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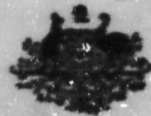
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Western Highlands Report No. Porgers No. 3

Patrol Conducted by P.J. Walsh, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled PAI'ELA Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans C.A. MAKIE, Cadet Patrol Officer

4 members R.P.N.G.C.
Natives 1 Interpreter, 1 APO

Duration—From 3/12/1967 to 13/12/1967

Number of Days 11

Did Medical Assistant Accompany No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services October/1967

Medical Nil / / 19

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol General Administration, Familiarisation

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MCRESBY.

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



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegram

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Department of District Administration

Sub District Office,
LILIASAN,
Legaic Sub District,
Western Highlands.

29th February 1968.

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
MOUNT HAGEN.

FOREST PATROL REPORT - No 1 of 1967/68.

The above numbered Patrol Report, submitted by Mr. Patrol Officer Walsh is forwarded herewith, together with his claim for Camping Allowance, and a sketch map of the Patrol route as submitted by Mr. Patrol Officer Makin, who accompanied the Patrol.

My comments are as follows.

There is no valid reason why Mr. Walsh should have taken more than two months to submit this report. In future his reports will be completed within two weeks of the completion of the Patrol.

Mr. Walsh has completed a worthwhile Patrol and has an obvious interest in fieldwork. His comments regarding the attitude of the SIKIWA natives to the Administration are in line with the experience of other Officers patrolling the area. The people are pro Administration and have since FOSHEA Patrol Post was established in 1960 been requesting a Government Station of their own - with their own flag. This is due to the fact that the FOSHEA people, with their own economic development, Government Station, Missions, airstrip etc now treat the PAI'ELA people as their poor relations - although traditionally the PAI'ELA people were the major group of the two. Unfortunately there is little or no chance that the PAI'ELA will ever have Government Station but it is my intention to establish a substantial Base camp at FOSHEA immediately adjoining the Mission Station and airstrip site there. The Mission (Lutheran) are keen that the airstrip, if and when it is completed, will be open to all operations - private, commercial and Mission. For this reason I consider that the Administration should contribute towards the rapid completion of this gigantic task - which has been under way now for nearly two years and is still nowhere near completion. It is certain that once it is completed the isolation of the PAI'ELA will be broken for ever. The Administration, particularly Officers of other Departments, as referred to by Mr. Walsh, will become much more obvious in the area. Immediately upon the completion of the airstrip the Public Health Department will be approached to establish an Aid Post as part of the Base Camp set-up.

The bridge problem has been taken up under my separate memo to you requesting \$300.00 for purchase of suitable cable.

Mr. Walsh has answered the query with regard to the Lutheran Aid Post Orderly and his reason for non aid to non members of the Lutheran Church as raised in Mr. Makin's report.

A good Patrol covered comprehensively by the Report.


A. Bell.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: 67-14-10

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua.

May 14th, 1968.

District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
RAI'ELA.

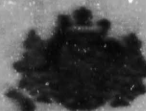
PATROL NO. KONEDOBU 3-07/68

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of ~~Message~~
of ~~Patrol~~ Patrol Report covering patrol by ~~RAI'ELA~~ RAI'ELA to Census Divisions.

Some comment on the result of the preliminary hearing concerning the alleged murder at TURAKI would have been appreciated. The report should have given more details of the killing such as the circumstances of the killing, the names of the victim and the accused, and any effect it might have on feelings between individuals and groups. Future patrols may have found the information valuable.

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

* Delete as necessary.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Our Reference: W.H.D. 666.
If calling ask for
No.

Department of District Administration

District Office,
MOUNT HAGEN, W.H.D.



5th March, 1968.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

PONGERA PATROL REPORT - No. 3 of 1967/68.

The enclosed report refers;

An informative report of a good patrol of which much of the value has been lost through its late submittal.

Mr. Walsh has been instructed to submit his reports promptly in future.

Mr. Faithful covering comments fully cover all other aspects of the Patrol.

Forwarded please.

C.C.
Assistant District Commissioner.
LATAGAN.

R.S. Bell
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R. S. BELL.
A/District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams
Our Reference **67-1**
If calling ask for
M.

Department of District Administration,
Sub District Office,
LAIAGAM,
Lagaip Sub District,
Western Highlands.

29th February 1968.

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
MOUNT HAGEN.



PORGERA PATROL REPORT - No 3 of 667/68.

The above numbered Patrol report, submitted by Mr. Patrol Officer Walshe is forwarded herewith, together with his claim for Camping Allowance, and a sketch map of the Patrol route as submitted by Mr. Patrol Officer Makin, who accompanied the Patrol.

My comments are as follows.

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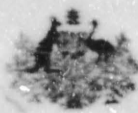
Mr. Walshe has completed a worthwhile Patrol and has an obvious interest in fieldwork. His comments regarding the attitude of the Administrators Natives to the Administration are in line with the experience of other Officers patrolling the area. The people are pro Administration and have since PORGERA Patrol Post was established in 1960 been requesting a Government Station of their own - with their own Kiap. This is due to the fact that the PORGERA people, with their own economic development, Government Station, Missions, airstrip etc now treat the PAI'ELA people as their poor relations - although traditionally the PAI'ELA people were the major group of the two. Unfortunately there is little or no chance that the PAI'ELA will ever have Government Station but it is my intention to establish a substantial Base camp at KOROMBI immediately adjoining the Mission Station and airstrip site there. The Mission (Lutheran) are keen that the airstrip, if and when it is completed, will be open to all operations - private, commercial and Mission. For this reason I consider that the Administration should contribute towards the rapid completion of this gigantic task - which has been under way now for nearly two years and is still nowhere near completion. It is certain that once it is completed the isolation of the PAI'ELA will be broken for ever. The Administration, particularly Officers of other Departments, as referred to by Mr. Walshe, will become much more obvious in the area. Immediately upon the completion of the airstrip the Public Health Department will be approached to establish an Aid Post as part of the Base Camp set-up.

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A good Patrol covered comprehensively by the Report.

[Signature]
A.D.O.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegram

Our Reference 57-1

If calling and for

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Department of District Administration

Sub District Office,
LAIAGAM,
Lagaip Sub District,
Eastern Highlands.

29th February 1968.

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
MOUNT HAGEN

POBGERA PATROL REPORT - No 3 of 1967/68.

The above numbered Patrol Report, submitted by Mr. Patrol Officer Walsh is forwarded herewith, together with his claim for Camping Allowance, and a sketch map of the Patrol route as submitted by Mr. Patrol Officer Makin, who accompanied the Patrol.

My comments are as follows.

There is no valid reason why Mr. Walsh should have taken more than two months to submit this report. In future his reports will be completed within two weeks of the completion of the Patrol.

Mr. Walsh has completed a worthwhile Patrol and has an obvious interest in fieldwork. His comments regarding the attitude of the ~~mountain~~ Natives to the Administration are in line with the experience of other Officers patrolling the area. The people are pro Administration and have since POBGERA Patrol Post was established in 1965 been requesting a Government Station of their own - with their own flag. This is due to the fact that the POBGERA people, with their own economic development, Government Station, Missions, airstrip etc now treat the PAI'ELA people as their poor relations - although traditionally the PAI'ELA people were the major group of the two. Unfortunately there is little or no chance that the PAI'ELA will ever have Government Station but it is my intention to establish a substantial Base camp at KOBUMBI immediately adjoining the Mission Station and airstrip site there. The Mission (Lutheran) are keen that the airstrip, if and when it is completed, will be open to all operations - private, commercial and Mission. For this reason I consider that the Administration should contribute towards the rapid completion of this gigantic task - which has been under way now for nearly two years and is still nowhere near completion. It is certain that once it is completed the isolation of the PAI'ELA will be broken for ever. The Administration, particularly Officers of other Departments, as referred to by Mr. Walsh, will become much more obvious in the area. Immediately upon the completion of the airstrip the Public Health Department will be approached to establish an Aid Post as part of the Base Camp set-up.

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A good Patrol covered comprehensively by the Report.

A.D.C.

Porgera Patrol No. 3, 1967/68.

Pai'ela Census Division.

Officer Conducting: P.J. Walsh, Patrol Officer.

Europeans Accompanying: C.A. MAKIN, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Native Personnel: Constables Guri
Wari
Jaima
iani
Interpreter langun
Aid Post Orderly Amo.

Duration of Patrol: 3/12/67 -- 13/12/67

11 Days

Objects of Patrol: 1. General Administration.
2. familiarization.

Map reference: Attached Sketch Map.

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Porgera Patrol No 3, 1967/68.

Pai'ela Census Division.

Patrol Diary.

- 3/12/67. At Porgera until 0800 then departed with Mr. CPO Makin of Laiagan, patrol personnel and gear for ANIPIS per tractor. Arrived 0900. Gear scaled out to carriers from the Pai'ela area. Departed Aripis at 0930 for KAUMI Bush Camp, which was reached after 4 hours relatively easy walking. Camp set up. Flag lowered 1800.
- 4/12/67 Broke camp at 0730, and departed for MANDUAKALE Rest House. Reached the top of the Porgera-Pai'ela Divide. Rested. Hence an extremely steep descent to the rest house, reached at 1145. Settled in. Food purchased for carrier line. Food apparently plentiful. During afternoon, had discussions with locals and village officials on purpose of patrol, forthcoming elections, work on KOROMBI Airstrip, etc. Arbitrated in several minor disputes and the Local Court convened for one case of Assault. Flag lowered at 1800. Slept.
- 5/12/67 At Manduakale until 0930 then departed for KANJAWI Rest house. Reached the PAGUPIELE River at 1050 hours. Came suspension bridge in extremely poor condition. Ascended to R/house, reached at 1130. Settled in. Food purchased for carriers. Had general discussions with locals during afternoon. Flag lowered at 1800. Slept.
- 6/12/67 At KANJAWI. Paper work. Arbitrated in several petty disputes. One case for the Local Court. Flag lowered at 1800. Slept.
- 7/12/67 At Kanjawi until 0815 then departed for TARONGA Rest House. Reached same after a two hour easy walk. Locals in attendance. Settled in. Food purchased for carriers. General discussions. Heard of an alleged murder at KOROMBI. Flag lowered at 1800. Slept.
- 8/12/67 At TARONGA until 0745, then departed for KOMANGA Rest House, arriving at 1000. A very easy walk. Settled in. Purchased food for carriers. Had general discussions with locals for several hours. Request put forward for a P.O. to be stationed in Pai'ela. Visited Catholic missionary 20 minutes walk from here. Flag lowered at 1800. Slept.
- 9/12/67 At KOMANGA until 0745, then departed for WAIMERAM Rest house, reached at 1015. Settled in. Purchased food for carriers. General discussions. Large number of males from this area in gaol for riotous behaviour. Patrol joined by A.P.O. AMO of TAGOBA Aid Post during afternoon. Large number of adults and children treated for various complaints. Flag lowered at 1800. Slept.
- 10/12/67 Away from Waimeram by 0600 for walk to KOROMBI. PAGUPIELE River reached at 0900. Supervised crossing by carriers on the cane suspension bridge, which was in extremely poor condition. Carriers across by 1000. Then steep ascent to Lutheran Mission. Inspected progress on airstrip. Hence to R/house, which was reached at 1230 hours. At 1300 proceeded to spot some twenty minutes along ASAPIRINGA track. Exhumed body of murdered native female. Death found to be by decapitation.

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Cont'd. Returned to nest house. Had general discussions with locals for remainder of afternoon. Flag lowered at 1800. Slept.

11/12/67 At Korombi until 0830, then departed for ASAPARINGA, reaching same at 1000. Settled in. Purchased foods for carriers. Low area for nest house site marked out with village officials. Had general discussions with locals. Flag lowered at 1800. Slept.

12/12/67 At Asapinga until 0800 then departed for IUMARU. Arrived at IUMARU 1000 hours. Settled in. Had general discussions with locals from here, PIANE and BIALO. Paper work during afternoon. Flag lowered 1800. Slept.

13/12/67 At Iumaru until 0630 then departed for ARIPIS and thence Porgera, reached the crest of the Porgera-Pai'ela Divide at 0800. Reached ARIPIS at 1330. Tracks on this side of divide the worst encountered during patrol. Lunched at Aripis. Carriers to Porgera. Self, patrol personnel and gear through to Porgera by tractor, arriving at 1500. Carriers paid off. Police stood down. Patrol ended.

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Pogera Patrol No. 3, 1967/68.

PAI'ELA Census Division.

Patrol Report.

Introduction.

The area patrolled lies to the north west of Pogera, extending to the LAGAIP-LAKE KOPIAGU area boundary. It is an extremely rugged area, although well graded walking tracks throughout the Pai'ela make for easy walking. The people are extremely pro-Administration, and assisted the patrol in carrying out its objects. The carrier line was recruited from the area, and the carriers proved to be the best the writer has ever worked with. All the objects of the patrol were completed, without any untoward incidents occurring.

Native Affairs.

The Pai'ela area is extremely backward, having no economic life at all. The people certainly make up for this in the receptions which are given patrols, and this makes for enjoyable patrolling. At all centres visited, there was always an excellent attendance of locals, both men and women. The patrol was never, at any time, short of food for the 44 carriers who accompanied the patrol. Salt was the main medium used in the purchase of foodstuffs. No trade goods were taken.

At all centres visited, general discussions were had with locals, ranging over a variety of subjects. The main topic of course were the forthcoming House of Assembly elections. At every centre visited, it was found that none of the locals had had PWIC, the M.A.A., visit them. The general trend of thought regarding the elections was that whoever the people at Pogera vote for, so will the Pai'elas. Apparently no candidate for the House of Assembly elections has ever visited the Pai'ela.

Whilst at KOMANGA, a request was put forward by the locals for an officer of this Department to be stationed in the Pai'ela. Apparently they approached the last patrol, and offered to pay 100 pigs to the Administration for a Patrol Officer; both times the shortage of staff in the District was explained to them, etc. Their reply was: "What about all the staff we saw in Mt. Hagen during the Show?" Reading through their Village Book revealed that this particular group has made this request to every Pai'ela Patrol over the last few years.

Beginning in the New Year, a small police post will be set up in the Pai'ela in the KOROMBI area, and it will be staffed by two constables and an interpreter. It would appear that the locals request for their own officer would stem from the fact of their isolation, and the fact that their neighbours on the other side of the divide see more of the Administration than do the Pai'elas. If more patrols into this area were accompanied by P.H.D. and D.A.S.P. staff it may well result in the uplifting of these people's morale, and may result in the cessation of the above requests. Such a visit by staff of other departments, for no other reason but to have a look at the area, would result in an increase in the Administrations prestige in the area.

Four cases for prosecution in the Local Court were brought before the writer. These varied from cases of assault to offensive behavior. Whilst at KOROMBI, a male native was arrested on a charge of wilful murder; having decapitated a female fellow clan member. Several petty disputes were also arbitrated in, to the satisfaction of all parties involved. It was found that the majority of petty disputes were usually brought before the respective Luluai or

for mediation.

Whilst at several centres, the locals came forward with complaints that the Lutheran Mission A.P.O. at MANDUAKARI had refused to give medical aid to women and children on the grounds that the adult men from Manduakari had not been attending the work at Korombi on the Lutheran Mission Airstrip. After further discussions, it was found that the APO was claiming the people were not supplying him with sweet potato and firewood. Hence the European Missionary withdrew the Aid Post from Manduakari.

It is felt that the APO is responsible for this problem; the people refusing to aid him with firewood and food after the APO attempted to coerce the locals into working on his Mission's airstrip at Korombi. Discussions with the European Missionary from Korombi revealed that he was not particularly worried over the effect of the APO's actions at Manduakari.

The Lutheran Mission is now apparently going to put in an Aid Post at WAIMERAM and not replace the APO at Manduakari.

In conclusion, the native affairs situation in the Pai'ela is excellent, with the people being extremely pro-Administration.

Rest Houses

All rest houses were found to be in good condition with the locals carrying out maintenance work whenever necessary. The rest house at Korombi will be moved to a more central site near the new airstrip in the new year.

Airstrips

Work was found to be proceeding smoothly, if somewhat slowly, at Korombi. The present length is approximately 1200 feet with an average width of 80 feet. The Catholic and Lutheran Missions hope to have this work completed in mid 1968 with a complete length of 1700 feet and a width of 100 feet. A Lutheran Mission employee (European) will be arriving at Korombi in late February 1968 for the supervision of this work.

This work is currently being financed and supervised by the Catholic and Lutheran Missions. The Apostolic and Seven Day Adventist Missions, who evangelists stationed in this area, are not involved in any way in this project; although both would find this strip beneficial in the supervision of their 'outstations'.

It is felt that the Seven Day Adventists particularly, become partners in this work to prevent any possible dispute in the future over landing rights on this mission airstrip; as did occur in the MARAMUNI over landing rights on the Paselagus Airstrip in 1966. This dispute was between the SDA and NGLM; the airstrip was financed by the M.C. and L.M. at WABAG. Requests by these two missions for Administration assistance i.e. mainly in a supervisory capacity, should not be met until such time that all the above-named Missions are actively co-operating in this work, to prevent any possible flare up between them in the future.

Village Officials.

The extremely Luluais and Tultuls in this area were found to be doing an extremely good job, organising fresh foods and firewood and preparing the rest houses for the patrol's arrival. As stated above, the village officials are doing an excellent job in mediating in petty disputes which are brought forward by their clan members.

It was found that more tultuls in certain areas would be of greater assistance. This matter will be looked into during the next patrol into the Pai'ela.

Roads and Bridges.

The walking tracks in this Census Division were found to be well graded and well maintained, which made for extremely easy walking. The tracks in the uninhabited areas from Iumaru to Aripis and from

Aripis to Manduakari were found to be in fair condition when it is remembered that these sections mentioned are located some distance from the centres of population. The worst sections of the track were found to be on the Porgera side of the Porgera-Pai'ela divide. This has since been remedied.

Within the Pai'ela, there are two cane suspension bridges, both are situated on the Pagupiele River. One is situated between PIPIRANGA and KANJUWI; the other is sited above the junction of the Pagupiele and Ugu Rivers below KOROMBI. The former is approximately 60-70 feet in length; the latter over 30 yards in length. Both are entirely made from cane and require replacing every 3-4 months.

Both are potential death traps; especially moresá during the 'wet'. As all the Pai'elas are non swimmers they would stand little chance of survival should one of these bridges collapse. The bridge below KANJUWI is situated above an extremely dangerous section of rapids, and even a good swimmer would have little chance of survival should he fall into this section of the river. The bridge below Korobi is situated above a wide, swiftly flowing part of the river, and during the wet, one would stand little chance of survival in the river.

The previous Officer in Charge made several requests for wire cable for these two bridges. This would be the ideal solution to the problem and would not necessitate constant maintenance work and would make the crossing of these bridges far safer than ~~xxx~~ at present.

Missions

There is only one European Missionary at present resident in the Pai'ela, although the Catholic Mission is presently constructing Missionary's residence at KOMANGA.

Other than the incident reported in the Native Affairs section, Mission-Native relations appear to be good.

The Apostolic and Seven Day Adventist Missions have native evangelists stationed in this area, and no European Missionaries of these two Missions are resident in the Pai'ela.

The Lutheran Missionary at Korombi has reported to the writer that SDA evangelists had allegedly been telling natives not to attend work on the airstrip at Korombi; whether this is inter-Mission rivalry or a case of the locals playing the Missions off against each other, is not known.

Carriers

A permanent carrier line from Manduakari, Kanjawi and Taronga was recruited for this patrol. They proved to be the best carriers the writer has worked with on patrol, proving to be hardworking and cheerful at all times. The Pai'elas have made it clear that all patrols into their area are to have carriers from the Pai'ela, and since they are more than ready to carry, this wish is easily granted.

Agriculture.

There is no economic life in this area. The main form of agriculture practised is that of subsistence agriculture with European type crops such as tomatoes, potatoes, shallots and cabbages also being grown.

PYRITHRUM could be grown in this area, but the lack of a means of marketing it would effectively forestall any plans to introduce it. The next patrol to the area will distribute seeds of European type vegetables at all main census centres. These are the only money raising crops that these people can effectively produce at this time and also in the foreseeable future. Even then, the market for vegetable is not that great; only several missions and the patrols. Since the airstrip is completed, a market for fresh vegetables could always be found with WASO at Wapenamanda, the vegetable being sent out on back charters of MAR aircraft.

Medical and health.

There are currently two aid Posts in the Pai'ela. One at TAGOBA which is run by the Administration, and the other at KOROMBI, which is run by the Lutheran Mission. As stated above, the Lutherans had

an Aid Post at Manduakari but this is apparently going to be moved to Walsaran, because the Manduakari people would not play 'ball'. At present less than half of the Pai'ela area is being effectively covered by Aid Post. Both Aid Posts are sited on the eastern side of the Pagupiele River, leaving some five centres without the benefit of medical treatment within easy reach.

However, this problem should be solved once the Catholic Mission places two Aid Post Orderlies in the Pai'ela; one at KOMANGA and the other at KANJAWI. This would then mean that no people in the Pai'ela would have more than 90 minutes walking time to reach an Aid Post; a vast improvement over the 6 hours which confront some people at present.

Plans by P.H.B. at Laigam to move the Administration Aid Post from Tagoba to Komanga once the Korombi airstrip is completed, would not be practicable now that the Catholic Mission is going to station an APO at Komanga. If the Aid Post is moved from Tagoba, some 800-1000 people would be without medical aid within easy reach. In the past, the people from UMARU, TAGOBA, and ASAPIRINGA have proved to be difficult in the matter of maintenance of the Aid Post buildings at Tagoba. Now they are talking of trying galvanised roofing iron for the dispensary building — presumably to dispense with the maintenance and renovation of this building.

Education.

The Lutheran Mission conducts a school at Korombi, teaching in the vernacular and Pidgin English. It is not known how many children attend this school.

The Catholic Mission, which apparently has a large following in the Pai'ela, is currently educating Pai'ela children at its school at MUNGAREP in the Porgora. These children are being educated in English. The Catholic, SDA, Apostolic and Lutheran have native evangelists throughout this area who conduct 'schools' at which religious instruction would be the only subject.

Conclusion.

The native affairs situations in the area patrolled was found to be excellent, with the natives being extremely pro-Administration. Mission-native relations also appeared to be good.


(P.J. WALSH)
Patrol Officer

APPENDIX 'A'

Report on Accompanying Members of the Royal Papuan and New Guinea Constabulary

Constable 1018 GURI.

Good with natives. Was found to be excellent in the bush and always had excellent command over the patrol personnel. Discipline is always good.

Constable 1270 NAZI

Fair. A plodder who gets things done the hard way. No initiative. Is not impressive in his handling with the locals--no patience.

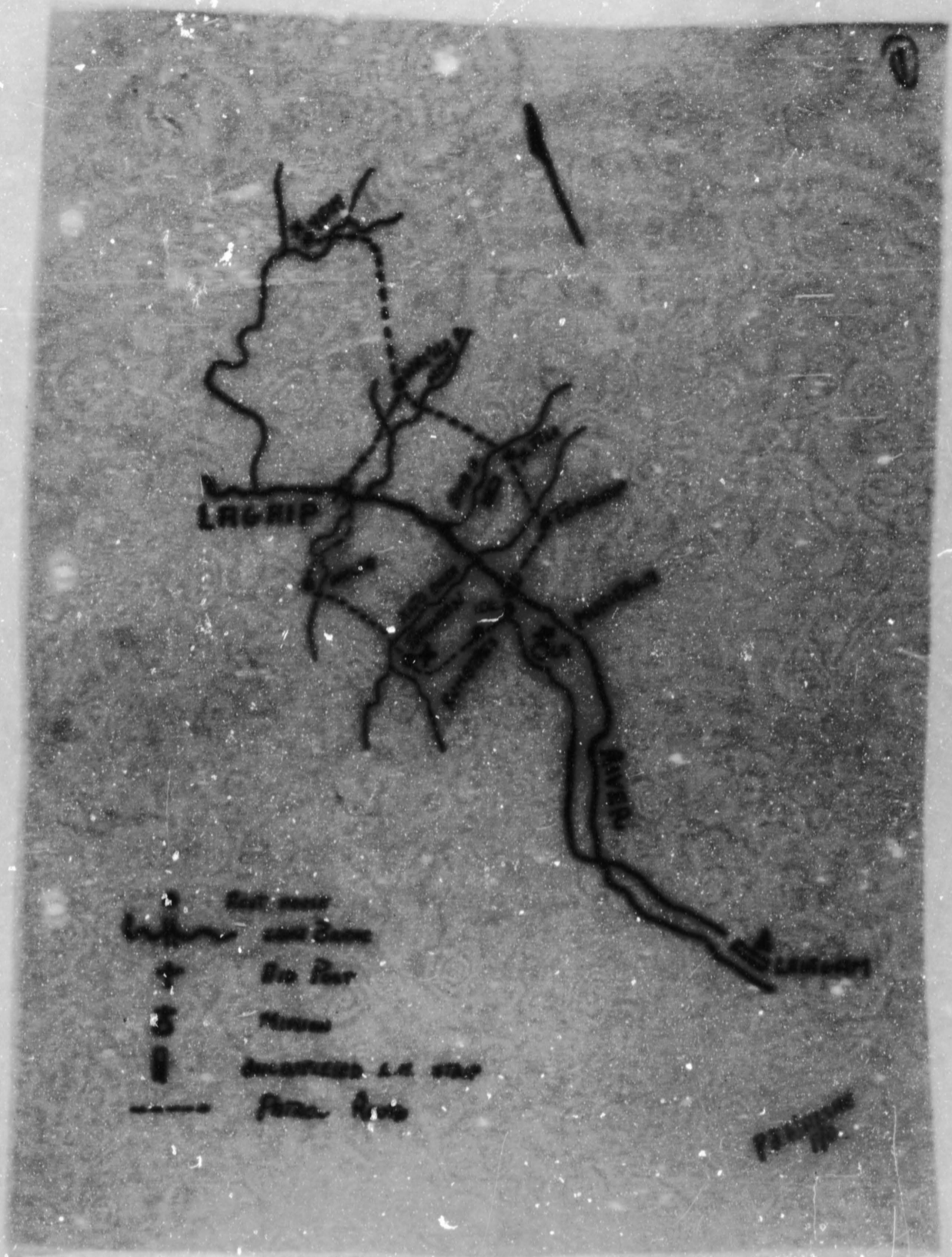
Constable 1349 MIARI

Reliable, but not ^{at} all impressive.

Constable 1456 JAINA

Was found to be always reliable. A hard worker and good bush man. Handles natives extremely well. Has the makings of a good NCO.


I. P. J. (The)
OFFICER IN CHARGE



H.Q.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Western Highlands Report No. PORGEMA No. 4, 1967/68

Patrol Conducted by P.O. WALSH Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled PAI'ELA and PORGEMA C/Divisions

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans 1 Polling Clerk

Natives 5 Members R.P.N.G.C. 4 interpreters 1 APO
2 polling Clerks 60 carriers

Duration—From 8/1/1968 to 13/3/1968 (broken periods)

Number of Days 31 Days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services December 1967 (Pai'ela), October 1967 (Porgema)

Medical /19

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol 1. House of Assembly Elections 2. Census Revision (Porgema)
3. Land Investigations—5. 4. General Administration C/B
5. Compilation of details required for payment of Occupation Fee
payments in the Porgema area.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

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P. M.

67-14-22

26th July, 1968

The District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
MOUNT HAGEN.

PATROL REPORT, PORGERA No. 4 - 1967/68

Receipt of the above report and your WHD700, dated 11th July, 1968, are acknowledged with thanks.

Mr. P. Walshe has submitted a satisfactory report and it is pleasing to note that the overall situation in the Porgera Census Division is good.

Both the patrolling officer and his Assistant District Commissioner have made certain remarks about the Supreme Court, law and justice. The Supreme Court is aware of the various kinds of comments people make about "justice" and penal sanctions.

The Courts of this Territory, though in no sense a branch of this service, are concerned to achieve the same ends. That is, the good and wise government of the people of the Territory. To quote His Honour, the Chief Justice:

"The Courts are not directly concerned to punish people who break the law. This function has been taken over by the Statutory Law which declares in what circumstances a person is to be punished and to what extent."

In the circumstances existing in the Territory, the true function of the Courts in their criminal jurisdiction, is to see that the wrong man is not punished, or that the right man is not punished too much. Courts have to investigate thoroughly and independently the allegations of fact brought against a man, and if thoroughly satisfied that he has done wrong, to impose upon him, not the greatest, but the smallest amount of punishment which is consistent with the proper public interest, and yet will preserve to the greatest practical extent, any capacity of the accused to revert to the role of a useful citizen. In this we have progressed a long way from the older Common Law punitive approach to crime."

A great deal has already been done to place the Judicial System in a position which it can convey to the people in the remotest villages, a real understanding of what government by and according to law can mean for them and their future protection.

(T. W. ELLIS),
Director.

c.c. Mr. P. J. Walshe, P.O.,
Patrol Post,
Western Highlands District,
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Department of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
MOUNT HAGEN, W.H.D.

11th July, 1968.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KOROBUBU.

FORGERA PATROL REPORT No. 4-1967/68

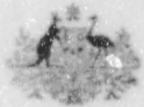
The above report, submitted by Patrol Officer
Mr. P. Walsh, is enclosed.

Reference the last paragraph of the covering
memorandum by the Assistant District Commissioner,
arrangements have been completed for the Helicopter
operation to be completed this month.

The native situation as described by Mr. Walsh
is good, but typical of the attitudes in areas at this
stage of contact and development. The rather limited
and scattered population in the area makes progress
slow. The completion of the Korombi airstrip will
help to improve communication and contact.

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(B. S. BELL)

Acting District Commissioner



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Western Highlands District.

2nd July 1968.

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
MOUNT HAGEN.

PORGERA PATROL REPORT No 4 of 1967/68

Forwarded herewith is the above numbered Patrol Report submitted by Mr Patrol Officer P. Walsh. It is accompanied by a Patrol Map.

Also submitted for your signature please are claims for Camping Allowance as submitted by Mr P.O. Walsh and Mr Bau, Interpreter.

Mr Walsh's attention has been drawn to the atrocious typing. He has promised to do better next time.

The Patrol was not continuous. The first period during January was for the purpose of paying out the occupation fees connected with the mining operations of Messrs Seacook and Taylor. These tasks were completed satisfactorily. At the same time Census work was completed in the area patrolled.

The second phase of the patrolling covered by this report was the House of Assembly Election Polling. This went off quite well and the rather mixed thinking of the people as mentioned by Mr Walsh is only to be expected in such a new and still basically primitive area.

It is a pity that the Supreme Court's attention could not be brought to the comments of the local people of this area about the type of justice which is being shown to the many murderers of this area.

A Census Patrol is to be sent into the PAI'ELA within the next few days and it will remain patrolling the area for a period of 6 weeks to two months.

A tractor and trailer are being taken into the PAI'ELA during this period to help rush the long overdue airstrip completion to an early conclusion - completing the strip to Commercial standards, with two way approaches as against the one way which the Lutheran Mission had intended. I am also writing to Civil Aviation for a clearance for my aircraft to use the strips existing 1900 foot length. This will greatly improve the Administration access to and control in this long troublesome area.

With regard to the above could you please make the Administration helicopter (at present just over the range from PORGERA, in the Southern Highlands) available for two days to proceed to PORGERA and sling load the tractor parts into the KOROMBI airstrip site. This will save us having to dismantle the tractor into too many small parts as would be needed for carrying by portage. I consider that the urgent completion of the PAI'ELA airstrip is of sufficient importance to warrant the expense of the use of the helicopter. The Lutheran Mission are prepared to pay half whatever costs may be involved as they also have some use for the machine while it is in the area.

For your favourable consideration

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PORGERA Patrol No. 4, 1967/68

PORGERA and PAI'ELA Census Divisions.

Officer Conducting : P.J. Walsh Patrol Officer

Patrol Personnel : Constables JAIMA
BOMBE
ANSELMUS

Interpreters RAU
YALA
LANGUN
ANJEP

Aid Post Orderly AMO
3 Polling Clerks
60 carriers

Duration of Patrol : 8/1/68 -- 11/1/68
18/1/68 -- 20/1/68
19/2/68 -- 13/3/68

31 days

Subjects of Patrol : 1. House of Assembly Elections.
2. Census Revision-PORGERA C/Division.
4. Land Investigations:
(a) H.G.L.N. - 'YUYAN'
(b) R.C.M. - 'STAGELPA'
(c) R.C.M. - 'TOMONDAK'

5. Compilation of details required for payment of Occupation Fees by Messrs J.L. Taylor and W.J. Searson.
6. General Administration.

Map Reference : Attached Sketch Map.

P.J. Walsh
P.J. Walsh
Patrol Officer

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Porgera Patrol no. 4, 1968/68.

PORGERA and PAI'ELA Census Divisions.

Patrol Diary.

- 8/1/68 People from IENJIAKALI censused at Porgera Station. General talks with village Officials.
- 9/1/68 To ARIPIIS to census ARIPIIS and APALAKA groups. Census for TUANDA, IIEH and WOIWUA groups. After census had preliminary discussions with landowners involved in the payment of Occupation fees by Mr. J.J. Searson. Slept Aripis.
- 10/1/68 At Aripis. further discussions with landowners. began to take names of landowners.
- 11/1/68 At Aripis. Completed details required for the Payment of Occupation Fees by Mr. Searson. Returned to Porgera at 1630 hours.
- 12/1/68 to 17/1/68 General Station duties at PORGERA.
- 18/1/68 At Mungarep Rest House. Census of ANGARAIE, PIANDA and KEWAI groups. had discussions with landowners involved in the payment of Occupation fees by Mr. J.L. Taylor. Slept MUNGAREP.
- 19/1/68 At Mungarep. Completed details required for the payment of Occupation Fees by Mr. Taylor for leases held in the Upper Porgera River and Zogai River. Departed for UYAN at 1230 hours, arriving at 1400. Censused the ANGA and AUVEKON groups. had discussions with landowners involved in the payment of Occupation Fees for leases held by Mr. J.L. Taylor in the region above the junction of the PORGERA and PONGERA Rivers. One section in dispute re ownership. Slept UYAN.
- 20/1/68 At UYAN until 0800 then departed for Porgera to have discussions with A.D.C. Laiagan, re forthcoming elections. Arrived Porgera 1100.
- 21/1/68 to 19/2/68 Station duties.
- 19/2/68 At Porgera until 0900 then departed for MUNGAREP for the conducting of house of Assembly elections. Elections completed by 1430, then returned to Porgera.
- 20/2/68 Departed for ARIPIIS for the conducting of house of Assembly Elections. Elections completed by 1300. Returned to Porgera.
- 21/2/68. Elections conducted for IENJIAKALI group at PORGERA. Patrol Personnel and gear left for ARIPIIS at 1630 prior to departure for the PAI'ELA on the morrow. Slept ARIPIIS.
- 22/2/68 Patrol departed for camp on PORGERA/PAI'ELA Divide at 0800. Camp site reached at 1200. Camp set up. heavy rain set in at 1300. ASIO wireless tested at 1630. Slept.
- 23/2/68. Broke camp at 0645 hours and departed for MANDUAKARI Rest house. Reached Manduakari at 1130. Settled in. had discussions with Village Officials re Elections. Arbitrated in several minor disputes. flag lowered at 1800. Slept Manduakari.
- 24/2/68 At Manduakari. Conducted Elections for Manduakari and PIPIRANWA groups. Elections completed by 1400. Departed for KANJUWI Rest House, arriving at 1600. Settled in. Discussions with Village Officials re elections. flag lowered at 1800. Slept Kanjuwi.

- 25/2/68 At Kanjuwi. Patrol rested. Worked on Election statistics. Arbitrated in several minor disputes.
- 26/2/68 At Kanjuwi. Elections conducted for this group. Local Court convened for one case. Departed Kanjuwi for TARONGA at 1200, arriving at 1400. Settled in. Discussions with locals re Elections. Flag lowered at 1800. Slept taronga.
- 27/2/68 Elections conducted at taronga. Arbitrated in several minor disputes. Departed for KOMANGA at 1300, arriving at 1500. Settled in. Discussions with locals re Elections. Laiagam contacted on A510 at 1630. Flag lowered at 1800. Slept Komanga.
- 28/2/68 At Komanga. Elections conducted for this group. Worked on Election statistics. Flag lowered at 1800. Slept Komanga.
- 29/2/68 At Komanga until 0700 then departed for WAIMERAM. Arrived Waineram at 1000. Settled in. Elections conducted stk from 1130 to 1400. Local Court convened for 1 case of threatening Behaviour. Worked on ~~election statistics~~ election statistics. Flag lowered at 1800. Slept Waineram.
- 1/3/68. Departed Waineram at 0545 hours for KOROMBI. Reached the suspension bridge across the PAGUPILE River at 0800. Carriers and patrol personnel across by 0900. then began to climb the Korombi ridge, arriving at the airstrip at 1200. Reached Rest House at 1215. Settled in. During afternoon inspected progress of work on airstrip. Flag lowered at 1800. Slept Korombi.
- 2/3/68 At Korombi. Elections conducted from 0900 until 1130. Investigation of Catholic Mission Land application 'TAGEIPA' during afternoon. Discussions with locals during afternoon. Flag lowered at 1800. Slept Korombi.
- 3/3/68 At Korombi until 0930 then departed for ASAPARINGA Rest house. Arrived at 1100. Settled in. Discussions with locals re elections. Worked on election statistics during afternoon. Flag lowered at 1800. Slept Asaparinga.
- 4/3/68 At Asaparinga. Elections conducted for this group. Local Court convened for 2 cases of spreading false reports. Patrol departed for IUMARU at 1200, arriving at 1315. Settled in. Discussions with locals on various topics. Flag lowered at 1800. Slept Iumaru.
- 5/3/68 At Iumaru. Elections conducted for this group. Arbitrated in several minor disputes. Laiagam contacted at 1630 on A510. Flag lowered at 1800. Slept Iumaru.
- 6/3/68 At Iumaru until 0700 then departed for PIAWI Rest House. Arrived at Piawi at 1000. Settled in. Elections conducted for this small group--10 ~~groups~~ votes recorded. Small group of nEWA men and women present. Laiagam contacted on A510 at 1630. Flag lowered at 1800. Slept Piawi.
- 7/3/68 At Piawi until 0600 then departed for BEALO R/house. Arrived Bealo at 1330 after a hard 7 hours walk. Settled in. Elections conducted. General discussions with locals. Flag lowered at 1800. Slept Bealo.

- 8/3/68. At Sealo until 0700 then departed for POLITIKA R/House. Reached Politika at 1100. Settled in. Elections conducted from 1200 until 1430 hours. From 1500 until 1800 censused the PENE, MAMAI, FIMAIN and ENC-NEWA groups. Flag lowered at 1800. Slept Politika.
- 9/3/68 At Politika until 0600 then departed for IUYAN Rest House. Arrived Iuyan at 0800. Settled in. Elections conducted from 0900 until 1100. During afternoon investigated N.J.L.M. Land Application at IUYAN. Census and Election statistics during afternoon. Flag lowered at 1800. Slept Iuyan.
- 10/3/68 At IUYAN until 0700 then departed for PANDAN Rest House. Reached the Porgera River at 0845. Began ascent of Pandan Ridge, arriving at Pandan at 1045. Settled in. Locals in attendance, so censused the MIPI, MAIUN and IAWIRAG groups during afternoon. Flag lowered at 1800. Slept Pandan.
- 11/3/68 At Pandan. Elections conducted for this group. 1 gaol escapee from Porgera Corrective Institution recaptured. Departed for RIMINI Rest house at 1130, arriving at 1400. Settled in. Census for these groups conducted. Contacted laigan on A510 at 1630. Compiled census and Election statistics. Flag lowered at 1800. Slept rimini.
- 12/3/68 Elections conducted for these groups from 0800 until 1130. Investigated Catholic Mission Land Application 'YOMONDAK'. Departed for PAIAM at 1230 arriving at 1430. Settled in. Censused the PARAIPAKA and PAIAM groups from 1500 until 1700. Flag lowered at 1800. Slept Paia.
- 13/3/68. At Paia. Elections conducted from 0900 until 1200. General discussions with locals until 1300 when patrol departed for PORGERA Station. Arrived Porgera at 1400. Carriers paid off. Police stood down.
End of Patrol.

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Porgera Patrol No. 4,

PORGERA and PAI'ELA Census Divisions.

Introduction.

The two main census divisions of the Porgera Administrative area were covered fully during this patrol. All the objects of the patrol were fully completed. Both Census Divisions are extremely rugged, and are both without road systems, although work is now being carried out in the PORGERA on the LALAGAM-PORGERA Road and a system of feeder roads. Walking tracks were found to be good, although tracks in the PORGERA valley have suffered as a result of the locals being concentrated on vehicular road construction.

The patrol was completed without any untoward incidents occurring.

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The patrol was well greeted at all centres visited. This was evident by the large numbers of locals in attendance and by the abundance of food made available for purchase for the carrier line. The people of the PORGERA Valley, although not suffering from "famine", were found to have less food for selling than their counterparts in the PAI'ELA Valley. Several reasons were found to be responsible. Poor soils, the fact that the people are engaged in road construction work and the lengthy growing season. Salt was used for the purchase of fresh foods, although the people at PIAWI on the route to North Lagaip WEA wanted trade goods.

The main purpose of the patrol was the conducting of the House of Assembly Elections. The people generally had a good grasp of the Elections as a result of pre-Election Propaganda work. Only one centre was found to be in need of extra propaganda. This was WAIMERAM in the PAI'ELA where the people asked would the PAI'ELA be included in the "new PORGERA Council after the (House of Assembly) Election". The people soon understood what the Elections were in aid of after half an hour's educational talk. This was done at all centres i.e. educational talks on the voting methods and further discussions on the House of Assembly, prior to the people casting their votes. The people in the PORGERA Valley were found to have a better grasp of the fundamentals of the Parliamentary system even though every rest house complex wished to nominate their own candidate for the Election-- a total of 8 potential candidates. They were soon dissuaded from this when they were told that for such a small population group the deposit money required for the nomination would be lost.

At all centres visited, attendance by the locals was 90% and higher, ~~within~~ but the actual number who cast votes was considerably lower than this. At most centres in the PAI'ELA, women voters displayed little interest in the voting, although most turned where the polling was being conducted. The number of females who cast votes was in the region of 48% of the totals of the votes recorded in the PAI'ELA area. In several centres, it was seen that adult males were telling females not to vote when asked if they wished to do so; this was done when the people's names were called on the Electoral Roll. At one centre (Waimeram) only 33 women cast votes; less than 40% of those listed on the Electoral Roll. It was seen that there was reluctance on the part of female voters to cast votes in most parts of the PAI'ELA and several places in the PORGERA Valley. Whether this reluctance was a result of the men telling the women that voting was "men's business" or not, is not known. Other than this, it was found that the people had a fair grasp of the purpose of the elections and as a result, the elections proceeded smoothly.

It was seen that very few people had any comprehension of the Regional Electorate. During the actual casting of votes, it was seen that

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was seen that the voters when asked if they wished to vote for the Regional Electorate would look blankly at the Polling Clerk and when shown the candidates photos would vote for the first candidate which appealed to them--in all cases, it just depended which candidate was the most photogenic.

Most of the Open electorate candidates visited the PORGERA area, but most of them did not venture from the station area. Consequently, most of the Pai'ela and a lot of the people in the Porgera Valley voted for the only candidate they heard of; this being the previous Member.

Following are details of the voting in the PORGERA/PAI'ELA area.

ORDINARY Votes.	Males	Females	Totals
Absent Votes	11	2	13
Section 130(1) Votes	43	43	86
Totals	1510	1163	2623

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Whilst in the Porgera area, details were taken to enable payment of compensation fees by Messrs Searson and Taylor, who hold mining leases in the Porgera area.

It was found that the people concerned did not have any comprehension of the system of payment of Compensation or Occupation fees. Most have only seen one the method of outright alienation of native owned land and as a consequence, most imagined that the payment of the occupation fees would entitle the "companies" to full ownership of the land in question. The reason for the payment of occupation fees was explained, ~~the~~ but the concept of renting land was completely beyond their comprehension; even when likened to the hiring of a tractor or other vehicle, concepts which are understood by these people. When it was fully explained that the money was a "present" to them from the abovenamed miners because they (the owners) allowed the miners to mine on their land, every body was happy.

Details required for Mr. Searson's Occupation fees were fully compiled and have been onforwarded since then. One section of Mr. Taylor's leases was in dispute and work ~~was~~ on compiling the details required for the payment of Occupation Fees by Mr. Taylor was left until this dispute was settled. Two clans are involved. These are the AUWEROM and PURAMAIN clans who have land on either side of the PORGERA River near its junction with the PONGEMA River (see attached Patrol Map). Once the disputing parties see other landowners receive their initial Occupation fee payments in AUGUST of this year, it is hoped that they will reach an amicable agreement amongst themselves and thus settle the dispute.

Whilst on patrol in the PAI'ELA last year, a murderer was apprehended at KOROMBI. The man, EVN ANGO-ILU of KOROMBI was charged with wilful murder of a fellow clanswoman in December of last year. When the writer returned to KOROMBI in March for the Elections, it was seen that there was no ill feeling; the people appear to have got over the initial shock of murder within the clan. As yet, the clan has not mentioned death compensation. In the time the writer has been at PORGERA, there have been 4 murders, two in the PAI'ELA and one double murder in the Porgera Valley. It has been seen that these people's attitude towards the punishment meted out to murderers from the Porgera/Pai'ela is one of indifference and even sometimes contempt, this stemming basically from the fact that the locals have been seeing the murderers receiving extremely light sentences-- the highest sentence meted out for wilful murder has only been seven years. This means that a person may commit wilful murder and come before the Supreme Court secure in the knowledge that he will probably be let off with a light sentence. Discussions with locals have revealed the fact ~~the fact~~ that these people are not extremely worried about the actual murder--only the payment of death compensation by the murderer's Clan.

Native Justice.

Very few people have been seen to display a genuine interest in what happens to the murderer in the Supreme Court-- everybody's interest in the paying of pigs in the death compensation negates any possible interest. Thus, the Fergusa/Pai'ala people have two codes of justice; the Supreme Court and the system of death compensation, and, in the old days, of payback killings. The first named method of justice is for the white man to satisfy his own sense of justice whilst the payment of death compensation satisfies the native's sense of justice. It is felt that until such time that a native from this area, convicted for wilful murder, receives a severe sentence, this attitude outlined above will continue.

In both Census Divisions, the native situation was found to be satisfactory with the locals still co-operating fully with Administration.

Rest Houses

All Rest Houses were found in satisfactory condition in both Census Divisions. Maintenance work is being carried out when necessary.

Land Investigations

Three land investigations were completed during this patrol. Two were in the Fergusa Valley and one in the Pai'ala. These were (a) "YUWAN", Catholic Mission land application at YUWAN in the Fergusa Valley. Approximately 5 acres. No disputed ownership. (b) "TAKIPIA", Catholic Mission land application at KOROMAI in the Pai'ala Valley. No disputed ownership. (c) "YUYAN" Lutheran Mission land application at YUYAN in the Fergusa Valley. No disputed ownership. All documents for the above named land investigations have been since forwarded on.

Missions

There are six mission stations in the FERGUSA/PAI'ALA which are staffed by European Missionaries. The Lutheran Mission have European Missionaries stationed at MUNGAREP and YUYAN in the Fergusa Valley and at KOROMAI in the Pai'ala. The Apostolic Mission have Europeans based at ANOVS and PALAN in the FERGUSA Valley and the Catholic Mission has one European at MUNGAREP in the Fergusa Valley. All Mission named maintain Aid Posts in their respective areas, except the Apostolic Mission. All the above named missions have schools where local children are taught English; except the APOSTOLIC Mission which maintains a vernacular school.

Native--Mission relationships were found to be reasonably good, the locals still employing their habit of playing Mission against Mission and Mission against Administration.

Airstrip

The airstrip at KOROMAI was found to be practically in the same state as it was when the writer last saw it in December last. The Lutheran Mission will be employing a European on this strip to facilitate the hiring of labour and the supervision of work on the strip. Lack of tools and a method to ensure good attendance by the locals has made this a lengthy drawn out project. All patrols through the Pai'ala have told the locals to ensure that they turn up for work as the project will open up their area. Only three rest house groups been turning up regularly for work, KOROMAI, YUYANU and HAIMERAN. All the other groups have adopted the attitude that will

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nothing until the kiap comes and makes them work on the airstrip. Once the various missions have their meeting on possible co-operation between the Missions and the Administration on this project, a possible answer to the problem of getting sufficient labour for this work may be reached.

Carriers

Carriers from the Pai'ela were used for patrolling both census divisions. As usual, they did their work willingly and cheerfully. Fresh foods for the carriers was no problem; except in some of the smaller centres in the PORGERA Valley.

Census.

Census Revision was only carried out in the PORGERA Census Division, the Pai'ela Census revision to be carried out during the next patrol to the area. This census revealed a total of 3,615 people, the total being made up of 1855 males and 1760 females. Births recorded totaled 62 male and 39 female births. Deaths recorded were 13 male and 6 female deaths, 12 of these deaths recorded were in the 5 years and under age group—nearly 65 per cent of total deaths. Stomach and intestinal tract diseases accounted for most of these deaths. The mothers have the habit of not bringing in the children for treatment until it is too late for anything to be done. Attendance for the census was excellent, with no census evasions being brought before the Local Court.

Law and Justice.

The usual petty complaints concerning bride price, marriage disputes, etc, were brought before the writer for mediation. One escapee from the Porgera Corrective Institution was apprehended at PANDAM. Several cases of threatening behaviour, assault, and spreading false reports were also brought before the Local Court and in all instances, received convictions.

Agriculture.

The main system of agriculture practiced in both Census Divisions is that of subsistence agriculture with no cash cropping practised. The only cash crop which could be introduced is ~~thaxum~~ pyrethrum and this could not be introduced until there is a road link with LAIAGAM which would facilitate the purchasing and moving of the pyrethrum. Cash cropping in the Pai'ela is not envisaged within the foreseeable future.

Health.

The general health of the people seen during this patrol was good. Common complaints such as are usually seen amongst these people were treated on the spot by the APO accompanying the patrol. The Pai'ela area is now adequately covered by Mission and Admin. Aid Posts. The Administration has only one Aid Post here and this is at TAGOBA in the eastern section of the Pai'ela. This APO attends to the medical needs of approximately 800 people. Once a month he goes to PIAWI to the north of TAGOBA to treat these people and any HSWA people who should be in the area. The newas immediately to the north of PIAWI have been told that they can receive medical treatment at PIAWI and some, but not many, have been in to receive treatment for Malaria and tropical ulcers and scabies. The Catholic Mission has only recently set up new Aid Posts at KOMANGA and KANJUWI in the Pai'ela. These Aid Posts cover the WAIMERRAM, KOMANGA TARONGA and KANJUWI areas. The Lutheran Mission has an Aid Post at KOROMBI, and previously had one at MANDUAYARI but this was removed after some trouble there last year.

Health.

This was commented on in Porgera Patrol Report No 3 of 67/68. Discussions with the Lutheran Missionary in Charge at KOROMBI have resulted in the possible replacing of the Aid Post at MANDUAKARI. He had intended to put a new Aid Post in at WAIMERAM in lieu of Manduakari.

The Pai'ela is thus covered sufficiently by Aid Posts. If another Aid Post is to be put into this area, it should be put into the Waimeram area. This area is one of the larger population groups in the Pai'ela and if they wish to obtain medical treatment they face a three hour walk to KOLANGA or a 5 hour walk to KOROMBI. If an Aid Post is put into this area, it would cover the immediate WAIMERAM area as well as the PASSIA area to the north.

The Porgera Valley has four Aid Posts, two being Administration Aid Posts at PORGERA Station and at RIBININI, whilst the Lutherans have an Aid Post at YUIAN and MUNGAREP. The latter is under the supervision of a European nurse.

The Porgera people have just completed work on constructing a new hospital at Porgera Station. This included an 18 bed ward and dispensary/Administration building plus a new semi permanent house for a Hospital Assistant and a native materials house for the APO. Work lasted on this project for nearly three months and the locals did an invaluable job, showing an extreme interest in the work. It is felt that this valley could have several more Aid Posts; one at POLITIKA, which would cover both the POLITIKA and BEALO areas, and one at PANDAM which would cover both the PANDAM and PAKALPAKA areas. The former would be for a population of 500, and the latter for 630 people.

Roads and Bridges.

PAI'ELA. The walking tracks in this area were again found to be in excellent condition. The track from PIAVA to BEALO was in poor shape, but it has to be taken into consideration that this was the first patrol to use this track since 1962. Two cane suspension bridges over the upper and middle reaches of the PAGUPIELB River were found to be in deplorable condition. Both are potential death traps and wire cable has been requested on many occasions but has never been ~~requested~~ supplied. It is felt that the esteem of the Administration would be increased in these peoples' eyes if they saw these bridges made into permanent fixtures. The traffic using both bridges will be greatly increased once work on the KOROMBI strip is completed, thus increasing the possibility of deaths occurring from these bridges being in dangerous condition.

PORGERA. Work is progressing satisfactorily on the internal road net work in the PORGERA Valley. It is hoped that both YUIAN and RIBININI will be linked up PORGERA Station by the end of this year. Shortage of tools is a great problem in this area. The country is mainly limestone and it can be imagined that a lot of shovels are ruined as a result of this. It is hoped that this problem will be overcome in the new financial year.

Walking tracks in this valley were found to be in poor condition as a result of the concentration of manpower on the vehicular road work.

Sex Education.

Only 50 children of schooling age (6-15) were found to be attending either Mission ~~and~~ or Administration Schools, out of a total of 966 male and female children of that age grouping. The Lutheran and Catholic Missions conduct small schools which teach English but only an extremely small number of children attend these schools. Work has begun on constructing a new school on Porgera station. The Missions have agreed to supply teachers for this school and the locals have

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contributed money towards the initial cost of the first buildings as have the various missions. The school will accommodate ~~for~~ Prep., and Standards 1 and 2 for the first year, with pupils coming from all over the the Porgera Valley. It is hoped that construction will be completed by September of this year.

Conclusion.

The situation in the area patrolled was found to be satisfactory, with the Village Officials and the local people assisting the patrol to their fullest capabilities.


P.J. Walsh
Patrol Officer

Appendix "A"

Report on accompanying members of the
ROYAL PAPUAN NEW GUINEAN CONSTABULARY

Constable 1457 WAIMA.

Always a good worker in the bush.
Dependable in most cases. Discipline good.

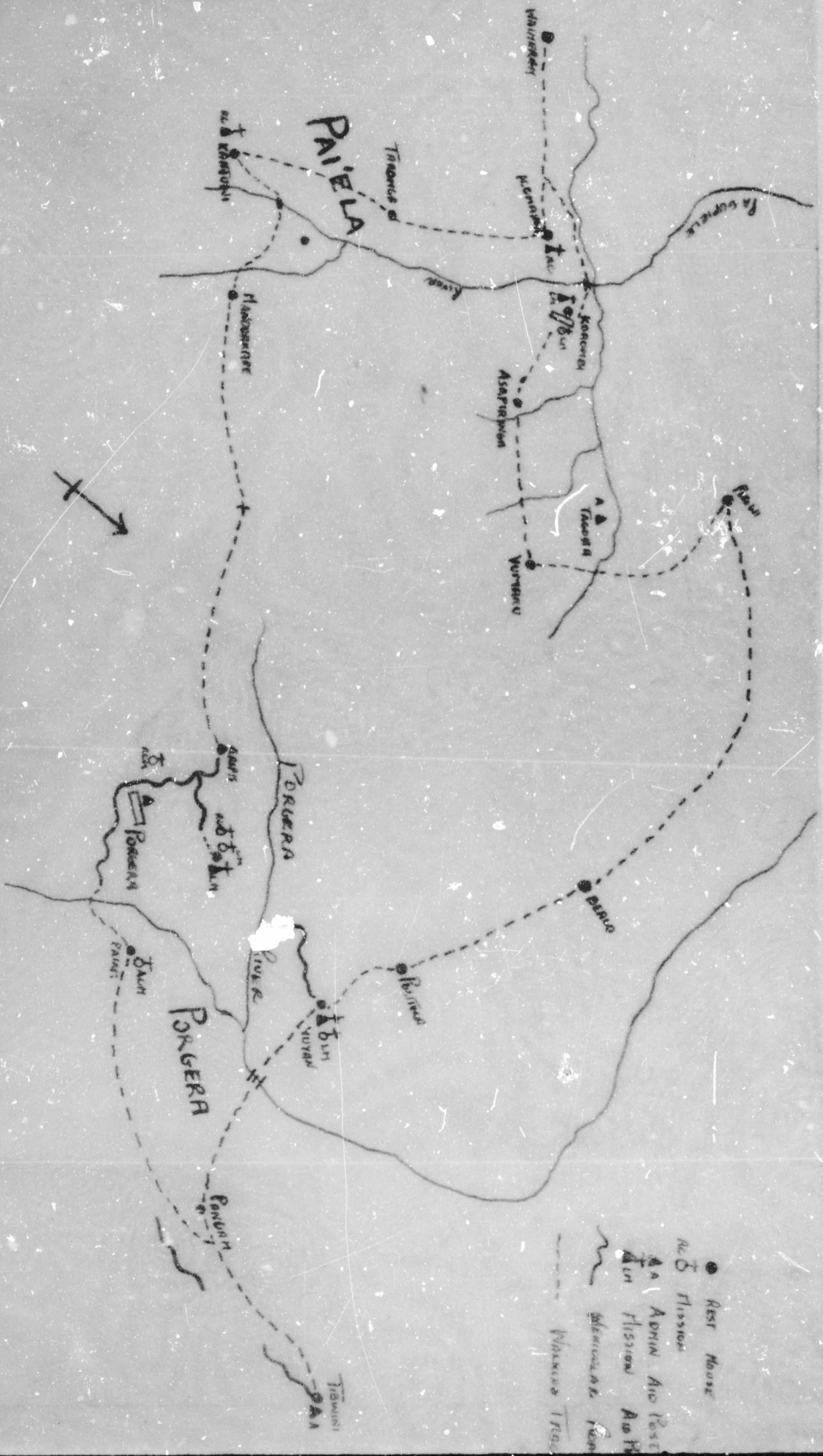
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A conscientious worker. Extremely good with
natives. Good bushman. Excellent discipline.

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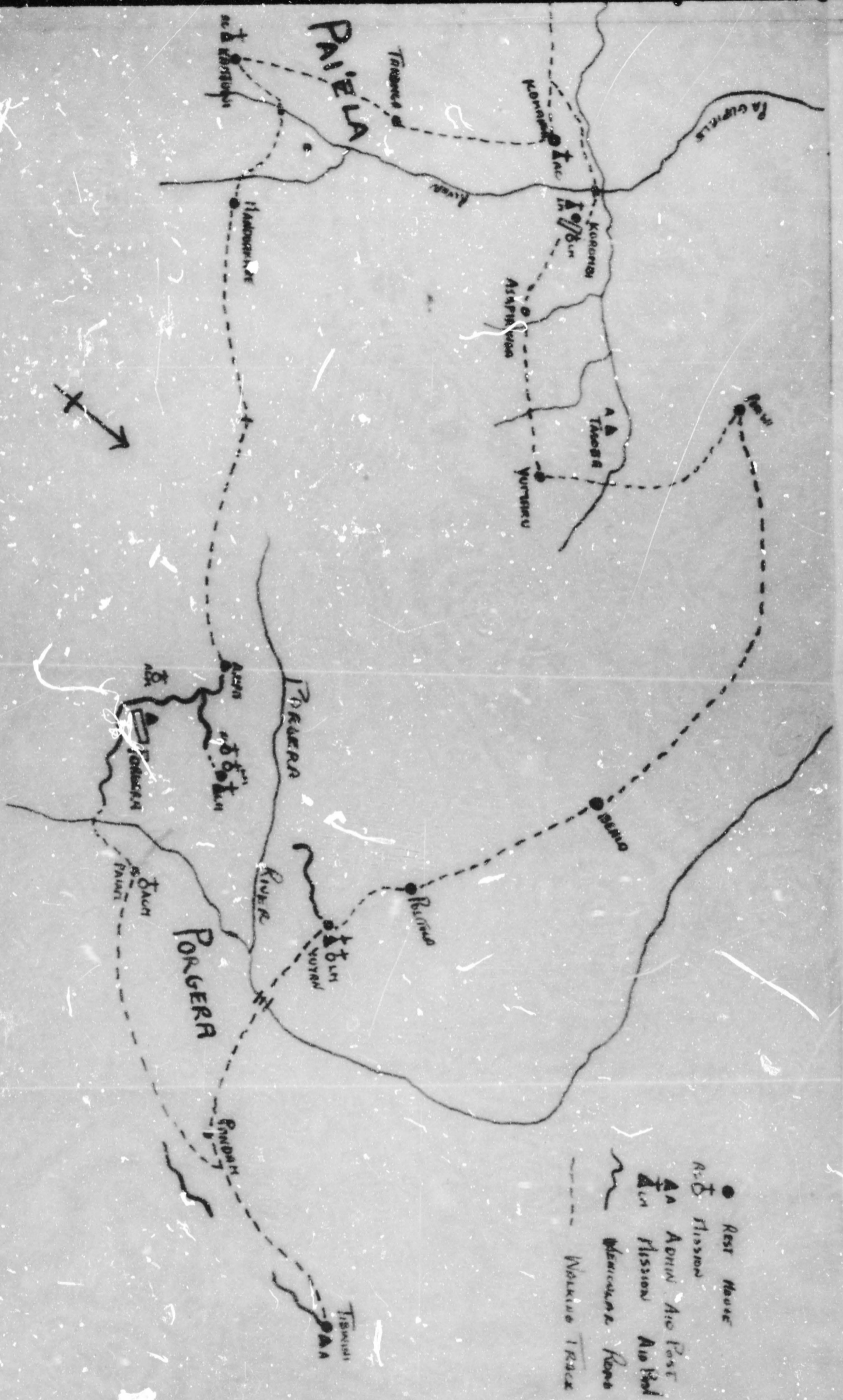
A good worker. Gets carried away sometimes.
Discipline and appearance good.


P. J. Salene
Patrol Officer



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- ⌚ Mission
- ▲ Admin Aid Post
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- ~ Mission
- - - Mission Trail

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- Rest House
- ⊕ Mission
- ▲ Achin Aid Post
- ◻ Mission Aid Post
- ~ Watercourse
- - - Walking Track