.

1. In confirmation of our verbal talks and your request this morning please be prepared to depart on patrol today.

2. OBJECTS.

A. Supervision of the road works now being undertaken by the people of KAKARAN, MULI and NARIA at the NAGGIA Gorge.

As I am also departing patrol today for KUPARO further along this road I will visit you regularly over the four (4) days and discuss work required at the actual sites.

B. Routine Administrative duties when necessary.

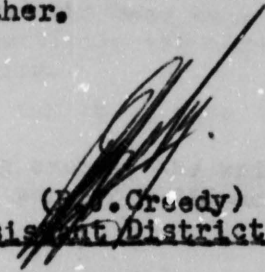
3. PATROL PERSONNEL.

Constables TAVI and WURAN with interpreter HETAIDIA with yourself at MARIA. Constable KAMBOLONGE and interpreter EDALIA at KAKARAN.

C. GENERAL.

The station motor bike will be at your disposal for the duration of the patrol which shall last until Saturday morning when the tractor/trailer returning with my patrol personnel from KUPARO will collect your personnel equipment etc.

Good luck and favourable weather.

  
(P. J. Orvedy)  
A/Assistant District Commissioner.



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KOROBA PATROL No.2 of 1967/68.

PART KOROBA CENSUS DIVISION.

- 1/ Introduction. 1. As per attached patrol instruction, the patrol departed Koroba on the 30th September, 1967, for Maria rest house.  
2. The object of this patrol was to supervise the road works between Maria and Kakaran in the Koroba Census Division.  
3. Apart from supervision of the road works, there was no routine administrative duties performed so no comments will be made.  
4. Attached herewith is a sketch map of a section which the writer supervised during this patrol.

- 2/ Diary.
5. 30th Sept. 0800 hrs - 0900 hrs: Prepared patrol gear.  
Deparred Koroba for Maria.  
0930 hrs: Arrived Maria.  
0930 hrs - 1730 hrs: Supervised road works.  
Back to Maria.  
Stayed over-night.
- 31st Sept. 0700 hrs - 1730 hrs: Supervised road works.  
Back to Maria.  
Stayed over-night.
- 1st Aug. 0700 hrs - 1730 hrs: Supervised road works.  
Back to Maria.  
Stayed over-night.
- 2nd Aug. 0800 hrs - 1100 hrs: Waited for tractor and trailer.  
Deparred Maria for Koroba.  
1200 hrs: Arrived Koroba.

End of the patrol diary.

- 3/ Observations & Comments. 6. The attendance at the road works was very good. The people from Maria, Muli and Kakaran were willing to work on this section and there was no incidents occurred between the patrol personnel and the people of these three villages.  
7. During this patrol, the councillor from Maria was found unco-operative and behaved in such manner that the writer couldn't talk over with him about the things he, the writer, wanted to know.  
8. Besides this, the writer enjoyed working amongst these people than the people from the coastal areas where he had been previously.

- 4/ Reception of Patrol. 9. The patrol was well-received.

- 5/ Roads & Bridges. 10. This particular section of the road is subject to flooding during the wetter periods but at present the road is reasonable for any type of vehicle.  
11. Apart from road, the two bridges over the Naggia River in this portion of the road were being built a couple of years ago and now the bearers are rotting away.  
12. Because of this reason, the new road has been built through the Naggia Gorge. This is the section where the writer was supervising the road work which the people of Maria, aMuli and Kakaran were undertaking.  
13. This section has been finished and now is in use.

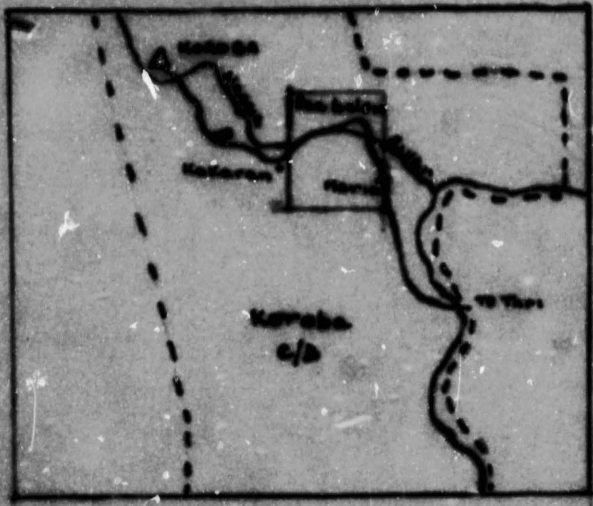
- 5/ Conclusion. 14. Though the patrol did not last long enough, the writer have enjoyed every bit of time and hoped that the patrol personnel did as much as he did





*W.P. Aaron*  
W.P. Aaron.  
Patrol Officer.



NOVEMBER PATROL NO. 4. 1947

SKETCH MAP.



-  Bridge
-  Road
-  Ridge
-  den Road

Scale: 1" = 1 mile

Sheet No. 10





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of **Southern Highlands** Report No. **4** of **1967/68**.

Patrol Conducted by **W.P. Aaron, Patrol Officer.**

Area Patrolled **Koroba Census Division.**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **2 European Sisters from Hansenide Colony at Tari RP&NGC. 3 Constables.**  
Natives **1 Interpreter.**

Duration—From **31/10/67** to **17/11/67**

Number of Days **17 days.**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **No.**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **30/8/1967 - 2/9/67.**

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

Map Reference **B.J. Creedy's Map of Duna Sub-District.**

Objects of Patrol **(i) Census revision (ii) To assist and work in junction with Leprosy control unit (iii) Routine administrative duties.**

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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67-15-37

1st July, 1968

The District Commissioner  
Southern Highlands District  
MENDI

PATROL REPORT - KOROBA NO.4 of 1967/68

Receipt of the above report and your 67-3-11 dated 6th June, 1968 are acknowledged with thanks.

2. Since the patrol was carried out in October last year doubtless the situation as reported has changed.
3. The mention of food shortages at that time last year has recurred in several reports from your District. It is also noted that you circularised all stations on the recommendations made by Agricultural Officer Mr D.W. Loh, (your 1-3-14/6-7-3 dated 23rd April 1968). This circular should be brought to the attention of all officers currently carrying out field duties.
4. Perhaps Mr Aaron's Senior Officer could assist him improve his expression and style of reporting in future.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Director.

c.c. Mr W.P. Aaron, P.O.,  
Duna Sub-District,  
KOROBA





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67. 15. 37.

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Telephone  
Telegrams  
Our Reference 67-3-11  
If calling ask for  
Mr.

Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

6th June, 1968.



The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Koroba Report No 4 of 1967/68  
Koroba Census Division -  
Mr. W.P. Aaron, Patrol Officer.

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3. Copy of patrol instructions issued to Mr. Aaron.

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

C.C.  
Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
KOROBA.

Mr. W. Aaron,  
Patrol Officer,  
KOROBA.

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67-3-11

Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

6th June, 1968.

The Director,  
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s/District Commissioner

C.C.  
Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
KOROBA.

Mr. W. Aaron,  
Patrol Officer,  
KOROBA.

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67-5-2

Sub District Office,  
KOROBA,  
11th., December, 1967.

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

PATROL REPORT No. 4-1967/68

- (1) Herewith the above patrol report in triplicate.
- (2) Mr. Aaron achieved the objects of his patrol. on
- (3) Since the patrol five bridges have been completely renewed on the Koroba to Tari roads. A gang of Corrective Institution detainees has been working on the Nagia gorge bypass trying to improve it; however it will be a long task to make it suitable for loaded tractors and trailers. A tentative route has been found around the gorge, and I shall inspect this tomorrow. n
- (4) The sweet potato shortage is now on the wane. The effect of road work on this shortage is obvious, though no one can say how great. The average able bodied male works two days a week on the roads, goes to Church one day a week, often contributes free labour to health and mission projects, and sometimes spends time at the courts at Koroba as complainant, defendant, witness or ally of one partner, or spectator.
- (5) High value for weight products may provide perhaps the only solution to the economic problems of the area. All the time I have been at Koroba (one year), no encouragement has been given to coffee. The end result being that some growers care for their crop and some do not. The crops cared for are doing fairly well, and if, when harvested, returns are reasonable, I expect growing interest in the crop.
- (6) Koroba relies on the old village books for its census. These books are old and dilapidated, with names crossed out and reentered, smudged and obliterated. Under conditions like this it would only by luck that census figures would balance with previous years. Could consideration be given to supplying a clerk, or funds, to type out tax census sheets from the village books?
- (7) Mr. Aaron conducted his patrol very well. The expression in the report does not flow, and the structure is sometimes complicated. This is because he tried too hard to produce a good report, keeping at it when it was already alright. The patrol was competently and conscientiously conducted.
- (9) The delay in forwarding the report is due to the difficulty of compiling census figures from the old village books on Mr Aaron's part, and from the A.D.C.'s conference on my part.

*K.A. Bond*  
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K.A. Bond

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,  
Sub District Office,  
KOR OBA,  
Southern Highlands District,  
30th., October, 1967.

Mr. W. P. Aaron,  
Patrol Officer,  
KOROBA.

PATROL No. 3 of 1967/68 - KOROBA CENSUS DIVISION.

1. Following our discussions of this morning and last Friday, please prepare a patrol for the Koroba census division, to depart Koroba tomorrow morning.
2. Objects of patrol.
  - (a) Revision of census for the whole Koroba census division
  - (b) To give every assistance to and to work in conjunction with the leprosy control unit from the Hansenside colony at Tari, which will be patrolling the area with you.
  - (c) Routine administrative duties when required.
3. With reference to 2(b) above, the leprosy control unit aims to identify and contact every person suffering with leprosy in the census division. It is possible that some sufferers may attempt to evade examination by the medical team: it will be part of your duties to thwart any such attempts.

Please rely as much as possible on education, reason and persuasion to achieve this, legal sanctions should be invoked only as "absolutely last resort" - however, leave no doubt in the people's minds that legal sanctions can and will be invoked if other methods fail. You should make yourself familiar with the "Suppression of Hansen's Disease Ordinance".
4. During the patrol please do your best to find out whatever you can about the current sweet potatoe famine and the causes of it. Are many new gardens being made? If not, why not? How much time does it seem that the average person would need to spend in subsistence activities? You may not have sufficient time to obtain all the information we need, but such as you can will be appreciated.
5. Patrol Personell.

Select one interpreter and three members of the Koroba R.P. & N.G.C. detachment to accompany you.
6. During the patrol I want you to disseminate political education and information.

K.A. Bond

a/Assistant District Commissioner.

67-2-1

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Sub-District Office,  
Duna Sub-District,  
KOROBA.  
Southern Highlands District.  
20th November, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
KOROBA.

KOROBA PATROL NO. 4 OF 1967/68.

Patrol Conducted by: W.P.Aaron, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: Koroba Census Division.

Personnel Accompanied the patrol:

	Const.	Kambolonge	Reg. No.	10451.
	"	Aunip	" "	9288.
31/10/67 - 10/11/67	"	Pakio	" "	10833.
13/11/67 - 17/11/67	"	Aravil	" "	7683.

Ponaria (Patrol Interpreter)

Duration of the Patrol: 31/10/67 - 17/11/67. (17 days)

Last Patrol to the Area: August - September, 1967.

Objects of the Patrol: ( i ) Revision of census.  
(ii) To give assistance to and to work in junction with the Leprosy Control Unit from Tari.  
(iii) Routine Administrative duties.

Map Reference: B.J.Creedy's map of Duna Sub-District.

*W.P. Aaron*  
W.P.Aaron.  
Patrol Officer.



KOROBA PATROL NO.4. OF 1967/68.

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(c) PATROL DIARY.

1967.

31st October.

At the station: Revised census for Tedia.  
Talk given on - economic  
next election  
hygiene.  
Two sisters inspected people.  
Investigated food shortage.  
Compiled census figures.

1st November.

At the station: Revised census for Andidia.  
Two sisters inspected people.  
Talk given on - economic  
next election  
hygiene.  
Compiled census figures.

2nd November.

At the station: Census revised for Pandu.  
Sisters inspected people.  
Compiled census statistics.

3rd November.

At Kunu:  
Census revised for Kunu.  
Sisters inspected people.  
Back to the station.  
Compiled census statistics.

4th November.

At the station: Office routine.  
Prepared gear for camping out.

5th November.

At the station: Sunday observed.

6th November.

At Kakaran:  
Revised census for Kakaran.  
Sisters inspected people.  
Talk given on - economic  
hygiene  
next election.  
Compiled census statistics.  
Stayed over-night.

7th November.

At Muri:  
Paid carriers.  
Given talk on - economic  
hygiene  
next election.  
Census revised.  
Sisters inspected people.  
Moved to Maria.  
Stayed over-night.

8th November.

At Maria:  
Census revised for Maria and  
Humberu.  
Sisters inspected people.  
Talk given on - economic  
hygiene  
next election.  
Compiled statistics for three  
villages.  
Stayed over-night.

9th November.

At Hedamari:  
Paid carriers.  
Census conducted.  
Sisters inspected people.  
Heard complaints.  
Stayed over-night.

10th November.

At Erebo:  
Paid carriers.  
Census conducted.  
Sisters inspected people.



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(c) PATROL DIARY. (Cont.)

10th November. (cont.) Compiled census figures for two villages.  
Stayed over-night.

11th November. At Magara: No census conducted because the people are all SDA.

12th November. At Magara: Sunday observed.

13th November. At Magara: Revised census.  
Sisters inspected people.  
Heard complaints.  
Stayed over-night.

14th November. At Tumbite: Paid carriers.  
Census conducted.  
Sisters inspected people.  
Heard one complaint.  
Given talk on - economic hygiene next election.  
Compiled census statistics for ~~in~~ two villages.  
Spent over-night.

15th November. Pabulumu  
At ~~Tangimabu~~: Paid carriers.  
Census conducted.  
Sisters inspected people.  
Heard complaints mainly pigs.  
Moved to Tangimabu.  
Compiled census figures for ~~Tumbite~~ Pabulumu.  
Spent over-night.

16th November. At Tangimabu: Census revised.  
Sisters inspected people.  
Given talk as mentioned above.  
Heard complaints.  
Inspected some coffee plots.  
Compiled census statistics.  
Stayed over-night.

17th November. At Egele: Paid carriers.  
Census conducted.  
Sisters inspected people.  
Heard complaints.  
Back to Tangimabu.  
Paid carriers from Egele.  
Proceeded to Kundugu.  
Census conducted.  
Heard complaints.  
Sisters inspected people and proceeded to Tari.  
Patrol departed for Koroba.  
Compiled two census statistics.

END OF PATROL DIARY.

W.P.



KOROKA CENSUS DIVISION.(b) Introduction.

1. As per attached instruction, the patrol departed Koroka for the Koroka Census Division on the 31st October, 1967.

2. This area is situated more or less at the southern corner of the Duna Sub-District and Koroka, the headquarters, is included in it.

3. The Naggia is the main river which flows through this area and empties its water into the Tagari River. Most of this area is mountainous and small areas of lowland also are noticed.

4. A main vegetation is a rain-forest but a few patches of grassland are also to be found. It has a tropical wet climate.

5. In common with other census divisions of this sub-district, this area faces similar problems in economic development. There are pockets of potential agricultural land such as around Pureni and Hedamari but a long transport haul which has to make for incoming goods and outgoing produce is to be a handicap to development other than a cash crop which has a high value per pound weight. This subject is to be dealt fully under "Observations and Comments".

6. This area does not show very much in social development. However it would show clearly in future when it develops educationally, politically and economically.

7. In political side of view, most of the thoughts of raising cattle and planting cash crops (as stated in previous reports) are put forward by mainly the people who return from the coastal areas after serving their terms of engagement in the Highland Labour Scheme. This is because they were working on the plantations and the dairy farms. Besides them, the people who have never been to the coastal areas say that they have no worries of those things because they have gardens, pigs and shelters to depend on. This makes it difficult to put the thoughts into practice. The more oppositions they have the worse insults they would receive (for instance, such insults as for being europeanized). This occurs not only this area but it applies to other areas as well throughout the Territory. Please see under "Outline of Political Situation" for further comments.

8. Some of the sub-headings are omitted because the writer has no new points to add so it would be the same as previous officers' reports.

9. Attached is a sketch of map of the area patrolled.

(c) Diary.

10. Please see attached patrol diary.

(d) Observations & Comments.

11. In addition to paragraph five(5). If emerging areas such as this, where it depends only by air we, the administration, should concentrate on; firstly the airfreight charges oppose to that particular area; secondly what cash crops should be grown; and thirdly whether the people of that area are used to with earning cash.

12. If the airfreight charges were expensive, the cash crops coffee, pyrethrum and tea as such should not be introduced earlier because firstly there would be a problem of marketing; secondly there would be no cheaper transport; and thirdly there would be no factory at hand to be processed. Unless the administration is sure that the reasons, mentioned, in this paragraph, are possible, these crops should be introduced. This is because in the Sepik District the agricultural patrol was told to leave the area by its people for not purchasing their rice.

13. The crops which could grow and produce quicker such as peanuts, European vegetables and rice (if suited for this area) would be strongly encouraged so that they could sell their produce locally or to the administration and the mission stations and could use in addition to their diet. In this way, the people would realize how to earn money gradually and in addition the administration could win their confidence. And then until such time the administration plans to build cheap transport (Koroka-Hagen road-to-be via Mendi through Tari) to the locally factories (as such at Hagen), the crops mentioned in paragraph twelve(12) should be introduced. Then the people accept those crops gladly.

agreed with



KOROBA CENSUS DIVISION.

(d) Observations &

Comments.(Cont.) 14. Food shortage throughout this area. The writer has insufficient time to investigate further for the sweet potato shortage as per instruction but these are the only two reasons that few people pointed out.

15. Firstly the people reckoned that most of their time was spent mainly working on the new airstrip and on the road, and they had no time to make their gardens. The writer disagreed with this because every sub-group of each village had in turns to work in their gardens while other groups were working on the airstrip and on the road. Their wives also working in their gardens.

16. Secondly the people pointed out that this year is not as good as previous years because it rained continuously and the produce was all rotten before it was harvested.

17. However, they have made new large gardens which would produce sufficient food supply to overcome this situation. A photograph of newly made gardens was taken in colour but it was not developed in time to accompany this report. When it is available, it will be forwarded to you.

18. An average person could spend approximately four to six hours in subsistence activities but a person with larger family would spend twice as much as an average does. A usual working hours are mornings and afternoons and in the mean time a person spends mainly for decorating artificial head-dresses, smoking and resting.

(e) Reception of  
Patrol.

19. Every village the patrol visited gave good reception and, as usual, quiet and calm.

(f) Outline of  
Political  
Situation.

20. The thoughts are not as good as practical as the people of this area think. When the people return to their villages, they usually tell stories of what they have seen on the coast. On the other hand, those who have never been to the coast are surprised to hear but actually they do not believe partly because they have not seen with their own naked eyes and partly because they accept the stories more or less as tales of other areas.

21. This was experienced by the writer while he was giving talk on economic and next year's election for the House of Assembly at Erebo. He was surprised to see that the people have showed no impressions, whatsoever, on their faces. There he realised that it would be no use of talking.

22. He came to ~~the~~ a conclusion that if he had talked and shown a film of one particular subject at the same time it would make more difference. Would it be possible to have a projector and a small power plant which could be movable easily? Could you, please, bring this matter up to the District Commissioner's notice also?

(g) Agriculture.

23. A main staple food is sweet potatoes. A few months ago, sweet potato famine swept through this area but at present they have made gardens which could supply sufficient food to overcome this problem. They have enough to feed their own families now.

24. Apart from sweet potatoes, European vegetables such as cabbages, spuds, carrots, onions and shallots are grown also.

25. The main cash crop in this area is coffee. Approximately about 11,613 trees have been planted and about 26,966 trees are still under nursery.

27. The people living from Erebo to Koroba and up around Egele are not really interested in growing coffee as they say that the soil is too poor. Indeed a lot of these areas in this census division have reddish clay soil in which vegetables do not grow well. The writer agreed that coffee will not grow well in this type of soil.



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KOROBA CENSUS DIVISION.

(h) Health. 28. In general, the health is fairly good. Two Sisters from the Hansende Colony at Tari accompanied this patrol and they did thorough inspection of the people of this area. About dozen patients were sent to Tari for further attention. Others were instructed to stay in their villages and have regular treatment at Kunu Mission clinic and Administration hospital at Koroba.

(i) Roads & Bridges.

29. Generally the roads in this area are fairly good except the Naggia Gorge is dangerous to the tractor with trailer. The work will be commenced immediately on this section for widening it.

30. Some of the bridges, especially near Kunu, need repairing because few bearings are rotting. Others are in better condition.

(j). Conclusion. 31. In conclusion, the patrol was a good one and hoped that the patrol personnel enjoyed as the writer enjoyed.

*W.P. Aaron*  
W.P. Aaron.  
Patrol Officer.





67-15-38

20th June, 1968.

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MWMI.

PATROL REPORT - KOROKA NO. 7 OF 1967/68.

Receipt of the above report and your 67-3-11 Gated 13th June, 1968, are acknowledged with thanks.

2. Mr. Aaron has carried out his patrol duties competently and submitted a satisfactory report.
3. The Regional Agricultural Officer should be consulted on all aspects of the cattle raising scheme.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Director.

c.c. Mr. W.P. Aaron, P.O.  
Duna Sub-District,  
KOROKA.  
Southern Highlands District.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Mr.....

Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

13th June, 1968.



The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Koroba Patrol No 7/67-68 - Koroba  
and Part Mogorofugwa Census Division  
Mr. W. Aaron, Patrol Officer.

Attached please find:-

- a. Original of report.
- b. Copy of patrol instructions issued to Mr. Aaron on file 67-2-1 dated 18th February, 1968.
- c. Copy of memorandum 67-1-1 of 5th April, 1968 from Assistant District Commissioner, Koroba.
- d. Map of area patrolled.

2. No comment is required on this patrol except that ALL reports submitted by patrol officers should follow the format laid down in Departmental Standing Instructions. The Assistant District Commissioner, Koroba has adequately commented on the report.

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





67-1-1

KOROBA.  
Southern Highlands District.

5th April, 1968 .

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

PATROL REPORT - KOROBA No. 7 of 1967/68 .

Attached, please find three copies of the Patrol Report submitted by Mr W.P. Aaron, Patrol Officer.

The Officer concerned was a Presiding Officer during the House of Assembly Elections. His patrol functioned as a mobile electoral team, and for the last 10 days following the completion of the Election the patrol carried out road investigation work on the IALUBA-YETEMALI area, and supervision of the final construction work of classrooms and teachers houses at the new Administration School at HEDAMALI. The latter being a Works Project of the Korooba Local Government Council.

ELECTION.

The Election went off smoothly with no real problems, and the Electoral Team did a very good job. Mr R. Bryant, Chief Electoral Officer, paid the team a brief visit at HEDAMALI while polling was underway, during his visit to Korooba.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Regards points 13, 14, 15, mentioned by Mr Aaron, I am checking to see that action is being taken.

With reference to point 16, I have suggested to Mr Aaron that if he so wishes he can attempt to implement this idea by commencing to compile a Road Register, with details of the actual roads in this Sub-District and the Clans who own land adjoining the roads. Much of this work has already been done in the past.


INVESTIGATION OF ROAD LINK, IALUBA-YETEMALI.

Mr Aaron's conclusion is that an Officer should be sent to this area to supervise the road to prevent people following an impossible gradient. Action has been taken, and to this end a patrol was mounted by Mr Aaron on the 1st April, and he has been instructed to personally supervise the construction of this new road.

CATTLE RAISING-PABALUMA .

As discussed previously with you, I consider that the purchase of this land of approx. some 55 acres should be revived, and the area used to implement a cattle raising scheme. Cattle raised could be spread throughout the Sub-District, and particularly to the large tracts of arable land in the Hanimu River Valley area.

Mr Aaron and patrol party did good work during this patrol.

  
J.O. HUNTER .  
a/Assistant District Commissioner.



67-2-1

Sub-District Office,  
KOROBA.  
18th February, 1968.

Mr W.P. Aaron,  
Patrol Officer,  
KOROBA.

PATROL No. 8 of 1967/68 - KOROBA CENSUS DIVISION .  
House of Assembly Election Patrol.


(1) The movement of your mobile Electoral Team is scheduled as follows :-

HEDAMALI Polling Place	Hedamali Maria Piribali Humburu Erebo Kundugu (Homapu)	Polling commences on Monday 19/2/68 and continues until Thursday 22/2/68. Team moves to PEBEKO on Friday 23/2/68 to set up booth.
PEBEKO " "	Pebeke Magara Tumbite Tangimabo Pabaluma Kebia Kurumali Ilunoma Iauvili .	Polling commences on Sat . 24/2/68 and continues until Sat. 2/3/68. No polling on Sunday 3/3/68. Team moves to EGELE on Monday 4/3/68 to set up booth .
EGELE " "	Egele Eianda Ialuba	Polling commences on Tuesday 5/3/68 and continues until Thursday 7/3/68. Team to return to Koroba on Friday 8/3/68 .

(2) Whilst at HEDAMALI do what you can to ensure that the classrooms of the new School and the house being build for the head-teacher for Hedamali, Mr J. Kileri, are completed as soon as possible.

Work is also to commence on a house for the single teacher who we have just learnt is also to be posted to the new Hedamali School, and stress to the people that all this work should be completed as soon as possible, so that the school can become operational.

(3) Any normal routine administration work should also be carried out, where electoral duties and time allows. If you have time have a look around the area of the proposed cattle scheme at PABALUMA with the Agricultural Assistant, Mr J. Willie, your Poll Clerk. I would be interested to hear about any ideas you have on this area, as following the Elections I intend that we be all englded in work in areas such as this to ensure the promotion, breeding and spread of cattle throughout our Sub-District.

  
J.O. HUNTER .  
(Returning Officer)

a/Asst. District Commissioner.

Sub-District Office,  
Duma Sub-District,  
KOROBA,  
Southern Highlands District.  
18th March, 1968.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
KOROBA.

Patrol Report - Koroba No. 7-68/68.

Patrol Conducted by: W.P.Aaron, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: Koroba and part Mogorofugwa Census Divisions.

Personnel accompanied the Patrol:

1	Poll Clerk.
4	Interpreters.
4	R.P. & N.G.C.

Duration of the Patrol: 17/2/68 to 15/3/68.

Days: 27.

Last Patrol to the Area: 31/10/67 to 17/11/67.

Objects of the Patrol:

- (1) House of Assembly election treated as top priority.
- (2) Routine Administration.
- (3) Assist building of school at Hedamali.
- (4) Investigate proposed land for cattle raising at Pabuluma.
- (5) Investigate road route from Ialuba to Yetamari.
- (6) To gravel Koroba-Tagari road.

Map Reference: B.J.Creedy's map of Duma Sub-District.

*W.P.Aaron*  
W.P.Aaron,  
Patrol Officer.



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KOROBA PATROL REPORT NO.7 - 67/68.

KOROBA AND PART MOGOROFUGWA CENSUS DIVISIONS.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTION PATROL.

A/ Introduction. 1. The patrol departed Koroba on the 18th February, 1968, as scheduled.

2. The area patrolled was mainly the Koroba and part Mogorofugwa census divisions. This area is situated on the southern corner of the Duna Sub-District. The main vegetation is a rain-forest and a few patches of grassland are to be found. The Naggia River which empties its water in the Tagari is a main drainage in this area.

3. A main purpose of this patrol was the House of Assembly election and a routine administration and other duties were performed where the electoral duties and time allowed.

4. There were three polling places and the election was held on the dates as scheduled. The election as a whole went well as the people had little trouble in grasping election procedures. I think the people rather enjoy the election to be put on a personal, private basis as they then can record their vote without been swayed by the opinion of someone else, or, by being carried along with the crowd. However most people were shown to have a strong loyalty for the candidates of their electorate, other than the previous election with Tari Sub-District.

5. The investigations of the Ialuba-Yetamari road and the proposed land for cattle raising will be dealt in Appendix "A" and "B" respectively.

6. Other sub-headings are omitted because I have no new points to include so they are same as the previous patrol reports.

B/ Diary.

<u>1968.</u>		
<u>17th February.</u>	<u>At Station:</u>	0800 hrs - 1800 hrs. House of Assembly election held.
<u>18th February.</u>	<u>At Station:</u>	0730 hrs - 1100 hrs. Prepared patrol gear and moved to Hedamali by tractor & trailer. Sunday observed. Slept over-night.
<u>19th February.</u>	<u>At Hedamali:</u>	0730 hrs - 1800 hrs. House of Assembly held for Maria and Piribali people. Slept over-night.
<u>20th February.</u>	<u>At Hedamali:</u>	0730 hrs - 1800 hrs. House of Assembly election held for Erebo and Humberu people. Slept over-night.
<u>21st February.</u>	<u>At Hedamali:</u>	0730 hrs - 1800 hrs. House of Assembly election held for Kundugu and Hedamali people. Slept over-night.
<u>22nd February.</u>	<u>At Hedamali:</u>	0730 hrs - 1800 hrs. Polling booth opened - nobody turned up. Supervise building of the Hedamali school. Slept over-night.
<u>23rd February.</u>	<u>At Hedamali:</u>	0730 hrs arranged carriers and moved to Febeko. Arrived Febeko 1200 hrs. Paid carriers. Polling booth erected. Slept over-night.



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KOROBA PATROL REPORT NO. 7 - 67/68. (CONT)

B/ Diary. (Cont.)

1968.

24th February. At Pebeko: 0800 hrs - 1800 hrs. House of Assembly election held for Pebeko Mission. Slept over-night.

25th February. At Pebeko: Sunday observed.

26th February. At Pebeko: 0730 hrs - 1800 hrs. House of Assembly election held for Kebia and Magara people. Slept over-night.

27th February. At Pebeko: 0730 hrs - 1800 hrs. House of Assembly election held Iauwili and Pebeko people. Slept over-night.

28th February. At Pebeko: 0730 hrs - 1800 hrs. House of Assembly election held for Tumbite, Kurumali and Ilunoma people. Slept over-night.

29th February. At Pebeko: 0730 hrs - 1800 hrs. House of Assembly election held for Tanginabo. Spent overnight.

1st March. At Pebeko: 0730 hrs - 1800 hrs. House of Assembly election held for Pabalumu people. Slept over-night.

2nd March. At Pebeko: 0730 hrs - 1800 hrs. Polling Booth opened - nobody turned up. Walked to Pabalumu to investigate the proposed land for cattle raising. Back to Pebeko. Slept over-night.

3rd March. At Pebeko: Sunday observed.

4th March. At Pebeko: 0730 hrs. Carriers arranged and moved to Egele. Carriers paid. Polling Booth erected. Slept over-night.

Egele

5th March. At Egele: 0730 hrs - 1800 hrs. House of Assembly election held for Ialuba people. Slept over-night.

6th March. At Egele: 0730 hrs - 1800 hrs. House of Assembly election held for Egele people. Slept over-night.

7th March. At Egele: 0730 hrs - 1800 hrs. House of Assembly election held for Egele people. Then proceeded to Ialuba. Slept over-night at Ialuba.

8th March. At Ialuba: Carriers arranged and moved for Yetamari. On the way, investigated road route from Ialuba to Yetamari. Arrived Yetamari 1800 hrs there to Hujenoma. Slept over-night.

9th March. At Hujenoma: 0600 hrs departed Hujenoma for Yetamari with Interpreter and one constable. Discussed road matter with Yetamari Village officials.



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KORUBA PATROL REPORT NO. 7-67/68. (Cont.)

H/ Diary. (Cont.)

1968.

1200 hrs back to Hujenoma thence to Koroba. Arrived Koroba at 1500 hrs.

10th March.      At Station:

Sunday observed.

11th March.      At Station:

Arranged patrol gear and moved to Hedamali by Land-Rover.  
Inspected the road.  
Sent word for the village officials to come and see me at Hedamali.  
Discussed with the village officials about the road matter.  
Slept over-night.

12th March.      At Hedamali:

0700 hrs walked to Tagari to give work to Kebia line.  
1030 hrs back to Hedamali given work to the prisoners with 2 policemen.  
Worked on the new single teacher's house.  
1500 hrs walked to Tagari again to see Erebo and Kebia line working.  
Heavy rain - walked back to Hedamali.  
Slept over-night.

13th March.      At Hedamali:

0700 hrs worked with the people on the new single teacher's house.  
1000 hrs walked to Erebo.  
Back to Hedamali and helped the people to pull the trailer which fell through the small bridge.  
Put tractor and trailer for carting stones and gravel.  
Heavy rain at 1600 hrs - back to Hedamali  
Helped the people with the new house.  
Slept over-night.

14th March.      At Hedamali:

0700 hrs laid stones on the slippery sections and put caronas on.  
Walked to Tagari ~~seeing~~ seeing all the work done.  
Walked back with the Kebia and Erebo Village officials and pointed the sections which had to be maintained.  
~~At~~ 2000 hrs walked to the place where the land slide occurred and covered 20 feet section of the road.  
Back to Hedamali.  
Slept over-night.

15th March.      At Hedamali:

0400 hrs walked to the place where the landslide occurred.  
Cleared the road.  
Back to Koroba by tractor and trailer.

End of Patrol Diary.



KOROBA PATROL REPORT NO. 7/67-68. (CONT.)

C/ Reception of Patrol. 8. The patrol was well-received in every village place it visited.

D/ Outline of Political Situation. 9. It is true that the Council has given the area unity and a person can walk to any place in perfect safety but where work or election concerned the people belong to a rest house and will only work or vote under their respective councillor. This was shown on this recent patrol when Kebia gathered at Hedamali for election but they were scheduled at Pebeko. However I told them to assemble at Pebeko, which they did.

10. As it now stands the attitude towards Administration and Missions is comparatively good.

E/ Agriculture. 11. After the last year's food shortage, all crops appear to be doing well throughout this area and the part Mogorofugwa.

F/ Health. 12. The general health of this area was excellent because the Administration and the Mission Aid Posts take care of most of the sickness. Bad cases are sent to Koroba.

G/ Roads & Bridges. 13. During the patrol all roads and bridges were inspected. The present Koroba-Tagari road is fairly good apart from a section that had badly been stoned the some hills near Erebo. Two bridges need repair.

14. The Tagari-Magara road has been improved except a few sections have to be stoned. All bridges were repaired apart from the one near the Tagari Bridge.

15. The Pebeko-Ialuba road is fairly good in the dry season but some sections need grading or it will be necessary to find a new route to avoid these stiff climbs. All the bridges need repair. The bridges now standing are all narrow and badly constructed.

16. In conclusion, I would say that there should a system of each person have to have 50 or 100 yards section of the road to look after. At present a group works on the section which needs maintenance.

H/ Personnel. 17. A separate report on each constables has been attached to this report.

*W.P. Aaron*  
W.P. Aaron.  
Patrol Officer.



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APPENDIX "A"

KOROBA PATROL REPORT NO. 7 - 67/68

Sub-District Office,  
Duna Sub-District,  
KOROBA.  
18th. of March, 1968.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
KOROBA.

Investigation of road link between Ialuba and Yetamari.

1. After the completion of the House of Assembly election at the last polling place at Egele, I was instructed by you to investigate the road link between Ialuba and Yetamari.

2. The road had been surveyed by Mr. CPO, Piers Jones during 1965 and the markers are still stand, I have followed the route to Yetamari and put markers again. This road-to-be seemed to be a fairly good one apart from a section that has a stiff climb. All attempts were made by the officer mentioned to avoid this climb but there seemed to be no other way to do so.

3. Some sections, such as we have seen from Ialuba, are built by the people but the real route which has been surveyed was not followed. This was because the people were not supervised when they were building this road.

4. In conclusion I would say that there should be an officer there to supervise this road as they people are still following their own route.

For your information, please.

*W.P. Aaron*  
W.P. Aaron,  
Patrol Officer.

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APPENDIX "B".

KOROBA PATROL REPORT NO. 7/67-68.


Sub-District Office,  
Duma Sub-District,  
KOROBA.  
Southern Highlands District.  
18th March, 1968.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
KOROBA.

Inspection of the proposed land for cattle raising  
Pabalumu.

1. I have walked around the area which is approximately fifteen acres and that is less than half of the land been surveyed previously.
2. It seemed to be a better site for raising cattle. The area has a very rich soil and has an adequate water supply during the rainy season.
3. Most of the hamlets are situated around this area and the people could take care of it. Seeing that the people can look after their pigs well, the cattle when introduced should be given to each group or family to look after.
4. In conclusion I would say that this area would be a good one because the Mission Agricultural Officer is available to give assistance in some cases.

For your information, please.

  
W.F. Aaron,  
Patrol Officer.



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Sub-District Office,  
Buna Sub-District,  
KOROBA.  
Southern Highlands District,  
18th March, 1968.

Commissioner Of Police,  
Police Headquarters,  
KONVDOBU.

COMMENTS ON POLICE ACCOMPANYING THE PATROL.

KOROBA PATROL REPORT NO. 7 - 67/68.

1. ~~There~~ One NCO and three constables accompanied this patrol and all were observed by me while they were performing their normal duties.

2. The comments are as follows:-

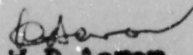
Const. 1/C Karowa. Proved to be steady worker and commands the respect of the constables under his command. In spite of this, he is not a forceful officer and does not show much initiative.

Const. Gigne. This constable proved himself to be both intelligent and well aware with his duties.

Const. Aravil. He is quite a responsible constable and is well prepared to take control of a situation when necessary.

Consts Ukambani. Although being quite this constable is good and during this patrol he proved himself to be a capable worker.

For your information, please.

  
W.P. Aaron.  
PATROL OFFICER.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. KOROBA 10/67-68.

Patrol Conducted by W.P.AARON, PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled KOGOROFUGWA, LAVANI, TUMBUDU AND PARU.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 3 R.P. & N.G.C.  
1 INTERPRETER.

Duration—From 1/4/1968 to 1/6/1968

Number of Days 62

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 18/2/1968 to 11/3/68.

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

Map Reference SKETCH MAP ATTACHED.

Objects of Patrol 1. CENSUS REVISION, 2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL TAX  
COLLECTION, 3. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: 67-2-11

Dept. of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU. Papua.

26th August, 1968.

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District  
~~MEMO~~

PATROL NO. KORUBA, 10 OF 1967/68

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of ~~Memorandum~~  
\* ~~of Patrol~~/Patrol Report covering patrol by ~~MR. W.P. AARON, P.O.,~~...  
to ~~TUMBUK, P.O. AND N. GOROGWA~~..... Census Divisions.

Your comments on this report are constructive and Mr. AARON  
should benefit from them.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Director

\* Delete as necessary.

cc: Mr. W.P. Aaron, P.O.,  
Sub-District Office,  
KORUBA  
Southern Highlands District



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams

Our Reference 67-3-11

If calling ask for

Mr.

Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

16th August, 1968.



The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Koroba Patrol No 10 of 1967/68 - Amendment  
Census - Tumbudu, Paru and Mogorogugwa Census  
Divisions. - Mr. W.P. Aaron, Patrol Officer.

Attached please find:-

- (a) Original of report,
- (b) Copy of memorandum 67-5-1 dated 30th July, 1968 from Assistant District Commissioner, Koroba.
- (c) Map of area patrolled.
- (d) Patrol instructions issued to Mr. Aaron by the Assistant District Commissioner, Koroba.

2. Mr. Aaron should elaborate more in his subject headings for easier understanding of what he is writing about. For instance, political situation should be expanded on, locations of timber stands should be recorded in the report, trade stores sites should be recorded, mission schools should be recorded, locations of missions should be noted, airstrip sites should be remarked on to some extent and their location noted. Regretably there was no situation report submitted and I do think that the agricultural section could have been expanded on. A report, in other words, should be informative and provide information which can be of interest and value to the reader. Vagueness only leads to frustration to the reader who has to refer to previous patrols to find out the information he requires.

3. I am, however, impressed by the manner in which Mr. Aaron has submitted his census statistical data. It is accurate and well presented and obviously a lot of time has been spent to ensure that the presentation was neat. It is recommended that HUGINI, ALUWINI and KOGALDIA Census units (villages) be deleted from the Village Directory as suggested in Appendix "A" at paragraph 5.



4. The Village Population Registrar statistical data reveals a most satisfactory state of affairs in the census divisions visited. I imagine that when a census patrol has been undertaken in the Koroba census division the census figures will reveal a marked increase in population for the whole sub-district.

6. Although rather critical about this report I do see that Mr. Aaron is improving both in his field work and application to his work. He is a keen officer and if he accepts these criticisms as being a means to help him in his career he will go a long way in the service.

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

C.C.  
Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
KOROBA.

Mr. W.P. Aaron,  
Patrol Officer,  
KOROBA.



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Sub-District Office,  
KOROBA.  
Southern Highlands District.

4th April, 1968 .

Mr W.P. Aaron,  
Patrol Officer,  
KOROBA.

PATROL No. 10 of 1967/68 - MOGROFUGWA CENSUS DIVISION .

These written instructions follow talks we have previously had, and verbal instructions which I gave you prior to you setting out on the 1st April. Since your departure the Regional Local Government Officer Mr Liddle has been contacted and in the absence of a Council Clerk in Koroba he has given permission for you to assist in collecting tax from the 'new' Council areas which have not as yet paid their 1967/68 tax.

The main objects of your patrol will be thus :-

- (1) Personal supervision of IALUBA-YETAMALI Road link which you investigated during your last patrol. As you realise the construction and completion of this section of road is important as it is foreseeable that it will become part of an overall road link with the Hanima Valley-Kome-Kutubu Area- and thence the Papuan Coast. It is most important that the road be well-made at this early stage, and the gradient should be such that a large loaded tractor and trailer can traverse it. Also investigate stone resources in the YETAMALI-IALUBA Area, with the future surfacing of this road in mind.
- (2) Census Revision of the MOGROFUGWA Census Division, and the compilation of actual Tax/Census Sheets for this area, as this has not previously been done.
- (3) Council Tax Collection. Leave the main part of the actual, collection and physical handling of the tax money to the Council tax collection team. They can also take responsibility for the safe custody of the money and the actual banking of the money. Your main task in respect of tax collection will be clerical since none of the Councillors are literate. You will actually write out the tax tickets, make entries in the Tax Register, and ensure a proper balance is kept.
- (4) Routine Administration. In particular look for and note potential cattle-raising areas, and ensure that roads and bridges are being kept in reasonable repair.
- (5) Between Monday 8th and Thursday the 11th I want your patrol back and operating in the vicinity of Koroba Station and both the New and Old Airstrip, as a large-scale work drive is operating the week before Easter on both Airstrips. After the Easter Break you can return to the Mogrofuwa Area to complete your patrol.

Take whatever time is necessary to complete your patrol objectives. There is no need for any hurry, but you may also bear in mind that on completion of the patrol other important work in other parts of the Sub-District and Station awaits you.

*J.O. Hunter*  
J.O. HUNTER .  
A/ADC

c.c. The District Commissioner SHD. MENDI





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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....  
Our Reference..... 67-5-1  
If calling ask for  
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,  
KOROBA .  
Southern Highlands District .



30th July, 1968 .

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

KOROBA PATROL No. 10 of 1967/68 .

Attached please find three copies of the abovementioned Report submitted to me this day by Mr W.P. Aaren, Patrol Officer. A sketch map accompanies each Report, as do Village Population Register sheets for the Megrefugwa, Tumbudu and Paru Census Divisions of the Duna Sub-District.

A copy of the Patrol Instructions issued to Mr Aaren in respect of the first section of his patrol - the Megrefugwa Census Division - , are attached. Verbal instructions of a similar nature regarding Census Revision, Council Tax Collection and Routine Administration were given in respect of the two other Census Divisions, the Tumbudu and Paru, covered by Mr Aaren in the latter part of the patrol .

I have the following comments :-

CENSUS REVISION .

Census was revised for three complete Census Divisions - the Megrefugwa, Tumbudu and the Paru, and the figures are attached. A satisfactory increase is revealed throughout these three Census Divisions. I agree with the patrolling Officer in 5. Appendix "A", that the three places Hugini, Aluwini and Kegaidia be no longer used as census centres. They have not been utilised in the past few years by patrols or by the people who have found it more convenient to gather at other centres, despite the fact that these names appear in the current Village Directory. The improvement of communications and the opening of the Koroba-Kepiage Road has been one reason why the people of the areas have decided on these points being no longer accessible to the majority of people previously censused at these particular points.

AID POSTS .

The comments that Aid Posts are required in the TANGGI and TADEI areas of the Tumbudu and Paru are valid. This matter has since been settled at a local level, as I have since this patrol discussed this matter with the Medical Officer at Tari who has agreed to post Aid Post Orderlies to both areas. One has already been posted to TADEI where the L.G. Councillor is currently organising the construction of a new Aid Post. Similarly a new Aid Post is proposed between TANGGI and KELLBO on the Koroba-Kepiage Road by the Councillors in this area and P.H.D. have agreed to staff it.

COUNCIL TAX COLLECTION.

In view of the fact that there was no Council Clerk or Local Government Assistant in the Koroba Council area permission was sought



from the Regional Local Government Officer, and was granted for Mr Aaren's patrol to supervise the collection of tax in all census divisions which were 'new' Council areas in the fact that tax had not previously been collected in any of these regions. This went off well and without incident.

#### ROADS .

Due to other commitments there was little supervision of road and bridge work, except at the outset of the patrol where as will be noted in the patrol instructions I requested further supervision and investigation into the construction of the proposed IALUBA-YETAMALI Road be effected. Although no mention is made of it in the Report I visited the patrol when at YETAMALI, and noted that efforts were being made by Mr Aaren and party to encourage the local people to press-on with this road. I also understand that quite a good stone source with future potential as a surfacing material has been located in the YETAMALI area.

As time and work permits I intend that future patrols keep a check on the progress of this road and its gradient etc., as I consider this start to a link with IALUBA and thence the Hanimu River Valley and the Keme area could in the future prove to be all-important.

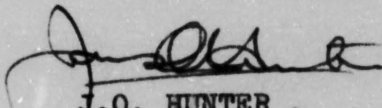
#### LAND .

It is intended that during the current financial year (1968/69) chain and compass surveys and investigations be carried out with the view of purchasing much of the large MOGORO Swamp in the MOGROFUGWA area, HAWINDA Swamp in the Tumbudu (Kulabe), and possibly the smaller IALUBA Swamp in the Mogrofugwa near IALUBA. I consider that all these areas be purchased with potential Tea and Cattle development in mind for the future, and I have previously discussed and corresponded with you on this matter.

#### CONCLUSION .

Camping Allowance Claim for Mr Aaren is also attached.

Mr Aaren appears to like patrol work but has difficulty in compiling Reports, and in this instance time spent in preparation of this Report has been excessive. However, this does not detract from the fact that good work has been done by this Office whilst on patrol.



J.O. HUNTER .  
a/Assistant District Commissioner .





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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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

Department of District Administration.  
Sub-District Office,  
KOROBA.  
12th June, 1968.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Duna Sub-District,  
Sub-District Office,  
KOROBA.

KOROBA PATROL REPORT NO. 10/67-68.

a/ Preamble.

Station. Koroba.  
Sub-District. Duna.  
District. Southern Highlands.  
Patrol Conducted by. W.P.Aaron, Patrol Officer.  
Area patrolled. Mogorofugwa, Lavani, Tumbudu and Paru.  
Patrol accompanying the Patrol. 3 R.P. & N.G.C.  
 1 Interpreter.  
Duration of Patrol. 1/4/68 to 1/6/68.  
Last Patrol to the area. H. of Assembly election patrol.  
 18/2/68 to 11/3/68.  
 24 days.  
Objects of the Patrol.  
 1. Census Revision.  
 2. Local Government Council Tax collection.  
 3. Routine Administration.  
Map Reference. Sketch map attached.

*W.P.Aaron*  
W.P.Aaron.  
Patrol Officer.



b/ Introduction.

1. After verbal instructions you have given me prior to my departure, the patrol departed Koroba by tractor/trailer on the 1st April, 1968, for the Mogorofugwa and the other census divisions as mentioned in the preamble.

2. This patrol of sixty-two days duration was mainly with the Council tax collection for the year 1967/68, census revision and the general routine administration of four census divisions. The days which I and my patrol police supervised the work on the new and the old airstrips on the Easter week were included in the above figure. All the census centres of these census divisions were visited by this patrol.

3. The Tumbudu Census Division is located on the north of Koroba and the Mogorofugwa and the Lavani are on the north-west whereas the Paru is on the north-east. These areas are mountainous and a few V-shaped valleys, specially in the Paru and near Tanggi, are to be found. There are two main rivers, the Paru and the Tumbudu, which both flow towards the Lake Kopiago region. The Mogoro, Lavani Ialuba and the Hauwinda are the common swamps in these areas.

4. In general these regions have a tropical wet climate and the vegetation is a rain-forest.

5. A Tax Tribunal which consists of three councillors has accompanied this patrol. This was the first time that the tax has ever been collected from these areas after joining the Koroba Local Government Council. The rate is twenty-five cents for adult males and ten cents for the adult females.

6. A sketch of patrol map of these areas is attached.

7. A claim of camping allowance is also attached.

c/ Diary.

1/4/68. Departed Koroba by Tractor/trailer for the Mogorofugwa and the other census divisions as well. Rest House built on the junction of the Keraniba-Yetemali-Fugwa and the Yetemali-Ialuba roads. Sent out words for the village officials to come to the rest house. In the afternoon discussed with the village officials about the tax and the census. Stayed overnight.

2/4/68. Revised census for Yetemali. Inspected the Yetemali-Ialuba road. Back to the rest house. Compiled census figures. Stayed overnight.

3/5/68. Revised census for Betege. Again inspected the road work. Back to the rest house. Compiled census figures. Stayed overnight.

4/4/68. Revised census for Hujenoma. Back to Yetemali rest house. Compiled census figures. Stayed overnight.

5/4/68. Census revised for Eriba at Keraniba rest house - so as census for Keraniba. Heard few complaints .



c/ Diary (cont.)

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Walked back to Yetemali. Inspected the road work. Compiled census figures. Stayed overnight.

6/4/68. Supervised the road work in the morning. In the afternoon departed Yetemali for Koroba by Land-Rover.

7/4/68. Sunday observed.

8/4/68. Supervised work on a new and an old airstrips with my patrol police. Marked the areas for the signal and the wind indicators for the old airstrip.

9/4/68. Again supervised the work. Obtained contracts to clear and to level the areas marked. Back to the new airstrip to supervised the work.

10/4/68. Supervised the work on both airstrips.

11/4/68. Supervised the work on both airstrips/

12/4/68. Public Holiday observed.

13/4/68. Public Holiday observed.

14/4/68. Sunday observed.

15/4/68. Public Holiday observed.

16/4/68. Public Holiday observed.

17/4/68. Removed the wind indicator to the new site. Started carting stones from Himamu Creek to the old airstrip. Supervised the work on the new airstrip as well.

18/4/68. Continued carting stones. Supervised the work on the new airstrip.

19/4/68. Started laying stones on the wind and the signal indicator areas. Painted stones and the cone-markers with white paint.

20/4/68. Completed stoning and painting. Prepared patrol gear.

21/4/68. Departed Koroba for Mogorofugwa. Sunday observed.

22/4/68. Worked on the new Rest House at Yetemali and supervised the road work. Inspected the sections of the road, that is, the Keraniba-Hujenoma road - road improved. Stayed overnight.

23/4/68. At Yetemali tax collected. Patrol departed for Betege. Arranged with the councillor from Betege to have his group available next day for the tax collection. Stayed overnight.

24/4/68. At Betege collected tax. Balanced the Tax Receipt book. Helped councillors (tax collectors) to count tax money. Stayed overnight.

25/4/68. ANZAC Day - Public Holiday. Departed Betege for Eriba. Day observed. In the afternoon went to the station to get File 39-5-7 to attend to.

26/4/68. Back to Eriba. Tax collected, balanced the Tax Receipt book and helped the collectors to count the money. Stayed overnight.

27/4/68. Departed Eriba for Keraniba. At Keraniba tax collected thence to Hujenoma. To Betege purchased land known as "KIRIPI" Back to Hujenoma.



c/ Diary (cont.)

28/4/68. Sunday observed at Hujenoma.

29/4/68. At Hujenoma tax collected and incident happened - lightning struck a black-palm near the Rest House. Nobody was seriously hurt but only eight people had shock and had been treated at the aid-post operated by the Wesleyan Mission at Fugwa. Stayed overnight.

30/4/68. Departed Hujenoma for Koroba. Completed Eile requirement. Arranged transport to take the patrol to Ialuba, the last census centre for the Mogorofugwa. 35 5.7

1/5/68. No transport available. Office routine.

2/5/68. Departed Koroba for Ialuba. At Ialuba tax and census conducted. Inspected the work on the road that I have marked previously. Stayed overnight.

3/5/68. At Ialuba balanced the Tax Receipt book and compiled census figures. Discussed with village officials about the Yetemali-Ialuba road.

4/5/68. Departed Ialuba for Koroba.

5/5/68. Sunday observed.

6/5/68. Prepared patrol gear. Checked all the patrol equipments such as lamps, table and chair--and repaired which were needed repair. Office routine.

7/5/68. Patrol advance obtained. Arranged for Patrol Interpreter's rations. Office routine.

8/5/68. Office routine.

9/5/68. Departed Koroba for Tumbudu. Carriers paid. Arranged with councillor from Warakumu to have his group available next day for tax collection and census revision. Overnight at Piangongwa.

10/5/68. At Warakumu census and tax conducted. Back to Piangongwa. Census figures compiled and Tax Receipt book balanced.

11/5/68. At Piangongwa census and tax conducted. Census figures compiled and Tax Receipt book balanced. Spent overnight.

12/5/68. Sunday observed. In the afternoon went to the station.

13/5/68. Back to Piangongwa thence to Gwali in the Lavani Valley. ~~Track~~ was muddy. Took 5 hours (carriers' time). Heard complaints mainly about pigs and settled by arbitration.

14/5/68. At Gwali census and tax conducted. Census figures compiled and Tax Receipt book balanced. Overnight at Gwali.

15/5/68. Departed Gwali for Warakumu. Heard complaints. Stayed overnight.

16/5/68. At Warakumu census and tax conducted for Iagwabi. Census statistics compiled and balanced Tax Receipt book. Stayed overnight.

17/5/68. Departed Warakumu for Uiamu. Census and tax conducted and thence to Kagoma. At Kagoma census and tax conducted for Elanda. Census figures compiled and Tax Receipt book balanced. Overnight at KAGOMA.

18/5/68. At Kagoma census and tax conducted for Kagoma. Thence to Kudiebi. Compiled census figures and balanced Tax Receipt book. Cve



c/ Diary (cont).

19/5/68. Sunday observed.

20/5/68. At Kudiebi census and tax conducted for Kudiebi and Hauwindia. Census figures compiled and Tax Receipt book balanced. Overnight at Kudiebi.

21/5/68. To Kelabo census and tax conducted. Back to Kudiebi and hence to Hauwindia. Overnight at Hauwindia.

22/5/68. Departed Hauwindia for Tugu in the Paru. Track was muddy, however, some sections were good. It has a local bridge built over the Tumbudu river. This track leads to the Lake Kapiago region near The Auwi Mission (CMMML) and meets the vehicular road. From there it would take four (4) hours to Tugu in the Paru Census Division. Took 8 hours (carriers' time). Overnight at Tugu.

23/5/68. At Tugu census and tax conducted. Hence to Adzugari. Overnight at Adzugari.

24/5/68. At Adzugari census and tax conducted. Heard complaints. Compiled census figures and balanced Tax Receipt book. Stayed overnight at Adzugari.

25/5/68. Heard complaints. Discussed with councillors about the patrol movements. Stayed overnight at Adzugari.

26/5/68. Sunday observed.

27/5/68. At Adzugari census revision and tax collection completed and thence to Wagara. At Wagara complaints heard. Compiled census figures and balanced Tax Receipt book. Stayed overnight.

28/5/68. At Wagara census and tax conducted and hence to Tadei. Census figures compiled and Tax Receipt book balanced. Stayed overnight.

29/5/68. At Tadei census and tax conducted. Discussed with a councillor from Tadei about the Mission - Lutheran Mission. Compiled census figures and balanced Tax Receipt book. Stayed overnight.

30/5/68. Departed Tadei for Tiba. Census conducted for both Tabadiamabu and Tiba. Heard complaints. Stayed overnight.

1/6/68. Departed Tiba for Koroba. Arrived Koroba in the afternoon.

d/ Observations & Comments.

9. Aid-posts. Most of these areas are well-served by the Administration and the Mission aid-posts but I considered that there are two areas which are not served properly. These areas are around Tanggi Baptist Mission in the heart of the Tumbudu and Tadei in the Paru.

20. Tanggi is more or less a centre of seven census centres, namely, Warakumu, Iagwahi, Piangongwa, Uiamu, Kagoma, Aienda (all in the Tumbudu) and Gwali (in the Lavani Valley). The population of these census centres mentioned is 2,266, which I think is a fair number to have one aid-post to be erected there.

11. The distances between these centres and ~~TANGGI ARE~~ approximately one to ten miles except Gwali which is about twenty-five miles away and is nearer too.

12. There are three aid-posts operated in the Tumbudu - ~~one~~ ~~are~~ operated by the CMMML, one by the Wesleyan Mission and one by the Administration. These aid-posts are about twenty to twenty-five miles



away from this region and this point out to me that it is not good for a patient to walk or to be carried over this far.

13. Tadei is more or less a centre of three/census centres, <sup>other</sup> i.e., Tiba, Korenača and Tabadiamabu and the population is 1,671. There are two aid-posts and each operated by the CMML and the Administration but they are situated near Adzugari.

14. The distance between this region mentioned in paragraph 13 and the nearby aid-posts is about fifteen to twenty miles away and I recommend that there should be one aid-post to be erected here.

e/ Reception of Patrol.

15. This patrol visited every census centres of these regions and was well-received.

g/ Villages.

16. There is no such village to be found in these regions but each family has two or more houses (depends on wives a man has) built in its garden.

17. An average structure of a house is about four to six feet from the top roof to the ground and it has a earthen floor. Its door is approximately eighteen inches wide and twenty-~~xxxx~~ to thirty-six inches high. The wall and the roof are made in such a manner that provides warmth inside ~~the~~ it when fire is made. This is no wonder some people do not need blankets.

h/Village Officials.

18. All village officials performed their duties well. Most of them can speak Pidgin and only two can read and write in their language.

i/ Outline of Political Situation.

19. In general the current situation is quiet and in the political point of view, it is satisfactory.

20. The attitude towards the Administration and the Mission is very good.

j/ Agriculture.

21. There is enough food for a family throughout these areas.

k/Livestock.

22. Pigs are the main livestock in these area and are used mainly for payment of bride-prices. A few is sold in a local market held every Saturdays at Koroba.

l/Forests.

23. A few good timber has been seen but it is not in a great quantity to comment on.

m/Commerce and Industry.

24. There are ~~xxxx~~ four trade stores operated by the Mission and there is none owned by the natives that I know of.

n/Land.

25. There are pieces of land that I would like the Administrat



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-ion could buy them. They are the Ialuba, Mogoro and the Hauwinda swamps. These areas are mainly used for pig-raising and I think that the people are willing to sell as they are not making gardens (except near the edges of these swamps).

26. The Ialuba and the Mogoro swamps are in the Mogorofugwa Census Division and the Hauwinda is in the Tumbudu. The Hauwinda is more or less centre of the Koroba and the Lake Kopiago regions and if this area is bought, it could be used as an experimental or otherwise training centre for DASF for both regions. Others are good for cattle-raising.

o/ Complaints.

27. Few were heard and were mainly pigs and pandanus fruits. All were settle by arbitration.

p/ Courts.

28. There was only one case heard. Ten people were charged with riotous manner and were all imprisoned for the period of two months.

q/ Rest Houses.

29. All the rest houses are in fair condition except the one at Kelabo. I have instructed the people to rebuild it.

r/ Education.

30. There are four mission schools which are recognised by the Department of Education.

s/ Roads and Bridges.

31. All the roads are fairly good except a few sections have been instructed to be maintained. The bridges are all in fair condition.

t/ Cemeteries.

32. There is no comment on this.

u/ Missions.

33. There are only <sup>three</sup> ~~two~~ missions operated in these areas - the CMMI, ~~and~~ the Sovereign Grace Baptist Mission, and the Wesleyan.

v/ Airfields.

34. There are three private airstrips which are looked after by the missions and are operated the MAF from Wewak.

w/ Anthropological.

35. There is no new points to comment under this heading.

x/ Labour.

36. There <sup>are</sup> 247 male natives working outside this district and approximately 100 were recorded after the census was revised.

y/ Personal Tax.

37. No prsonal tax has been collected but only Council tax has been collected.

z/ Census.

38. See Appendix "A".

Geography/Topography.

39. No comments will be made as I have no new points to add.

APPENDIX "A".

Sub-District Office,  
Duna Sub-District,  
KOROBA.  
8th July, 1968.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
KOROBA.

CENSUS - KOROBA PATROL NO.10 - 67/68.

1. The figures set out below are the adjustment of 1966 census.

2. Mogorofugwa.

	1966 Population		2938
Less:	Migration out	151	
	Deaths	41	
	Name duplicated	2	
		<u>194</u>	
			<u>2744</u>
Plus:	Migration in	291	
	Births	<u>163</u>	
			<u>454</u>
	1968 Population		<u>3198</u>

3. Tumbudu.

	1966 Population		3636
Less:	Migration out	838	
	Deaths	<u>46</u>	
			<u>884</u>
			<u>2752</u>
Plus:	Migration in	730	
	Births	<u>183</u>	
			<u>913</u>
	1968 Population		<u>3665</u>

4. Paru.

	1966 Population		3694
Less:	Migration out	391	
	Deaths	<u>63</u>	
			<u>454</u>
			<u>3240</u>
Plus:	Migration in	307	
	Births	<u>221</u>	
			<u>528</u>
	1968 Population		<u>3768</u>

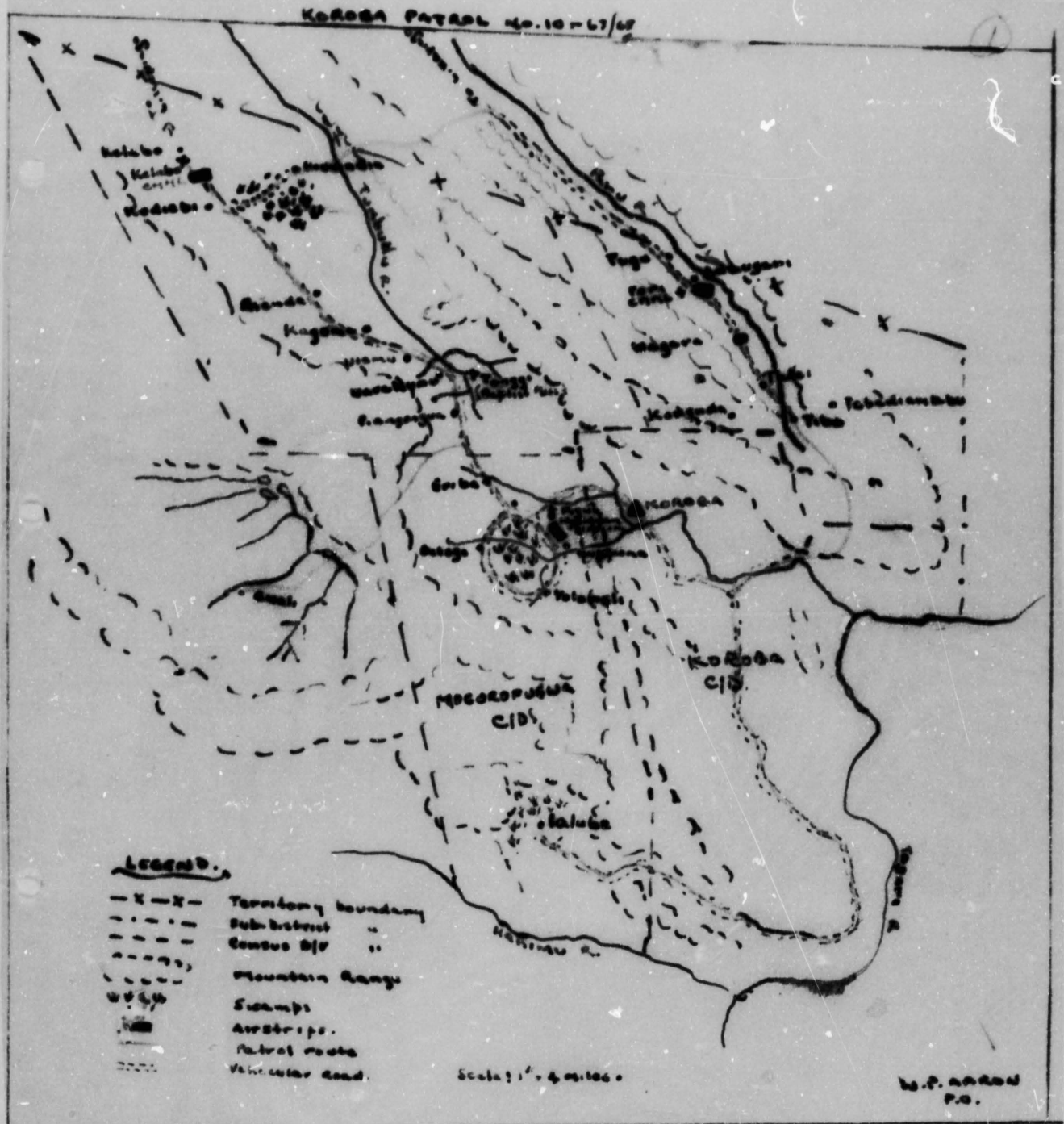
5. The census centres, Hugini and Aluwini, will be no longer regarded as census centres because the people have migrated out to near-by villages. The Kogaldia has been censused at Aienda because it has not been utilized by the previous patrol and the people gathered here where the originally censused.

W.P. Aaron.  
Patrol Officer.



KOROGA PATROL 40.10-67/68

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. KOROBA 11 of 1967/68  
J.O. HUNTER, a/Assistant District Commissioner.

Patrol Conducted by.....  
Area Patrolled..... 'The POGAIA Area of the Strickland River'  
(Western portion of the DUNA Sub-District & North Western corner of the NOMAD Admin Area on the Eastern side of the Strickland River.)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... Nil  
Natives..... 6 R.P.&N.G.C. Members.  
2 Interpreters. 55 carriers -accompanied for the full duration.

Duration—From..... 18 4 68 to..... 12 5 68.

Number of Days..... Twenty five.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... No  
Major part of the route covered not previously patrolled.

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

Map Reference..... See attached Map.

Objects of Patrol..... See herein.

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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29th. April, 1969.

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

PATROL NO. KOROKA 11/67-68.

Your reference 67-3-11 of 16th. April, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by  
Mr. J. B. Hunter, a/Assistant District Commissioner to POGAIA  
Area of the Strickland River.

It is indeed a great pity that submission of this report  
has been delayed for so long. The information contained in same  
would have been most suitable for Press Release purposes had it  
been received following on the completion of the patrol itself.

I presume that arrangements have been made for a further full-  
scale patrol to the area before any plans are made to mount patrols  
from both Koroka and Mendi.

The question of the supply of the type of transceiver referred  
to by you is still under consideration and you will be advised  
further in due course.

I regret that no accurate maps of the area between Lake  
Koplogo and Mendi are available at present. It is doubtful whether  
an Aerial Photographic Survey of the Pogala area would be considered  
a priority task at this stage.

Further any mineral survey of the area would be contingent on  
more detailed information on the area being obtained before same  
would be undertaken. This will no doubt, be one of the objects of  
the follow-up patrol.

Any decision concerning the administration of the area either  
by Lake Koplogo or Koroka is being deferred for the time being  
until an adequate submission can be presented covering same.

Mr. Hunter has carried out an excellent piece of field work and  
he is to be commended for same. I do not appear to have received the  
photographs he referred to in the report. Could they be forwarded  
to this Headquarters please.

Ten copies of map are enclosed herewith.

Encl.

(T. W. ELLIS)  
Director.

C.C.  
Mr. J. D. Hunter,  
a/Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
KOROKA. Southern Highlands District.

Please note that political education must be a continuing process in  
all situations with the emphasis on the advantages of national unity.



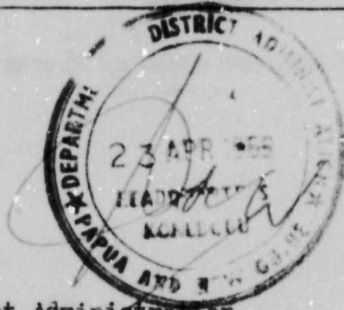


TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone  
Telegrams  
Our Reference 67-3-11  
If calling ask for  
Mr.



Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

16th April, 1969.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT KOROKA 11 of 1967-68

Please find enclosed a report of a patrol to the Pogaia people of the Strickland River submitted by the a/A.D.C. Koroba, Mr. J. O. Hunter. I apologize for the lateness of this report. I had thought it was submitted many months ago and was in fact on the point of asking you for your comments when I found it filed away. This is doubly unfortunate as it was a good patrol and the first of a series Mr. Hunter and I had planned for the area.

The patrol was an initial foray into a new area and Mr. Hunter experienced the difficulties inherent in such a venture. The people, primitive, suspicious and timid, were uncooperative and the only assistance he received was by the braver souls who led him through and out of their area as quickly as they could possibly do so.

The area is sparsely populated and the terrain is rugged in the extreme and it was as well that it was decided that the expedition should operate in the dry season, otherwise conditions would have been even more hazardous on the steep hills and mountain streams.

Epidemics do not take their toll of the semi-nomads in the same dramatic fashion as they do in more heavily populated areas. At the first sign of sickness the groups disintegrate and scatter, reducing contact and spread of disease; even so the small number of children seen was not to be wondered at as neo-mortality rates in malarial country such as this are usually very high. This, allied with the tough struggle for existence, is not conducive to high population densities.

I appreciate the value of linking up with a patrol from the Nomad but I would like a better equipped patrol to take a closer look at the general area patrolled this time. This will entail airdrops of food and supplies which should be quite simple to arrange provided that effective radio communications are possible. I have already suggested to you that a close look could be taken of the EILCO H.F. TRANSCEIVER - 5 CHANNELS - TYPE 6104 which is readily available in Port Moresby. British Petroleum Explorations Ltd., an experienced group used this set in the Lavani with success. Of particular value is its light weight (10 lbs. and 20 lbs. for a battery), and portability.

I would appreciate you trying to get hold of some good maps of the area between Kopiago and the Nomad which should make our task that much easier.

*D. J. Clancy*  
(D. J. CLANCY)

District Commissioner.

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*Could we have the copies of the map made & sent back please*

*D. J. Clancy*  
16/4





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



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Telegrams.....

Our Reference 67-1-2.....

If calling ask for.....

Mr.....

Department of District Administration.

KOROBA .

27th August, 1968

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

PATROL REPORT - KOROBA No. 11 of 1967/68 .

Attached, please find 3 copies of my abovementioned Report, together with a claim for camping allowance. Included with the original is Appendix "A" which includes photographs taken of the type of people met by the Patrol, together with some comments. I have included a sketch map with the original, and wish to request that HQ print some ten copies of the same, for reference purposes District HQ Mendi and reference purposes this Sub-District. I would also like to make copies available to the Nomad and Lake Kopyago Offices. I can draw further copies at your request, but it would save considerable time and effort if HQ can oblige and print additional copies, the bulk for distribution from here. I regret lateness in submission. Such lateness revolves mainly around mail delay in receiving back copies of the photos which I have included in Appendix "A" to add interest to the Report.

The matter of the future Administration of this Region is raised in this Report. I think it is appropriate here to refer to the District Commissioner's (WHD) covering letter on Lake Kopyago P/R No. 6 of 1964/65 to the Director, of which covering copies were sent to yourself and to the D.C., Western District. (Reference is WHD 504 of 7th May, 1965). Comments were sought in respect of the submission in that Patrol Report that the POGAIA should be administered, "for the present", from Lake Kopyago. It would be more easily administered from Lake Kopyago. However, the people concerned are actually in the Duna and Nomad Sub-Districts, and should it be considered that further consolidation be made from Koroba, then I am quite willing to accept responsibility for these POGAIA people on behalf of this Sub-District.

Following upon the above, I would like you to take-up the following matters at a higher level :

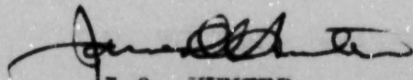
- (1) An Air Photo Survey of the POGAIA Region (BLUCHER RANGE) - by the Army Survey Corps/National Mapping. At present this area is just a green blank on the Map (i.e. Aust. Army Survey Corps 1966 - Ref. SB 54-7) .
- (2) The extensive survey of this area by geologists in respect of possible mineral, oil potential .
- (3) The request that Koroba receives a suitable 2-way Radio ( this could also be used by Komo Patrol Post for difficult patrols to the Bosavi area) - I note that there was a stage when we were at least 8 full days walk away from the main Koroba-Kopyago vehicular road, should we have had a medical crisis etc. I wish to recommend the same model as that now being utilised by British Petroleum Teams in this District. It was used in June in the Lavani Valley with great success. Features - it is light (10 lbs) battery 20-25 lbs, and can be carried in a pack by one man, and is cheap (approx \$300 with one crystal fitted). It is called BILCO H.F. TRANSCIEVER = 5CHANNELS - Type 6104, and is obtainable in Port Moresby.



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- (4) The matter of relatively substantial funds for supplies, carriers, and airdrops for any organised patrols, say, in 3rd Quarter and early 4th Quarter, 1968/69 .

For your consideration and attention, please .

  
J.O. HUNTER .  
a/Assistant District Commissioner .



PATROL REPORT .

KOROBA PATROL No. II OF 1967/68 .

PATROL CONDUCTED BY : J.O. HUNTER, a/ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER .

AREA PATROLLED: 'POGAIA Area of the Strickland River '  
WESTERN PORTION OF THE DUNA SUB-DISTRICT &  
NORTH-WESTERN CORNER OF NOMAD SUB-DISTRICT,  
EAST OF THE STRICKLAND RIVER.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY: 6 MEMBERS OF THE R.P.&N.G.C.  
2 INTERPRETERS.  
55 CARRIERS THROUGHOUT .

DURATION: TWENTY FIVE DAYS .

LAST PATROL TO AREA : NIL. ROUTE COVERED NOT PREVIOUSLY PATROLLED .

- OBJECTS OF PATROL :
- (1) INVESTIGATE WHETHER UNCONTACTED POGAIA PEOPLE EAST OF THE STRICKLAND RIVER.
  - (2) LOCATE, MAKE CONTACT AND CENSUS NEW POPULATION, AND ESTIMATE THEIR EXTENT.
  - (3) ASCERTAIN PROBLEMS POGAIA INHABITANTS, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO HEALTH AND LAW AND ORDER .
  - (4) EXPLORATORY .



DIARY OF PATROL .

- 18.4.68 . Camp set up at KELABO Rest House . Movement of patrol stores and equipment mainly by carriers from
- 19.4.68 . Koroba Station to KELABO, a distance of some 25 miles.
- 20.4.68 . Preparations made to sign-on a carrier-line to accompany the patrol, some to accompany for up to a week and others for the anticipated duration of the patrol of several weeks .
- 21.4.68 . Self at KELABO. 6 police left early morning with bulk of rations and stores for GERORO. Self organising final stores and carriers for movement to-morrow to GERORO. Camped KELABO .
- 22.4.68 . Moved off with carriers at 0525 hours, a little prior to first light. Made bush-camp mid-afternoon after some 9 hours on the move. Climbed to over 9,000 feet through the day. No rain. Camped.
- 23.4.68 . No rain through night. Broke camp 0610 hrs. Arrived at GERORO's newly-built rest houses around noon, about 5 hrs actual walking. 15 hours on the move from KELABO to GERORO - about 13 hrs actual walking in good weather. Afternoon at GERORO. Selection of carriers to accompany & sorting of all cargo/rations now assembled. New GERORO R.H. and camp about a mile from site and is at 7,000 feet. Cold night .
- 24.4.68 . Again no rain through the night. Set out at 0555 hrs 6½ hrs ; carriers 7½ hours to suitable campsite, ANDUGAGO. A camping spot for two previous patrols, one Koroba-Nomad patrol in 1964. Camp at 5,800 feet below Mt ANDU of 7,000 feet, over which we have just come . No water here but this was anticipated and have carried same from a stream we left about 5 hours ago. Limestone country, heavily timbered, with the rivers and streams flowing underground. Have headed in a generally S.W. throughout this day. Night at ANDUGAGO Camp.
- 25.4.68 . 0600 hrs departed camp of 5,800'. Climbing, progress slowed due necessity to hack through thick undergrowth. 0840 hrs at 4,650 ft after steep descent, then commenced a long climb reaching summit of Mt MAMU by 1300 hrs - 6,500 feet. Descended to a spot called TAWOTO. By 1400 had located a good campsite near a creek (TINGA) . All cargo at campsite within 8½ hrs of breaking camp this morning. Interpreter HIMUBE and the two FOGAIA lads left camp about 1500 hrs, heading to their old garden dwelling some 5-6 hours walk further on, in attempt to locate and placate people of their clan previously living here and prev. uncontacted; young lad feels people will run away if we arrive unannounced & may prepare to attack our party. Rain commenced falling heavily at 1620 hrs. Break at 1800 enabled me to conduct small Anzac ceremony with police members. Bugler accompanies. Last post. Cold night at TAWOTO Bush Camp at 6,200 feet .



26.4.68 . 0635 departed camp. Gradual descent, still in thick rain and moss forest and still heading generally S.W. 1005 hrs halt at limestone caves at top of ridge at approx. 3,350 feet, with excellent panoramic view to South and West - Pogaia territory. Some Houses seen in distance through binoculars - one a very large long-house above sheer limestone (though efforts were made in the next few days these particular houses sighted from this vantage point could not be located). Limestone caves are used - recent ashes & some firewood cut and stacked. 1215 hrs came to solitary house and garden - 5 hrs walk from overnight camp - 7 hours carry. First garden or sign of cultivation since we left GERORO three days ago. Garden settlement deserted, appears some weeks since the place was lived in - boys cannot explain where the previous occupants have gone; it is up to six months since the boys were brought to KELABO by HIKUBE, and they had previously lived here with between 20 and 30 people. Camp made in garden clearing - thick bush, heavily timbered ridges surround, waterfall nearby - this spot out of Highlands area & I record it as being at 1850 feet ASA, which means we have dropped some 4,350 feet since our overnight camp at 6,200 feet. Talks with carriers in evening. 55 to remain, 22 to go back - All wish to stay but persuaded that is necessary for a number to go back from this point because of food problems which we will confront. The eldest of the two LABS accompanying, KERENE, a potential guide and interpreter, ran away or was lured away during the night without even a word to his young brother YEBERE, who remains with us.

27.4.68 . Camp arisen by 0530 hrs. 0640 hrs broke camp and commenced walking - 55 carriers accompany, 22 back to KELABO/KOROBA. To NALI River (BURNETT River I think) crossing - waterfall and rapids as River surges around one main massive boulder in the centre of the stream. Replacement of part of rotten bridging at crossing - probably at least an hour to get cargo across this River. 0830-0930 hrs. Climbing up a steep bank from the River through numerous stinging nettles we had first contact with POGAIA people - an old man and a young man both fully armed with bow and arrows, old man friendly, younger man quite shifty - initially got the story from them to the effect that they are in constant hiding and fear of attack by another group, and that they have no houses, women, food etc., being constantly 'on the run' - latter no doubt partly true but appear mainly to wish to divert us away from their living area. Persuaded the two to guide us and after about another 1 1/2 hrs came across a large garden area, woman and daughter (covered in tinea) under a rough leaf shelter which they claim is their main house - it is obviously not. Garden sight at 1,500 feet. Bought some kau-kau, sugar cane and bannana in exchange for soap, salt, matches etc. After 1 1/2 hrs left with younger man as a guide in an effort to locate the settlement sighted in the distance yesterday morning. After some 2 1/2 pretty rough and hot walking our newly-found guide ran away. Mid-afternoon located a site for camp at 1,500 on side of mountain. Some of carriers did a full 8 hours again this day. Very heavy rain during the night. Old man met to-day at our camp - our being here seems a great source of novelty and amusement to him, but he has not imparted any useful information re local tracks, population etc.



22.4.68 .. Sunday. Best day. Advantage taken of hot sun for setting off albatross traps, and rest for all, particularly carriers. Although the weather is now about to blow in this area failed - house located but has not been lived in for about two weeks. Initial part of track as will follow the course cut by some of the carriers. Some hunting success yields a scanty amount of fresh meat. Night again spent bush-camp. HUSUBU.

23.4.68 .. MONDAY. With our first camp. After some six hours carry and crossing of several small creeks stopped by the NALI River. A crude bridge has obviously been in previous use by local inhabitants but has been completely washed away with only one solitary post remaining unbroken in the river-bed and protruding above the water about 70 or 80 feet from the bank. The river being a couple of hundred feet across, relatively shallow, but with flowing with rapids within another one hundred feet or so downstream. Span rope across the river and attached it to a large boulder on the opposite bank. Polices then proceeded to ferry the cargo across - several coastal polices had very good work here in getting cargo and some very frightened non-swimming Huri/Mua carriers across the river without mishap. Camp set up about 50 feet above river near our crossing point. Crossing in all took at least some 4 hours. Altitude approx 480 feet. Contact made in the evening with another six people living by HIRIBU, HIRIBU and several of the questions about an hour's walk from our camp at a house-garden site I had noted at the junction of the Doh Creek and the NALI River below our camp. Heavy rain. To-day to reach our campsite we had again travelled in a general S.W. direction.

24.4.68 .. Youth (with very bad lines covering most of his body) brought in to last night's camp by HIRIBU and others just prior to 0700 hrs. Other six not willing to come forward - only youth willing to act as guide. 0710 hrs departed camp - headed in general N.W. direction and moved out of the NALI Valley. About mid-afternoon came upon an area of sage palm and located some 12 people gathered in a sage-thatched hut - most (particularly women) were about to flee as soon as our party sighted, but one of the interpreters encircled the back of their settlement and they decided to remain. Talks, and exchange of gifts. Initial census taken. Camp set up on opposite side of nearby stream to local dwelling. Carriers up to 8 1/2 hours, hot weather knocking them about. Groups first contact by patrol. A limited amount of local food bought. Double guard on camp this night. Camp area called HOGALE.

1.5.68 .. Left HOGALE 600 feet A.S.A. at 0615 hrs. Youth guide of yesterday presented with a bushknife. Four adult men contacted yesterday have decided to accompany patrol to-day. 1 hours walk to extensive kau-kau gardens (DOGOTO) - large new house being built around large tree's stumps, almost finished - communal house; half for men and half for women and children. House over 20 feet above the ground. Several other houses and gardens located hidden away in areas of surrounding thick bush.



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- 28.4.68 . Sunday. Rest day. Advantage taken of hot sun for washing of cloths etc., and rest for all, particularly carriers. Attempt to locate a man known to live in this area failed - house located but has not been lived in for about two weeks. Initial part of track we will follow to-morrow cut by some of the carriers. Some hunting success yields a scanty amount of fresh meat. Night again spent bush-camp GUGUSU .
- 29.4.68 . 0600 hrs set out from Camp. After some six hours carry and crossing of several small creeks party stopped by the NALI River. A kunda bridge has obviously been in previous use by local inhabitants but had been completely washed away with only one solitary post remaining sunken in the river-bed and protruding above the water about 70 or 80 feet from the bank, the River being a couple of hundred feet across, relatively shallow, but swift-flowing with rapids within another one hundred feet or so downstream. Swam rope across the River and attached it to a large boulder on the opposite bank. Police then proceeded to ferry the cargo across - several coastal policemen did very good work here in getting cargo and some very frightened non-swimming Huri/Duna carriers across the River without mishap. Camp set up about 50 feet above River near our crossing point. Crossing in all took at least some 4 hours. Altitude approx 480 feet. Contact made in the evening with another six people living by HIMBE, YESERE and several of the carriers about an hour's walk from our camp at a house-garden site I had noted at the junction of the Dei Creek and the Nali River below our camp. Heavy rain. To-day to reach our campsite we had again travelled in a general S.W. direction .
- 30.4.68 . Youth (with very bad tinea covering most of his body) Brought in to last night's camp by HIMUBE and others just prior to 0700 hrs. Other six met not willing to come forward - only youth willing to act as guide . 0710 hrs departed camp - headed in general N.W. direction and moved out of the NALI Valley. About mid-afternoon came upon an area of sago palm and located some 12 people gathered in a sago-thatched hut - most particularly women were about to flee as soon as our party sighted, but one of the Interpreters encircled the back of their settlement and they decided to remain. Talks, and exchange of gifts. Initial census taken. Camp set up on opposite side of nearby stream to local dwelling . Carriers up to 8 1/2 hours, hot weather knocking them about Groups first contact by patrol. A limited amount of local food bought. Double guard on camp this night. Camp area called HOGALE.
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At around 0800 hrs we had arrived at another house a few years old and deserted (MINISI) - quite extensive kau-kau gardens at 750 feet ASA - a large Mountain, Mt DOGOPA noted to the NNE. Another 45 minutes walk, making only about 2½ hrs since our overnight camp, and self and party came across a small house of thatched sago-palm, virtually hidden away in thick undergrowth and unkempt garden and banana trees - called HAIGAIISI and we still travel this morning in a West to N.W. direction. HAIGAIISI people (speak POGAIA language) not previously contacted - initial census and talks - 12 people sighted here - several women and children fled into bush on our approach - those met were inside the communal house, eating, smoking, talking etc., and were surprised there. 320 feet ASA. Approx. another ½ hour walking and cutting through bush brought us to the Strickland River! ..... A wide, grubby, swift-flowing and dangerous-looking stream - a brown fluid mass of swirling eddies with steep banks of thick bush and limestone on either side. We sat and rested, ate biscuits and threw sticks into this River called the Strickland watching their transformation into helpless corks flowing to the south. My altimeter on the bank at water-level registered 220 feet ASA. About another hour of walking and hacking and travel of only a relatively short distance from where we had rested at the River's edge located a good clear stream a couple of hundred feet above the Strickland - the main settlement contacted to-day being on a nearby ridge. Small amounts of taro, banana, kau-kau and sago purchased from the group living nearby, who came to our camp area in the late afternoon - Apart from a few bunches of banana in the Nali River area first fresh food of any quantity we have been able to purchase for 8 days (since leaving GERORO & there was limited) and 10 days of constant movement since leaving plentiful fresh food supplies at KELABU.

Fight-leader MI-UBI met yesterday and who led us to-day through the area covered and to further handful of people met, has offered with another to act as guide for the patrol to-morrow as we follow the Strickland upstream.

There is further population in this area, but we have neither the time or resources to do anything but push-on - in the last three days we have actually met over 30 previously uncontacted persons of the POGAIA language group who theoretically are in the NOMAD Administrative Area, and although they state otherwise I do not consider we have seen their main dwelling houses and all the people of this particular population pocket.

A vicious electrical storm ripped through our camp between 5.30 and 6.45 p.m., and there was rain throughout the night at our Strickland River Camp.

2.5.68.

Broke camp at 0620 hrs - 2 hrs 10 minutes N to NW to to a garden - No house could be located neither could the man who MI-UBI stated lives here and could act as a guide for us. Next 2 hrs (E - N.E.) spent walking and hacking after we had run out of any sort of track. Vague tracks come across from time to time and occasional axe marks, but no recent signs anywhere. Camp site located about 7½ hours after leaving camp, and after about 6¼ hrs walking - all cargo in within 9½ hours. Showers throughout the day. Most difficult country, particularly for human porters. One interesting feature of to-day was walk shortly prior to reaching our campsite up a long sloping waterfall-creek (WAGILI) - we climbed for 20-30 minutes over and up a solid sloping stone surface of this waterfall for many hundred feet - some very pretty miniature falls throughout its length - but no escalator!



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2.5.68 . Camp set up by late afternoon MONGO Ridge at approx. 2,000 feet ASA . Heavy rain during night .

3.5.68 . Set out from overnight camp at 0620 hrs heading N -NW -selected a camp site some 7 hrs later near a small kunai area where there is a stream with good water - last carriers in after 9 hrs 20 mins on the move. After moving off this morning we moved gradually into a gorge area of the Strickland River. We descended into this Gorge area, much of the track being virtually sheer - somehow or other all came through without loss of person or cargo - although Interpreter/Carrier Hinube as one stage slipped and was only saved from a sheer drop of several hundred over a cliff to certain death by grasping hold of a small root and being hauled up by others. It took some 6 hours to descend almost to the River . I think this area must be in the vicinity or be the Devil's Race - of what could be seen of the River (even at times from a distance) it appeared as a seething and rushing mass of turbulence and boiling whirlpools etc. . Carriers must have taken up to 8 hours for this section - A couple of hours was taken-up when rope had to be used on a sheer face to get cargo and men over it. I have never asked men to carry over such a dreadful track before - again they did admirably . No population whatsoever contacted within the area we came within the Gorge to-day, though the track has been used by locals in the past. The four newly-contacted POGAIA men (including fight-leader MI-UEPI) accompanying us as 'guide' , indicated they were out of their 'Territory' and did not wish to accompany us further, and despite attempts to persuade them to remain (promises of axes etc) , they ran off up an almost sheer area of cliff and rainforest to melt away, masters in their own right of this shocking environment. And this matter of 'guides' of this patrol running off and leaving us high and dry is the rule and not the exception on this patrol. Camp at approx 900 feet ASA above the Strickland River, near a small circular area of limestone and kunai, which is surrounded by thick rainforest , and is almost as if a meteor struck this spot sometime in the past .

4.5.68 . 0630 hrs departed overnight Camp above Strickland at an unknown and un-named place - and nobody to give it a name to us. After 3 hrs following a vague track through dense rainforest came across a garden - overgrown and deserted - ashes of a fire appeared about a week old ..... but again nobody could be located ..... Shortly after we lost any sign of a track and for the rest of the day we moved hacking our way along - heading generally North throughout - climbed up and out of the Gorge area and descended down the southern side of a Creek - probably about a thousand or 1,500 feet to this creek flowing West to the Strickland - almost sheer descent in places. Made camp above this pretty and crystal-clear stream sandwiched between two shockingly steep-sided mountains. Camp at approx. 1,700 feet . On the move for 9 hours this day. Last cargo in at campsite at 1700 hrs within 10½ hrs - carriers again have done excellent work - Again no population sighted-axe marks and deserted house only to indicate some inhabitants hidden away somewhere in this dense and tangled green mass .

5.5.68.

Sunday. Walked 0715-1530 hrs when found a campsite - walked another 1½ hrs and found a good clean stream about 25 minutes from camp, and marked start of track so followed at first light to-morrow - by the time I had returned all carriers in (1700 hrs). Good weather prevails. To-day we headed generally North throughout - vague tracks noted early and later in the day, but I think these are probably hunting tracks made by local inhabitants who live for the major part of the time elsewhere (in closer vicinity of the Strickland) and who hunt in this vast rainforest and mountain area to the hinterland - again no population whatsoever contacted. Moved mainly on compass to-day. Camp at 2,750 feet in rainforest.

6.5.68.

This had to be a long day to try and locate something and find more exactly where we were - everywhere are high steep ridges and **thick** forest - no people or gardens and we have been mainly cutting our own path a number of days. Left camp at 0600 hrs and after some 10 hours walking and a series of high ridges and steep valleys we finally struck another population pocket tucked away in the BALOLO River Valley - gardens were sighted on the opposite side of the Valley from a vantage point at the top of a ridge looking toward the North West (2,500 feet) Descended to point 800 feet ASA and above River and here we came upon a clearing where new gardens were being prepared and where there were two houses, this particular settlement having been hidden from our view, and had we not seen the garden clearing on the opposite side of the Valley and been moving toward them we would have missed this place. Once having come upon this clearing and houses we moved quietly up upon a young lad working clearing part of a large new garden area - the lad was naturally overawed, and after shaking hands with him and speaking to him we moved down to the houses just in time to cut off the retreat and call back women who were running away - Number of men and children here also and more arrive in the evening, and in the evening I learn that these FOGAIA people have also not previously been contacted. (Contact made with some 80 people to-day and during the next two days following).

Last of carriers limped in at 1800 hrs - 12 hours on the go in this shocking country.

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and young women and children scarce. Report of killing probably within the last year and reputedly some 10 days walk from here, probably from where we have come or further down in the Nomad Area - man from this group reported murdered by others. Report noted - at this stage interpretation difficulties are considerable.

Two men have offered to accompany the patrol back to Koroba. One of these is the young leader of this group KENASAKA, who has not previously traveled outside this area and is the position with all others.

Other fine day and clear night.

8.5.68 .

Party departed camp at very first light 0555 hrs. 0705 hrs crossed BALOLO River further upstream across a small suspension-type bridge where the River narrowed to rush through a deep stone chasm. 0730 hrs garden and house woman and boy met, given matches and soap and names recorded. Interpreter Angobe coming behind located another nine persons here (4 men 3 women and 2 children (M)) and numerous pigs shut-up in the house at this garden area, having locked themselves in there. Heading generally N.E. At 0920 hrs heading NNE looked back to SE (150°) at MARAWE Creek sighted garden and smoke other side of valley (SUWAKA). Given names of another 8 adults (4 men and 4 women) by guide, reticent for a while to give us any information at all. Next patrol should locate a further handful of people in this specific area.

Steep climb - at 1210 hrs top of Mt YOWALO (3,300 feet ASA) and overlooking the BALOLOK Valley. ¼ hr walk to SIBANDO which is an extensive kau-kau garden area. Of a group working in the gardens two youths grabbed their bows and arrows and fled for the bush but headed off by the guides of to-day and Interpreters. Sibando at 3,200 feet ASA. At least an hour spent here gathering information and an initial census of some 17 more POGAIA people was carried out from settlements of within a few miles radius of SIBANDO, DAGALU and TOGOMEI. To PALAGAWALA, a garden area and Mens Communal House - some 8½ hrs actual walking arrived approx. 1630 hrs. Commenced to set up Camp. Last carriers in by 1800 hrs - 12 hrs on the move. Coming up Mt YAWALO, some 4 houses and gardens could be seen in the distance across the Valley 120° to 160° East and 1-2 gardens to the South East.

PALAGAWALA - 13 men in Community House - 10 who were not met this afternoon - all claim to bachelors gay with no kinfolk, no wives and no children - many or most are I'm certain lying. Feel we might have arrived here at an opportune time, as for some reason there were thirteen men gathered here together feasting with the place like an armory and all denied having any women or children or families - I considered the gathering was probably a pact to 'do over' plunder, or abduct some other small POGAIA group. Warned that the Government had now found them and would not tolerate any further killings or abductions such as have been going on. At least one of those gathered (Penis Gourd type) was from the Strickland, and others no doubt from different scattered areas to the hinterland of the Strickland - all, including Penis Gourd type spoke the same language - POGAIA. We then staged a demonstration of firearms against their bow and arrows, and probably helped to convince them that what we had told them should be heeded. Fresh food purchased. Double guard again to--night.



- 9.5.68 . In the first 2-3 hours of walking this morning another 8 people were met at a couple of garden-homesteads. Some 8 hrs actual walking - carriers up to 10½ - all in. Camp made after long climb at 6,400 feet ASA ( Mt KERERO ). Cold stormy night.
- 10.5.68 . 0615 on the move and commenced climbing reaching the top of Mt KERERO (7,600 feet) after 1½ hrs. Now have moved into the Lake Kapiago Administrative Area and reached Rest House at YEDC (MAGILI) in under five hours. We finished our food last night anticipating food had been left here as I arranged with 2 other Police at the beginning of the Patrol, however, find it has been left at ARUWINI so had to walk another six hours, making about 10½ hrs this day - carriers considerably longer and well into the night. Plenty of food here ex-Koroba plus kau-kau etc. Fine night. Carriers exhausted but kau-kau has cheered them up.
- 11.5.68 . Saturday. Left overnight Camp at 0715 hrs, reaching Kapiago-Koroba Expressway about 6 hours later (5½ hrs walk); at a point about 42 road miles from Koroba. Walked along the Road for several hours, awaiting carriers and transport from Koroba - the carriers were in by 2100 hrs on a fine moonlit night, all except three who are at a Kapiago Aid Post a couple of hours back along the road nursing bad knees - No transport was met up with. Camped night.
- 12.5.68. Sunday. 0700 hrs commencing walking back toward Koroba. Met up with Car and Council Tractor at Kamenda (P/NG Border) - Car had a flat tyre last night and had not met and linked-up with patrol party. Back to Koroba around Noon. Cargo etc. mid afternoon. Patrol stood down. One solitary POGAIA man (KENASAKA OYOBIMI of PALA-LASI) has accompanied us back to Koroba Station - it is hoped he will stay on here for a while, and will later be of considerable help to future patrols to the POGAIA peoples living adjacent to the Strickland and its eastern tributaries.

END OF DIARY .

PURPOSE OF PATROL .

The broad aims of this patrol were : -

- (1) To investigate the probability of there being uncontacted people of the POGAIA language along the Eastern side of the Strickland River and its tributaries, and the hinterland region between the Lavani Valley, Muller Range and Strickland River.
- (2) Where possible to locate, make contact with and census any such new population, and to endeavour to estimate their extent in this region .
- (3) To ascertain the problems facing the inhabitants of this isolated and most inhospitable region, particularly with regard to health matters and to law and order .
- (4) Exploratory - in endeavouring to locate these people, to cover previously un-patrolled tracts of country.

INTRODUCTION AND NARRATIVE .

At the outset I must confess that this patrol is one I have for some years wished to undertake, probably since first reading of the Strickland Patrol in the early 1950's . During the few years I was in Pari during 1964-1967 I heard occasional rumours of possible small uncontacted population groups in the western sector of the Duna Sub-District. I being posted to Koroba in December 1967 I decided to follow-up such vague rumours, and inquiries in the period January-March 1968 revealed truth in rumours of limited population on the eastern side of the Strickland and within the province of this Sub-District (and the adjoining Nomad Area) not yet contacted by patrols. I subsequently discussed this matter with you early this year and you were agreeable that I mount a patrol to this region.

There have been three previous patrols into part of the Strickland area inhabited by the POGAIA. The first patrol, that of Mr D.J. Mancy in 1954 with the Oil Survey Team took him right down the Strickland, but the majority of the POGAIA remained uncontacted as they lived further up the sides of the Gorge and its tributaries. The second was Mr J.P. Sinclair's patrol of 1955/56 which took him down the Strickland River as far as the Kungwasa Bridge and back again. On this patrol also the majority of the POGAIA people remained uncontacted. A Lake Kopiago patrol in 1964/65 led by Mr W.A. Cawthorne located some 230 POGAIA people, this patrol moving further to the east and further up some of the tributaries than had the previous two patrols.

These three patrols all entered the area from the North, coming from the western area of the Tumbudu Valley .

My patrol took an entirely different route, being the first to come from West/North West of the Lavani Valley below the southern end of the Tumbudu River, travelling South West through the Muller Range and to the Strickland River; thence generally North/North West along the lower part of the Strickland above the Burnett River, in the region through which the 1954 patrol passed (neither of the other two patrols having come this far south along the Strickland), thence mainly to the North and North East and thus more into the 'interior' than had been previously traversed by other patrols, among further reaches of the numerous streams flowing West/South West to the Strickland, and the mountainous and broken terrain through which they flow. I avoided the lower



reaches of some of these tributaries where small population in some instances had been located by the 1964/65 Lake Kapiago Patrol, and some sighted by the two earlier patrols no doubt, I did this in an endeavour to seek out other population more in the hinterland to the East of the Strickland, and the upper sector and upper reaches of the BALOLO River Valley.

The patrol made contact with some 150 people, and some further very small pockets were located. This means together with the 230 previously located that some 380 people of the FOGAIA Linguistic Group have to date been contacted and recorded. I consider there could be upwards of 500 of these FOGAIA people in a region which embraces both part of the Duna Sub-District and the NOMAD Administrative Area. In addition small numbers of the FOGAIA people have migrated out over Mt KERERO to the YERU Dana group at MAGALI on the fringe of Lake Kapiago's Tumbudu Census Division.

My Diary is of some length, and together with the Map should give a fair picture of the patrol. Several photos I took which depict some of those of the FOGAIA met by the patrol are being forwarded with the Original of this Report and should prove of interest.

#### PATROL MAP AND ROUTE .

Patrol route can be ascertained from the Map and Diary . Following the completion of the patrol I obtained a print of the Map compiled by the 1964/65 Lake Kapiago Patrol, and I have utilised this Map based on Fourmil Series and Blucher Sheet to compile a rough Map of the Patrol route.

The 'Blucher Range' SB 54-7 (Scale 1:250,000) printed by the Royal Australian Survey Corps 1966, although probably the most up-to-date Map which includes the region which was the subject of this patrol is valueless, since it merely reveals the area as a green blank. It is hoped that it will not be too long before this area is photographed from the air, and Maps are compiled from such. Even with such Maps it will still be difficult from the ground to pin-point one's position with accuracy such is the nature of the terrain and vegetation in greater part of this region east of the Strickland .

#### CARRIERS.

I think I made it obvious throughout my Diary that I have nothing but praise for the Huri/Duna carriers who accompanied and carried over shockingly harsh country for virtually the entire trip. They travelled at a rate which could have taken a carrier line twice or three times as long, had there been time on hand and the ready availability of local food. With the complete lack of local food which the patrol could draw upon, and therefore the necessity for all food supplies to be carried, our duration in the area had to be limited. Thus, to cover the ground and at the same time ensure that supplies would spin-out it was necessary for the carriers to work exceptionally hard and long hours, both carrying and setting up and breaking Camp.

They had to be pushed a little toward the end, but overall they showed tremendous stamina under the circumstances.

PATROL PARTY MEMBERS.(a) Police.

Six members. Did good work. Young Constable ELENA did an excellent job throughout in his first real 'bush' patrol. He particularly proved his worth with his swimming prowess in a crossing made of the NALI River. Constable PAKIO was forever 'on the go', usually coming up at the rear with the lagging carriers and encouraging and giving physical assistance to them, a strong man with seemingly endless stamina. Constables AUNIP and KAMBALONGE both revealed good knowledge of bushcraft, and both proved to be very good hunters. The other two members were mediocre

(b) Interpreters & Guides.

Interpreter Angobe Kangate who I've previously worked with at Tari accompanied, and as always was valuable, reliable and of good humour. He did particularly well to cover the greater part of the trek in high-heel riding boots. New Duna Interpreter Patrol Humbi gained valuable experience.

Mission Interpreter (CML of KELABO) HIMUBE accompanied as a Carrier/Interpreter, together with a young POGAIA lad, YESERE, aged about 12. This lad whose both parents have been reputedly wiped-out in past fighting in the POGAIA Area is an orphan who had been adopted by HIMUBE whilst out to the SW of GERERO some 6 months prior to the patrol, he and his brother KERENE coming back to KELABO to seek medical aid for the elder brother. After having spent some 6 months at KELABO, and after I had brought them to Koroba for a short period, they both accompanied my patrol, KERENE however was 'spirited away' on return to their homeground some 3 days from GERERO. The lad YESERE however tagged along with HIMUBE throughout the patrol, and both were invaluable, HIMUBE understanding part of the POGAIA language and the lad after some 6 months, some Duna.

As noted in my Diary all men and lads met who we hoped might assist us as guides, either refuse point blank, or else eventually ran off and left us at their whim, invariably despite offers of axes, bushknives. They were not willing to accompany us outside their own clan or extended family territorial 'boundaries', being obviously frightened of other small groups even though of the same POGAIA tongue. Only in the last 5-6 days of the Patrol did we locate a man willing to stick with us. This was KENASAKA the young clan leader from PALA-LASI (photograph). He and another young man decided to accompany us back to Koroba, however the other decided to turn back after the first day and head back to the BALALO River once we had started climbing out and away from it. However, through the young leader KENASAKA we made contact with another 59 people, apart from the 20 censused at his own homestead-gardens of PALA-LASI.

KENASAKA is still at Koroba and appears quite happy to remain here for the time being. The lad YESERE is still with HIMUBE and now understands Duna relatively well. It is hoped that both will remain at Koroba and Kelabo, and by the time of the next patrol planned for early 1969 the language barrier should to a great extent have been overcome, thus these two will be in our confidence and will serve as most valuable guides and interpreters into this difficult and little-known region.

(c) Medical.

A Medical Orderly from the Koroba Hospital accompanied. Simon Sumanan was kept busy and managed well.



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HEALTH.

Those people (men and women) appearing in the accompanying photographs (No's 1-5) were quite fit and healthy, these being from the Burnett-Strickland River region. However, during the patrol (particularly in the lower area of the BALALO Valley) it was observed health, particularly amongst the womenfolk was not good. Some suffered (as did at least two men) an elephantiasis or filariasis-type disease

Also, from the very few children seen (Taking into consideration that there were a number in hiding and being hidden) it appears that there is a very high mortality rate amongst babies and young children throughout the POGAIA groups. A contributory factor, apart from the mosquito, is no doubt their un-settled, nomadic, and 'hit-run' existence which as yet prevails.

Some very bad cases of tinea were noted were noted in the majority of young people met who were between the ages of say 10 and 16 years.

I endeavoured to ascertain whether the inhabitants of the POGAIA region have had any recent epidemics which have resulted in deaths among the population on a large scale. I had heard rumours prior to setting out on this patrol of widespread sickness in this area beyond the Duna country of Koroba and Lake Kopiago from several sick people who had wandered in to the KELABO and TANGGI Mission Stations in the Tumbudu Valley of Koroba. It does appear that in the BALALO River area quite a large number of both children and adults have died during the last year or so. However, I had no success in finding what the symptoms were or why an unusually large number of persons had died. As far as I could ascertain it was not malaria alone, and I can only be vague and say that there has within the year prior to the patrol's entry into this area been some sort of epidemic. It appears that when sick those concerned just sat and lay in their houses and literally 'faded away'. Here again the language barrier was a very major problem. Next time with the Interpreter we are now training the task should be simpler.

At the time we were in the area there appeared to be no prevalent sickness.

SIBANDU (3,200 feet), a day's walk from PALA-LASI, home of the young leader who came back with the patrol to Koroba may prove a good place for the first Aid Post in the Area, once relations have been cemented in this Area by the next patrol. This patrol met some 81 people within a days walk either side of the SIBANDU Settlement. Others have also been met a little closer to the Strickland by the Lake Kopiago patrol (1964/65) and by Mr F. Halinan, Missionary of TANGGI, Koroba. An Aid Post would therefore be warranted on the basis that at present that are no existing medical facilities whatsoever available to any of the POGAIA people. An Aid Post would also have a very important settling effect on this remote area.

In very recent years I do think that the population has been declining from what little I was able to gather from conversation, and from evidence of abandoned and decayed houses and old abandoned and overgrown garden areas, which indicate a larger population in recent years. Nomadic tendencies and inter-group killings and abductions do not in my opinion fully account for an apparent decline in population. Sickness and disease has also obviously taken its toll. It is probable that new disease has on occasion been introduced from the outside during the course of trade and that the POGAIA have not always had significant immunity to combat such.



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AGRICULTURE .Overall Subsistence Pattern .

Unlike the Huri/Duna, subsistence agricultural forms only part of the basic economy of the POGAIA people. It is important but is not the mainstay. These people in addition hunters and gatherers of food having the heavy resources of the vast rain forests which surround them to draw upon. In the lower areas e.g. Burnett/Strickland region under 1,000 feet sago is available, and in addition they cultivate sweet potato, taro and banana. In the Upper Balalo Valley where the altitude may exceed 3,000, more sweet potato is grown than in the lower areas where sago is more of a staple. But these efforts at agricultural appear as pathetic scratchings in what is a vast sea of thick green forest. Pathetic, but admirable that man has under the circumstances and in a hostile environment been able to exist and regenerate. He has not overcome this environment as such would not be possible. But more important he has blended in with it, and to such a degree has mastered it. As such, to eke out his subsistence mode of living he has only relied to a limited degree on what he can himself plant and grow. The thick forest rather than the garden is his domain. He must therefore be pictured rather as gatherer and hunter.

Agriculture .

Kau-kau or sweet potato is grown where ever a group of POGAIA has built some form dwelling house, and it is therefore to be found throughout the entire area at each small population pocket. In the Burnett/Strickland area kau-kau together with sago, taro and banana is a staple foodstuff. In the middle and upper Balalo Valley kau-kau comes more into its own. It is only in the areas of quite close proximity of the Strickland and at a lower altitude where much sago is located.

The people of the POGAIA plant their kau-kau runners straight into the ground without first working the soil into mounds containing mulch in such a manner as the Wabag/Tari/Koroba people have developed. At BALA-LASI where we rested for a day, Wabag policeman PATIC had some demonstration mounds dug and planted with kau-kau in contrast with other runners planted directly into the ground with little preparation as is the normal POGAIA practice. It will be of interest to note the result.

Livestock .

Game is plentiful throughout the region, and includes quite a variety of birds including the Kokomo, the large bill of which has often found its way through trade to the Huri/Duna area. Various types of possum are also prevalent and sought by the hunter as is the cassowary.

Pigs sighted were very few and always quite small. Pigs are housed with the women and children. People invariably denied that they owned pigs, but the pigs themselves usually gave the owners away. No pigs were purchased or eaten by the patrol, although we did on at least two occasions offer to buy them, but when obvious the owners did not wish to part with them we dropped the matter. Wild pig is prevalent and a hazard to gardeners who generally built large log fences in an effort to keep them out. Abundance of bird and animal life and fact that these people are also hunters and gatherers (and nomadic) has no doubt meant that the domestic pig has gained less importance than in more settled and established communities where farming is the basic way of life.

I will endeavour during this year to introduce poultry into this area .



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LAW AND ORDER .

Throughout all groups of FOGAIA people met there was an obvious ever-present fear of attack by another raiding group. The fact that these people went out of their way to avoid us as a large and strange outside body is understandable. However, as an outsider one can note certain features of the internal situation which gave rise to the assumption that inter-clan raids amongst groups which may be separated by up to five days travel is not altogether a thing of the past. The main purpose of these raids would be to abduct women. Women are not numerous in any of these groups and hence the strong desire throughout to obtain them. At PALA-LASI, houses built were built with the view in mind not necessarily of comfort but of protecting the occupants. The walls of these low dwelling houses were of thick split logs bound closely together so that an arrow fired from the outside could not penetrate the dwelling. This dwelling/fortress set in the middle of a garden clearing also had slits cut in the form of a 'loop-hole' inside the house through which a guard shut-up within the house has a vantage-point of any outsider approaching the house and clearing and can himself fire arrows out of the house through the loop-hole from behind the protection of the thick split-timber walls. It was also noted that tracks leading to any settlement were never very clearly defined. It seems that the people of the settlement avoid using the same path too frequently if the path is one leading to the settlement in question.

A reported killing of a PALA-LASI man possibly some six months prior to the patrol's arrival has been noted at this Office, and will be investigated further by the next patrol to the area. However, reports given are vague, and no material witnesses were to be found. As well there is the language barrier, and as noted previously it is hoped that this will to an extent be overcome in the future by the training of a FOGAIA man here at Koroba now as an Interpreter. Although the Southern Highlands and Western District Administrative Border can only be guessed at on the ground it would appear that this killing took place well into the Nomad area possibly in the vicinity of the Nali (Burnett) River traversed by this patrol, and possibly was carried out by a group living in the HOGALE area (Leader MI-UBI), either contacted by this patrol or else outside the range of this patrol, but apparently not yet contacted from Nomad .

A logical (and certainly practical view considering the remoteness and physical impossibility of the region concerned) would be that what has previously happened - is past, and belongs to the past. Future or current killings can be gone into once the language barrier is overcome somewhat and the Administration whether it be from Koroba, Koplago or Nomad is a bit better organised to deal with the situation; what has previously happened has been an accepted way of life in an area which although not restricted, has been and still is (but to a lesser extent) outside Administration influence and control.

If possible I would like the next patrol from Koroba to this area to link-up with and liaise a Nomad patrol. I realise that Nomad no doubt has a very full plate with the Biami and other people further south, and this may therefore not be practical. Although the area covered by this patrol in contacting the FOGAIA people is in Papua in the Koroba and Nomad Areas, the Area could probably be more easily administered from Lake Koplago from which it is much more accessible. To visit that part of the Duna Sub-District which is inhabited by the FOGAIA it is necessary to travel extensively through both the Nomad and Lake Koplago Sub-Districts in setting-out from and returning to Koroba Station. Should Nomad intend to visit this area I will make Interpreters available, but it will be another 9 months before these are effective units. I will likewise link-up with Lake Koplago to assist should it be decided that the FOGAIA people be administered from there. Otherwise influence should be consolidated from Koroba.

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THE FOGAIA PEOPLE CONTACTED BY THIS PATROL.

All people met by this patrol spoke a common tongue, FOGAIA. However, for descriptive convenience I will divide them into two basic groups :-

- (1) The NALI (BURNETT) / STRICKLAND RIVER FOGAIA .
- (2) The B WAILO RIVER FOGAIA .

Although the language of both groups is basically the same, both groups are separated geographically by a considerable distance and are distinguishable in clothing worn and adornments, basic diet, habits and housing (e.g. former on high stilts off ground and built around large living tree trunks, latter built flush on the ground in fortress-like manner) .

I gained no information whatsoever to substantiate that the FOGAIA practice cannibalism. However, it would appear that cannibalism has in the past been practiced by the Kora Kuma peoples on the west bank of the Strickland, and there is strong traditional fear of these people by the FOGAIA. No doubt they would spin the same story on the other side of the River, as it is always the other fellow who is the 'badie'.

I consider that from what I have said in my Diary and during the Report, and particularly from the Photos in "Appendix 'A' " and Comments that the reader should gain a good idea of these people and their appearance etc.

In passing I note that all groups were in possession of a small number of steel axes which had been traded in to the area, most appeared reasonably old and well-used, and it is noted that in more recent years with the change of pattern of life amongst the Duna, and their pre-occupation with road-building, Council work Mission work and a general exodus to the coast to work, and as well the substitution of payment in shell by money has led to almost a complete breakdown of the old tradecoutes into the remote FOGAIA region. The only evidence of outside goods were a number of steel axes, and limited amounts shell in the form of necklaces, and one string only of trade beads. There was no other evidence of any other items such as cups, billy-cans, mirrors or cloth etc. (people still making their own bark cloth - type of tapa cloth) which indicates just how isolated from the outside world this area has been.

I would suggest that the FOGAIA originally settled in the environs adjacent to the Strickland as castaways from the populated Highlands to the East and North East and the more populated areas much further to the South toward Nomad. They have taken over a domain that no man would have chosen had he not been forced to do so. In roaming, settling and occupying small pockets in this inhospitable region they have certainly proved man's adaptability to blend in with his environment. I can but admire their resilience.



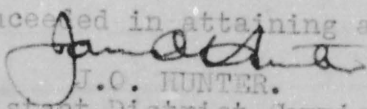
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SUMMARY.

Under 'Purpose Of Patrol' (page 9) I listed four broad aims of the patrol. I mention in brief what has been done and ascertained in the fulfilment of these aims .

- (1) The probability of there being uncontacted people of the POGAIA language group was established by the patrol. The majority of the population contacted was in the region between the Nali(Burnett) River and the immediate environs of the eastern side of the Strickland; the other main small population groups with which initial contact were made were along the mid-section of the BALALO River, and the headwaters of the Balalo River, East of the Strickland River and West of the main Muller Range.
- (2) As already mentioned some 150 'New' people were located by the patrol. This Office has to hand information regarding these people and those contacted by the 1964/65 Lake Kapiago patrol. The next patrol can consolidate on information on population located to date, and once it is decided what Admin Centres (Lake Kapiago, Koroba, Nomad) are to control the different small nomadic groups then no doubt more definite population figures can be submitted for this Sub-District. For the moment the fact is that small groups consisting of a total of some 380 men, women and children of the POGAIA linguistic group ranging over a large tract of country in the Koroba and Nomad Sub-Districts have been recorded. Small pockets of population are yet to be contacted, and it is estimated that there should be some 500 people of the POGAIA in this region.
- (3) Problems facing the area's inhabitants in respect of Health matters and Law and Order has been discussed (pages 12 & 14) . Although there is only a small population in <sup>country</sup> very difficult from the point of view of access from the outside, it has now been established that these people are there, and cannot be ignored by the Administration. A degree of control over disease and the cessation of inter-clan raids and killings will ensure that the population of this Region has a more assured future and do not become extinct. A minority group, but deserve due consideration. Stretches of fertile land along numerous watercourses can support relatively large numbers of people, and will in the future once health and law and order becomes a fact in this region. By early 1969 I hope to have two individuals in this Sub-District who will be capable of interpreting the POGAIA language and communicating to the Administration. From here basic moves can be made towards further extending the Administration's influence in this Region, and thereby ultimately improving the lot of it's isolated inhabitants.
- (4) The patrol entered and left this area following a route not previously covered by a patrol, exploring new tracts of country in an endeavour to locate previously uncontacted people. Small groups previously contacted were not sought-out. I hope next year to organise a patrol to consolidate the work of previous patrols' contact in the Strickland Area, and the work of this patrol in making further new contacts. Current mapping is not really accurate. It is only approximate at the best. In any case my Diary and Report and the knowledge of local people who accompanied this patrol will be of value to future patrols. I will refer to future patrols and requested mineral surveys in my covering letter on this Report.

CONCLUSION. The patrol succeeded in attaining all tasks undertaken.

  
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