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SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1965/1966

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of **SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS** Report No. **ONE OF 1965/66**

Patrol Conducted by **J.S. HICKS PATROL OFFICER.**

Area Patrolled **MAROARIMA CENSUS DIVISION**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **AGRICULTURAL OFFICER**

Natives **FIVE**

Duration—From **26** / **8** / 19**65** to **13** / **9** / 19**65**

Number of Days **SIXTEEN**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **NO.**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **5** / 19**65**

Medical **1964**

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol **FIND ROAD ROUTE TO KANDEP**

ACCOMPANY AGRICULTURAL SURVEY OF AREA.

Director of Native Affairs, **DDA**
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

9/10/1965

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

67-15-10

29th October, 1965.



District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

Director
Department of District
Administration

Nipa Patrol Report No. 1/65-66

MESSAGE

1. Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a patrol report by Mr. Hicks, covered by your memorandum of 67-3-4 of 8th October, 1965.
2. The comments of Mr. Kent and yourself have been noted.
3. Mr. Hicks accomplished very ably the tasks set him and composed a good report showing that he is taking great interest in native affairs field work.
4. I am exceedingly glad to note that vehicular roads will connect Nipa to Mugarida, Nipa to Kendepe and also on a loop line Nipa to Mendi. These roads will be extremely beneficial to the indigenous farmer, who will be very shortly growing pyrethrum.
5. Apparently this has been a very fruitful patrol both from the agricultural and social points of view.

(T.G. Aitchison),
DIRECTOR.

(J. K. Marsh)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Mr.



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Department of District
Administration
Southern Highlands District
MENDI

8th October 1965

Director
Department of District
Administration

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NIPA PATROL REPORT NO 1 OF 1965/66

Forwarded herewith is a report of a patrol conducted to the Magarima Census Division by Mr J. Hicks Patrol Officer, together with comments of Assistant District Commissioner, Mendi.

The patrol was accompanied by Mr G. Greenwood Agricultural Officer and had two main objects - firstly to establish the feasibility of a road link with Kandep and thence Mount Hagen and secondly to investigate the suitability of pyrethrum as a cash crop in the area. Both projects are considered possible.

Since the patrol Mr W. Paterson Cadet Patrol Officer has moved into the area to assist in the construction of the road. The Regional Agricultural Officer has approved planting of pyrethrum in the area and Mr Greenwood is at present stationed at Magarima to assist the people to plant this crop.

The success of the project is dependant firstly on the completion of the road to Kandep and secondly on the continued availability of Department of Agriculture, Stock & Fisheries staff to supervise the planting and date the harvesting of the pyrethrum.

The patrol reveals a satisfactory state of affairs. Messrs Hicks and Greenwood did an excellent job of work and it now remains essential to see that the proposed plans are implemented.


(L. R. Marsh)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

67-2-3



Sub-District Office,
M.E.N.D.I.,
Southern Highlands District.

5th October, 1965.

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

Subject: NIPA Patrol 1 of 65/66.

Attached hereto please find the following documents relating to the above patrol conducted by Mr. John S. Hicks P.O to the Margarima Census Divisions:-

- (1) Patrol Report in duplicate;
- (ii) Camping Out Allowance Claim in triplicate;

2.

Some comments follow:-

- (a) Present capitalization of the enthusiasm of the Margarima Huli for economic development is shown in the posting to Margarima of Mr. G. Greenwood A.O to implement pyrethrum gardens (an estimated fifty acres by December provided stock is available) and the presence of Mr. W. Patterson C.P.O on the extension of a vehicular road through the Census Division to Kandep Patrol Post in the Western Highlands District.
- (b) Provided there is Field Staff continuity, both D.A.S.F and B.D.A, the systematic development and advancement of the Census Division is assured. Should the venture fail through lack of staff then confidence in the Administration will surely decline with an accompanying deterioration in Administration/Margarima relationships. Additionally Mr. Hicks warns of cargo cult possibilities should the desires of the people for economic development be frustrated. Some manifestations of cargo cultism were evident in the Margarima last year (Your 67-3-4 of 1/6/64, Nipa Report 17 of 63/64 and my 67-2-3 of 13/10/64 are relevant).
- (c) Recommendations for the Agricultural Officer be made responsible for daily reporting on Margarima airstrip conditions will be submitted under separate cover;
- (d) A good patrol conducted by energetic and competent officer.

3.

For your information, please.

James W. Kent

(James W. Kent)
Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No 67-2-1

Patrol Post,
NIPA.
Southern Highlands District

17th. September 1965

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

NIPA PATROL REPORT No.1 of 1965/66

Patrol Conducted by: J.S.Hicks Patrol Officer.

Accompanied by: G.Greenwood Agricultural Officer 1.

Const 5th/yr UAMA.

Const 5th/yr WAIMAGANI.

Const 3rd/yr URAGABOIM.

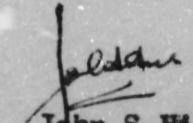
Interpreter MOGERA.

Hospital Orderly KIMI.

Area Patrolled: MARGARIMA Census Division, Southern KANDEP.

Duration: Sixteen days.

Objects: The finding of a road route between MARGARIMA and KANDEP. Construction of a bridge across the LAI River. Accompanying Mr.G.Greenwood in an agricultural survey of the MARGARIMA.


John.S.Hicks
(Patrol Officer)

INTRODUCTION:

The object of this Patrol was to find a suitable route for the building of a road between MARGARIMA and KANDEP, and to accompany an Agricultural Officer in a survey of the MARGARIMA in order to ascertain the likelihood of Pyrethrum plantings in the area.

The MARGARIMA Census Division is contained within a large Basin lying between 6,000 and 7,500 feet above sea level and situated some 30 miles North West of the NIPA Government Station. The people are of the HURI Cultural group which extend from TARI in the West across MARGARIMA and into KANDEP and the LAI Census Division of the MENDI Administrative area. Economic activity in the area is nil caused by remoteness and lack of cheap communication. The social and political level that the people have obtained is surprising considering the length of contact and the degree of assistance that the region has received. Attendance at the Government 'T' School is good and interest in improving themselves at all levels is encouraging.

Unseasonable dry conditions prevailing throughout much of the Highlands has not escaped MARGARIMA, and while there is a notable shortage of the staple - sweet potato it can be assumed that the danger of starvation is remote and that the area is now receiving good quantities of rain to lessen the danger still further.

Response of the people to the first Agricultural Officer to do a survey of the MARGARIMA was somewhat pathetic in the belief of the wenders such an Officer is capable of performing. There appears to be no danger in cultism developing providing that having completed the survey some degree of assistance be forthcoming. It is noted that no promises have been made but the very presence of an Agricultural Officer in the MARGARIMA has been to the people, a promise in itself.

The construction of a road between MARGARIMA and KANDEP is at present under way (NIPA Patrol No.2 of 1965/66) and completion of this road can be expected early in the new year. This will also effect links between the majority of villages in the Northern section of the NIPA Administrative area.

John S. Hicks
John S. Hicks

(Patrol Officer)

DIARY:

- 26th. August. Departed NIPA 1810 walking over near completed Road to KIP in LAI Valley, arriving 1230. Supervised placing of approaches for bridge and the cutting of bearers.
- 27th. August. Completed bridge approaches and hauled logs for bearers. Length of span 90 feet.
- 28th. August. Departed KIP 0830 for Station arriving NIPA 1330.
At Station.
- 30th. August. Departed NIPA 0830 walking along completed road to MOBURA arriving 1300. Assembled people and talked on need for further road work North. Issued shovels.
- 31st. August. Departed MOBURA 0750 walked along road route (part completed) to MARGARIMA. Inspected school and new permanent materials house. Wireless contact made with Hagen and Mendi. Ordered building supplies for completion of house. Paid out £72 for maintenance on MARGARIMA strip; - in excellent condition.
- 1 st. September. At MARGARIMA. Assembled people from nearby villages - 2,000 odd. Spoke on KANDEP Road and possible agricultural development of the area. Agricultural Officer G.Greenwood arrived by aircraft 1330. Shovels issued to all groups.
- 2 nd. September. Departed MARGARIMA 0840 walked to TIENGO (ARUBA No1) arriving 1215. Excellent area for Pyrethrum but no access road. Talk to people on need for KANDEP Road and agricultural development.
- 3 rd. September. Departed TIENGO 0815 walked over range to TABALA arriving 1100. Small lake nearby dry. Talk to group. Several minor courts. Land dispute settled by arbitration. Others brewing.
- 4 th. September. Departed TABALA 0800 arrived MARGARIMA 0850. Dispatched patient to MENDI per aircraft. Distributed shovels. Inspected ground near airstrip for pyrethrum. Walked on to SAMBALA. Talk given on road work and agricultural development. Several courts.
- 5 th. September. Departed SAMBALA 0800 arriving IARO 1000. Talk given to people of IARO and KEME. Road to KANDEP to come through these villages. Food scarce but two pigs offered to the patrol.
- 6 th. September. Sent prisoners back to NIPA. Departed IARO 0830 walked over road route through pass to YENAGARI arriving 1000. Poor assembly people out eating PANDANUS Mats. Talk given. Shovels issued. People not overly keen on Road to KANDEP. Offer of pig refused. No complaints.
- 7th . September Departed YENAGARI 0830 due rain. Walk through heavy timber to RUMBIPAGA Village (KANDEP) arriving 1330. Road to come through here.
- 8 th. September. Departed RUMBIPAGA 0800, walked along completed road to KANDEP Government Station arriving 1100.

9 th. September. At KANDEP. Inspected Pyrethrum plantings through area. O.I.C. absent on Patrol.

10th. September. At KANDEP. O.I.C. returned from Patrol. Discussions re MARGARIMA - KANDEP Road and general development in the area.

11th. September. Departed KANDEP 0900 with goat for V.C. at SAMBALA. Arrived YENAGARI 1450. Followed new route around swamp from RUMBIPAGA. Better route for road. Work detailed for UGU's and YENAGARI's on clearing road route.

12th. September. Departed YENAGARI 0800. Delivered goat to V.C. at SAMBALA and continued on to WENJA arriving 1445. Place in poor condition and houses the same. Several courts. Arbitrated on Land Dispute but it may crop up again.

13th. September. Departed WENJA 0800 walked into NIPA Station arriving 1200. Patrol stood down. Diary ends.

John S. Hicks
John S. Hicks
(Patrol Officer)

POLITICAL SITUATION:

There is developing among the MARGARIMA people a marked degree of cohesion that transcends lineage and clan boundaries. This is becoming more evident with road projects through the area and will certainly increase further if agricultural development goes ahead as planned. There is no thought of any political unity in this but a great knowledge that area development can best be achieved by a united effort. This will form a strong foundation for Local Government Council when the people feel ready to accept such responsibilities.

The House of Assembly remains a mystery to all and the member, Mr. MOMEL-PANGIAL, in spite of having paid one brief visit to MARGARIMA has not managed to convey to the people any idea of the work that is his, indeed, that he has any work at all. With the completion of Road links to NIPA and KANDEP and a consequent 'widening of horizons' it can be anticipated that there will be a great increase in political awareness and knowledge.

Reception to the Patrol was at all times friendly, and to the accompanying Agricultural Officer, - enthusiastic. As stated in the Introduction, it is essential that assistance in the way of cash cropping be implemented as soon as possible, so avoiding any danger of cult activities developing. Missions in the area have found traditional religious institutions very strong and it would require little at this stage of progress to turn such institutions to the acquiring of wealth or 'cargo'. It has been stressed that the road to a cash economy is one that demands hard work, and that this is the only road. The HURI is an individual capable of hard work and it is hoped he may be able to put this talent to his own advantage in the growing of pyrethrum. A rapid decline in the native situation will result if he is prevented.

AGRICULTURE:

A report has been submitted by the Agricultural Officer Mr. G. Greenwood who accompanied the patrol. His survey of the area will certainly be of more value to the MARGARIMA's than any comments I can hope to make here. The object was to discover whether pyrethrum could be grown in the area, and if not, why not. Mr. Greenwood was, I believe, impressed by the desire the people had for cash cropping and the land available for same. Road communications to KANDEP are essential to any cash cropping in the area and are at present under construction. The people acknowledge the need for a road in this direction and are keen to complete same. Mr. Greenwood anticipates the planting of 100 acres of pyrethrum if his report is accepted and the people continue to express a desire for cash cropping. Of the latter there can be little doubt.

During the Patrol a marked shortage of sweet potato was evident throughout the region due to four months continued dry weather and several frosts in villages situated in the Western valleys of the Basin. European potatoes are grown but are not widely eaten by the people. These are reasonably plentiful and would fill a gap if the staple - sweet potato was to continue in short supply. Rains in the last week have eased the problems of the subsistence farmer and the food supply, while still short, is recovering. A patrol at present in the area is keeping a watch on the situation.

LIVESTOCK:

Pigs continue to hold pride of place as symbols of wealth and to provide the all too rare meal of meat. It is interesting to note that during the present food shortage a larger proportion of pigs have been killed for food. This has also served to reduce the status of these animals as chattels to herd, watch over, jealously count and sleep with. Perhaps it is discouraging being forced to sever the head of one's bed companion.

The Village Constable at SAMBALA is now the owner of a male and female goat, the offspring of which he hopes to sell throughout the MARGARIMA. At KANDEP where several goats have been issued to various villages numbers have remained fairly constant, the people preferring to

kill them for feed rather than let them wrench haves in gardens etc. It is possible the same will happen at MARGARIMA.

COMPLAINTS:

With the exception of land, no complaints were presented to the Patrol. Three disputes over land were heard and all able to be arbitrated without recourse to submission of claims. It is likely that such claims will have to be submitted as the people recognise that land may be gained through a Lands Title Commission. Surprisingly there is little shortage of land anywhere in the region. This, of course, is not the point.

COURTS:

Two cases were heard contravening Regulation 87 of the Native Regulations 1939. Both were results of sexual frustration and both were convicted. Three other cases were heard involving riotous behaviour which had occurred as a result of food stealing. These were dealt with under Regulation 71(e) of the Native Regulations Ordinance.

HEALTH:

Following findings of NIPA Patrol Report No.9 of 1964/65 Hospital Assistant Grade 11 KIMI was posted to MARGARIMA. His work in the area has been of the highest standard and he is respected throughout the area. This is no mean feat among HURI people. Various whooping cough and dysentery outbreaks have occurred throughout the past six months but present health is good.

The people of ARUBA No.1 Village have expressed a desire to have their own Aid Post Orderly at TIENGO Village to care for some 800 people in the area. They have named one IGILA of TARI as the man they want to care for them. If IGILA could be made available for MARGARIMA this would give three A.P.O's among 5,000 people enabling an excellent coverage of the whole region. It is requested consideration be given to having IGILA posted to MARGARIMA in the near future.

EDUCATION:

One Government 'T' School is established at MARGARIMA having a total attendance of some 85 children. Three Local Officers staff the school catering up to and including Std. 3. A permanent materials house has been completed for the posting of a European Officer to MARGARIMA in 1966.

Both Methodist and Capuchin Missions have schools throughout the Census Division which provide mainly Religious teachings to these attending.

There is an expressed desire for more Education and Schooling from most groups throughout the Division, but the present Government School can be counted sufficient for the present time at the present level. The demand for schooling will naturally increase year by year.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

1. Roads:

A road is nearing completion between NIPA and MARGARIMA and will be open to vehicular traffic mid-October.

The accompanying map shows the proposed road route between MARGARIMA and the village of RUMBIPAGA already linked with KANDEP in the Western Highlands. NIPA Patrol No.2 of 1965/66 is at present occupied with the building of this road completion of which is aimed for early January 1966. This road will be the major outlet for the MARGARIMA area and it is hoped link this area with the main pyrethrum growing centres of KANDEP, LAIGAM and WARAG.

2. Bridges:

The Patrol also constructed a bridge across the LAI River at the village of KIP thus linking NIPA with the District Headquarters at MENDI. This bridge is one 90 feet span and was built by the people of KIP, TUGUP, KAMP and TOMIA. Miner washouts around the approach-

-es can be expected but the span should withstand all flooding and have a life of from 3 to 4 years.

MISSIONS:

Two Missions only operate in the MARGARIMA. These are the Roman Catholic 'Capuchin' Mission and the Methodist Overseas Mission. The former is staffed by a number of catechists at villages throughout the area with an American Father visiting most villages once every month. The Methodist Mission have a trained SOLOMON Is Pastor in residence at MARGARIMA with Pastor Boys also scattered in most villages.

Friction between the two does exist but is only evident at one village:- TIENGO where the Capuchin's have been working for a year or more and the Methodists have only now entered. It is believed this problem may be overcome by the Missions involved.

Religious instructions is the main object of both missions with little health or ~~economic~~ economic assistance given. Neither have any projects in mind to improve the people and appear to be wholly occupied with 'getting 'em in'.

A trade Store is operated by the Capuchin Mission at MARGARIMA but is mainly patronized by Education and Public Health Staff in the region.

AIRFIELDS:

The Airstrip at MARGARIMA was found to be in excellent condition and maintenance payments were made to those employed. This airfield is of Category 'B' Standard but only 'C' operations are permitted by D.C.A. due to the absence of a strip reporting officer. If pyrethrum plantings do get underway it will be necessary to have this strip open to 'B' operations in order to fly 'splits' in from MENDI or IALIBU. A transceiver has been installed at MARGARIMA and it is requested consideration be given to having the Agricultural Officer responsible for pyrethrum at MARGARIMA give regular strip reports to enable Category 'B' operations.

CONCLUSION:

To be hoped a fruitful patrol from both ^{DDA} agricultural and social view point. Work on the KANDEP Road is underway with the whole hearted support of the people behind it. It remains for pyrethrum plantings to also get underway to ensure the biggest benefit that the people of the MARGARIMA have had since first contacted.

Everything in the area is pointed along the road to development with a minimum of ~~problems~~ trouble. The people acknowledge that they are going to have to work. With pyrethrum they will be given something to work for and perhaps in time all will be well.

For your information, please.

J.S. Hicks
John.S.Hicks
(Patrol Officer)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....Southern Highlands..... Report No.....2 of 1965/66.....

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

Area Patrolled.....Margarima Census Division.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....Hill.....

Natives.....Nine.....

Duration—From....14/...9./19.65..to..17./..10./19..65..

Number of Days.....34.....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services.....Sept...../19 65..

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

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

Objects of Patrol.....(i) Construction of Margarima-Kandep Road.....

.....(ii) Routine Administration.....

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-15-19



5th January, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MIMILI.

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 2/65-66.

Receipt is acknowledged of the Patrol Report by Mr. W.R. Paterson to the MAGARIMA area and your covering memorandum 67-3-4 dated 10th November.

- 2. Your comments and those of the Assistant District Commissioner Mendi have been noted.
- 3. The Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries are preparing a visual aid series on pyrethrum and these should be ready shortly. Mr. Jack Lamrock of that Department suggests that your Local Agricultural Officer could engage, as temporary trainees, two local influential men and send them to Mount Hagen and Iwaguan on an extensive tour of the pyrethrum areas there to see the scheme in actual operation and to see the actual product being purchased.
- 4. Your Local Agricultural Officer should be able to obtain the visual aid series for you when his department has them available.
- 5. The patrol was well conducted and achieved its main objectives and reflects the interest and competency of the conducting officer.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

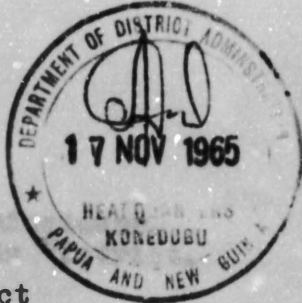
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of District
Administration
Southern Highlands District
MENDI

10th November 1965



Director
Department of District
Administration
KONEDOBU

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO 2 OF 1965/66

Herewith report of a patrol conducted by Mr W. Paterson, Cadet Patrol Officer, together with comments of Officer in Charge, Nipa and Assistant District Commissioner, Mendi.

The introduction of pyrethrum, the posting of an Agricultural Officer and the construction of a road to Kandep and thence Mount Hagen should give a considerable boost to this area. Already some 12-14 acres of pyrethrum have been planted in the area.

A shortage of food is common throughout the District. However, it appears that the situation is not critical in this area.

I agree with the comments of Assistant District Commissioner, Mendi, at paragraph 2 (a). However, perhaps you could make enquiries as to whether any suitable visual aids could be made available.

The remarks of Messrs Kent and Hicks regarding Mr Paterson are endorsed. He is proving a capable and conscientious officer.


(D. R. Marsh)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

67-2-3

Sub-District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

8th November, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

Subject: Nipa Patrol 2 of 65/66.

Attached please find the following documents relating to the above patrol conducted by Mr. W.R. Hattersen, C.F.C to the Nagarima Census Division:-

- (i) Patrol Report in duplicate;
- (ii) Copy of Patrol Instructions issued by O.I.C NIPA;
- (iii) Nipa memo 67-2-3 of 20th October, 1965 being covering remarks by O.I.C Nipa;
- (iv) Claims for Camping Out Allowance.

2. Comments in addition to those made by the O.I.C Nipa follow:-

- (a) Apart from experience through the physical handing over of money by the buyer to the grower I do not know how knowledge of how money is obtained from pyrethrum can be got across to the people. However the Department of Extension Services may have visual Aids applicable and it is requested the Department be approached on the matter;
- (b) Progress on the forming and benching of the road to Nagarima is most satisfactory. At present there is less than a mile of cutting and bridging to complete the Nipa - Nagarima section of this road.
- (c) Since 1963/64 D.D.A patrols from Mendi have visited the Lai Census Division on 13 occasions so Mr. Hicks is in error when states there has been a lack of Administration in the Census Division. What is more to the point, and I think this is what Mr. Hicks meant, because of the sporadic visits by patrols and the nature of their duties the Census Division has not gained any developmental impetus from these visits. As you are no doubt aware consideration is being given to the inclusion of the upper regions of the Lai Valley in the current pyrethrum planting programme. Should this and the projected stationing of a D.D.A Field Officer at Nagarima eventuate then the inclusion of the upper Lai Valley in the area administered by such officer would warrant consideration.

Department of District
Administration
Southern Highlands District
MENDI

8th October 1965

Department of District
Administration

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO 1 OF 1965/66

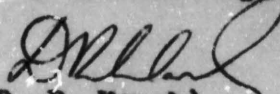
Forwarded herewith is a report of a patrol conducted by the Regional Agricultural Officer in the Southern Highlands District with comments of Assistant District Commissioner, Mendi.

The patrol was accompanied by Mr G. Greenwood Regional Agricultural Officer and had two main objects - firstly to investigate the feasibility of a road link with Kandep and Mount Hagen and secondly to investigate the suitability of pyrethrum as a cash crop in the area. Both projects are considered possible.

Since the patrol Mr W. Paterson Chief Patrol Officer has moved into the area to assist in the construction of the road. The Regional Agricultural Officer has approved planting pyrethrum in the area and Mr Greenwood is at present stationed in the area to assist the people to plant this crop.

The success of the project is dependant firstly on the construction of the road to Kandep and secondly on the continued ability of Department of Agriculture, Stock & Fisheries staff to supervise the planting and date the harvesting of the pyrethrum.

The patrol reveals a satisfactory state of affairs. Mr Hicks and Greenwood did an excellent job of work and it now seems essential to see that the proposed plans are implemented.



(D. E. Marsh)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

^{patrol}
3. A good and an interesting report. I concur with Mr. Hicks account of Mr. Paterson. He is a conscientious and competent officer deeply interested in his work.

James W. Kent
(James W. Kent)
Assistant District Commissioner.

67-2-2

Patrol Post,
NIPA.
Southern Highlands District.

13th. September 1965

Mr. W. R. Paterson,
Cadet Patrol Officer.
NIPA.

NIPA PATROL No. 2 of 1965/66

As discussed, prepare to depart on Patrol to the MARGARIMA on the 13th. September 1965. The object of your patrol will be as follows:-

1. To construct a road from the village of SANGALA, North to join the KANDEP Road at the village of RUMBIPAGA in the Western Highlands.
2. Routine administration of the MARGARIMA.

The following members of the R.P.N.G.C. will accompany you:-

Sgt GARAP. No. 6589
Const AKAU. No. 7842
Const GORREI No. 8250
Const MAKAI No. 9638
Const POMDEI No. 10612
Const URAGABOIM No. 10538
Const ROBI No. 10920

During your Patrol, it is anticipated that a Mr. G. Greenwood will be arriving MARGARIMA to commence pyrethrum plantings in the area. Please give him what assistance you can.

The duration of your Patrol will be dependant on the rate of work. Present indications are that you will be required to return to the Station early or mid November, complete your report and depart for a short Census Patrol into the WAGE. This will be confirmed later.

For your information and action, please.

J. S. Hicks
John S. Hicks

(Officer-in-Charge.)

67-2-3

Patrol Post,
NIPA.
Southern Highlands District.

20th. October 1965

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

NIPA PATROL REPORT No.2 OF
1965/66

Herewith three copies of the above named report plus accompanying map, Field Officer's Journal and claims for camping and boat allowance in respect Mr. Paterson.

An interesting report by an officer who has, in eighteen months, achieved a degree of competency far in excess to his level of experience.

1. It is perhaps a natural thought of the MARGARIMA people not to associate the beginnings of a pyrethrum industry with cash in their own pockets. This is, of course, the first realization the people have had that earning money and work are in fact synonymous. Whether they will accept this or feel cheated and turn in on themselves to some form of cultism will become evident over the next six months. Meanwhile it is important that the people receive some knowledge of how money is obtained from pyrethrum and why the crop can be sold for money. Visual aids would be helpful.
2. The road to KANDEP is proceeding satisfactorily, the entire route having been cut, it remaining the lengthy process of levelling, removing topsoil and bridging. The lack of administration in the upper LAI Valley is evident and Mr. Paterson's patrol route proves just how easy it would be for an officer stationed at MARGARIMA to include many of these villages within his administration.
3. The NIPA MARGARIMA road was aimed for completion mid October. Labour on other projects has left this road still incomplete. It is, however, estimated that only three weeks work remains to give full vehicular access from NIPA to MARGARIMA.
4. The first pyrethrum plantings are scheduled for Monday 25th. October on ground prepared at SAMBALA and HONKI. These are expected to be followed by plantings at WENJA and ANUBA and TABALA once ground has been prepared.

Mr. Paterson will be returning to MARGARIMA within a week, it being hoped his next report will contain steady development of the projects already in hand.

For your information, please.

John S. Hicks
John S. Hicks

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

NIPA Patrol Post,
MENDI Sub-District,
Southern Highlands District.

PAPUA.

18th October, 1965.

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

NIPA PATROL REPORT No.2. of 1965/66.

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

Area Patrolled: Margarima Census Division.

Personnel Accompanying
the Patrol: R.P. & N.G.C.
Sgt. GARAP.
Const. AKAU.
Const. GORABI.
Const. MAKAI.
Const. URAGABOIM.
Const. POMDEI.
Const. ROBEI.

Health Education Orderly PAPALO.
Patrol Interpreter HAPE.

Duration of the Patrol: From the 14/9/65 to the 17/10/65.
Total 34 days.

Last Patrol to the Area: Early September, 1965.

Objects of the Patrol: As per Instructions Nipa Patrol No.2.
of 1965/66.
1. Construction of Margarima-Kandep
Road.
2. Routine administration of the
Margarima area.

Map Reference: Sketch Map attached.

INTRODUCTION.

The main bulk of the area covered by the patrol was that area known as the Margarima Census Division. For the purpose of marking the Margarima-Kandep Road, and soliciting labour for the construction of same, the patrol also entered into areas usually administered from Kandep (W.H.D.) and Mendi.

As indicated in the Patrol Instructions the main purpose of the patrol was the construction of a road linking Margarima and Kandep. As the patrol was terminated earlier than anticipated this road is far from complete and the work will continue for some months.

Routine administration was carried out in the course of the patrol, in the circumstances this was mainly as concerned the road project.

PATROL DIARY.

Tuesday 14th September 1965

Patrol departed Nipa 1015 for Wenja R/H in the Margarima Census Division. Arrived Wenja during heavy rain 1555. Slept at Wenja.

Wednesday 15th September 1965

Departed Wenja 0830. Patrol equipment went forward to Sambala, self followed road route and commenced marking of road to Kandep. Slept at Sambala.

Thursday 16th Sept.

Continued road marking into Keme ground. Slept Sambala.

Friday 17th Sept.

Patrol equipment went forward to Yoloma R/H, Iaru group. Self continued road marking into Iaru ground, Slept at Yoloma.

Saturday 18th Sept.

Continued road marking, entered timber country. Slept at Yoloma.

Sunday 19th Sept.

The day observed, slept at Yoloma.

Monday 20th Sept.

Patrol equipment went forward to Wangalinunda R/H, Yenagari group. Self continued road marking in timber country. Slept at Wangalinunda.

Tuesday 21st Sept.

Continued road marking in timber country, slept at Wangalinunda.

Wednesday 22nd Sept.

Continued road marking in timber country, slept at Wangalinunda.

Thursday 23rd Sept.

Patrol equipment went forward to Obiawa where road camp constructed. Self continued road marking, work disrupted by rain, slept at Obiawa.

Friday 24th Sept.

Continued road marking, slept at Obiawa.

Saturday 25th Sept.

Patrol equipment went forward to Biago where road camp constructed. Self continued road marking in pit-bit country route following Mundu Creek. Slept at Biago.

Sunday 26th Sept.

Remained at Biago, had discussions with Village Official -s concerning organization of work groups, otherwise the day observed. Slept at Biago.

Monday 27th Sept.

Patrol equipment went forward to Rumbipaga R/H (Kandep). Self continued road marking completing large section and concluding at the present Kandep road. Slept at Rumbipaga.

Tuesday 28th Sept.

Patrol departed Rumbipaga 0830 for Pelepoi (S.H.D.) Arrived Pelepoi 1200, existing road work inspected, two Pelepoi groups assembled and work groups organized. Slept at Pelepoi.

Wednesday 29th Sept.

Patrol departed Pelepoi 0830 for Wariba where arrived 1130. Assembled groups Wariba and Semaip for general talk. Work group organized. Slept at Wariba.

Thursday 30th Sept.

Patrol departed Wariba 0830 for Yoloma (Margarima C.D.) arriving 1430. Conversation with Village Constable concerning road progress. Slept at Yoloma.

Friday 1st October 1965

Inspected road work in Iaru and Keme sections. Proceeded to Wabima where met D.A.S.P. Officer and discussed Pyrethium planting programme etc. Inspected road work on Pingi-Wabima section of road. Slept at Yoloma.

Saturday 2nd Oct.

Patrol departed Yoloma 0830 for Humaidia. Self stopped over at Wabima to assist in organizing work group on Pyrethium demonstration plot. Proceeded to Humaidia at 1220 where addressed groups Aruba No 2, Komboro and Nigurna, concerning road and pyrethium programme. Slept at Humaidia.

Sunday 3rd Oct.

Remained at Humaidia, men absent yesterday reported to register for work, otherwise the day observed, slept at Humaidia.

Monday 4th Oct.

Patrol departed Humaidia 0745 for Tiango, (group Aruba I) arriving 1015. At 1200 Aruba No I group gathered for general talk, names recorded for work groups. Slept at Tiango.

Tuesday 5th Oct.

Patrol departed Tiango 0830 for Tabala, arriving 1100. Poor turn-up of Tabala and Wambia groups. Had discussions with Village Officials ensuring full assembly for 6/10/65. Slept at Tabala.

Wednesday 6th Oct.

Groups Tabala and Wambia assembled for discussion concerning road and pyrethium projects. Names recorded for work groups. Wabima-Tabala motor-bike track marked. Slept at Tabala.

Thursday 7th Oct.

Patrol departed Tabala 0815 for Ugu arriving 0915. Ugu group assembled by 1100. Discussions on road and pyrethium projects and names recorded for work groups. Slept at Ugu.

Friday 8th Oct.

Patrol departed Ugu for Wangalihunda arriving at 0920 after one hours walk. Yenagari group assembled for discussions. Road work supervised. Slept at Wangalihunda.

Saturday 9th Oct.

Remained at Wangalihunda, checked and re-routed section of road to avoid unstable ground. Slept at Wangalihunda.

Sunday 10th Oct.

The day observed, slept at Wangalihunda.

Monday 11th Oct.

Checked and organized road work groups and departed Wangalihunda 1020 for Pingi arriving 1330. Checked road work, Wage bridge preparations and Pyrethium garden beds. Slept at Pingi.

Tuesday 12th Oct.

Remained at Pingi, checked labour lines Pingi, Komboro, Nigurus, and Aruba's 1 & 2. Constructed foot bridge over Wage River at a point adjacent to chosen road bridge site. Re-routed small section of road. Slept at Pingi.

Wednesday 13th Oct.

Patrol departed Pingi 1100 after checking work groups and work progress. Arrived Wabima 1130. Assembled Honoi and Pibi groups for discussions road and Pyrethium, several disputes arbitrated. Slept at Wabima.

Thursday 14th Oct.

Patrol departed Wabima 0815 for Sambala, arriving 0900. Checked road groups and work progress Sambala-Pingi, Sambala-Tamburame, and bridge requirements Sambala-Pul. Slept at Sambala.

Friday 15th Oct.

Patrol departed Sambala 0830 for Pul arriving 1000. Checked and rerouted small section of road, supervised work on section. Slept at Pul.

Saturday 16th Oct.

Remained at Pul, checked bridge requirements. Spoke with Wage Census Division Village Officials concerning coming Wage Census Patrol. Slept at Pul.

Sunday 17th Oct.

Patrol departed Pul 0800 for Nipa where arrived and reported to C.I.C. 1100. Patrol stood down.

END OF DIARY

Reception of Patrol

The patrol was well received in all cases, though in some instances those assembled to meet the patrol were few in number. This was mainly due to a proportion of the population being absent from their immediate home area. The absentees were reported to be living in the 'big bush', living mainly on the pandanas hut. This migration has been brought about partly by the present food shortage, however, the food shortage is not wholly to blame as it is customary for the people to live directly off the bush for a period when the pandanas is in season.

Villages

No swing away from the traditional housing is in evidence, indeed no change would be practical without first a higher standard of living including other means of keeping warm. Sufficient regard is being paid to cleanliness, the one glaring exception being the continuance of the practice whereby the family pigs sleep with the family. Only prolonged education will remove this practice it being rooted deeply in their customs and traditions.

Village Officials

All of the Village Officials within the Margarima Census-Division demonstrate loyalty to the Administration. This loyalty is showing signs of growing even stronger with recent intensified interest being shown in the area by Administration departments.

Outline of Political Situation

As indicated earlier the attitude of the people towards the Administration remains good. The attentions of the missions appear to be favourably received.

The main thought trends appear to revolve around (a) the food situation, (b) roads, and (c) the pyrethium project. There is a strong connection between the three.

Roads in the Margarima have been talked about for the last two years and the idea of roads is not a stranger to the people. They recognize roads as a means towards development and in the immediate future they see their labours as cash earning, however little that cash may be. Unfortunately the people have not yet grasped the connection between flowers (Pyrethium) and cash. The people have been seeking some form of 'business' for several years unfortunately now that that 'business' is on their doorstep they fail to recognize it as such. This situation will correct itself partly with the first cash ~~tax~~ return to the area. An educational programme using visual aids would alleviate the possibility of misconception which could easily arise when the people by their own reasoning try to connect the flower with cash income.

The shortage of staple food naturally colours the thinking of the people in relation to Pyrethium and roads. If the men are going to prepare gardens then they think it more practical to be working food gardens than flower gardens, and to work on roads it is necessary to eat. I would emphasize though that the food shortage is not critical.

The Margarima people are quite satisfied with the decision that they are not to receive Local Government yet, and are pleased that they are not to be combined with Nipa to form one Council.

As mentioned in the Introduction and Patrol Diary the patrol visited several of the Upper Lai groups. These people were found to be slightly bewildered not knowing whether to take leadership from Kandep or Mendi. These groups are formally administered from Southern Highlands but Kandep is much closer than Mendi, hence they have the most contact from Kandep. The Village Officials of the area stated a reluctance to visit Mendi. This they said stemmed from uneasiness among groups between themselves and Mendi. Various groups have been conducting their own road building programmes with roads leading to Kandep. Lack of leadership has resulted in there being

no co-ordinated effort between groups who should be working together, each group has thus pursued its own idea for a road, result several roads started none finished and the roads all trying to achieve the same end, road link with Kandep. The Margarima-Kandep road will provide much of this link for these groups.

Agriculture and Livestock.

The shortage of basic food (kau-kau) has already been mentioned. The shortage has been caused by a combination of the following factors; unpreparedness on the part of the people, prolonged dry weather and frosts. Recent rains have improved the condition of the gardens but will not effect the available food supply for several months and then only with follow up rains. There is no extreme shortage though and it is evident that some gardens are being held in reserve as a guard against continuance of present bad conditions. Fresh foods were made available for purchase by the patrol. The eventual arrival of the D.A.S.F. Officer in the area has caused some excitement but not as much as might have been expected. As has been previously explained this is due to a lack of understanding; they have not grasped at the link between the Pyrethium and cash, education by some other means than merely talking is required.

The goat population in the Division has now increased to two, therefore holding hopes for further increase.

Commerce and Industry

The present Pyrethium planting should soon introduce cash into the area, if continued this should soon provide an opening for a trade store. Such a move would be welcomed by staff of Public Health and Education Departments stationed at Margarima. These personnel find the task of ordering their own bulk supplies from Hagen too arduous and would welcome the establishment of a local supply.

Health

No major diseases were noted at assemblies held during the patrol, however, not being a census patrol the whole of the population was not viewed.

Health Education Orderly, Papalo accompanied the patrol during its latter half. He spoke to assembled groups concerning the need for care where health was concerned. He illustrated his talks with the assistance of a plastigraph board. It may be noted here that the plastigraph proved to be an interesting means of communicating an idea. Only time will tell its actual effectiveness in this particular instance. Aid posts at Ugu and Wabima were inspected and found to be under good management.

Roads and Bridges

The patrol was mainly concerned with the construction of a road from Sambala in the Margarima through to join the Kandep road at Rumbipaga in the Western Highlands. The first half of this patrol was spent largely in marking this road while the second half was spent mainly in organizing for its construction. The road will be invaluable as an access and communications road assisting in, or making possible, the development of Pyrethium in the area. The work of actually building the road is in its early stages the bulk of the work being yet to be done.

The Margarima-Nipa road is nearing completion, some work has been held up by the food shortage. Work is now continuing and the completing of one short section and the construction of bridges and culverts will complete the road.

The pyrethium programme has placed a greater urgency on the road construction programme and has at the same time given the roads more meaning. The realization of this appears to have reached the Margarima people.

Airfields

The Margarima 'strip is being maintained in good condition. The dry weather has had a certain adverse effect on the grass which was intended to cover the surface. At the present time the surface tends to be dusty, a renewal of usual wet conditions should restore the grass and settle the surface again.

Personnel

The patrol was accompanied by seven members of the Royal Constabulary. R.S.I. report forms have been completed for each member and have been forwarded to the Commissioner of Police, whilst duplicate entries have been made in their records of service.

Conclusion

The patrol was terminated earlier than anticipated to enable members of the R.P. & N.G.C. and self to be at Nipa for the occasion of the visit by His Honour The Administrator. The work allocated the patrol is therefore not completed and has in a sense only started.

The native situation in Margarima always fairly good is showing signs of even further improvement. The people may be a bit confused by the extra attention which they are suddenly receiving after a comparative stalemate. The permanent materials house on the Station, the increased patrol activity and intensified road programme and the chance of agricultural development.

It will be necessary at this stage to emphasise the basic requirement of work for continued progress.

This report was completed on the 19th of October 1965.

W. R. Paterson
(W. R. Paterson)

Jadet Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. THREE of 1965/66

Patrol Conducted by Mr. J.S. HICKS PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled NIPA BASIN CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives TWO

Duration—From 29./9./1965 to 5./11./1965

Number of Days TWENTY TWO

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 2./1965

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

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol CENSUS AND ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

23/11/1965

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

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

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67-15-24

7th January, 1966.

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

KIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 1/1965-66

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a Patrol Report by Mr. Hicks, covered by your memorandum 27-3-4 of 22nd November, 1965.

2. Your comments and those of Mr. Kent have been noted.

3. Mr. Hicks appears to be a capable energetic young officer very interested in native affairs field work. His report is very informative.

4. The Nipa people should be happy now that the tractors have been sent to their area.

(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.



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22nd November 1965

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NIPA PATROL REPORT NO 3 OF 1965/66

Report of a patrol conducted by Mr J. Hicks, Patrol Officer, together with comments of Assistant District Commissioner, Mendi, forwarded herewith for your information, please.

Two tractors and trailers this day departed for Nipa by road. It was expected that these would have been available earlier, but at least they are now on the way.

It is the intention of Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries to post an Officer to NIPA. Mr Greenwood has been currently engaged in the planting of pyrethrum in the NIPA area. It is not known definitely whether Mr Greenwood will remain in the District or whether he will be replaced by another Agricultural Officer.

Necessary funds have already been made available for work on the NIPA airstrip.

The final remarks of Assistant District Commissioner, Mendi, are endorsed. Mr Hicks is a capable energetic young officer who has done excellent work in the NIPA area.

(D. R. Marsh)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

67-2-3

Sub-District Office,
MENDI,
Southern Highlands District.

17th November, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

Subject: Nipa Patrol 3 of 1965/66.

Attached hereto please find the following documents arising out of the above patrol conducted by Mr. J.S. Hicks P.O to the Nipa Basin Census Division:-

- (i) Report in duplicate;
- (ii) Camping Out Allowance Claims submitted by Messrs Hicks and SUWALI-KARIT, Interpreter.

2. Some comments follow:-

(A) Political Situation:- The gradual breakdown down of traditional enmity accompanied by increased social unity and political awareness is not only gratifying but is also indicative of the calibre of the work being undertaken by Mr. Hicks and the other officers from all Departments stationed at Nipa .

Mr. Hicks is in error when he states that the absence of a tractor at Nipa is due to either reluctance to send one to the station of a greater priority elsewhere. The reason is that the tractor on allocation to Nipa has yet to arrive. Should the presence of a tractor on the Nipa roads forestall a possible loss of confidence in the Administration's motives then Mr. Hicks need not unduly worry. A driver has already gone to Hagen to pick up the tractor. Its arrival Nipa maybe ^{TWO} anticipated within the next weeks.

Mr. Hicks gives a timely warning in that Administration projects which, to the people are either seemingly purposeless or failures, in that results either promised or intimated have not materialised, constitute a potential danger to the existing harmonious relationships between the people and the Administration. Tangible results of their efforts without inordinate delay is not only a reasonable attitude but judicious and prudent Administration.

Mr. Homei Pangial's visit to the more remote areas of his electorates and the public response is most pleasing. I do not know whether the visit resulted from fairly constant advice from this office or suddenly acquired political acumen, however whatever the cause the visit has served a most useful purpose.

(B) Agriculture:

The current pyrethrum plantings in the Magarima, the increasing desire for cash cropping and the overall potential certainly warrants specialized supervision in the form of an Agricultural Officer, who should be available for prolonged visits to the area should it not be possible for him to be posted permanently to Nipa. The presence of Mr. Greenwood in the Magarima, his energy and what he has accomplished in, so short a time is not only viewed as a direct result of the fairly constant demands for an Agricultural Officer, but also as a concrete example of the good faith of the Administration, consequently its reputation has been considerably enhanced. It is to be hoped that rumours that Mr. Greenwood is to be posted to another District are without foundation. Should they be true the effects of his transfer could be quite disastrous. Administration motives would immediately become suspect, passive resistance to future social and economic projects almost a certainty, moreover the potential of the area for cargo cult activities, at present dormant, should not be underestimated.

(C) Airfields:

To improve aircraft approach paths it was necessary to remove trees from the FULUM ceremonial ground. This virtually wipes out the site for ceremonial purposes and compensation has been requested. I understand that an amount approaching £200 will be made available.

(D) Census:

Census statistics have been submitted however the old style Register sheets were used. These are being retained until I can ascertain whether or not the new pro forma sheets are held at NIPA. If they are then the statistics will be returned for recompilation.

Complimented

3. An excellent patrol and a comprehensive report. Mr. Hicks is to be commended for the manner in which he is carrying out his duties as the Officer in Charge of the NIPA Administrative Area.

James H. Kent
 (James H. Kent)
 Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply
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SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT

Patrol Post,
NIPA.
Southern Highlands District.

8th. November 1965.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office.

MENDI.

NIPA PATROL REPORT No.3 OF
1965/66

Patrol Conducted by:- Mr. J.S. Hicks Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled:- NIPA BASIN Census Division.

Duration of Patrol:- Twenty two days.

Patrol Accompanied by:- Europeans:- nil

Const 5th year UAMA No. 6752

Interpreter SUWALI-KARIT.

Objects of Patrol:- Compilation Tax Census Sheets NIPA Basin. Census
same. Routine administration.

J.S. Hicks
John. S. Hicks
(Patrol Officer)

INTRODUCTION:

An interesting routine Census Patrol through the NIPA Basin during which Tax Census Sheets were compiled for the 7,440 inhabitants. It is this Census Division that has had more contact than any other in the NIPA Administrative Area, and although not necessarily axiomatic; it is this area that is the most politically and socially advanced. Economics, unfortunately, do not yet play a part in the scheme of things apart from in four groups near to the Government Station who have availed themselves of the Government demand for fresh foods and timber; and to a lesser extent; - for labour.

Roads link every village in the Division bar three who are within a short one hour walk of the road. This makes for easier Administration and certainly more frequent Administration. Regrettably the people have yet to see any major benefit for themselves from these roads but it is believed a tractor will be arriving at NIPA shortly. Such a single item will do much for the native situation apart from the obvious advantages to every project in the area.

Mr. MOMEI-PANGIAL MHA paid the area a visit during the course of the Patrol. The reception he received was an enormous improvement to that of 9 months ago when the NIPA people didn't know who he was and didn't really care. Mr. MOMEI's visit, following as it did a visit by His Honour the Administrator, can be counted a singular success. He was also very well received in the NEMBI Valley where he has not ventured before. This was extremely encouraging and reasonable proof that the people are becoming increasingly aware of their function and that of the Government.

The Patrol was broken to return to NIPA and greet the Administrator during his visit to the Southern Highlands. A suspected murder was also investigated but subsequent post mortem revealed death by natural causes. For the remainder, routine census only and a gratifying impression that the people are well on the way to a level at which the introduction of Local Government would be acceptable to all.

John S. Hicks
John.S.Hicks

(Patrol Officer)

DIARY:

- 29th. September. Departed NIPA 0800 for KIPA. Inspected road work and LAI Bridge. Heard dispute over land PINJ-KIP. Slept KIP.
- 30th. September. To Station to complete monthly returns etc. Returned to KIP. Road supervision.
- 1st. October. Assembled people from TUGUP and KIPA and paid same for work and timber used in construction of LAI Bridge.
- 2nd. October. Departed KIP for SHUMBI. Census SHUMBI. Heard several land disputes. Marked three bridges for construction on road.
- 3rd. October. At SHUMBI. Heard courts and complaints.
- 4th. October. Departed SHUMBI to EGENDA. Census EGENDA. Heard three courts and complaints.
- 5th. October. Departed EGENDA. Patrol to INGIN. Self to Station to make police pays etc. Returned to Patrol at INGIN.
- 6th. October. Census INGIN and MAK lines at INGIN. Courts and complaints heard.
- 7th. October. Departed INGIN to KOMIA. Census at KOMIA. Courts and complaints. Rumour of murder heard. To station to request post mortem. Returned patrol.
- 8th. October. Departed KOMIA for murder investigation at SESEDA. Patrol direct to station. Retrieved body and returned to station 1330 for post mortem. Patrol stood down. P.M. reveals natural causes.
- Break here for anticipated ADC inspection and visit of His Honour the Administrator.
- 25th. October. Departed NIPA to SUMA. Census both TOMBERA No.2 and SUMA. Courts and complaints heard.
- 26th. October. Departed SUMA to WOIYA. Census both WOIYA and ALAMANDA. Courts and complaints heard. Marked section on road for completion in three weeks.
- 27th. October. Departed WOIYA to BOIA. Census both UNGUN and BOIA. Land dispute, courts and complaints heard.
- 28th. October. Departed BOIA to SESEDA. Census both SESEDA and TOMBERA No.1. Complaints and courts heard. Road marked from SESEDA to KWARE. This road will open up an area of 1,000 people and be an excellent supply of limestone for road surfacing.
- 29th. October. Departed SESEDA for INJIP. Self to Station. Helicopter survey with ADC of proposed KIKORI road route. Difficult enough in the helicopter. Returned to patrol at INJIP. Heard several complaints.
- 30th. October. Census for both INJIP and AROP lines.
- 31st. October. Completed census for above groups. Visited station:- correspondance. Returned Patrol.
- 1st. November. Census CMDOL group at INJIP. 73 migrations in from WAGE. Heard complaints and courts. Talk given

by Mr.MOMEI-PANGIAL MHA to all groups assembled.

2nd. November. Departed INJIP to EBIL. Census EBIL and HONT. Heard several land disputes, courts and complaints.

3rd. November. Departed EBIL to EREP. Marked trees for milling en route. Census ~~EBIL~~ and KOMBILA. Heard complaints and several courts. Preliminary survey of new road route into ~~NEBI~~ Valley to open up timber areas.

4th. November. Departed EREP to PULIM. Census PULIM. Heard many complaints and courts. Approached elders as to cutting trees on ceremonial ground. Not over anxious but will do some to better airstrip approaches.

5th. November. Marked trees to be cut to improve airstrip approaches. This timber to be sold to the Administration for milling. Departed PULIM for NIPA Station. Arrived NIPA 1130. Patrol stood down. Patrol ends. Diary ends.

John S. Hicks
John.S.Hicks
(Patrol Officer)

POLITICAL SITUATION:

There is a noticeable increase throughout the area in both unity and political thought that is gaining in strength and expression from month to month and from year to year. Enmity does still exist in the form of a tradition but like all traditions that are subject to a changing social order, it is being broken down. It is apparent over the past six ~~months~~ months that the people are beginning to question the various projects that the Government have in hand. Roads are the major work, but the time is now past when one could approach the people and receive full support for a road on mere Government say so. This regrettable state of affairs has been caused by a reluctance or perhaps greater priority in the use of vehicles rather than send one to NIPA. The situation has reached reasonably serious proportions. Nearly one hundred miles of vehicular have been constructed to seemingly little advantage. It is an unanswerable question, "We have built the roads but there are no tractors; there are no Land Rovers. Why should we build roads if they are not going to be used? This doesn't help us and we can't see how roads can help the Government if there are no vehicles to put on the roads." The temptation is great to use this as a personal argument in requesting vehicles for NIPA but the whole thing has got beyond 'tractors to roll the strip and Land Rovers to round up the sick and lawless', type of thinking. The native attitude to the Administration is in question and if something is not done shortly, permanent damage will be made to what is now a healthy and respectful position.

As stated in the Introduction, Mr. MOMEI-PANGIAL visited the area during the course of the Patrol. He was listened to at every village and although not accompanying the Patrol, was not far behind. The people asked him various questions about the House of Assembly and received accurate answers from Mr. MOMEI. Six months ago the NIPA people were lacking in any understanding whatsoever as to the function of a Member of the House of Assembly. They were pleased that MOMEI took time to walk around to their villages and speak to them. Such has done a lot for the area and it may be possible that NIPA people will vote for Mr. MOMEI in the next elections in spite of him not being a 'NIPA' man. This sort of thinking would have been impossible only a short time ago.

It is certain that increased political awareness and the native thought about road work in the area can be linked up and labelled Political Development. This development will continue to play an ever increasing part in native attitude and it is the responsibility of the Administration to prevent such an attitude from turning sour.

AGRICULTURE:

Subsistence agriculture devoted to the sweet potato crop remains the one avenue in this field. Coffee plots have been planted in the villages of KWARE, PULIM and EGENDA but these play no major part in either agriculture or economics. A nursery established at NIPA some years ago is now producing good coffee but the need for supervision is apparent. A request has been made for an Agricultural Officer to be stationed at NIPA, the same being responsible for Pyrethrum at MARGARIMA and Coffee at NIPA. The desire in the NIPA area for cash cropping has been only too evident for the past eighteen months and the need for an Agricultural Officer does not lessen. It is believed a Mr. Greenwood who is at present at MARGARIMA has applied for a permanent posting to the area. I agree with him that a big potential awaits these people in the field of cash cropping if specialized supervision be forthcoming.

LAND:

There is a noticeable increase in the number of land disputes which is further evidence of political awareness. These have jumped in the last twelve months from six to sixteen. This is not, of course, to say that people are only now beginning to disagree about land boundaries, but it is to say that people are becoming well aware of the possibilities in gaining land through the Lands Title Commission. It is

obvious that some people are hatching up disputes with little reason whatever save the notion that Disputes are a way of gaining land that they have no other right to. This will continue.

COMPLAINTS:

Land dominated these with minor disputes over pigs and mother of pearl exchange running a close second. Nothing of great moment but merely the numerous little problems associated with a society at this stage in its' transition. Perhaps that problem of most interest was that concerning marriage. It has been the custom in the past to sell brides at a relatively young age; the female joining her husband's clan at a time when she is ready to bear children. The bride thus had little say in the choice of husband and if she expressed a reluctance to marry the chosen man she was usually thrown in a river or met her death by an axe often wielded by her father. Law and order has changed this and a bride will now marry the man of her choice. A moral sense, or rather lack thereof, means there is little to prevent a marriage falling apart. 'Bride Price' can no longer be considered a tie that binds. Thus we have at NIPA a situation where brides will refuse to marry, and others where a woman may marry four or five times in a period of four or five years. Indeed, this sort of thing is fast becoming the norm. Perhaps one could add that NIPA is also fast becoming an area with problems similar to other areas throughout the Territory. It appears impossible to prevent this phase or hurry through it and on to the next stage of development and change.

COURTS:

A large number of minor courts were heard all centring about a central theme. This remains emotional with the exceptionally rare instance of stealing for the sole purpose of increasing one's wealth. It is certain the people realize the law in all matters associated with their society, and equally certain that a moment will arrive for nearly all of them when such realization will be completely forgotten in the instant satisfaction of beating someone on the nut. There is remorse after the event which may account for a person, when confronted with a charge, admitting to the truth thereof when he or she has done the act or made the omission. There is some perverted sort of honesty in this.

HEALTH:

There is an excellent coverage of all villages in the NIPA Basin by both Mission and Government health staff. Two Government Aid Posts and the Hospital at NIPA serve the area in addition to Mission infant welfare clinics and four Mission Aid Posts. Health is consequently good but there is still a reluctance to bring sick people into Aid Posts and Hospitals for treatment. An outbreak of chicken pox and whooping cough would account for a large number of infant deaths recorded this census. Subsequent figures will be interesting for this Census Division, it being likely that a steady decrease will be evident for the region: that is a decrease in the infant mortality rate. This is already evident comparing this year's census figures with that of 1964. The 35% increase in births is believed directly attributable to better health facilities and a greater use being made of these. There has been a slight increase in the number of deaths in the one to thirteen age group and a slight drop in the 0 to 1 year age group. The latter may be a result of infant welfare clinics being operated by the Methodist Mission.

EDUCATION:

Two recognised schools operate for the use of children in the NIPA Basin. These are the Government Primary 'T' School at NIPA plus the Methodist Mission School at PURIL near the village of KWARE. Both these schools have some 80 odd pupils; the Government School catering up to and including Std 4; the Methodist School:- up to and including Std 6. This Mission does, however, take a large number

of its pupils from the MENDI and TARI areas.

The Government School can only take children of nearby villages and these include EGENDA, KOMIA, SOI, YALAL, KWARE and PULIM. The School Teacher:- Mr. Alexander accompanied the Patrol in these villages and made note of children who will be eligible for schooling over the next five years.

Those villages who, due to distance and limited intake, cannot send their children to school have, in every instance expressed a desire to have a school in their vicinity. This does not appear possible in the foreseeable future but it is hoped the next generation may be catered for in the field of Education.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

The extent of the Road network through the area has been mentioned earlier. As nothing is yet to hand to put on these roads it seems somewhat silly to go on at length about it. All roads have good vehicular bridges where necessary and may perhaps serve a purpose one day.

MISSIONS:

Three Missions are established throughout the Division and every Mission has at least one representative from one or other of the Denominations. The two strongest Missions are both Protestant being the Methodist Mission based at PURIL and the Apostolic Christian Mission based at TILIBA near the village of SOI. The Capuchin Mission is also centred at NIPA but have not a very strong following due to their apparent policy of trying to establish themselves at MARGARIMA and in the NEMBI Valley with a staff of only two to cover the entire area. Consequently they are known throughout the Census Division but have little influence.

The Apostolic Mission have not yet put 'boys' out in the villages but may do so in the near future. They are concentrating on an education program in the local language which is having quite a success. Elementary reading is the main point and classes are held twice weekly for groups of 60.

AIRFIELDS:

The NIPA Airstrip is the only one in the Basin and serves both Government and Mission purposes. This strip is close to completion for Category 'B' aircraft and during the Patrol a splay at the Southern approach was cut in accordance with D.C.A. requirements for aircraft approach paths. This necessitated the cutting of the PULIM clan ceremonial ground and little opposition was found when explained the -at trees had to be cut for the purposes of better aircraft operations.

At time of writing only ten days work remains for the complete stoning of the strip giving an overall length of 3,100 feet and width of 200 feet. Extensions are planned for 3,300 feet of operational length but D.C.A. have undertaken to open the strip to 'B' operations once stoning is completed and a tractor is made available for rolling the surface.

LABOUR:

There has been an increase of some 110 people absent from their respective villages at work both inside and outside the District. This figure does not exceed the one third maximum absent from the village in any one case. A desire for knowledge and an income is thought mainly responsible for the enormous rise - some 500% away at work. The Highland Labour Scheme is still thought a success in such areas as NIPA where such a program has, and is, doing a great deal for political and social development of the people that would not be so rapid without it.

CENSUS:

The Patrol compiled Tax Census Sheets for all villages in the area thus completing such sheets for all villages in the NIPA Administrative area.

A large number of Migrations in were noted the main trend being from the WAGE and LAI Valleys. Most of these migrations are of people returning to clan land having run away from their areas during days of tribal fighting. It is estimated that some 200 remain outside the NIPA Basin that will return in the next year.

Four people only were convicted of having failed to appear for Census taking without an excuse. This can be counted an excellent response.

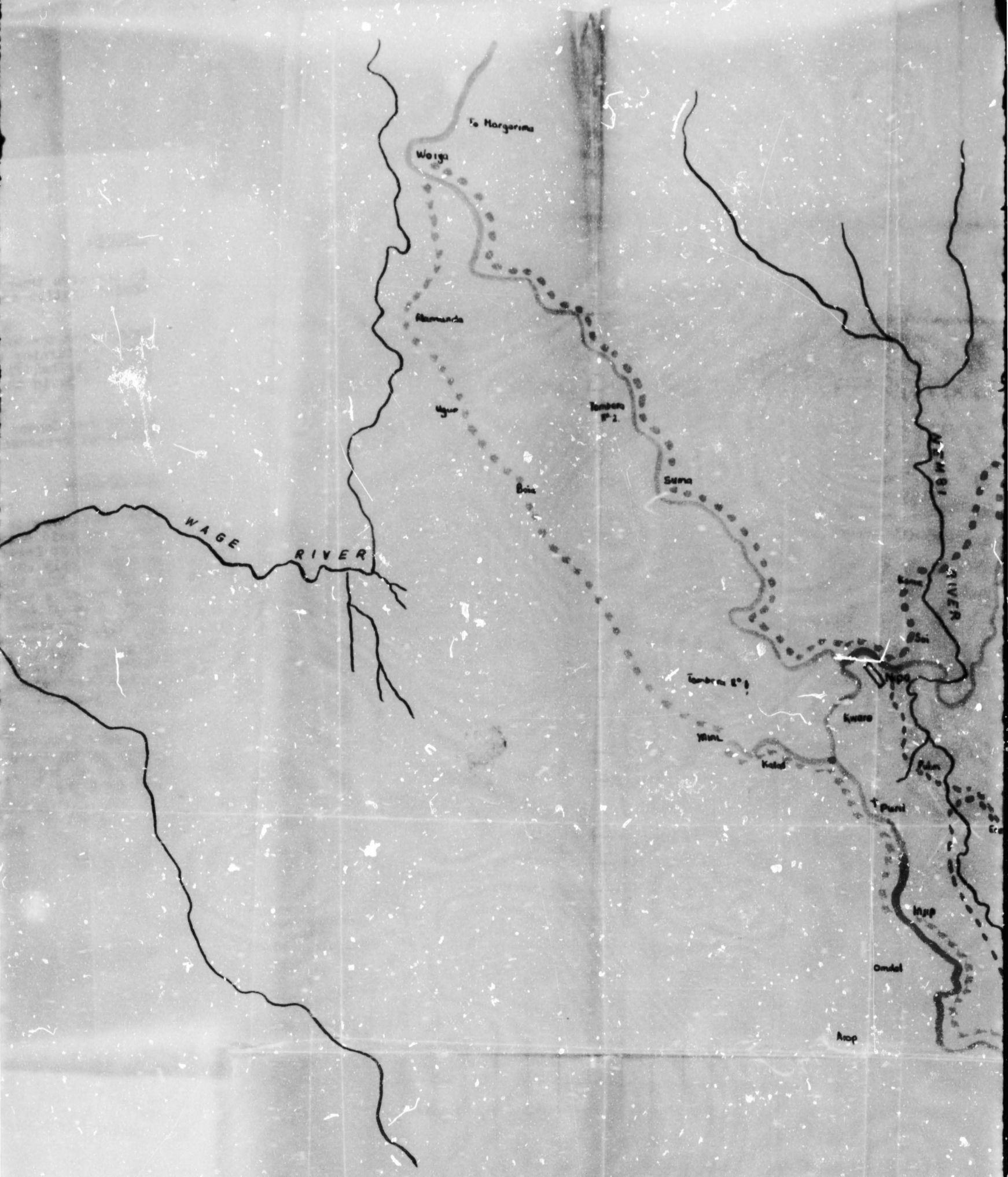
CONCLUSION:

The decision of the NIPA people only six months ago to delay the formation of a Local Government Council was a wise one. At this time they said that they were not ready for a Council and wouldn't be ready for at least twelve months. This was an accurate assessment and it appears likely that the NIPAs will be able to cope with a Council by June or July 1966. These past six to twelve months have seen the emergence of a thinking mind not in evidence before this. There is no longer a complete bafflement at new ideas and new implements etc., but rather a questioning intelligence. Taken from context this would possibly read like the uncovering of a somewhat rare native society. This is not the case. What is happening is best explained by recording what is not happening. There is no aggression towards the Administration; no widespread fear between groups and no desire to revert to the pre-Administration status quo.

What is replacing these may be harder to manage and understand than the ideas being replaced. If this is the time for Local Government then the people of the NIPA Basin are almost ready. They will not, of course, live happily ever after but one or two may gain the impression that it is to this end that society is all about.

For your information, please.

John S. Hicks
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(Patrol Officer)

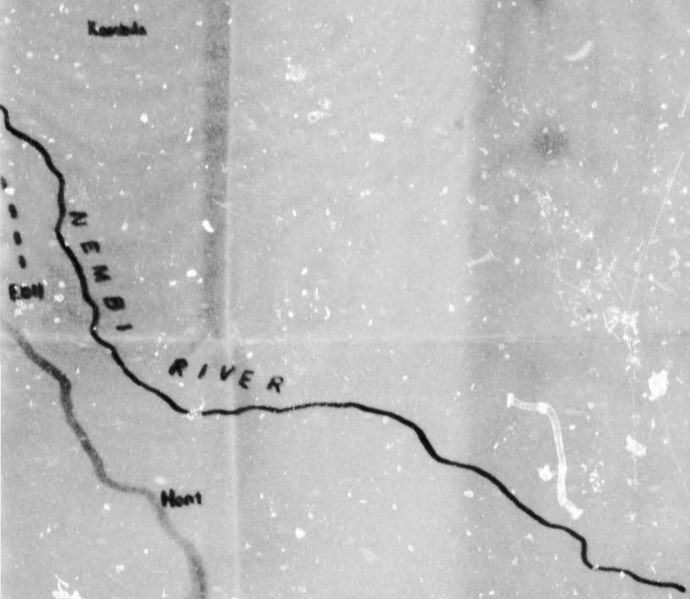
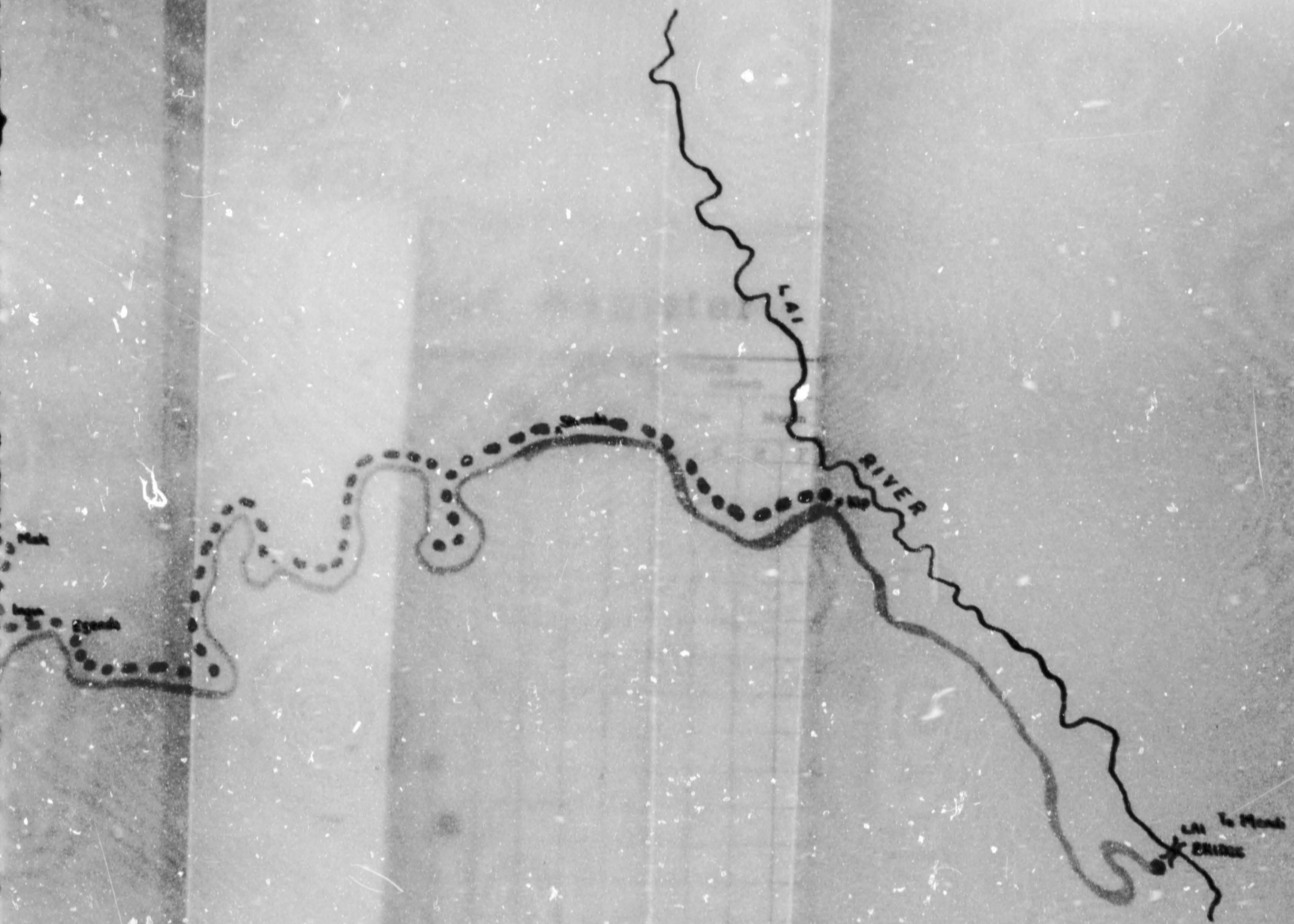


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 No 3 of 1965/66

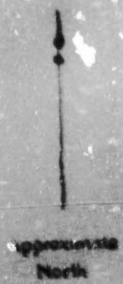


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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. 4. of 1965/66. NIPA

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

Area Patrolled Wage Census Division & Margarima Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Natives 6

Duration—From 23/10/1965 to 26/11/1965

Number of Days 35

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services October/1965 Margarima

~~Wage~~ May/1965 Wage

Map Reference Sketch map attached

Objects of Patrol Wage C/D Census & compilation of Tax Census Sheets.

Margarima C/D Routine administration, Road & Bridge construction.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

3/2/1966

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund ... £.....

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

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67-15-12

23rd February, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
NSW.

RE: MRS. J. M. MURPHY, 11/11/1965

Thank you for your memorandum 67-15-12 of 20th December, 1965 and the above patrol report.

2. I have noted your comments and those of Robert Kent and Nicks.
3. Mr. Petersen appears to have spent thirty-five days very usefully amongst these people and submitted a lengthy and informative report.
4. If the district staff position precluded the posting of a Patrol Officer permanently at Margerita for some time to come, the local people will have to learn to carry on without him. It just cannot be helped and the people should learn to look at these things in a mature way.
5. I hope the pyrethrum industry becomes a really thriving show in this area.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Our Reference 67-3-4

If calling ask for

Mr.



Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District.
MENDI.

2nd February, 1966.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. Papua.

Nipa Patrol Report No.4/65.66
Wage/Margarima Census Divisions
Mr. W.R. Paterson, C.P.O.

Attached please find the abovementioned Report with covering comments by the Officer-in-Charge, Nipa, and Assistant District Commissioner, Mendi.

The general district staff position precludes the posting of a Patrol Officer permanently to Margarima for some time to come. The importance of this area economically is realised and every endeavour to assist the people will be done.

The agricultural situation has improved since the patrol. An Agricultural Officer is again stationed at Margarima but as he is on loan from the Western Highlands, the length of his stay depends on the Regional Agricultural Officer. The District Agricultural Officer has no information on this at present. However, it appears that a Project Officer is shortly to be posted to Nipa and since he will be working wholly on Pyrethrum the greater part of his time will be spent at or around Margarima. In addition an Assistant Agricultural Officer is based permanently there.

For your information please.

(D.R. MARSH)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Encls.

2 c.c. Assistant District Commissioner,
MENDI.

67-2-3

Sub-District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

13th January, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

Subject: NIPA Patrol 4 of 1965/66.

Attached please the following documents relating to the above patrol conducted by Mr. William R. Paterson, C.P.O to the Wage and Margarima Census Division:-

- (i) Report in duplicate;
- (ii) Nipa Covering memorandum, 67-2-3 of 10th December, 1965 in duplicate;
- (i.i) Camping Out Allowance Claim.

2. Some comments follow:-

- (i) It is becoming increasingly apparent that a serious deterioration in the existing situation is quite possible unless a D.D.A Field Officer spends the greater part of his time in the Margarima Census Division. It may even be necessary to post such officer full time to Margarima. The proposed posting of a Patrol Officer to Nipa should ease the situation especially if he can be posted either permanently or on a semi permanent basis to Margarima;
- (ii) The recent heavy wide spread rains should materially assist in rejuvenating gardens and ensuring increased productivity;
- (iii) The ability of the Margarima to amicably settle disputes should be encouraged provided the decisions are acceptable to both parties and no serious breaches of the law are involved;
- (iv) Census statistics are being forwarded under separate cover;
- (v) I apologise for the delay in processing this report which was occasioned by attendance to more important administrative matters.

3. Mr. Paterson has conducted another useful patrol and submitted an interesting report. He is an objective observer with ability to analyse a situation.

James W. Kent
(James W. Kent)
ASSISTANT-DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

67-2-3

Patrol Post,
NIPA.
Southern Highlands District.
10th. December 1965

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office.
NEMBI.

NIPA PATROL REPORT No. 4 OF
1965/66.

Enclosed herewith please find three copies of the above numbered Patrol Report plus sketch map, relevant census statistics for the WAGE Division and claims for camping allowance on behalf of Mr. Paterson.

This is another well written report from Mr. Paterson on completion of an extremely useful patrol.

1. Comments on pages 5 and 6 of the Report are accurate assessments of the existing situation in the MARGARIMA. Both Mr. Paterson and myself visited the area and had talks with the people at the conclusion of his Patrol. The HURI pride commented on in this report does exist and has certainly been wounded by the withdrawal of both European Officers from the area. The outcome of this will take one of two directions. Continued demands for an Officer of the Department of District Administration to be posted to MARGARIMA, until such an officer be so posted. Or a rapid decline of the present goodwill, respect and co-operation toward the Administration. It is hoped Mr. Paterson is correct in that requests for an Officer will continue: the importance of same is considered evident from this and earlier Patrols through the MARGARIMA.
2. A Local Agricultural Assistant has arrived at MARGARIMA to continue Pyrethrum plantings until an Overseas Officer is made available early in the New Year.
3. The final bridging of the WAGE River was completed yesterday giving full vehicular access from NIPA to MARGARIMA, a distance of 20 miles.
4. Work on the KA NDEP-MARGARIMA Road continues. Completion of this road can be expected in March 1966. Points 3 and 4 have been the outcome of Patrols by Mr. Paterson.
5. Health Education Orderly PA POLO is at present accompanying a Patrol through the NEMBI where he is also receiving a good response. As suggested in this report, a 'repeat performance' will be necessary before the message is fully put across. It is encouraging, however, that this scheme of Health Education appears destined to success.

6. Mr. Paterson has been instructed to alter his spelling of 'Pyrethium' to that of 'Pyrothrum'. This is not thought to detract, however, from a good report.

For your information, please.

J. S. Hicks
John S. Hicks
(Officer-in-Charge)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-2-2

Patrol Post,
NIPA.
Southern Highlands District

22nd. October 1965

Mr. W. R. Paterson.
Cadet Patrol Officer.
NIPA.

NIPA PATROL No. 4 OF 1965/66

As previously discussed, prepare to depart on a patrol of the WAGE and MARGARIMA Census Divisions on the 23rd. October. The objects of your patrol will be as follows:-

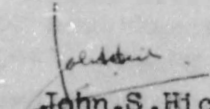
1. Census of the WAGE Census Division.
2. Compilation of Tax Census Sheets for this Division.
3. Routine Administration of the MARGARIMA Census Division with special emphasis on assistance to the Agricultural Development taking place in this area.
4. Continued encouragement on the MARGARIMA/KANDEP Road making cash payments for those sections completed.
5. Siting and construction of a bridge across the WAGE River on the NIPA/MARGARIMA Road.

Your patrol will be of approximately four weeks in duration. These members of the R.P&N.G.C. will accompany you:-

Sgt. CARAP.
Const. AKAU.
" KOMBA.
" ROBJ.

also Interpreter MOGERA.

For your information and action, please.


John S. Hicks
(Officer-in-Charge)

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

NIPA Patrol Post,
MENDI Sub-District,
Southern Highlands District.
PAPUA.
6th December, 1965.

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

NIPA PATROL REPORT No.4. of 1965/66.

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

Area Patrolled: Wage Census Division ;
Portion of Margarima Census Division :

Personnel Accompanying
the Patrol: R.P. & N.G.C.
Sgt. GARAP.
Const. AKAU.
" KOMBA.
" ROBI.

Interpreter MOGERA.

Health Education Orderly PAPALO.

Duration of the Patrol: 23/IC/65 to the 26/II/65.
Total 35 days.

Last Patrol to the Area: Wage Census Division, MAY 1965;
Margarima Census Division October 1965.

Objects of the Patrol: As per instructions Nipa Patrol No.4.
of 1965/66.

1. Census of the WAGE Census Division.
2. Compilation of Tax Census Sheets
for this division.
3. Routine Administration of the
MARGARIMA Census Division with special
emphasis on assistance to the Agricultural
Development taking place.
4. Continued encouragement on the
Margarima/Kandep road.
5. Construction of a bridge across the
Wage River on the Nipa/Margarima Road.

Map Reference: Sketch Map attached.

INTRODUCTION.

Of the five weeks of the patrol one week was spent in the Wage Census Division, the remainder being spent in the Margarima Census Division.

The Wage Census Division was fully Censused but no extra time was spent in the area. The patrol moved without pause into the Margarima Census Division for the continuation of road and bridge works. Routine administration was carried out in the course of the patrol.

The patrol at all times worked in conjunction with the D.A.S.F. officer then at Margarima. This applied particularly in selecting work groups for road and bridge projects and in organizing work groups for the preparation of Pyrethium beds.

PATROL DIARY.

Saturday 23rd October 1965

Patrol departed Nipa 1030 for KAWARI rest house (Wage C.D. Arrived Kawari 1815. Purchased fresh foods, slept at Kawari.

Sunday 24th October 1965

Census conducted at Kawari for Census Units Kawari, Pinjip, Injasujul and Hebinja. Census commenced at 0900 and completed at 1530. Compiled census figures, slept at Kawari.

Monday 25th October 1965

Patrol departed Kawari 0800 for Ungibi arriving 1100. Census commenced 1130 for groups Halalinja and Ungibi, census completed 1415. Compiled census figures and arbitrated in two disputes. Slept at Ungibi.

Tuesday 26th October 1965

Patrol departed Ungibi 0800 arriving Hombila 0900. Census commenced 0930 and completed 1030. Compiled Hombila figures and Tax Census Sheets for Kawari. Arbitrated in two disputes. Slept at Hombila.

Wednesday 27th October 1965

Patrol departed Hombila 0810/7 arriving Sebiba 0910. Census conducted for groups Sebiba and Obal, commencing at 1000 and finishing at 1400. Compiled census figures, slept at Sebiba.

Thursday 28th October 1965

Patrol departed Sebiba 0900 arriving at Henep 1000. Census conducted for Hual and Henep groups commencing 1100 and finishing 1300. Compiled census figures and arbitrated in disputes. Inspected Aid Post establishment. Slept at Henep.

Friday 29th October 1965

Patrol departed Henep 0745, arrived Ombal 0800. Census for Ombal group commenced 0845 and completed at 1100. Compiled census figures and arbitrated in several disputes. Slept at Ombal.

Saturday 30th October 1965

Patrol departed Ombal 0745, arrived Songura 0830. Census commenced for groups Songura and Solapem at 0900. Completed 1300, compiled census figures, slept at Songura.

Sunday 31st October 1965

Patrol departed Songura 0745 for Pul (Margarima Census Division), arrived Pul 0900. Arbitrated disputes, slept at Pul.

Monday 1st November 1965

Checked work on Margarima/Nipa road. Checked work and work groups north over range and south to Woiya ground. Slept at Pul.

Tuesday 2nd November

Supervised road work and checked work groups as per I/II/65. Arbitrated one pandanas dispute. Slept at Pul.

Wednesday 3rd November

Walked to Sambala and Wage Bridge site, checked work, returned to Sambala Pul 1700, slept at Pul.

Thursday 4th November

Checked road work during morning, during afternoon compiled Tax Census Sheets. Slept at Pul.

Friday 5th November

Checked road work north and south from Pul. Cutting of road bench Margarima-Nipa completed today. Compiled Tax Census Sheets Slept at Pul.

Saturday 6th November

Patrol departed Pul 0830 for Sambala arriving 1000. Compiled Tax Census Sheets. Slept at Sambala.

Sunday 7th November

The day observed.

Monday 8th November

Day spent in supervising work on wage bridge on Nipa-Margarima road. Slept at Sambala.

Tuesday 9th November

Supervising bridge work 0730 to 1730, slept at Sambala.

Wednesday 10th November

During morning supervised bridge work, during afternoon compiled Tax Census Sheets. Slept at Sambala.

Thursday 11th November

Supervising bridge work. Slept at Sambala.

Friday 12th November

Supervised bridge work. Completed bridge supports and stone ballast filling. Slept at Sambala.

Saturday 13th November

Compiled Tax Census Sheets. Slept at Sambala.

Sunday 14th November

Compiled Tax Census Sheets. Slept at Sambala.

Monday 15th November

Commenced pulling timber for bridge cross-bearers. Combined all work groups, pulled one bearer almost to position on bridge site. Slept at Sambala.

Tuesday 16th November

Placed first cross-bearer into position over bridge and commenced pulling second log. Slept at Sambala.

Wednesday 17th November

Continued pulling second log, taken almost to bridge site. Slept at Sambala.

Thursday 18th November

Second bearer placed into position on bridge site and work commenced on third. Slept at Sambala.

Friday 19th November

Continued pulling third bearer to bridge site. Slept at Sambala.

Saturday 20th November

Bridges on road Nipa-Sambala reported as completed. With D.A.S.F. motor bike Sambala-Suma section checked for tractor operation- O.K. Slept at Sambala.

Sunday 21st November

The day observed.

Monday 22nd November

Placed third cross-bearer into position and started work on 4th. Slept at Sambala.

Tuesday 23rd November

Placed 4th cross-bearer into position over bridge. Slept at Sambala.

Wednesday 24th November.

Pulling 5th cross bearer for bridge. Tractor arrived from Nipa approx 2pm. Slept at Sambala.

Thursday 25th November

Fifth bearer positioned at bridge site. Self spent most of day in conjunction with D.A.S.F. in discussions with village officials and leaders concerning continuing bridge works and pyrethium extension.

Friday 26th November

Patrol departed Sambala by tractor 0820 for Nipa, arriving 1035. Reported to O.I.C. and patrol stood down.

END OF DIARY

Reception of Patrol:

No difficulty was encountered in assembling groups in the wage Census Division for the purpose of Census Revision. Village Officials co-operated in establishing the whereabouts of migrated persons and rest houses were well prepared for the patrol. Village hygiene is being attended to, water supplies were those used by the patrol and were found to be satisfactory.

The whole of the Margarima Census Division was not visited this patrol, but most of the men were encountered in a work situation and most worked well.

Outline of Political Situation:

There have been no basic changes in the political situation in the Margarima Census Division since that reported on in Nipa Patrol Report No 2 of 1965/66- 18th of October 1965, but certain attitudes have hardened or crystallised. I should also refer to the conclusion of Nipa Patrol Report no 9 of 1964/65- 2nd of June 1965; where it is stated; "In spite of, or perhaps because of, the degree of sophistication which the Margarima people have obtained, they are now 'demanding' more attention." This situation still exists.

The Margarima people are of basically HURI type and as such tend to be very proud and resolute in purpose. This pride has been of great assistance to them and has been the main factor in advancing them as far as they have come, it could also destroy their any hopes of further progress if not properly harnessed.

The Margarima's wish to improve their situation but are naturally not sure how to go about achieving this. They recognize a link between progress and the European but can not be said to understand the steps of progress. They recently thought that they had achieved a major step in this progress when they 'acquired' an Officer of the Department of Agriculture Stock and Fisheries, and were also given to understand that they would have an Officer of the Department of District Administration working with them.

Their ego suffered a major reversal when it became necessary to inform the people that they had neither an Officer of the D.A.S.F. nor an Officer of the D.D.A. the situation may be described as being similar to giving candy to a baby then snatching it away just as it is starting to enjoy it, and the affect is also similar. The fact that they now have 15 acres of Pyrethium planted and have a road system well under way does not mean a lot to them in this context although they recognize these as being beneficial.

The present situation has a history in so much as the Margarima people have always felt a little left behind in comparison with their neighbours. When they saw advancement on the New Guinea side and in Tari they wanted to move with it. The key to obtaining a European 'Kipp' or other Officer appeared to be in building an airstrip. After several requests they had an air-strip marked out, they then obtained knives and spades from Tari and the New Guinea side and commenced work building a 'strip' before 'Nipa' was opened. However, Nipa became a station staffed with Europeans and Margarima missed out and so Margarimas' neighbours continued to advance (apparently) while Margarima missed out even though they built a 'strip' on their own initiative.

The similar situation must exist in many places, however, the Huri pride will not allow these Margarimas' to desist in their repeated demands, and I believe that these demands will continue.

The people remain loyal but are confused in that they do not understand why the Administration will not give them an Officer. Two Village Constables both leaders of the area visited Mt Hagen during November under the sponsorship of D.A.S.F. for the purpose of visiting the Pyrethium factory. In doing so they also noticed the abundance of Europeans in Hagen and its outstations which appeared to them to be in close proximity to Hagen. In their chain of thought they fail to see why some of these Europeans cannot be posted to Margarima.

The independent attitude of the Margarimas' which has its beginnings in their first attempt at self-improvement tends to spread over into their everyday activities. They do not wish to be anybody's 'little brother'. I cannot help feeling that basically they think of Officers are like things to be acquired, representing the road to progress and the channel through which all benefits must come. At the same time they express the desire for leadership which could be gained from the positioning of an Officer at Margarima.

The expected arrival of an Education Officer at Margarima in the New Year should considerably ease the situation, but there is plenty of scope for activities should an Officer of D.D.A. be found available for Margarima.

The people of the northern portion of the Wage Census Division tend to follow the Margarima trends. The southern portion is more Nipa and Nembu. There are also ties with people from the Lake Kutubu area. The Wage Census Division people do not form a block but appear to be fragments of other groups. Pyrethium planting is expected to extend into the upper portion of the Wage Census Division. There are no vehicular roads in this division but the Margarima/Nipa Road does assist in providing access to the area. No significant trends were noted, these people are too loosely knit to speak with one voice.

Agriculture:

There is still no abundance of food in either the Wage or Margarima Census Divisions, however, there is sufficient.

There are now approximately 15 acres of pyrethium slips planted out in the Margarima area. Due to the land tenure system this 15 acres consists of many small plots spread over a wide area. More land has been prepared ready for planting.

Through a lack of understanding on the part of the people many have not co-operated to full extent in making available garden ground for pyrethium. The visit to Hagon by two of the Village Constables has improved this understanding to the extent that the people now realize that the 'flower' is not just for ornamentation, no amount of talking would fully convince them of this. Now that the purpose of the pyrethium planting is at least partly understood an improved response is anticipated.

A good working alliance was formed between the Agricultural Officer stationed at Margarima and the writer, this enabled both the Pyrethium and road projects to go ahead with minimum hindrance to both.

Complaints:

More complaints were heard in the Wage Census Division in one week than was heard in the Margarima Census Division in four weeks.

The lack of disputes brought for settlement in the Margarima Census Division is typical of the self reliance of the people, they appear to have suitably adapted their own traditional methods of dispute settlement to that point where it may be used while still staying within the bounds of the law. This is a general rule only and by no means hard and fast, the Margarima's are just as capable of overstepping the mark as any other group but they do not bring trivial matters for settlement.

Health:

Health Education Orderly accompanied the patrol for its first portion which included the Wage Census Division and the southern portion of the Margarima Census Division. Papalo (the Orderly) has now made a full coverage of both Census Divisions. His illustrated talks were well received and with repeats should be of health value.

The census figures for the Wage Census Division do not indicate a very healthy situation, the natural increase for the year being only two persons in a population of 3580. Most deaths were attributed to dysentery and diarrhea and took place in March and April 1965. This was referred to in Nipa Patrol Report No 9 of 1964/65 of 2nd of June 1965. Since the writing of that report an Aid-Post has been manned at Henep in the Wage Census Division. This Aid Post was inspected this patrol and found to be in good order and well patronized, it should have a beneficial influence on the health of the surrounding people.

The Margarima Aid Post has had a recent change in staff as the Previous Orderly departed on leave. The present Orderly attended many minor injuries sustained in the course of pulling timber for bridge construction.

Roads and Bridges:

During the patrol's one week stay at Pul the bench-cut Margarima-Nipa was completed. The road was reported as completed for dry weather tractor operation on the 20th of November and the Nipa tractor was driven through to Sambala on the 24th of November. This marked an important stage in the minds of the people as up to this time they had seen little results for their labours. A few gradient alterations will be necessary for simple tractor operation on the road. The tractor has travelled the route several times since with no real difficulties.

The Wage bridge on the Nipa-Margarima road and the Margarima-Kandep road have not progressed as fast as anticipated. The big time and labour consumer has been the Wage bridge the delay incurred being mainly in taking timber to the bridge site. The bridge being of approximately 90 ft span the cross bearers have to be brought from bush country which is between two and three miles distant from the bridge site. This necessitated the use of almost 100% of the available labour force. Certain groups were also detailed for the pyrethium project, for some time this left very few to work the Margarima-Kandep road. The Wage bridge was not yet completed when the patrol left the area, but only one cross bearer was still to be brought up which then only left the decking to be put in place. Many small sections of the Margarima/Kandep road have been cut and it will not take very long to link them up when a large labour force is available for a concentrated effort.

Census:

The census was revised for the Wage Census Division and the results presented in the form of the revised Village Population Register. Many of those persons listed as holding employment inside the District are finding employment at Lake Kutubu with which area the Wage people have strong ties.

Tax-Census-Sheets were compiled for the Wage Census Division as per the Patrol Instructions.

Survey of Handicapped Children:

This survey was carried out for the Wage Census Division but with negative results, no handicapped children being noted. Possibly under-strength children did not survive the dysentery outbreak.

Personnel:

The patrol was accompanied by four members of the Royal Constabulary. R.S.I. report forms have been completed for each member and have been forwarded to the Commissioner of Police, whilst duplicate entries have been made in their records of service.

Conclusion:

Intensified patrol activity and agricultural activity followed by a sudden spate in both has left the Margarima's confused. The people were assured that a replacement Agricultural Officer would be available and that further intensified patrolling would be necessary for continuation of road work, this did not fully penetrate as the people had already made up their own minds that they already had these, their removal was incomprehensible.

The Margarima's are capable of great loyalty and steadfastness once properly harnessed, this will require continuity of programme.

This report was completed on the 2th of December 1965.

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

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Appendix to Patrol Report No 4 of 1965/66

Health:

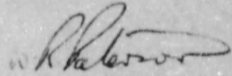
survey of Handicapped Children.

The above mentioned survey has been conducted in the Wage Census Division, Mendi Sub-District, (Nipa area), however, no handicapped children were noted in the course of this survey.

Survey conducted October 1965.

Neonatal Mortality Rate.

The neonatal mortality rate for the Wage Census Division calculated on the figures obtained in the 1965 census is 10.3 per 100 live births.

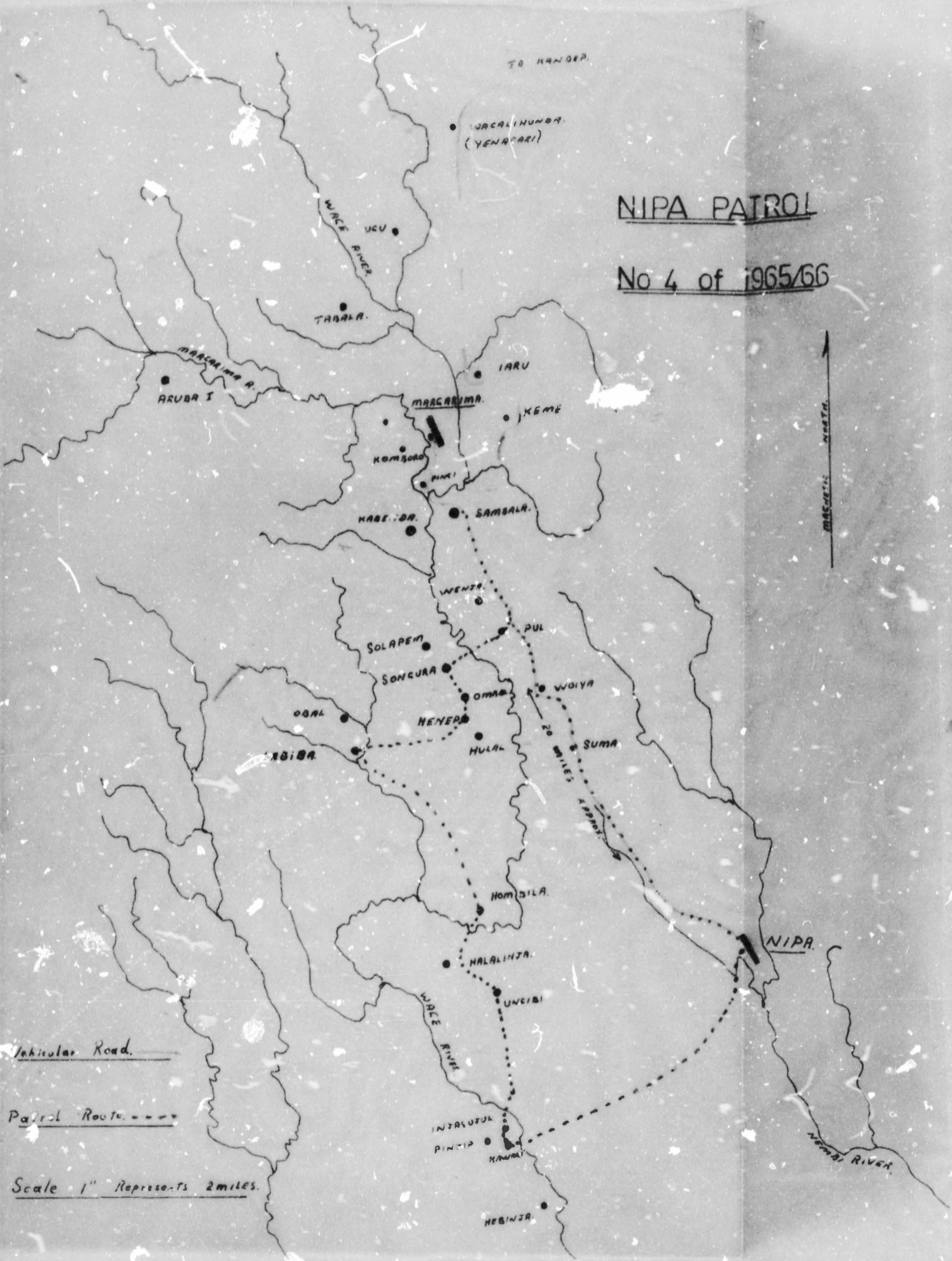


W.R. Paterson
Cadet Patrol Officer.

8th of December 1965

NIPA PATROL

No 4 of 1965/66



TO KANDOP.

JACALIHUNDA
(YENAPARI)

WACE RIVER
UCU
TABALA

MARCABIMA R.
ARUBA I

IARU
KEME
MARCABIMA

KAMSORO
KASIDA

SAMSALA

SOLAPEM

SONCUA

OAL

KSIBA

HENERA

HULAL

WOIYA

SUMA

20 MILES APPROX.

HOMDILA

HALALINTA

UNCIBI

INTASUTJA

PINJIP

KAWAJA

HEBINJA

NIPA

NEMBI RIVER

Vehicular Road

Patrol Route

Scale 1" Represents 2 miles.

MAGNETIC NORTH



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. NIPA FIVE 1965-6

Patrol Conducted by J.S. HICKE, PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled NEMBI VALLEY CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives SEVEN

Duration—From 10/11/1965 to 21/12/1965

Number of Days thirty one

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 5/1965

Medical 9/1965

Map Reference 1:50,000 WABAG MENDI

Objects of Patrol CENSUS NEMBI, ROAD KUTUBU

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

24/2/1966

[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

67-15-39

23rd March, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MBINDI.

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 5/1965-66

1. Thank you for your memorandum 67-3-4 of 24th February, 1966, together with Mr. Hicks' patrol report.
2. Your comments and those of Mr. Kent have been noted.
3. A good patrol of thirty days duration seems to have been conducted by Mr. Hicks and he has submitted a lengthy, neatly typed informative report which shows me that he is interested in his work.
4. Please keep a close watch on the Cultist movement and report when necessary.

(J.K. McCARTHY)
Director

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Patrol Post,
NIPA.
Southern Highlands District.

4th. January 1966

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office.
MENBI.

NIPA PATROL REPORT No.5 OF 1965/66

Enclosed herewith please find three copies of the above named Patrol Report plus census statistics for the NEMBI, Patrol map and claims for camping allowance on behalf of Mr. SUWELI and Mr. Hicks.

Mention of cult activities in the Report can now be read in the past tense. The spirit house has been abandoned and the various leaders have been ridiculed. Having happened once, however, it is perhaps well to remember that the people of the NEMBI are capable of such a train of thought.

For your information, please.

J.S. Hicks
John.S.Hicks

(Officer-in-Charge)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67.15.39¹⁵

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



Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

24th February, 1966.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBUBU. Papua.

Nipa Patrol Report No.5 of 1965/66
Nembi Valley Census Division
Mr. J.S. Hicks, P.O.

Attached please find the abovementioned report with covering memorandum from the Assistant District Commissioner, Mendi.

A close watch will continue to be kept on the area to ensure that the Cultist movement does not re-occur.

The District Agricultural Officer has stated that no survey of this area will be possible now or in the immediate future because all staff have been fully employed on the Pyrethrum programme. However, it is possible that an Agricultural Officer will be posted to the Nipa Administrative Area shortly. This Officer will be in a position to assist the Nembi Valley inhabitants.

A good patrol capably carried out by Mr. Hicks.

(D.R. MARSH)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Encs.

c.c.
Assistant District Commissioner, MENDI.
Officer-in-Charge, NIPA.

67-2-3

Sub-District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

4th February, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

SUBJECT: Nipa Patrol No. 5 of 65/66.

Attached please find the following documents relating to the above patrol conducted by Mr. J.S. Hicks, P.O. to the Nemi Census Division.

- (i) Patrol Report in duplicate;
- (ii) Mr. Suweli-KARIT Interpreter.

2. Some comments follow:-

- (a) The cult reported by Mr. Hicks is known to exist in those villages administered from Mendi which are mentioned in the report. A patrol from Mendi is at present in the area. One of its objectives is to investigate the extent and present state of the cult. Reports and discussions with missionaries support Mr. Hicks' observation that the cult is dying out. The movement certainly contained ingredients of classical cargo cultism in that the net result for adherents was material gain i.e. Mother of Pearl shell and pigs. The incorporation of the legendary six headed snake synonymous with poor crop yield was no doubt to the then food shortage due to drought and contributed largely to the support which the cult originally gained. Its rapid demise was probably due to the breaking of the drought, subsequent increases in garden yields with the consequential disappearance of the legendary snake and with its disappearance a rapid decline in support for the movement.
- (b) Notwithstanding the appearance of the cult the effects of which appear negligible, the situation in the Nemi is remarkably good and reflects greatly to the credit of earlier officers and to the degree of consolidation implemented by Mr. Hicks.
- (d) I do not doubt that at this stage the Nemi obey the law because it is imposed by the Government and through fear of legal repercussions if the law is broken. This is not necessarily a bad thing at this point in the advancement of the Nemi, because, as more and more benefits are gained from an adherence to Law and Order, so there will be a steady decrease in the fear of the law and a corresponding increase in respect for the law and what it means to

the community as a whole.

- (d) May the success of Health Education Orderly PAPOLO be brought to the attention of the District Medical Officer, please. It is most gratifying.
- (e) Population Registers will be forwarded under separate cover as will recommendations in regard to the recommended transfer of the MALA Census Unit from the UNDIRI Census Division to the Nambi Census Division.
- (f) It is recommended that the District Agricultural Officer be approached ~~as~~ to the possibility of an early agricultural survey of the Nambi Census Division. Such a survey would be of immense value to the District Development Committee.

3. Another very good patrol accompanied by an objective report by Mr. Hicks.

James W. Kent

(James W. Kent)

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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*In Reply
Please Quote*

No. P/R 65/66

Patrol Post,
NIPA.
Southern Highlands District.

27th. December 1965.

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

NIPA PATROL REPORT No. 5 OF 1965/66

Patrol Conducted by:- Mr. J.S.Hicks, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled:- NEMBI Valley Census Division.

Duration of Patrol:- Thirty one days.

Patrol Accompanied by:- Europeans nil.
Cpl MUGALIONG.
Const GOIKULA.
Const UAMA.
Const WAINACARI.
Interpreter SUWELI-KARINT.
Interpreter NOGEA-WIRU.
Health Education Orderly PAPOLO-TRIMA.

Objects of Patrol:- Census and compilation Tax Census Sheets for
NEMBI Valley. Marking road to NEI. Routine
administration.

J.S.Hicks
John.S.Hicks
(Patrol Officer)

INTRODUCTION:

Apart from the marking of some five miles of road and the supervising of two miles construction of same, this Patrol was devoted to Census taking and the hearing of complaints and problems brought forward. An overall population increase of 525 has been caused mainly by new people coming forward for census and the initial census of an entire new group in the KUNJULU Valley along the Lower reaches of the WAGE River. The Patrol also accompanied a Patrol from Lake KUTUBU in a further attempt to find a road route from NIPA through to Lake KUTUBU. From the NIPA side a possible route was found but a continuation of same through to KUTUBU would present many difficulties.

The NEMBI Valley is the largest Census Division of the NIPA Administrative area. The present total population recorded, - 10,296 is not yet considered the ultimate figure. An estimated 500 to 800 people still remain to come forward for census taking. These people populate the most Southern area of the Division and are scattered throughout very inhospitable limestone pinnacle country. Another patrol is to be mounted early February in an attempt to locate more of these people.

Development from political and economic standpoints are encouraging. Mr. MOMBI PANGIAL MHA walked through the NEMBI one month prior to the Patrol and received a good hearing in all villages he visited. This is in great contrast to what were imagined to be the loyalties of the people. It is noted here that Mr. MOMBI had not entered the area before this visit. He was himself surprised that the people knew who he was and had an even vague idea of what he is about.

The road link between the NEMBI and NIPA has been completed and with the arrival of two tractors at NIPA an outlet for fresh foods from the NEMBI has been supplied. The people are keen to make use of this and avail themselves of weekly opportunities to sell sweet potato to road side markets. With a present shortage of fresh foods at the NIPA Government Station this supply from the NEMBI is very welcome.

The Christian Union Mission has opened a trade store in the Valley which is well patronized by the people. This is evident from the increasing number wearing skirts, trousers and the like. Hostilities so much to the fore front only a short time ago have been submerged under change that is affected every facet of their society. It is doubtful that there will be any reversion to open confrontation of the Administration; minor isolated incidents may occur but these are not and cannot be foreseen.

John S. Hicks
John.S.Hicks
(Patrol Officer)

DIARY:

- 10th. November. Departed NIPA in company W. McQuilty P.O. and KUTUBU Patrol 0900. Arrived MATO 1800. Slept.
- 11th. November. Departed MATO 0800 walking over road route through to KUNJULU Valley arriving NEI Rest House 1530. Talk to people on possible road routes. Slept NEI.
- 12th. November. Departed NEI 0730 walked down track to banks of WAGE River. Cut track along side WAGE over level ground. Large areas of good pine forest. Made camp in bush on Northern sweep of WAGE.
- 13th. November. Broke camp 0800 proceeded along banks of WAGE to turn South. River cutting to narrow here. Walked over small ridge to join WAGE again flowing south. Made camp on banks of River. Road possible from NIPA to this point but unlikely out of gorge on KUTUBU side.
- 14th. November. Broke camp 0700. Self proceeded over ridge and back to northern flow of WAGE River. KUTUBU Patrol continued South to SUKI crossing. Crossed WAGE by canoe; five hour walk over range to drop down to WAGE Gorge again North West of NEI. Crossed river again by canoe and proceeded to NEI arriving 1820. Slept NEI.
- 15th. November. Census at NEI. Initial census made of URIA group contacted during walk yesterday. Road route through range to TOIWORA emphasised and marking commenced.
- 16th. November. Departed NEI 0730 and completed road marking NEI - TOIWORA. Arrived TOIWORA 1430 and census.
- 17th. November. Departed TOIWORA 0700 marking road through to POROMA. Arrived POROMA 1400. Departed POROMA per motor bike for NIPA arriving station 1600. Conversation with MENDI re delivery of tractor.

Patrol broken at this point to take delivery of tractor at MENDI and bring same through to NIPA
- 22nd. November. Loaded tractor and departed MENDI 1100 arriving KIP 1700. Camped overnight KIP.
- 23rd. November. Departed KIP 0810 arriving NIPA 1300.

ADC inspection of station and consequent delay in returning Patrol.
- 1st. December. Departed NIPA 0800 to return patrol. Arrived POROMA 1600. Inspected road and made payments.
- 2nd. December. Census Sheets compiled for POROMA. Health Education talk given by APO. Further road payments made.
- 3rd. December. Departed POROMA 0750 arriving MATO 0820. Census Sheets compiled. Road payments made. Health talk. Courts.
- 4th. December. Departed MATO 0730 arriving NENJA 0820. Census Sheets compiled. Health talk. Road payments. Courts. Isolated area.
- 5th. December. Departed NENJA 0730 arriving KUSA 0850. Compiled census sheets KESU and KUSA. Health talk. Courts. Several sick people sent into NIPA for treatment.

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- 6th. December. Departed KUSA 0800 arriving KUM 0840. Census KUM; minor increase. Several complaints heard.
- 7th. December. Departed KUM 0730 arriving UBA 0750. Census UBA. Many complaints heard involving Village Councillors. New councillor elected this group. Fair situation only.
- 8th. December. Departed UBA 0800 arriving ENIP 0850. Sent prisoners into NIPA. Census ENIP. One court only.
- 9th. December. Departed ENIP 0750 arriving PUMBEREL 0830. Census PUMBEREL, IOMO and PENAROP. Poor turn up from this latter group and to build their own Rest house and census at same in future. Heard courts into night.
- 10th. December. Departed PUMBEREL 0800 arriving TOBUA 0830. Census TOBUA; inspection Aid Post. Heard complaints: nothing serious.
- 11th. December. Departed TOBUA 0730 arriving KERONGUTU 0815. Census KERONGUTU. No complaints. One leper sent into NIPA for treatment.
- 12th. December. Departed KERONGUTU 0745 arriving KAM 0900. Census MUL and KAM groups. Increase in both groups; more to come from MUL. Two cases indecent assault heard. Situation not too bad.
- 13th. December. Departed KAM 0730 arriving TREGIBO 0810. Census TREGIBO, - slight increase. Several courts heard.
- 14th. December. Departed TREGIBO 0800 ten minute walk through to OBUA. Census OBUA group. Land disputes brewing in this area. Several minor courts heard.
- 15th. December. Departed OBUA 0730 arriving ENJUA 0740. Census ENJUA and ~~wiak~~ ULAL groups. Several minor complaints.
- 16th. December. Departed ENJUA 0700 arriving SEMIN 0830. Census increase. Many courts heard from this area. Stealing, assault and arson. Supplies arrived from STATION. Tractor over cliff; - recovered same. Road payments made to SEMIN, TREGIBO and other northern NEMBI groups.
- 17th. December. Departed SEMIN 0800 arriving MERUT (Tindom) 0910. Census MERUT. Four courts heard involving indecent assault.
- 18th. December. Departed MERUT 0730 arriving UDJUBIA 0800. Road payments -s made. Several courts heard; - unlawfully striking. Census UDJUBIA. Mission centred here and situation fair. People from MENDI - KA who census at MALA have expressed desire to settle in the NEMBI.
- 19th. December. Departed UDJUBIA 0730 arriving KA 0750. Owners of land KA assembled and the ground KA purchased on behalf of the Administration for lease to the Christian Union Mission. £105-15-0 purchase price. Walked on to KONGU where census carried out. Courts heard into night; - minor troubles only.
- 20th. December. Departed KONGU 0800 arriving KOROP 0855. Small group only and wish to join KOMBILA people in NIPA Basin. Isolated group and will be better off in NIPA Basin area. Several minor matters for arbitration.
- 21st. December. Departed KOROP 0730 arriving NIPA 1000. Patrol stood down. Carriers paid off. Diary ends.

John S. Hicks
 (Patrol Officer)

POLITICAL SITUATION:

A noticeable improvement through the year has brought the people of the NEMBI Valley from a frightened position that demanded protection of all cultural institutions to one that is still frightened but uncertain as to what institutions are worth maintaining. The fear of prison sentences is real solely from the point of intrusion into the clan unit. Only eighteen months ago pathetic and aggressive scenes accompanied any sentence of imprisonment passed against a villager of the NEMBI. Not one single incident was seen during this patrol inspite of some thirty convictions scattered among 10,000 people. This is not considered to be a passive acceptance of the rule of Law, but rather a growing awareness that this rule is for their own protection.

At the village of POROMA the beginnings of what at first appeared to be 'cargo' cult activities were uncovered. Subsequent investigations revealed that a cult had indeed got underway and had considerable backing. The object of this cult had the trappings of the acquisition of cargo but was orientated more to the prevention of sending people to Gaol. A gentleman PURI from the village of KUSA apparently had a dream in which he was informed to go to the village of UNJA (Mendi) and erect a spirit house beside a small lagoon there. The people of the NEMBI were to abandon all other beliefs in spirits that would cure the sick and poison enemies, and that this one spirit house near UnJA would serve to take all the badness out of the people. Thus the Administration would have no cause for sending people to Gaol. At this lagoon a six headed snake would appear once the people had been cleansed. This snake would tell PURI that the people were now good people and that it was time to go to the Mission and the Government Station at NIPA to collect payment for being good. This payment would be in the form of mother of pearl shell and pigs. On Christmas day a large gathering of people (approx 5,000) met at the LAI River below DEL (Mendi) where the pros and cons of this cult were argued. Many people laughed at the whole thing saying that the idea of getting paid for being good was stupid. Others, however, started gathering materials for the erection of a spirit house. The 'hard-core' villages appear to be PUMBEREL, KUM, NENJA, KESU, KUSA, MAYO, POROMA and UDJUBIA on the NIPA side; DEL, PABARONGA, WARAMESA, MALA and UNJA on the MENDI side; and several unknown villages in the KAGUA Administrative area. Investigations are still proceeding into the extent of this cult and the degree of influence that it may have. Present indications are that it has flamed up this once and is now dying out. The reason for the flare up can in part be attributed to the incorporation of the six headed snake in the cult. This snake is a widely held symbol throughout the NEMBI and legend tells of its appearance once every seven years which is synonymous with poor crops in the area. The NEMBI Valley is now recovering from a four month drought that has badly effected the food supply. No village was brought to starvation level but food was certainly meagre. A widening Mission influence has also had its effect.

Bride price payments were only once brought to the attention of the Patrol and these at the village of SEMIN. Here the people asked that a limit be placed on the number of articles to be paid for a bride complaining that the price was soaring out of all proportion to the pay that was available. It was advised that they should await the formation of the NIPA Local Government Council, which body is believed to become operative in the near future. It is certain the question of Bride-price will be one of the first matters under discussion.

The noticeable trend in the area patrolled is the lessening of fear towards Police and Administration Officers. There is no longer any feeling of remoteness from Government influence, nor on the other hand much thought of co-operation with the Government. Certainly the past five years of contact have established a satisfactory degree of Law and Order, but now what. Economic development is the obvious need and must be the obvious next step. The foregoing tells of cult activities that have a certain economic bearing. If the writer may be allowed a small diversion without risk of being labelled illogical, the following may be of interest. Once contact has been made, consolidation effected and a

degree of Law and Order established, you have a people who have done or are in the process of doing away with a way of life. Whatever their reasons for doing this are labelled the end thought is gain. They have made their sacrifices, some unknowingly, in the belief that what the Government had to offer was better. I don't believe the people of the NEMBI have a highly developed moral sense in the judicial aspect. The majority obey the Law because the Government says so and it is through the Government that gain for them will come. There is no doubt in my mind that this gain they want and believe in is solely economic. At the present time little difficulty is faced in the maintenance of the Law. Without any economic development this difficulty will increase. Indeed there may be some mathematical constant here if one wished to search for it. In new established rural areas a decrease in crime in proportion to the rate of economic advancement. It is the converse of this that is worrying in the present context.

Past patrols through the NEMBI have done their job well: there is law; there is a semblance of order. Economic development is needed if these people of the NEMBI are to escape the Hon Sir Alfred Bosson's dilemma of being 'neither one thing nor the other.'

AGRICULTURE:

Subsistence patterns only. Mention has been made of the food shortage which is slowly being overcome. A limited amount is becoming available for sale to both Government and Missions. The Christian Union Mission at UDJUBIA is experimenting with clovers and the like and may shortly embark on a small cattle project. Apart from this there are no agricultural trends or improvements.

LIVESTOCK:

Apart from the ever present pig four turkeys have found their way into the NEMBI at the villages of UBA and PUMBEREL. These were obtained from KAGUA and are doing well. None have reproduced to date. Two Berkshire pigs have also been introduced from KAGUA and both look healthy. More pigs of this type are expected and will improve the present strain.

LAND:

Ninety acres of land was purchased near UDJUBIA for lease to the Christian Union Mission. Little difficulty was had in making this purchase and the owners seemed pleased with the pay received. This Mission is going ahead with plans to build an airstrip on this site.

A shortage of land was brought to the attention of the Patrol by people at SEMIN and ENJUA. Both these groups live to the North of the NEMBI and border the NIPA Basin Division. This shortage is not yet acute but will become so within five years. The people were questioned about moving across into the under populated WAGE area but showed no interest in the idea. As the shortage increases this will remain the one outlet and necessity will force a migration into the WAGE. Both these groups have land in this area.

COMPLAINTS AND COURTS:

Six major crimes were dealt with under the Native Regulations all involved with indecent assault. The defendant's acknowledgment of guilt in every case was quite honest and seen as a pointer to the status of women in the society. Twelve cases of riotous behaviour were also dealt with as were several other matters involving absence from census taking and the like.

Complaints occupied a large part of the Patrol and these centred about non-payment of debts and marital squabbles.

One case of arson was also heard. This involved unintentional

rather than deliberate firing of land.

HEALTH:

The health improvement throughout the area over a period of six months is noticeable. People while still reluctant, are bringing more people into Aid Posts and the Mission Hospital at MERUT. Two Aid Posts; one at NENJA and the other at TOBUA were found to be in good condition and well patronized. The village of ENIP was found to be the only one hard hit by any outbreak of disease. Here 5% of the population were wiped out by dysentery in three weeks. This happened late September and was reported too late for any action to be taken. A medical Patrol visited the area shortly after and took measures to ensure such an occurrence won't happen again. In all 12 children died during the outbreak.

This present Patrol was accompanied by Health Education Orderly PAPOLO who talked to the people at every village visited and explained by means of charts, steps to be taken to prevent dysentery and other diseases caused by lack of basic hygiene. His reception was excellent in all villages. His major attribute was knowing the language and customs of the people he was talking to. An interesting point here /ed was that he attacked the spiritual beliefs of the people rather than scoffed at their filthy habits. Only one with his knowledge could do this. His success can be attributed in large part to this knowledge.

ROADS:

The NEMBI road has about five miles to go to reach the most Southern village of the NIPA Administrative area. This includes the hardest stretch of all through limestone country to the village of NEL. This has been marked and completion can be anticipated before the end of this financial year. The road head is at present three miles beyond the village of POROMA and 31 miles distant from NIPA itself. No major bridges are needed and there are only eight bridges on the entire ~~route~~ route. Only minor sections of the road have been stoned but two weeks of heavy rain have done little damage to the open bench cut. Stoning will continue where the tractor has done damage but long stretches of flat clay will hold up to any traffic providing good drainage is maintained.

This road is of utmost importance to any economic development that will take place in the area.

MISSIONS:

The Christian Union Mission is the one established Mission in the area with a staff of two American pastors and a nursing sister. The Roman Catholic Capuchin Mission have native catechists in most villages but their influence in comparison with the Christian Union group is small. Friction does exist between the two and incidents ~~where~~ where one group will laugh and shout outside a village church while the ritual is performed inside are not uncommon.

An airstrip for light aircraft is at present being constructed by the Christian Union people at KA. They have great plans for an agricultural station, school and fully staffed hospital. Whether these plans will see fruition apparently depends on the generosity of subscribers in the U.S. They have, however, ninety acres to play around with and will certainly contribute to the overall development of the people in the area.

The Capuchin Mission is believed to be buying ground at DEL in the MENDI Administrative area. Both these Missions are capable of doing much for the area. It is hoped they manage to get past the naughty boys outside church stage.

CENSUS:

A net increase in population of 525 can be split up as follows: Total births - 371. Total deaths - 167. New names recorded - 321. Of this last figure the majority came from the Southern Villages behind PUMBEREL and back into the KUNJULU Valley. A new group URIA were censused for the first time at NEI. This group were visited in 1961 by Mr. Butler who passed across their southern boundaries. By chance this patrol wandered through a large number of hamlets belonging to the URIA 's whilst returning from looking for road routes along the WAGE River. Fifty four of their number only turned up for census the next day. It is estimated one to one hundred and fifty yet remain to census from this group. An increase was also noted at POROMA where large numbers (70) have returned from KAGUA to their own clan land near POROMA. MUL situated on the Middle WAGE also showed an increase. There are possibly fifty to a hundred more of these people yet to census. An investigation early February will discover whether it is easier to census the MUL people in the WAGE Division rather than the NEMBI.

The Patrol was approached at UDJUBIA by people from KA who census at MALA (Mendi) with the request that they be censused in the NEMBI Valley. They have land in the Valley and want to build a rest house beside the NEMBI Road midway between MERUT and UDJUBIA. The majority of the KA group live in the NEMBI and visit MALA solely for census purposes. They were informed to await future advice in this matter. My own recommendations are that the KA people be allowed to make the move from MALA into the NEMBI.

CONCLUSION :

The most important need for the people of the NEMBI can, I hope, be gleaned from the body of the report. This remains Economic. Just how, or what direction this development is to take is a matter of conjecture. A start would be a full agricultural survey of the area.

Of the Census Patrol itself, no difficulties were found. It may be that the compilation of Census Sheets for the NEMBI have been a little premature. It will be two to three years before the population finally settles to their proper Census Units.

An interesting, if somewhat hurried, patrol that brought further to light the rapidly changing thoughts and ideas of a rapidly changing people.

For your information, please.

John S. Hicks
John.S.Hicks
(Patrol Officer)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. 6 of 1965/66 NIPA.

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

Area Patrolled Margarima Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Natives 5

Duration—From 6/1/1966 to 26/1/1966

Number of Days 21

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Nov 7/1965

Medical ?? / / 19

Map Reference Sketch Map Attached.

Objects of Patrol Routine Administration of the Margarima Census Division.

Encouragement Pyrethrum and Road projects. Road and Bridge payments.

Director of District Administration
FORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

24/2/1966

[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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Sub-District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

22nd February, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

SUBJECT: Nipa Patrol 6 of 1965/66.

Attached please find the following documents arising out of the above patrol undertaken by Mr. W.R. Paterson C.P.O to the Nagarima Census Division:-

- (i) Patrol Report in duplicate;
- (ii) Patrol Instruction in duplicate;
- (iii) Covering memorandum 67-2-3 of 2/2/66 from the O.S.C Nipa Patrol Post;
- (iv) Camping Out Allowance Claim submitted by Mr. W.R. Paterson.

2. Some comments follow:-

- (i) A routine patrol conducted in the efficient manner one has come to expect from Mr. Paterson.
- (ii) The experience and knowledge gained by Mr. Paterson of the general situation in the Census Division will be invaluable assets once he takes over duties as Adviser to the proposed Nagarima Council.
- (iii) I fully concur with the O.I.C's comments on the excellent manner in which Mr. Paterson has performed his official duties. He has proved himself to be an efficient and conscientious Officer deeply interested in his work.

3. Forwarded for your information and further action, please.

James W. Kent
(James W. Kent)
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference 67-3-4
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Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

24th February, 1966.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. Papua.

Nipa Patrol Report No.6/1965-66
Margarima Census Division
Mr. W.R. Paterson, C.P.O.

Attached please find the abovementioned report and covering memoranda from Assistant District Officer, Nipa and Assistant District Commissioner, Mendi.

It is intended that an Officer will be stationed at Margarima by the middle of this year. If there is no upset to our present plans this Officer will be Mr. Paterson who has already done so much work in the area.

A further good report of a job well done by Mr. Paterson.

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(D.R. MARSH)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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*Any views on
① Detailed Council of AD(UC) approach
being written out later
② Let Council advise on election
for advice of summary.
③ Advice responsible also for the
election but to make only
through the Council & Council
i.e. No election - report office etc.
(LW)*

John S. Hicks
John S. Hicks
(Officer-in-Charge.)

67-2-3

Patrol Post,
NIPA.
Southern Highlands District.
2nd. February 1966.

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

NIPA PATROL REPORT No. 6 Of 1965/66

Please find enclosed herewith the above named Patrol Report plus map and claims for camping allowance on behalf of Mr. Paterson. This will be Mr. Paterson's last Patrol before departing on leave and perhaps this is a good time to comment on the very excellent job this officer has done in the course of his last three Patrols to the MARGARIMA. His loss to the area will be not only a personal one but also Administrative. The high regard that the Margarima people have for the Administration has been difficult to maintain; that it has been maintained is due largely to the effort and interest shown by Mr. Paterson.

1. Comments on the need for an Officer of this Department to be posted at MARGARIMA remain the major consideration. The formation of a MARGARIMA Local Government Council is reasonably certain for June or July of this year and it is equally certain that on the spot administration will be required. Statements made in the 'Reception' of Patrol are not exaggerated.
2. Pyrethrum plantings continue and it may be well into March before the planned 100 acres under cultivation is realized.
3. Road construction was aimed for completion also in March but with the increased pace of Agricultural development accompanied by continuing poor food supplies it could be May before a link with Wandop is effected.

For your information and forwarding, please.

John S. Hicks
John S. Hicks
(Officer-in-Charge.)

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Patrol Post,
NIPA.
Southern Highlands District.
5th. January 1966.

Mr. W. R. Paterson.
Cadet Patrol Officer.
NIPA.

NIPA PATROL No. 6. of 1965/66

As previously discussed, prepare to depart on a patrol of the MARGARIMA Census Division on the 6th. January. The objects of your patrol will be as follows:-

1. Routine Administration of the Margarima Census Division with special emphasis on assistance to the Agricultural Development taking place in this area.
2. Continued encouragement on the Margarima/Kandep Road making cash payments for those sections completed.
3. Payment of labour and materials used in the construction of the Wage Rive Bridge on the Nipa/Margarima Road.

Your patrol will be of approximately three weeks in duration. These members of the R.P. & N.G.C. will accompany you:-

Sen. Const. MUGALIONG.

Const. PAKAU.

" WAINAGARI.

" URAGABOIM.

" POMDEI.

also Interpreter MOGERA.

For your information and action, please.

John S. Hicks
John S. Hicks
(Officer-in-Charge.)

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

NIPA Patrol Post,
MENDI Sub-District,
Southern Highlands District.
PAPUA.

1st February, 1966.

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

NIPA Patrol REPORT No.6. of 1965/66.

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

Area Patrolled: Margarima Census Division.

Personnel Accompanying the Patrol: R.P. & N.G.C.
Sen. Const. MUGALIONG.
Const. PAKAU.
" WAINAGARI.
" URAGABOIM.
" PONDEI.
Interpreter NOGERA.

Duration of the Patrol: 6/1/66 to the 26/1/66,
Total 21 days.

Last Patrol to the Area: November 1965.

Objects of the Patrol: As per instructions Nipa Patrol No.6. of 1965/66.

1. Routine Administration of the Margarima Census Division with special emphasis on assistance to the Agricultural Development taking place in the area.
2. Continued encouragement on the Margarima/Kandep Road making cash payments for completed sections.
3. Payment of labour and materials used in the construction of the Wage River Bridge on the Nipa/Margarima Road.

Map Reference: Sketch Map attached.

INTRODUCTION.

During the patrol all groups in the Margarima Census Division were visited though not in all cases on their home grounds. In addition two assemblies of Upper Lai (Mendi) groups were spoken to and numerous visits were made to the patrol by Kandep groups with ties to the Margarima people.

As indicated in the Patrol Instructions the patrol was mainly concerned with a continuance of Agricultural Development and Road construction.

An Agricultural Officer seconded from Kandep arrived in the Margarima Area on the 19th of January. It was previously anticipated that he would be arriving at an earlier date, and with this in view the preparation of ground for pyrethrum planting was made first priority.

Pyrethrum slips for planting began to arrive after the patrol had left the area.

Routine administration was carried out in the course of the patrol.

PATROL DIARY.

Thursday 6th January 1966.

Patrol departed Nipa 1000 for Sambala in the Margarima Census Division arriving at Sambala 1630. Slept at Sambala.

Friday 7th January.

Margarima Village Officials east of Wage River gathered for discussions pyrethrum and roads. Sambala group gathered for work allocation. Slept at Sambala.

Saturday 8th January.

All groups participating in construction of Wage River Bridge assembled at Bridge and payment made. This with accompanying talk completed 1500. Slept at Sambala.

Sunday 9th January.

Checked out small road re-route section and moved patrol from Sambala to Wabima, (Margarima Station). Slept at Wabima.

Monday 10th January.

Pibi and Honoi groups gathered for organization of work groups. Representatives of other groups also into station expecting arrival of aircraft with pyrethrum slips for planting. Slept at Wabima.

Tuesday 11th January.

Patrol remained at Wabima, self walked Pingi and Komoro areas inspecting garden work. Slept at Wabima.

Wednesday 12th January.

Patrol remained at Wabima, checked Pibi and Honoi work groups, slept at Wabima.

Thursday 13th January.

Patrol departed Wabima 0830, arrived at Tamburame 0915. With Village Officials checked Keme and Iaru road and garden work. Slept at Tamburame.

Friday 14th January.

Patrol departed Tamburame 0830 for Tabala arriving 1000. Addressed Tabala and Wambia groups and several disputes settled. Slept at Tabala.

Saturday 15th January.

Patrol departed Tabala 0900 for Ugu arriving 1000, walking over good track. Addressed assembled Ugu group concerning their participation in road programme. Inspected Aid-Post establishment. One dispute arbitrated, slept at Ugu.

Sunday 16th January.

Patrol departed Ugu 0850 arriving Wangalihunda (Yenagari) 0950. Inspected road progress, otherwise the day observed. Slept at Wangalihunda.

Monday 17th January.

Checked road work groups Tabala, Ugu, Yenagari and overse'ered road work. Slept at Wangalihunda.

Tuesday 18th January.

Checked work groups as yesterday, made payments for completed sections of road, slept at Wangalihunda.

Wednesday 19th January.

Patrol departed Wangalihunda 0830 for Biago road work Camp (Kandep). Patrol met with DASF patrol enroute Kandep-Margarima at 1030. After exchange of carriers continued on to Biago arriving 1130. Checked road work and paid workers. Slept at Biago.

Thursday 20th January.

Patrol equipment remained at Biago, self departed Biago 0715 for Handiya R/H (Kandep) for discussion with OIC Kandep concerning enlistment of available Kandep groups of people into current road programme. Arrived Handiya 1015. After discussions returned to Biago making further payments to road work groups not visited previously. Slept at Biago.

Friday 21st January.

Patrol departed Biago 0630 for Wangalihunda, arriving 1130, checked road progress, one dispute arbitrated upon. Slept at Wangalihunda.

Saturday 22nd January.

Patrol departed Wangalihunda 0845 for Wabima. One dispute arbitrated enroute at Yoloma, arrived at Wabima 1330. Discussions with DASF Officer concerning co-ordinated work programmes. Slept at Wabima.

Sunday 23rd January.

Remained at Wabima, one dispute arbitrated, otherwise the day observed. Slept at Wabima.

Monday 24th January.

Remained at Wabima. Markers on the Margarima Air-Strip replaced into correct positions for mainun operating length. Strip length measured, wind-sock placed in new position. Slept at Wabima.

Tuesday 25th January.

Patrol equipment transferred Wabima-Sambala. Self visited Humaidia where spoke with Aruba groups concerning pyrethrum and road projects and associated topics. Returned to Wabima where met Regional Local Gov. Officer, D.D.C. Mendi and O.I.C. Nipa having travelled Nipa-Margarima by Landrover. Returned to Sambala where assembled several Village Officials for discussion concerning proposed Local Government Council. Slept at Sambala.

Wednesday 26th January.

Patrol departed Sambala 0815 by tractor, arrived Nipa 1215. Reported to O.I.C. patrol stood down.

END OF DIARY

Reception of Patrol:

On first arrival in the Margarima area and at first assemblies the patrol received rather an indifferent sort of reception, this was at least partly expected and is considered to be a natural result of the continued frustration of their requests for an Officer of the Department to be permanently stationed at Margarima.

This attitude showed improvement under the presence of the patrol in the area, however, I do not feel that former excellent relations can be maintained for much longer without the positioning of an Officer of the Dept. of District Administration at Margarima.

Village Officials are in the main continuing to do a good job in a difficult position.

Outline of Political Situation:

As may be expected there have been no basic changes in the Political Situation in the Margarima since that reported on in Nipa Patrol Report No 4 of 1965/66 of 6th of December 1965.

The Administration is generally regarded as a paternal organization, "ABA", being local word for father remains as the general term of address to the Administration and to the Department of District Administration in particular. The fact that 'Father' is holding out against their repeated demands for a 'Kiap', and this to their view for no apparent reason, has confused somewhat the image of the Administration.

The colour of the European is still considered to be of superior value to any scholastic achievement made by one of their own kind. This is seen to be apparent in many things, one example of which is the regard in which they hold the local Methodist Minister stationed at Margarima. As he is an indigene of the Territory they find it more natural to refer to him as 'Teacher', rather than the superior position of 'Minister' which they reserve for the European.

Both the Catholic and the Methodist Missions are held in high regard by their respective groups.

The Margarima people may be divided broadly into two large ethnic groups known as the 'KARINS', and the 'ARON'. The Karins is the more strongly Huri of the two and lies generally to the west of the Wage River, while the Aron is east of the Wage River and has stronger ties with upper Lai River groups and is closer culturally with the Nipa groups. The Wage River appears to form more of a traditional boundary than a definite border line. A traditional Karins group may have land rights east of the Wage River. A man's father may be Karins whilst his mother is Aron and the man himself Aron, (or Karins depending on his earlier leanings and upbringing).

There is strong rivalry between the groups Aron and Karins and the people use the traditional division in present day disputes. There are cultural differences but these are not great, there being more of a merging of cultures at this point. The Karins or Huri group is not as strongly Huri as the Tari Huris while the Aron group has even less of the Huri strain in their culture.

The Karins/Aron division may cause some difficulty in the running of a Local Government Council, or if properly handled it may be able to be turned to advantage. The Karins/ Aron division is a power within Margarima that will need watching as attempts are made to weld the people together into a more closely knit group.

At assemblies of the people the proposed Local Government Council was discussed but no views strongly in opposition to, or in favour of such a council were put forward apart from the view that it was good that Margarima was going to get its own council and not be combined with Nipa.

The only other contribution to discussions was that whether or not Margarima did get a Council would obviously be for the Administration to decide, as in their knowledge no council had been established without a 'Kiap', and the Department would first have to decide whether or not staff could be found available for Margarima.

This point closed all such discussions.

The necessity to find an Officer of the Dept. of District Administration for the establishment of a council in the area may

provide the eventual answer to the continued demands from Margarima for such Officer.

It would appear unrealistic to attempt the establishment of a Council at Margarima without first stationing an Officer there. d-

Agriculture:

The food situation in the Margarima Census Division is still not good though doubtless it is not as bad as some of the people would state it to be.

Several areas were struck by frost in mid or late December setting back the sweet-potato in these areas.

The attitude towards the planting of pyrethrum as a cash crop has shown some change over the last two months. Men who previously claimed that they had no suitable land have mysteriously found land and prepared it for cash cropping. This is a bit remarkable because much of the first planting of Pyrethrum failed to grow and no cash return has as yet been seen.

The present Pyrethrum planting programme is expected to be completed in mid or late February.

In the realm of introduced livestock the present goat population remains at two, an increase is expected.

Complaints:

The majority of the disputes brought to the notice of the patrol were concerning the ownership of pandanus palms. These are at the moment bearing fruit thus precipitating the usual differences of opinion as regards their ownership. The disputes brought to the notice of the patrol were not too numerous and all were settled amiably.

Health: There are two Aid-Posts in the area patrolled, these are situated at Wabima (Margarima Station) and Ugu. Both were inspected by the patrol and found to be under good management with buildings and grounds in good condition.

The patrol was not a census patrol, hence not all the people were sighted and no worthwhile observations can be made on their health, however, it may be noted that no health disorders were reported to the patrol.

Roads and Bridges:

The available labour force in the Margarima is at present split over two projects, the pyrethrum planting and the Margarima-Kandep Road. The pyrethrum planting has of course been given priority. On the completion of the present planting programme almost the total work force will be available for the road work.

The present extent of the road is shown on the attached map.

Up to the time of the patrol little work had been started from the Kandep end past the existing road at Rumbipaga R/H. Following discussions with the C.I.C. Kandep it is anticipated that those Kandep groups adjacent to the road route will have commenced work at the time of the writing of this report. This will not only mean a bigger work force available, but should also have the effect of giving encouragement to those groups working from this end.

Airfields:

During the patrols stay at Wabima the Margarima air-strip was opened to its fullest present available length and all markers checked and repositioned to intervals of 200 feet. The wind-sock was removed from its previous position and set up on a new site to comply with D.C.A. specifications.

The strip surface is in good condition and the strip is generally well maintained.

Personnel:

The patrol was accompanied by four members of the Royal Constabulary all of whom performed their duties to my entire satisfaction, R.S.I. forms have been made out for each of them and forwarded to the Commissioner of Ploice, whilst duplicate entries have been made in their records of service.

Conclusion:

If the present rate of development is to be continued at Margarima then it is essential that an Officer of the Department of District Administration be found available for that posting. With the likelihood of Margarima becoming a Local Government Council area it would seem imperative that an officer be found available.

It is my belief that the present rate of development must continue and even increase if there is not to be a fall off in the political situation in the Margarima. On the spot administration is going to be necessary for the continuance of this programme, failure to supply can only result in a loss of the present respect and good will.

This report was completed on the 2nd of February 1966.

W.R. Paterson
W.R. Paterson
Cadet Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. SEVEN 65-66

Patrol Conducted by J. S. HICKS, PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled HEI-I VALLEY CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans P. O. JONES, CADET PATROL OFFICER.

Natives EIGHT

Duration—From 27 / I / 1966 to 16 / 2 / 1966

Number of Days Twenty One

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 12 / 1965

Medical 9 / 1965

Map Reference SCETCH MAP ATTACHED.

Objects of Patrol CONTINUE THE INVESTIGATION OF A CARGO CULT IN THE AREA.
THE INSPECTION AND EXTENSION OF EXISTING ROADS, ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

3/3/1966

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

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

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67-15-40

25th March, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 7/1965-66

1. Thank you for your memorandum 67-3-4 of 3rd March, 1966, together with Mr. Jones' patrol report.
2. Your comments and those of Messrs. Kent and Hicks have been noted.
3. Mr. Jones conducted a useful patrol with a more experienced officer, Mr. Hicks. His report is lengthy and thoughtful. He appears to be very interested in native affairs field work.
4. These Nipa people, from all accounts, are doing a good job constructing a road all the way from Nipa to Nei between the Fembu, Erave and Wage rivers. The completion of this road will be a great aid to general Administration and will allow economic development to take place among these people.

(J.K. McCarthy)
Director.

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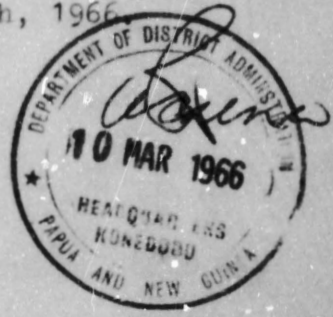


TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

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Mr.

3rd March, 1966



The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBUBU, Papua.

Nipa Patrol Report No. 7/1965-66
Nembi Valley Census Division
Messrs. J.E. Hicks, P.O., and
P.O. Jones, C.P.O.

Attached please find the abovementioned report with covering memorandum from Officer-in-Charge, Nipa and Assistant District Commissioner, Mendi.

All patrols through the area in the near future will continue to check thoroughly to ensure there is no reoccurrence of the recent cargo cultist activities.

The commencement of primary education by the Mission is extremely helpful. Because the Educational programme for the next 5 years envisages only two additional Administration schools in the whole of the Nipa Administrative Area the education of the mass of the people is going to be up to the Christian Missions.

The completion of the road to the lower Nembi will be a great aid to general administration in the area and it is hoped permit economic development to take place. The Officers and the people who have made this road in such a short time are to be congratulated upon their efforts.

Request for survey by the Agriculture Department to investigate the potential of the lower Nembi/Erave River areas has been made.

For your information please.

(D.R. MARSH)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Encs.

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

67-2-3

1st March, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

Subject: NIPA Patrol No.7 of 1965/66

Attached please find the following documents relating to the above patrol conducted by Mr. J.S. Hicks, P.O., who was accompanied by Mr. P.O. Jones, C.P.O., to the Nemb Valley Census Division -

- (i) Patrol Report in duplicate
- (ii) Covering Memorandum 67-2-3 of 21st February, 1966 from O.I.C., Nipa Patrol Post
- (iii) Camping Out Allowance Claims submitted by:
 - (a) Mr. J.S. Hicks, P.O.
 - (b) Mr. P.O. Jones, C.P.O.

2. Additional comments to those of the O.I.C. NIPA with which I concur are as follows -

- (a) In his 'Reception of Patrol' comments the Reporting Officer states that there exists an apathetic attitude towards the Administration and a reluctance to voice complaints and viewpoints while in the "Political Situation" section he states that administrative action in the area has given the people a "sense of security", that the Administration is held in high regard and an appreciation of Administration efforts exist. These observations are contradictory. The "Political Situation" comments are mainly confirmed by Mr. J.S. Hicks in his report on Nipa Patrol 5 of 1965/66 to the area. The apathetic attitude is not confirmed by Mr. J. S. Hicks. It is probably an incorrect assessment of the factors outlined in paras. 1 and 4 of the "Political Situation" section of Mr. Hicks' report on Nipa Patrol No.5 of 1965/66.
- (b) Extension of the road network continues and it is recommended that a Soil Survey be undertaken of the kunai plains in the general TIAWORA area.
- (c) Despite the comments in 2(a) above a good first report from Mr. Jones. He should never forget Mr. Hicks' advice that things are seldom what we first suppose them to be.

3. For your information and further action, please.

James W. Kent
(JAMES W. KENT)

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

67-2-3

Patrol Post,
NIPA.
Southern Highlands District.

21st. February 1966

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
NEMBI.

NIPA PATROL REPORT No.7 OF 1965/66.

Enclosed herewith please find three copies of the above named Patrol Report, plus sketch map and claims for camping allowance on behalf of Mr. Jones and Mr. Hicks.

This report was written by Cadet Patrol Officer Jones who was accompanying his first Patrol. The presentation is thoughtful and Mr. Jones displays a rudimentary knowledge of the many problems involved in the job he has undertaken. Statements on Village Officials and village life are made with only six weeks experience in the Territory and are, perforce, observations within this experience rather than comments of fact. It is true, however, that leaders are an extraordinarily rare commodity in any society.

1. The cargo cult nonsense has disappeared from the area and although one or two may still harbour some uncertainty about it there is no danger of the cult taking hold again in the immediate future.
2. Roads continue through the NEMBI Valley and should be at NEI by May 1966. Both Mission and Government Tractors are using the road to advantage and the people are keen to extend the network to their own particular villages.
3. The Christian Union Mission commenced Primary Classes for some 30 children at DDJABIA 21.2.66. This school is to receive financial assistance from the Administration.

Mr. Jones has yet to gain confidence behind a typewriter and his spelling allows some interesting syntax. Experience remains the greatest Academy for members of this Department but a continuing interest must be maintained for this experience to have any value. Mr. Jones would perhaps be well advised at this stage, to remember that mostly things are not really what we first suppose them to be.

A good report, however, from a new Officer.

For your information, please.

J. Hicks
John. S. Hicks
(Officer-in-Charge)

I.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

NIPA Patrol Post,
MENDI Sub-District,
Southern Highlands District.

PAPUA

19th February, 1966.

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

NIPA Patrol Report No.7. of 1965/66.

Patrol Conducted by: Mr. J.S.Hicks, Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled: Nembu Valley Census Division.
Personnel Accompanying the Patrol: Mr. P.O.Jones, Cadet Patrol Officer.
R.P. & N.G.C.

Sgt. Garap 6589
Const. Uama 6752
" " Akau 7842
" " Komba 8325
" " Gokula 9448
" " Boki 9466
" " Andagana 10930
Interpreter Nogea Wiru

Duration of the patrol: 27/1/66 to 16/2/66
Total twenty one days.

Last Patrol to the Area: November-December 1965.

Objects of the Patrol: 1) Continue the investigation of a cargo cult in the area.
2) The inspection and extension of existing roads.
3) Routine Administration, with an eye for possible economic development in the area.

Map Reference: Sketch Map Attached.

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INTRODUCTION.

In all the patrol covered some eighty miles and visited nine villages.

Talks were given about the people's attitude towards the building of roads and the aims of the Administration in the area.

The recent cargo cult disruption of the area was the subject of a number of talks and although ~~many~~ the people denied for the most part having participated in cult activities it was obvious they had, but had realised the futility of it and resumed everyday life.

On the whole the people were found to be overcoming their fears of the Administration, and the areas surrounding the villages were represented by more people than previously.

Road work is progressing well and the road from Nipa to Tiowora is almost complete. Village Officials were posted at various points to supervise construction and the work should be completed in the next month.

PATROL DIARY.

Thursday 27th January 1966

Patrol departed Nipa 0900 by tractor for the Nembi Valley. Arrived 1100. Walked to Udjabia in the Nembi Valley. Arrived 1200. Talks were given on roads and cargo cult activities. Slept at Udjabia.

Friday 28th January

Patrol departed Udjabia 0830 for Petum. Arrived 1200. Talks were again given as at Udjabia. Complaints heard. Slept at Petum.

Saturday 29th January

Patrol departed Petum 0900, proceeded east to Mato. Arrived 1130. Inspected the native bridge spanning the Nembi River. Slept at Mato.

Sunday 30th January

Stayed at Mato. Patrol from the Mendi Sub-District contacted. Usual talks given on roads and cargo cults. Complaints heard. Otherwise day observed. Slept at Mato.

Monday 31st January

Patrol departed Mato 0815, returned to Udjabia by road. Talk given on general administration of the area. Slept at Udjabia.

Tuesday 1st February

Patrol remained at Udjabia. Court was held and complaints were heard. Work on the road was observed to be progressing well. Slept at Udjabia.

Wednesday 2nd February

Patrol departed Udjabia 0830 for Penarop. Reached Uba 1030. Saw one of the turkeys introduced from Kagua. Stayed only about ten minutes at Uba before pressing on to Penarop. Arrived 1230. Talks were given on roads (these people although being some distance from the road, work on the section above Tindom in the Nembi Valley.) and the cargo cult which even reached as far west as this. Complaints were heard. Patrol slept at Penarop.

Thursday 3rd February

Patrol remained at Penarop. People told to come in with further complaints, none were received. Slept at Penarop.

Friday 4th February

Patrol departed Penarop 0830 for Nei to the south. The patrol passed through some very heavily timbered country and over a number of high ranges before finally reaching Nei at about 1200. This patrol was found later to be the first to have entered Nei from the direction of Penarop. On reaching Nei a talk was given on the road being constructed nearby. The cargo cult had not effected this area so nothing was said on the subject. The patrol slept at Nei.

Saturday 5th February

Patrol remained at Nei. All carriers were assembled for work on the road. Both carriers and inhabitants of the Nei area began work at 1000 and continued all day. Slept at Nei.

Sunday 6th February

Patrol remained at Nei. Courts and complaints were heard, otherwise the day was observed. Slept at ~~Nix~~ Nei.

Monday 7th February

Patrol departed Nei 0830 for Tiowora. Walked part of the way over the new road route and found work progressing well. Arrived at Tiowora 1100. Heard complaints and court during the afternoon. Slept at Tiowora.

Tuesday 8th February

Patrol departed Tiowora 0830, continuing east to Poroma. Work on the road observed to be nearing completion. Arrived Poroma 1130. Talk given on the usual topics, complaints heard. Slept at ~~Poroma~~ Poroma.

Wednesday 9th February

The Officer conducting the patrol, Mr. J.S. Hicks, Patrol Officer, having been advised to return to Nipa by the following Saturday decided to proceed to Tindom and there, leave the patrol on Friday. The patrol departed Poroma 0800 for Tindom. Arrived 1200. An inspection was made of the road ascending the hill above Tindom and work was arranged for the next morning. Patrol slept at Tindom.

Thursday 10th February

Patrol remained at Tindom. Carriers assembled for road work. Villagers from the area round Uba and Penarop also assembled for work. Work commenced early and continued late into the afternoon. Slept at Tindom.

Friday 11th February

Mr. J.S. Hicks, Patrol Officer accompanied by Sgt. Garap departed for Nipa 1030 by tractor. Work continued all day on the regrading of the road. Patrol slept at Tindom.

Saturday 12th February

Patrol remained at Tindom. Work continued till 1600 on the road, stopped by rain. Patrol slept at Tindom.

Sunday 13th February

Patrol remained at Tindom. Day observed. Slept at Tindom.

Monday 14th February

Patrol remained at Tindom. Road work continued, concluded at 1630. Slept at Tindom.

Tuesday 15th February

Patrol remained at Tindom. Road work continued, concluded at 1630. Slept at Tindom.

Wednesday 16th February

Village Officials given instruction for the completion of the work. Patrol departed Tindom 0900 by tractor for Nipa. Arrived 1230. Reported to O.I.C.. Patrol stood down.

DIARY ENDS.

RECEPTION OF THE PATROL.

At each village the patrol was welcomed by the local Officials who seemed anxious to show their cordiality towards Administration representatives. In Petum and Poroma the patrol received gifts and the villagers were willing to sell fruit cheaply. The goodwill expressed on the part of the local officials appeared in some cases to be only a front as when they were approached about work on the road they seemed reluctant to co-operate and invariably had some complaint to make.

The attitude of the general people towards the patrol was rather apathetic until the formality of proceedings was concluded and the members of the patrol had a chance to mix with them personally. In all discussions they seemed reluctant to voice their complaints and let the Administration know their feelings about the present situation.

VILLAGES.

Most villages that the patrol visited, were situated rather poorly. Those of the Nembi Valley e.g. Tindom, Udjabia, Mato and Poroma, although being relatively close to the road were each some distance ~~six~~ from the closest running water. The original location of these villages was to a large extent governed by defense. Now that warfare is almost non-existent in the valley it would be more profitable if the villages were appreciate the fact that work in the area is being done for

VILLAGES CONT.

situated closer to water supply but still retain proximity to the road. Tiowora near the Erave river faces the same problem.

The most inaccessible of the villages that the patrol visited are Petum, Uba and Penarop. It would be most difficult to push roads into these areas and it is by no means certain that the villages are in a rich enough area to warrant such a task.

Nei perhaps is in the most favourable position. When the road is completed through this area the village will be comparatively close and it is at present well situated as regards its water supply.

All the villages mentioned so far are only central meeting places for such occasions as festivals and when patrols are in the area, thus they are not generally in use. The people are isolated in small groups and build only a few houses in one spot. These groups of houses reflect the fears of the people even more as they are built for the most part on the tops of hills and the people must waste many hours in trekking to and from their gardens and fetching water. It is obvious that the people would prosper to a greater extent if they were prepared to move to a central point and work more as a community.

Cleanliness.

The people make no attempt to wash when they are dirty but always seem anxious to obtain soap. They do not appear to associate dirt with disease and as a result their hair and finger nails are dirty.

Although the people have been encouraged to make and use latrines they have failed to do so and still use the bush when the need arises; this must obviously have some effect on their health.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Something has already been said on this subject but it must be entered into more fully. On the whole the Village Officials were carrying out their job to the best of their ability. In most cases they can get the people to work when they are needed and are respected in such matters. The people look to their Village Officials for guidance and expect them to make any complaints they may have. In all villages talks were given, and the Village Officials did their job well in assembling the people. Only one case was found where the Village Officials had overstepped their powers. This case took place in the village of Tiowora where a Village Councillor and a Village Constable had beaten an offender; this seemed to be over enthusiasm of duty rather than anything else.

POLITICAL SITUATION.

The Mendi cargo cult that ~~xxx~~ was said to have originated in this area has to all appearances died a natural death. Talks were given in each village effected by the cult on the stupidity of relying on the help of spirits for the accumulation of goods and that only money the ~~the~~ result of work could obtain these things. It seems in fact that the cult had already been proved futile and the people were back at work by the time the patrol had contacted them on the subject. The talks were useful in that they will help ensure that such a thing does not break out again and they have given the people the knowledge that the Administration has their interests at heart.

Village Officials although expressing some reluctance seemed willing to follow the wishes of the Administration.

The road appears to be playing an important part in the lives of people and it gives them a sense of security in that the Administration can come if they need it. The people have a high regard for the Administration and they appreciate the fact that work in the area is being done for

POLITICAL SITUATION CONT.

in their own good, but it is doubtful whether this situation will continue if, when the roads are completed they are not greatly used.

The Missions are making their mark in the area. The Christian Union Mission which has been operating in the area for some time has a much larger following than the Catholic Mission which has only recently started work in the area. The Missions are respected by the people and Mission personnel were accepted well in every village the patrol had occasion to see them.

Relations between various areas have improved but are still strained and tribal boundaries are still observed. This was noticed particularly in Penarop where a Village Constable only agreed to go to the neighbouring village of Nei because the Administration was accompanying him.

AGRICULTURE.

Food seemed to be quite plentiful in all the villages the patrol entered. Supplies had to be purchased every night for the carriers and what was brought in was ample for the patrol. Sweet potato is the main crop grown in the whole area and those that were brought in for sale were for the most part large and of good quality. Various types of sugar cane and bananas are grown and all that were seen appeared to be flourishing. The area round Nei that had only a short while ago been rendered useless was again prospering as a result of recent heavy rain in the district. The people mainly carry out subsistence cropping but always seem to have surplus when an occasion arises for obtaining money or salt. They have not as yet any markets or established ideas of cash cropping. No crops have been introduced to the area but well could be as the area is rich and only a small portion of it is under agriculture. The Christian Union Mission is intending to experiment with some grain crops as these would probably do well for the corn that is grown by the local people has flourished.

LIVESTOCK.

Pigs of course remain the most common and highly valued animal. Most pigs that the patrol saw seemed to be in a healthy condition and one that was presented to the patrol at Petum made very good eating for a number of days. Of the animals introduced, nothing was seen of the Berkshire pigs mentioned in the last report but one of the turkeys from Kagua was observed at Uba and appeared to be doing well. Poultry the second most common animal was seen at every village but those that were presented to the patrol were stringy and not very nourishing, the people tend to regard them more as a source of feathers than food.

FORESTS.

The only forests of any size that the patrol passed through lay in a belt from Penarop to Tiowora. The trees were mainly of the type found in rain forests and some grew to a height of a hundred feet. If there was any timber of commercial value in this forest it ~~was~~ would be almost inaccessible except in the area that will border the new road between Tiowora and Nei.

LAND.

The area of land that the Administration could obtain with very little trouble is the great Expanse of Kunai flats that lies south of Tiowora. A minute proportion of this land is under cultivation or even inhabited. The reason for this under population is due to malaria that has spread round the Erave river but with proper inoculation workers could use the land with no trouble. This area would be ideal for the growing of tea, coffee and grain crops.

The land between Tiowora and Poroma also has great possibilities. This area could be opened up with very little trouble as the road from Nipa is nearly complete and the airstrip is still servicable. at Poroma.

LAND LEASE.

The Christian Union Mission is interested in the prospect of leasing land in the area and hopes to do so some time in the next year.

COMPLAINTS AND COURTS.

The patrol throughout received few complaints and those that were heard were not serious; no trend is evident. Most concerned the road and domestic matters.

Four cases of indecent assault were heard but this is fairly natural for an area the ~~size~~ size of this. No major crimes were dealt with and nothing had arisen from the recent cargo cult in the area.

HEALTH.

The general health of the patrol was good. A few days before the patrol returned to Nipa a Medical Assistant from the station visited the area for the purpose of making a Tuberculosis survey.

The Missions are doing a lot of good work in this way but the people are still showing fear and do not ~~come~~ come in for treatment, others only come in when their illness has reached an advanced stage and little can be done for ~~them~~ them. These fears are gradually being overcome by having Medical patrols constantly through ~~the~~ the area and by the people seeing for themselves the results of medical treatment.

EDUCATION.

Nothing much can be done in this field as an Education Officer is not posted in the area. A few people can speak Pidgin as a result of the Missions' work and the Christian Union Mission hopes to establish a Primary school in the area soon. This should be of great help to the administration of the area.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

One of the main purposes of the patrol was to inspect and extend the work done to the roads so far. The work was progressing well and all that had to be done to complete the road from Nipa right through to Tiowora was the construction of three bridges and two small sections of road a short distance from Tiowora.

The road at present completed, except for ~~the~~ a few sections that need to be recut and regraded is in excellent condition and much of it has been stoned.

The road from Tiowora to the Wage is going to take some time for although the people from Nei have done a good job in clearing the path, it is cut by a number of limestone ridges that are going to be difficult to remove.

Village Officials have been instructed to finish the road to Tiowora as soon as possible and it should not take more than a month.

People from the villages of Pomerel and Penarop are recutting the section of road that runs down into the Kembi Valley at Tindon. This work is under good supervision and should be finished within two weeks.

MISSIONS.

The work of the Missions has already been mentioned to some extent. The Christian Union Mission having been established first naturally has the biggest following. They are probably opening the area up more than any other group as they have recently brought a tractor into the valley and an airstrip is at present under construction. The Mission is operating both dental and medical services which the people are slowly coming to accept. A trade store acts as a work incentive and cloth and beads bedecking the native people are becoming a common sight. The presence of the Missions in the valley is a pacifying factor in itself and the establishment of a school in the near future will help both children and adults alike.

MISSIONS CONT.

The other Mission operating in the area is the Catholic (Caphwein) Mission. It as yet has no permanent station in the area but still has a fairly large following. Some friction has resulted in two Missions being present in the area but this was not in evidence when the patrol passed through.

In all, the Missions are doing some very good work for the social development of the area and every effort should be made to encourage their activities.

CONCLUSION.

It is obvious that if the people are to advance both socially and economically they will have to be encouraged to overcome their fears and learn to work more as a community rather than individuals. This advancement could be stimulated if some substitute was offered for their subsistence farming and isolationism. Such a substitute could take the form of economic development from the outside that would draw the people into communities. Now that a good road will serve the area in the near future such economic development would not be difficult and the vast tracts of unused land round the Nembu and Erave rivers could be utilised to their full extent.

At present the life that the people are leading is stagnant and for the most part they seem content to leave it that way. The road through the area changed ~~them~~ the attitude of some of the people who now seem to hold some hope that the road will bring a better way of life. It is hoped that it will.

Piers C. Jones
Piers C. Jones

(Cadet Patrol Officer)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. EIGHT OF 1965/66

Patrol Conducted by MR. J.S. HICKS, PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled MARGARIMA AND SOUTHERN KAUDEP

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans MR. P.O. JONES CADET PATROL OFFICER

Natives 15

Duration—From 3/3/1966 to 8/3/1966

Number of Days SIX

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 1/1966

Medical/19.....

Map Reference WABAG MENDI 15,000,000

Objects of Patrol RECOVER BODY OF CONSTABLE URAGABOIM
MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

13 / 8 / 1966

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

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

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36-37/67-15-47 CONFIDENTIAL:

8th June, 1966.

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

DEATH OF CONSTABLE URAGAMOIN NO.
10538:

Your 37-9-1 of 30th March 1966 and memorandum
67-3-4 of 13th April 1966, refer.

The report and correspondence has been passed
to the Commissioner of Police who has recorded:

"An interesting summary by Mr. Hicks
whose opinion I rate very highly".

I shall be grateful if you will advise me of
the full story after Court processes.


(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

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

13th April, 1966.



The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. Papua.

Nipa Patrol Report No.8/1965-66
Margarima and South Kandey
Mr. J.S. Hicks, P.O.

Attached please find the abovementioned report with covering memorandum from Assistant District Commissioner, Mendi.

The facts of the attack on the patrol has been the subject of previous correspondence - my 37-9-1 of 8th March and Confidential of 30th March, 1966 refer, and no useful purpose would result by repeating them here.

As a result of the Police investigation five villagers Tultul Terem, Yange, Pabubu, Waip and Pombone of Rumbipaga area were charged with wilful murder, Section 305 the Criminal Code, on 16th March, 1966 and remanded to District Court, Mendi on 30th March, 1966.

The Preliminary Hearing has now been concluded and the five committed for trial. Nothing additional to that already laid down in the abovementioned reports was discovered from this Hearing and it is probable that the real reason for the murder of Constable Uragaboim will never be ascertained.

The area has been quiet since the murder and Mr. C.P. Dangerfield is no longer camped in the immediate area but patrolling the whole of the Census Division.

For your information and advice please.

See Confidential file before reply.

[Signature]
(D.R. MARSH)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Encs.

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

Report sighted - an interesting summary by Mr Hicks whose opinions I note very highly
Robt Hicks
in name of Police 4/4/66.

67-2-3

Southern Highlands District,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI.

29th March, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

Patrol No. 8 of 1965-66 - Nipa Patrol Post

The attached two (2) copies of the above report
are forwarded.

As I am not conversant with the details of this
matter no comment by myself is warranted.

Camping allowance claims for Messrs. Hicks and
Jones as well as that of Mr. Karit, Interpreter, are attached.
Also attached is a map of the area which the patrol visited.

For your information, please.

J. Young-Whitford
(J. YOUNG-WHITFORD)
DISTRICT OFFICER

Encs.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No. 72-3-1
P/R 2-65/66

Patrol Post,
NIPA.
Southern Highlands District.

12th. March 1966

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

SPECIAL REPORT BEING NIPA PATROL REPORT No. 8 OF
1965/66

Patrol Conducted by:- Mr. J.S.Hicks, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled:- MARGAREMA and Southern KANDEP.

Personnel Accompanying the Patrol:

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| Mr. P.O. Jones, | Cadet Patrol Officer. |
| R.PAN.G.C. :- | |
| Set GARAP | 6589 |
| Cpl MUGALIONG | 6938 |
| Const WAINAGARI | 8536 |
| Const AKAU | 7842 |
| Const PAGAU | 6942 |
| Const KOMBA | 8325 |
| Const UNAGE | 8760 |
| Const GOIKULA | 9448 |
| Const BOKI | 9466 |
| Const MAKAI | 9638 |
| Const POMDEI | 10612 |
| Const ANDAGAMA | 10538 |
| Const PABOM | 11190 |

Aid Post Orderly IGILA.
Interpreter KEVEL.

Duration of Patrol:- 3/3/66 to 8/3/66 - six days.

Last Patrol to Area:- January 1966.

Objects of Patrol:- Recover body of murdered Const URAGABOIM.
Restore Law and Order.

J.S.Hicks
John.S.Hicks
Patrol Officer

PATROL DIARY:

- Thursday 3rd. March. Patrol Departed NIPA per tractor at 0830 arriving MARGARIMA 1130. Visited MARGARIMA Station for discussions with locals and School Teacher. ADC Mendi arrived per aircraft 1200 for discussions. Const URAGABOIM's body carried into MARGARIMA 1330 and placed under guard. Contacted Discom Mendi by radio and requested post mortem for tomorrow. Patrol Camped MARGARIMA.
- Friday 4th. March. Dr. Wolstenholm and DDC Bell arrived ex Mendi 0830. Post Mortem carried out. Discussions with DDC. DDC Hagen and ADC Allen arrived ex Hagen 1215 for discussions. Self by air to Kandep for further discussions with people and Kandep Police. CPO Jones with body to NIPA
- Saturday 5th. March. Return to MARGARIMA 0930 and Patrol readied for walk through to BIAKO. Ammunition issued and fire instructions given. Patrol departed MARGARIMA 1000 arriving BIAKO 1645. Made camp, DDC Bell arriving 1815 and ADC Allen 1845. Slept BIAKO.
- Sunday 6th. March. Search made for missing clothes and utensils of murdered Constable. Visited scene of the crime. Sub-Inspector Swinton arrived ex KANDEP for investigations 1430. Slept BIAKO.
- Monday 7th. March. Self and DDC Bell plus half of Patrol returned to MARGARIMA arriving 1330. Patrol Officer Dangerfield remained in area and took over as NIPA representative in the area. Self and DDC Bell uplifted from MARGARIMA to MENDI. Discussions with DC and Superintendent McNaught. Slept MENDI.
- Tuesday 8th. March. Returned NIPA. Patrol by tractor from MARGARIMA to NIPA arriving 1230. Patrol stood down. Ends.

John S. Hicks
John S. Hicks
Patrol Officer

INTRODUCTION:

The nature of this Patrol precludes the normal setting out of a routine Patrol Report. What follows, therefore, is a prima facie statement of the facts, events leading up to them and the part played by personnel from NIPA.

Of the crime itself little is written. Not having taken part in the investigation only a general picture is known by myself. The investigation is still going on. The savagery of the attack is only too evident and whatever the results of the investigation may be, a senseless, irrational killing has been made by people who have shown themselves ready to accept the protection that the law offers them but totally unwilling or unable to acknowledge its sanctions. In any society that hopes to gain admission into any Federation of Nations or merely respect in its individual nationhood, such acts cannot be too harshly or too strongly condemned.

EVENTS LEADING UP TO 2nd. MARCH 1966:

Constable 3rd/yr URAGABOIM No.10538 departed NIPA on the 6th. January 1966 in company with NIPA Patrol No.6, conducted by Cadet Patrol Officer W.R.Paterson. This Patrol had three aims:-

1. Routine Administration of the Margarima Census Division with special emphasis on assistance to the agricultural development (pyrethrum) taking place in the area.
2. Continued encouragement on the Margarima/Kandep Road making cash payments for those sections completed.
3. Payment of labour and materials used in the construction of the Wage River Bridge on the Nipa/Margarima Road.

On the 19th. January this Patrol visited BIAKO remaining there until the 21st. January. Mr. Paterson visited the OIC Kandep for discussions on road work and also had discussions with an Agricultural Officer, Mr. M.Harty re pyrethrum extension in the area. Mr.Harty was at this time working between Kandep and Margarima on pyrethrum planting. A Mendi Patrol was also working in the Upper Lai area at this time and Mr. Paterson was asked to link up with this Patrol if time permitted. Time didn't permit and Mr. Paterson was told to station Const URAGABOIM at BIAKO to maintain and attend to matters of law and order that may arise in the area. Const URAGABOIM was instructed to keep in contact with the Mendi Patrol during its visit in the Upper Lai nearby and to escort any law breakers to NIPA. The people of the BIAKO area and Upper Lai groups also expressed a wish that Const URAGABOIM help them on the Kandep/Margarima Road. Pyrethrum had been planted at RUMBIPAGA in the North and Margarima in the South and the Local people were aware that they were likely to miss out on this form of cash cropping if a road wasn't constructed through their land. It is worth mentioning here that V.C. IALIP of PELEPOI Village in the Upper Lai was particularly keen that a policeman help them with the road work. His people had been working, on their own, at several roads in the area and he wished their efforts to be consolidated on one main project.

Const URAGABOIM brought two prisoners into NIPA on the 16th. February and stated that the two had eluded the Mendi Patrol and were wanted on a charge of indecent assault. The complainant had accompanied the Mendi Patrol back to Mendi. A radio to Mendi confirmed this and the two men were sent into Mendi under escort; Const URAGABOIM returning to BIAKO on the 18th. February. Constable URAGABOIM stated before returning to BIAKO that he was having no trouble in the area and that he wanted to go back. Nothing more was heard from Const URAGABOIM.

Mr. Roa Agi, Agricultural Assistant walked through the BIAKO area on the 26th. February and has stated that everything was peaceful. He didn't see Const URAGABOIM but was told that he was away with some people, "hearing their troubles over Pandanus Nuts."

I had informed Constable URAGABOIM that I would be visiting MARGAR-
-IMA on Friday 4th. March in order to hear any complainants that he may
have. I had earlier stated I would be there on the 25th. February but a
visit by the Deputy District Commissioner to NIPA at this time prevented
this.

MARCH 2nd.:

At 1630 having spoken to MENDI on the normal sked, the School
Teacher at Margarima, Mr. J. Meehan came up on the radio with the informati-
-on that he had reports of the killing of one Const URAGABOIM at BIAKO in
the Kandep area. The report was that Const URAGABOIM had shot and killed
a village Luluai in the fight. I contacted the ADC Liagam at 1700 and
informed him of the reporting killing and requested he send a Patrol from
Kandep into the area as it would take two days for myself to get to BIAKO.
He agreed to do this.

I contacted the ADC Mendi at 0800 the following morning and
informed him of the reported murder. The Patrol Diary follows.

THE MURDER:

It is possible the full reasons for the crime will never come to
light but there are three possibilities that have presented themselves. To
understand these a summary of the murder itself is needed. It is apparant
that Const URAGABOIM took a number of RUMBIPAGA people into custody on or
about the 25th. February. The RUMBIPAGA people approached URAGABOIM en mass
on the morning of 2nd. March with the idea of freeing their people, seeming-
-ly at any cost. URAGABOIM wouldn't allow this and the crowd started
moving at him. He fired a shot into the ground which ricochet and hit one
of the crowd. The RUMBIPAGA's then killed Const URAGABOIM.

Several whys and wherefores are now obvious. Why were the people
of RUMBIPAGA taken into custody by Const URAGABOIM? Were they, in fact, in
custody? Did the RUMBIPAGA's have in mind killing URAGABOIM prior to his
firing the shot? The answer to these may never be known. It is possible,
however, that they may lie in one of the following motives:-

1. V.C. IALIP had his brother killed by a policeman some 8
to 10 years ago. He may have paid the RUMBIPAGA's for
their killing the policeman URAGABOIM. This would explain
his desire to have a policeman help them in their area.
It would also explain IALIP and his people standing by
and watching the murder take place without any intervent-
-ion.
2. Constable URAGABOIM lawfully took the RUMBIPAGA's into
custody over a fight concerning Pandanus with the intent-
-ion of bringing the offenders to myself at Margarima on
the 4th. March.
 - a. URAGABOIM unlawfully took the offenders into
custody and had no intention of bringing them
before a Magistrate. (There is scant evidence of
this and it is not in line with the knowledge I
have of Constable URAGABOIM)

The RUMBIPAGA's came down with the intention of freeing
their people and of killing URAGABOIM if they he didn't
succeed to their wishes.

3. The RUMBIPAGA's had only an intention of beating URAGAB-
-OIM and taking him into KANDEP, but killed him when they
thought he had killed one of their Luluais.

This latter is perhaps the first motive for the killing that
comes to mind. I am unsure that it is the right one. Firstly Const URAGABO-
-IM would never have suffered the indignity of being trussed and taken into

KANDEP and that the RUMBIPAGA's would have known this. Secondly there was no European Officer at Kandep at this time and there had been none for a week past. The people of RUMBIPAGA would have also known this and that there was no one to take the Constable to.

V.C. IALIP's motive is interesting but at the moment there are too few facts to back up a case.

I therefore incline toward the second motive that Const URAGABOIM took several RUMBIPAGAs into custody and that the people of RUMBIPAGA came down to free them with the knowledge and the intention that they must kill URAGABOIM to do it. This they did, and that a shot didn't frighten them from their intent, inspite of and NOT because of the wounding of the Lulusi, may be construed as how wicked and lethal this intent was.

CONSTABLE URAGABOIM No. 10528:

Constable URAGABOIM was transfered from KORORO to NIPA in October 1962 and apart from absences on leave had been at this Station until his death in 1966. He was married to a NIPA girl in May 1965 and had his wife on strength at NIPA. Unfortunately URAGABOIM's Record of Service has been sent through to Headquarters so I am unable to list the Number of Patrols that this Constable accompanied in his time here. An estimate would be about 25 or 30. Remarks of all officers show the high regard in which URAGABOIM was held:- 'highly efficient; NCO material; intelligent and hard working; conscientious,' to list a few. He was certainly the most capable, intelligent and thoughtful policeman among the younger Constables. At no time during my service as CIC of the Detachment have I had cause to reprimand URAGABOIM for foolhardiness or him being overbearing. He was found always loyal and trustworthy and at all times capable of conducting himself in such a manner as to only bring credit to the force and the Detachment.

He was at no time issued any ammunition by myself or staff and I am unable to say how he came in possession of the three rounds of ammunition that he had. There are no discrepancies in the NIPA Ammunition Register. Having viewed the remaining one cartridge which is extremely well polished, I can only assume that URAGABOIM had had possession of them for some time and treated them as souvenirs or such like.

Constable URAGABOIM was buried at NIPA with full honours on the morning of 9th. March. An effort was made to have his body returned to SINEAI but lack of suitable aircraft prevented this. His widow is at NIPA and will remain on strength until she has had her child expected in four weeks time. A pension for her has been requested.

CONCLUSION:

Patrol Officer Dangerfield is still in the area and will remain there until the situation has returned to normal and law and order re-established. The murder investigations are in the hands of the Police Department and there is every indication that one of the seven murderers will wriggle out of a conviction.

There is little to add apart from our profound regret and sympathies which have already been forwarded to his parents. How the murder happened is obvious; it is the why that is confusing. Facts may come to light at some time in the future but the main motive may well lie buried in the past of these people. It is earnestly hoped that they do not carry these things into the future with them.

John S. Hicks
John S. Hicks
Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern High Report No. No 9 of 1965/66

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

Area Patrolled UPPER PARTS OF LAI VALLEY + MARGARIMA CD.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans No.

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

Duration—From 6/3/1966 to 31/3/1966

Number of Days 26 (Twenty-Six)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Jan./1966 Pat. No. 6.

Medical ← / 19

Map Reference Sketch Maps

Objects of Patrol Routine Admin. Roadwork.
have + Order

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

716/1966

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund ... £.....

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12th July, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
MINDI.
Southern Highlands District.

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 9/1965-66:

Thank you for your memorandum 57-3-4 of the 7th June, 1966, together with Mr. Dangerfield's patrol report.

2. Your comments and those of Mr. Young-Whitford have been noted.

3. It is a pity that no work on pre-election education was done on this patrol. Every occasion should be seized for this sort of work.

4. A good comprehensive report.

(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



Telegrams

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

Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

7th June, 1966.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. Papua.

Nipa Patrol Report No.9/1965-66
Upper Margarima and Lai Census Divisions
Mr. C.P. Dangerfield, P.O.

Abovementioned report with covering memorandum
from Assistant District Commissioner Mendi, attached, refer.

The patrol's main object was to ensure that there
were no repercussions after the murder of Constable
Uragaboin and consequent indictment by the Biako villagers
of a number of Rumbipaga leaders. It was successful in
this and the area has settled down well.

Five natives of the Rumbipaga area were committed
for trial at the next Supreme Court Sittings. This was to be
in June but because of a shortage of Defence Counsel has
been put back to August.

The administration of the Wage and Enga people
south of the border to the line of the Sas Creek was agreed
to in 1959 by the then District Commissioners of Western
and Southern Highlands, because of the opening of Kandep
Patrol Post. This arrangement has been successful till
recently when the Huri speaking people in the Wage River
expressed the desire to join their fellows in the Tari Local
Government Council. Geographically this is not feasible
but their admission to the Margarima Council, which is made
up of Huri speakers would, no doubt, satisfy them.

It is expected that the Margarima Council will
commence operations in July 1966. A Patrol Officer will be
stationed at Margarima to supervise the Councils and this
Officer once all immediate work in the new Council is
completed will, in conjunction with the Western Highlands
staff, visit the Upper Wage clans to see which wish to enter
the Council.

The inclusion of Upper Lai River clans in the
Margarima Council is not recommended. In the first place
they are a different language group; secondly the range to
the west of the Lai River forms a geographical boundary;
thirdly road communication is north and south along the
Lai River to Mendi and Kandep and fourthly a Local Government
Council for the whole of the Lai is projected and the with-
drawal of these villages would nullify this plan, as the
remaining section would be too small a Council unit for the
Highlands and not have the possibility of a viable economy.

The Lai River Censu Division has been, because
of lack of communications, its remoteness and pressure of
business elsewhere, rather neglected in the past. However
this has been changed, lengthy patrols have covered the area

The Director,

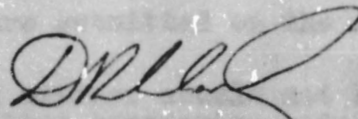
7th June, 1966.

in the past five months and it is intended that a further two visit the area in the immediate future. These patrols will complete the road system along the length of the valley and carry out a Local Government Survey.

The Margarima-Kandep Road construction has come to a halt since the departure of the patrol from the area. This will be altered this month when Mr. Paterson, P.O., moves into Margarima.

No work on pre-election education in the Margarima Council area, one of the instructions issued by the Deputy District Commissioner, appears to have been done. The reasons for this will be obtained.

A good comprehensive report by Mr. Dangerfield.



(D.R. MARSH)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Encls.

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

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Sub-District Office,
MENDI.
Southern Highlands District.
1st June, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
MENDI.

Nipa Patrol No. 9/65-66 Southern
Highlands District Mr. C. Dangerfield P.O.

Attached please find two copies of thereport on the
above patrol conducted by Mr.C. Dangerfield, P.O.

2. The following comments are submitted on the report:

(a) Native situation.

The patrolling officer should not be too concerned about the Administrative boundaries situated in the area near the border of Papua and New Guinea as there is an Administrative agreement between the Western and Southern Highlands that the Kandep Patrol Post will retain all of its original area.

With the establishment of Local Government Council in the area, under discussion, the people will have an opportunity of deciding for themselves which affiliations they will select for their future management and administration. However, the remarks on this subject will be carefully considered when the Maragrana Local Government Council is established and their wishes will be considered.

BIAKO INCIDENT

The position in this area will be watched closely.

LAI VALLEY CENSUS DIVISION

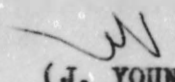
A patrol to the Lai Valley has just been completed and it is proposed that a further visit will be made to the area in June and also again in July. The area has undoubtedly been neglected and this will be remedied.

Economic Development

Without roads for the quick transportation of crops which need early processing in factories very little can be done for these people. The next two patrols into the area will emphasize this point quite clearly.

Conclusion

A good report. Camping Allowance Claim is attached for certification of payment, please. Map is also attached as well as two copies of Patrol Instructions.


(J. YOUNG-WHITFORD)
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

c.c. Mr. Dangerfield, NIPA.

67-2-2

Patrol Post,
NIPA.
Southern Highlands District.
10th. March 1966

Mr. C. Dangerfield,
Patrol Officer.
NIPA.

NIPA PATROL No. 9 OF 1965/66 - MARGARIMA.

Your arrival from MENDI direct to Patrol in the MARGARIMA area on the 6th. March 1966 has precluded any Patrol instructions from this office. It is believed you have had verbal instructions from the Assistant and Deputy District Commissioners; these instructions are, therefore, a confirmation of what you are already about and should accompany your Patrol Report.

1. Remain in the BIAKO area during the investigation into the murder of Constable URAGADOIN and until the situation has eased and law and order re-established. You will be the best judge of this.
2. Continue supervision of the MARGARIMA/KANDEP Road.
3. Police the Native Regulations bearing in mind the present Pandanus harvest and stealing associated with this.
4. Your Police will remain armed and under fire instructions from yourself until your return to NIPA.
5. Upon leaving BIAKO, proceed down the LAI Valley to the village of WABIMA maintaining law and order and explaining the legal process involved in the inquiry into the murder of Const URAGADOIN.
6. From WABIMA proceed West into the MARGARIMA Basin stopping at IANU, KEME and SAMBALA. Supervision of road work and routine administration will occupy your time in these villages. You must also find time to visit YENAGARI, UGU and TABALA.
7. Your Patrol will be uplifted from SAMBALA by tractor for return to NIPA.
8. The length of your Patrol is dependant on your judgement of the Native Situation but I anticipate your arrival at NIPA around the week beginning 4th. April.

The following members of the R.P&N.G.C. will accompany you
Sgt. GARAP.
Constables 5th/yr., WAINAGARI, PAGAU and ANDAGAMA.

For your information and action, please.

John S. Hicks
John S. Hicks
(Officer-in-Charge)

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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

4th. APRIL, 1966.

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

NIPA Patrol Report No.9 of 1965/66.

Patrol Conducted by: Mr C.P.Dangerfield, Pat. Officer.

Area patrolled: Upper regions of the LAI VALLEY
and MARGARIMA Consus Division.

Personnel Accompanying
the patrol:

Sgt. Garap 6589.
Cons Pagan 7681.
Cons Wainagari 8536.
Cons Andagana 10930.
Interpreter, Kevai.

Duration of patrol: 6/3/66 to 31/3/66.
Total twenty-six (26) days.

Last patrol to the area: January 1966.

Objects of the patrol:

- (1) Routine administration.
- (2) Explanation of facts of the killing of Cons.URAGABOIM to the local people in the area visited.
- (3) Supervision of work on the KANDEP-MARGARIMA Road near BIAKO.
- (4) Maintenance of Law and Order in the area following the murder of Cons.URAGABOIM IO538.

Map reference: Sketch map attached.

C.P. Dangerfield
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C.P.Dangerfield, Patrol Officer.

INTRODUCTION

(A) This patrol centred its activities in the north of the MARGARIMA and LAI VALLEY Census Divisions, adjacent to and immediately south of the "administration" border between Papua and N.G., at a place called BIAKO, which is 7-8 miles wsw of KANDEP Patrol Post in "New Guinea". This followed upon the killing of Cons. IO538 URAGABOIM OF the NIPA Detachment at BIAKO on the 2nd of March this year. The patrol also visited SEMAIP and WARIBA in the LAI VALLEY Census Division and thence moved westwards into the MARGARIMA Basin to visit IARU, KEME and SHAMBALLA Rest Houses.

(B) The writer went by air from MENDI to KANDEP on the 6th of March and thence walked to BIAKO. There took over patrol mounted by Mr J. HICKS A.D.O. and O.I.C. NIPA, upon his return to NIPA via MARGARIMA, with the D.D.C. MENDI, MR R. BELL, on the morning of the 7th March. Verbal instructions were given by both Mr BELL and Mr HICKS for the patrol. Instructions given by Mr HICKS applied primarily to the duration of this patrol. Those given by Mr BELL visualised a longer stay in the MARGARIMA vicinity, and included pre-election education for the proposed MARGARIMA Local Government Council. Instructions given by Mr HICKS herein attached in writing.

(C) Main task of the patrol was maintenance of law and order in the BIAKO area until the situation returned to normal, and continuation of work and supervision on the short completed section of the MARGARIMA-KANDEP Road running east and west from BIAKO. The writer also gave assistance where possible to Mr R. ALLEN A.D.O. W.H.D. and Insp. B. SWANTON, in their investigations into the killing of the Constable. Their investigations were completed on the 11th. of March, when they returned to KANDEP.

Secondary task of the patrol was explanation of the factors resulting in the death of Cons. URAGABOIM, and the legal action resulting therefrom, to the people in the general area.

Attention was also given to talks and discussions on a few simple economic facts of life in those areas contacted, with a view to preventing faulty thinking along these lines, and in preparation for the Margarima Council.

(D) Geographically the area visited lies to the south-east of the high mountainous and generally unpopulated plateau country extending from between the headwaters of the ANDABARE and WAGE Rivers north-west towards PORGERA P.P. and south through the DOMA Peak Ranges to Mt HARI KEREWI. The area lies at the head of south-ward descending valley systems which run into the Lake Kutubu Depression. Due to situation then the general elevation of the valley floors is between 7,500 and 8,500', and the nights are cold.

The specific area visited is divided by a roughly "T" shaped range. The vertical of this range is the MARGARIMA-LAI Divide, running generally north-south, and the horizontal is a knot of mountains which terminates the MARGARIMA-LAI Divide in the north. West of the north-south divide lies the MARGARIMA Basin wherein the south flowing WAGE joins the ADABARE and MARGARIMA from the west. To the east of the divide lies the valley of the PUOINS Creek which flows south to join the LAI River, from which it is separated by another north-south divide. In this valley are situated SEMAIP and WARIBA Rest Houses.

(E) North of the east-west divide which terminates MARGARIMA-LAI Divide, the SAS Creek flows west to join the WAGE River, through a small grassed valley. BIAKO is situated half-way along the creek. About 3 miles away on a low ridge which separates the SAS from the KANDEP Basin is situated RUMIIPAGA Rest House, census point for the group mainly responsible for the death of Cons. URAGABOIM.

PATROL DIARY.

MARCH 1966.

SUNDAY 6th. MENDI to KANDEP by air. Arrived 1108 hrs. Discussion at KANDEP with Insp. C.PARRY and Mr D.REID P.O., re killing of Cons. URAGABOIM. Walked KANDEP to BIAKO- 1205 to I610 - stopping 50 minutes RUMBIPAGA for lunch. Patrol instructions given by Mr R.BELL D.D.C. MENDI and Mr J.HICKS A.D.O. NIPA, Slept BIAKO.

MONDAY 7th. Mr BELL and Mr HICKS departed for MARGARIMA. Self organised road work and held discussion with locals re same. All groups willing. People from PELEPOI, MARISERE and SEMAIP began work on road head east of BIAKO which will link with road from KANDEP. People from BIAKO and KINDULI working west to link with section running north from YENEGARI in the MARGARIMA area. Slept BIAKO.

TUESDAY 8th. Roadwork as yesterday. Assisted Mr ALLEN A.D.O. and Insp. SWANTON where required. Slept BIAKO.

WEDNESDAY 9th. Supervised and inspected roadwork. Arranged re-enactment of the movements of the BIAKO at the time Cons. URAGABOIM was killed. Slept BIAKO.

THURSDAY 10th. Roadwork. People from BIAKO and KINDULI in good attendance. Slept BIAKO.

FRIDAY 11th. Mr Allen and Insp. Swanton departed KANDEP. Self continued road work. Slept BIAKO.

SATURDAY 12th. Walked to KANDEP in the afternoon and slept KANDEP Station.

SUNDAY 13th. Returned BIAKO. Some discussions with locals. Slept BIAKO.

MONDAY 14th. All groups working on the road assembled. Explained re investigations into the death of Cons. URAGABOIM. Appointed foremen for supervision of roadwork in the absence of an administration officer. Roadwork continued. Slept BIAKO.

TUESDAY 15th. Roadwork Supervision. Slept BIAKO.

WEDNESDAY 16th. Roadwork progressing steadily. Concentrating on quality. Slept BIAKO.

THURSDAY 17th. Roadwork. Good attendance. Slept BIAKO.

FRIDAY 18th. As yesterday. No court cases as yet presented to the writer while in this vicinity. Slept BIAKO.

SATURDAY 19th. Some discussion with locals. Slept BIAKO.

SUNDAY 20th. Site for a rest house at BIAKO found and cleared Slept BIAKO.

MONDAY 21st. Roadwork supervision. Slept BIAKO.

TUESDAY 22nd. Fall off in attendance today. Slept BIAKO.

WEDNESDAY 23rd. Improved attendance. Roadwork supervision. Slept BIAKO.

THURSDAY 24th. As yesterday. Slept BIAKO.

FRIDAY 25th.

PATROL DIARY cont.

FRIDAY 25th. BIAKO to SEMAIP. 4½ hours over a poor bush track. Arrived 1350 with carriers ½ an hour behind. Set up camp. Asked Village Officials to assemble people on the morrow. Slept SEMAIP.

SATURDAY 26th. Self sick. Poor attendance owing absence of some of the men at an "exchange" ceremony. No comment, as been assisting at BIAKO which is a fair walk to go to work. Spoke to about half the SEMIP Group. Slept SEMAIP.

SUNDAY 27th. Talks and discussion with the assembled people from SEMAIP and WARIBA. Good attendance. No courts or complaints. Slept SEMAIP.

MONDAY 28th. SEMAIP to IARU over poor track obviously not a regular patrol route. 4½ hours actual walking. Self delayed for over two hours due to a fall by Cons. ANDAGAMA in which he sprained his knee—nothing serious. Arrived at IARU at 1500. Some discussions. Asked V.C. to assemble people on the morrow. Slept IARU.

TUESDAY 29th. Talks re economic development. Inspection roadwork. Slept IARU.

WED. 30th. Patrol to SHAMBALLA. Self to SHAMBALLA via MARGARINA. Picked up motor-bike (Nipa) at MARGARINA and rode to SHAMBALLA. People assembled. Talks and discussion. More discussion with local leaders. Inspected road work. Slept Shamballa.

THURS. 31st. Talk given in the morning to the assembled people. Patrol thence to NIPA walking along made road all the way. Patrol stood down at NIPA.

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I. NATIVE SITUATION.

The "Border":- Before dealing with the actual Native Situation it is considered that a short description of the ambiguous condition as regards definition of boundaries, and spheres of influence in this area would be useful.

(A) Firstly, the valley of the SAS Creek is a converging area of three language groups, and the general area around the border could be described as a "melting pot" of cultures. Using BIAKO as a central point; to the north the people are of the ENGA language group, stretching back towards LAIAGAM Station; to the west and south-west the people are basically of the HURI Stock; and to the east and south-east the people are of the EN'ENENK or EN'ENENGA Group. Although these groups have their own mother tongue they are usually bi-lingual and there is a tendency for the obvious cultural differences to be less marked owing to the intermingling. There is a similar meeting of administration control in this area. Basically KANDEP controls the ENGA to their limits south and NIPA the HURI to their limits north, with MENDI controlling the EN'ENENK and EN'ENENGA north to PELEPOI Rest House in the LAI VALLEY Census Division. In fact this does not quite work out in actual practice.

(B) Administration control does not follow any fixed territorial boundary, as is neither logical nor really possible to do so. The SAS Creek is accepted by the local people as the boundary between NIPA and KANDEP. This means that KANDEP is administering people within Papuan territory even taking the actual territorial border to run through KANDEP. Using aerial survey maps and the "District Boundaries Ordinance" as guides Mr J. KENT and Mr A. MCNEIL, A.D.C. and A.D.C. respectively, were able to estimate that the actual border between the two territories appears to be a good 3 miles north of KANDEP. If this were so it is estimated by the former O.I.C. KANDEP, Mr R. ALLEN, who has now resumed charge of KANDEP, that approximately half of KANDEP's population is within Papua. That is 8-10,000 people.

(C) This is really of little import as far as the ENGA people in Papua are concerned, as their logical affiliations are with the rest of the ENGA Group north towards LAIAGAM.

(D) Conversely:- if the actual territorial border is to be so waived, so as to facilitate efficient administration, and so as not to break up Ethnic Groups, it should follow that the HURI people of the upper part of the WAGE Valley who are now under the control of KANDEP should be brought under MARGARIMA with the establishment of a MARGARIMA Patrol Post.

(E) These people number something over 3,000 census at ARIAKA, PANDUAKA, IMAPIAKA, LIULIU, and KINDULI Rest Houses; the latter being the census point for the people from the BIAKO ground area.

(F) If it is to be regarded as logical that KANDEP administer these ENGA people within Papua (not a large number) so as to prevent them being estranged from the rest of the ENGA people to the north, it follows that HURI people now administered by KANDEP, but who appear to be mainly within Papua, should be brought under the future MARGARIMA Station, especially in view of the proposed establishment of a HURI Local Government Council at MARGARIMA.

The "Border"

(G) The people of the upper part of the LAI VALLEY Census Division at PELEPOI, SEMAIP, MARISERE and WARIBA are at the moment administered from MENDI. The people from PELEPOI a large census group, claim that their language EN'ENENK differs from that of the lower or southern parts of this census division, EN'ENENGA, while the people from SEMAIP have relations with the people from the MARGARIMA Basin, although they are not true HURIS either in language or culture. These people are all more easily accessible from MARGARIMA or KANDEP than from MENDI.

Murder Investigation - Cons. IO538 URAGABOIM

(A) Investigation conducted at BIAKO by Insp B. Swanton and Mr R. Allen A.D.O.. Self assisted where possible.

- FACTS:-
- (1) People from RUMBIPAGA came in large numbers to see Cons. URAGABOIM at BIAKO on the 2nd. of March.
 - (2) On the arrival of the RUMBIPAGA'S Constable sent the BIAKO people with whom he was working just west of BIAKO further along the road, so that he could hear what the RUMBIPAGA people had to say.
 - (3) BIAKO stated that the RUMBIPAGA people gathered around the constable, and that a shot was fired and shortly after another, and that a general melee ensued around URAGABOIM.
 - (4) A re-enactment of the scene revealed that most of the BIAKO'S were in a position to see only this, and that many of them ran in to the nearby pit-pit case when the shot was fired as they did not know the reason for it.
 - (5) Three witnesses including two from BIAKO implicated the four same persons as having struck the blows that killed the policeman.

- (6) The RUMBIPAGA witnesses deny these people implicated by the BIAKO witnesses, were involved in the killing.
- (7) A bullet was found buried 9" in and at 3" depth where the policeman was stated to have fired into the ground. Only the nose cone was present. The back section and core was missing. It was probably this missing section that ricocheted and struck and injured the TUL TUL PIOP of RUMBIPAGA. Four bullets were fired into the same ground. They penetrated on the average 2'6" to the depth of 15" to 18". This seems to indicate a faulty projectile fired by URAGABOIM. It does not explain a rather amazing ricochet in soft black soil.

SUPPOSITION:- (I) While the three witnesses mainly for the prosecution implicate the same four persons, the number of RUMBIPAGA statements point to various other people. It is my belief that the RUMBIPAGA people deliberately conspired to "fix" the talk. Witnesses for the prosecution state that after PIOP fell to the ground the TUL TUL TEREM approached the policeman and struck the constable on the back of the neck with an axe, and pulled URAGABOIM down an embankment holding the constables arms as he did so. The RUMBIPAGAS deny TEREM's involvement to a greater or lesser degree. What throws suspicion is the fact that many of the RUMBIPAGAS implicate entirely different persons for the different blows struck. Secondly the Tul Tul TEREM is from the WABI group and should he be jailed the RUMBIPAGAS would be expected to pay a large compensation to the WABIs. Thirdly a man who claims to have struck the policeman an axe blow in the mouth, described a horizontal blow, when the Medical Report indicated a vertical axe blow through the mouth, and was revealed to be a non-entity with no children, pigs, or kena.

I. NATIVE SITUATION cont.

BIAKO:- (A) The people of BIAKO are basically HURI and are affiliated with the people censused at YENEGARI Rest House which is about 2 hours walk south-west. However they census at KINDULI Rest House which is under KANDEP. A site for a rest house was selected near the camp at BIAKO. When completed this could be expected to be a census point for approximately 90 BIAKOS plus people from the YENEGARI and KINDULI groups who border on the BIAKO area.

(B) These people do not appear to have had extensive administration contact prior to the marking of the MARGARIMA-KANDEP Road through the area, and considering the recent death by violence of a policeman in their area the writer found the situation good, and the attitude to the administration good.

Owing to lack of frequent patrolling in this particular area the people did not display the same amount of desire for development as the people in the vicinity of MARGARIMA, however they worked very willingly on the road and seemed to regard it as the way to advancement. There was none of the usual trouble about the road going through their gardens etc.

(C) Perhaps a little of the tractability of the people was due to fear of "reprisals". It was explained that they had nothing to fear along these lines. The writer noticed no obvious reserve or tension which would indicate fear or guilt. There was however a quiteness and soberness noticeable which was attributed to the after effects of the killing of URAGABOIM.

(D) Several factors tend to make me think that the BIAKO's were in no way involved in the killing of URAGABOIM.

(1) The BIAKO's are basically HURI's whereas the RUMBIPAGAS are ENGA. Although a good deal of the people are bilingual and their grounds adjoin, the BIAKO's showed no evidence of regarding the RUMBIPAGAS as "one talks".

(2) Obvious respect which the locals had for the deceased would have been hard to feign. Further one man expressed his sorrow by giving the police on this patrol two large pigs by native standards-willingly.

(3) Willingness of these BIAKOS (who were in a position to witness what occurred) to speak out.

(E) The BIAKO's through their spokesmen expressed a keen desire for continued government supervision of roadwork in their area.

KINDULI Rest House Group:- Despite the fact that they are administered from KANDEP the majority of men from this group turned up for work on the road near BIAKO. Some were working on another road across the range north. This road is between KANDEP and KINDULI. However a large proportion of the KINDULIS gave priority to the MARGARIMA KANDEP Road. These people expressed a keen interest in a station at MARGARIMA.

LAI VALLEY CENSUS DIVISION.

PELEPOI:- This group was a pleasure to work with and supplied the majority of labour for road work. Native situation and attitude to the administration was good. However the most important leader

I. NATIVE SITUATION cont.

of this group the V.C. IALAPE expressed the desire for far more administration attention. His attitude seemed to be that while it was alright to have patrols through the area to maintain law and order, but that as the situation was alright they would prefer to have an extended patrol in this area. He pointed out the amount of attention received by the people in the MENDI area. IALAPE claims to be one of the blokes instrumental in the establishment of KANDEP Station, and if that is the case the situation has back-fired somewhat for although the group is not far from PELE-~~POY~~ KANDEP? it is not officially under this station. Obvious approval was expressed regarding the proposed establishment of a MARGARIMA. The general attitude seems to be the more the merrier.

MARISERE:- This group was quite co-operative, and although a good distance from BIAKO they attended in reasonable numbers for road work.

SEMAIP:- Native situation quite good. Need more contact. Eager for same. Results of un-supervised roadwork in this area looks like hirsute big-dipper. People appear willing to continue work in the BIAKO area, and intend to build a "house lain" in the BIAKO area as the SEMAIP Rest House is 4½ hours south of BIAKO.

WARIBA:- Somewhat like SEMAIP in that they appear to be suffering from frustrated good intentions. Native situation good. Probably as a result of P.O. MENDI Mr P. COLSONS recent visit to this area. Suggest some sort of organised roadwork be commenced with this group.

MARGARIMA BASIN:-

IARU and KEME:- Gave a very impressive reception to the patrol when it arrived at IARU. Firewood and Kau-Kau supplied quickly. Very keen to get ahead but have only a vague sort of idea how to go about it. People expressed disappointment and shame over the killing of URAGABOIM. They seem to regard it as a smear on their reputation, and disassociated themselves from the affair.

SHAMBALLA:- Same remarks apply as for KEME and IARU.

Note:- HURIS in the MARGARIMA displayed the normal HURI pride, but does not appear to be so exaggerated or self-conscious as the TARI-KOROBA brand, nor is it accompanied by so much of the normal ranting at the women. The HURI seems to adopt outside ideas as own through I feel a ~~conscious~~ unconscious protection of his pride.

2. LAW and ORDER.

Complaints and offences against the N.R.O.s conspicuous by their absence. Probably due to the dampening effect of the murder of Cons. URAGABOIM.

3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Talks and discussions held at all centres visited

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Cont.

This was done in order to correct if possible the sort of thinking that leads to "cargo cult". The main points made are as follows. They are of necessity simple.

(1) Money is a limited article the same as pigs and kena.

(2) Australian taxes supplies most of the money for New Guinea and Papua. The T.P.N.G. Government uses this money to buy all its "cargo" and pay all the people that work for the government.

(3) The reason a station had not been built at MARGARIMA was that other larger areas had a greater need and that the administration funds are limited.

(4) Although the government paid them for building roads and supplying food they should understand that other areas supported their own administration through taxes whereas they did not. Therefore payment for road building etc. was purely token, as in sense roads were their tax and their pay.

4. LEADERS:-

IALAPE V.C. PELEPOI. A moving force in his areas, and a strong supporter of the government. Plenty of backing from his people. Some suspicion that he was involved in murder of URAGABOIN based purely on the fact that his brother was killed many years ago by an administration patrol. If this is so he must be the biggest hypocrite and the finest actor alive.

PAGEPI'IERI of KINDULI. Speaks pidgin. Strong supporter of the government. Would make a good V.C. for the proposed BIAKO Rest House. Seems to have the support of locals.

PAP-NABAR of SEMAIP. This Village Councillor is a hard worker for the cause. Tends to be very noisy and enthusiastic supporter of the administration. However he has quite a following and is of help to patrols.

5. AGRICULTURE and LIVESTOCK:-

(A) It is noticeable that the size and quality of the pigs around BIAKO has been improved a good deal by the introduction of Berkshire-Tanworth crosses through KANDEP.

As a purely laymen query, the writer wonders whether the altitude 8,000 feet and temperate climate has anything to do with it.

(B) The D.A.S.F. Officer at KANDEP reports that the soil around PELEPOI and MARISERE in the LAI Valley is the best in the KANDEP-MARGARIMA area.

6. ROADS:-

(A) The MARGARIMA-KANDEP road is ^{over} ~~nearly~~ half completed. The writer supervised the building of about 900 yards of road near BIAKO. Emphasis was put on gradient, width, and camber rather than speed of construction. Foremen were appointed to supervise construction in the absence of an administration patrol.

(B) Lectures were given at all centres on the necessity for quality in road building.

3. Conclusion.

(A) With the incorporation of these HURI people at present administered from KANDEP and the people from the northern parts of the LAI VALLEY CENSUS DIVISION and the WAGE CENSUS DIVISION, the proposed MARGARIMA Station should have an estimated population of 10,000 people.

(B) The people working on the MARGARIMA-KANDEP Road need supervision to ensure proper construction.

C.P. Dangerfield
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C.P.DANGERFIELD P.O. 6th April 1966.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. TEN

Patrol Conducted by P. O. JONES CADET PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled IMMEDIATE AREA ROUND KIP, LAI VALLEY

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans -----

Natives FOUR

Duration—From 11/3/1966 to 22/3/1966 BREAK 22/4/66 to 16/5/66

Number of Days FOURTY ONE

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 2/1966

Medical ---/---/19---

Map Reference SKETCH MAP ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol BRIDGING OF THE LAI RIVER. MAINTENANCE OF THE MENDI
NIPA ROAD. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

6/6/1966

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund ... £.....

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

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67-15-54

26th July, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

MIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 10/1965-66:

Thank you for your memorandum 67-3-4 of the
6th June, 1966, together with Mr. Jones' patrol report.

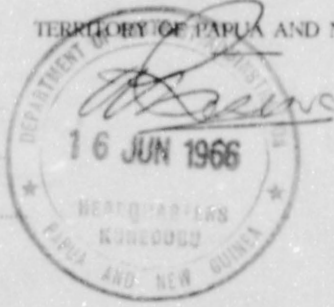
2. Mr. Jones seems to have done an excellent job
in constructing this bridge across the Lai river. It is
a pity that the local people cannot see that this job is
being done for their benefit. A bit more co-operation by
them would make the officer's job lighter.

(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



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

Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.
6th June, 1966.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. Papua.

Nipa Patrol Report No. 10/1965-66
Kip Area
Mr. P.O. Jones, C.P.O.

Abovementioned report with covering comments by
the Assistant District Commissioner, Mendi attached, refers.

Mr. Jones has done an excellent job of work in
constructing this bridge and improving the roads in the Kip
area. Experience in roadmaking and bridgebuilding is a most
essential part of a young Officer's duties in a developing
Highland District.

Although Nipa has over 100 miles of road open to
Landrovers and a direct link to Mendi, it still does not
have a Land Rover, despite frequent requests. This will be
the subject of separate correspondence.

For your information please.

(D.R. MARSH)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Encls.

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

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67-2-3

Sub-District Office,
MENDI.
Southern Highlands District.
1st June, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
MENDI.

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

Patrol No. 10 of 1965/66 - Nipa
S.H.D. - Mr. P.O. Jones, C.P.O.

Attached please find two copies of the above
Patrol Report. Copies of covering memorandum 67-2-3 of
20th May 1966 from the O.I.C Nipa is attached as well as
copies of Patrol Instructions issued.

The main purposes of the patrol were to construct
a bridge across NEVER LAI and supervise maintenance of roads
in the area. This was done .

Constant patrolling and encouragement to the people
to construct and maintain roads which will be to their
ultimate benefit should be one of the priorities of think-
ing of Officers in the Mendi Sub-District, particularly when
the areas are backward economically.

This is a well presented report and Mr. Jones has
undoubtedly done an excellent job on the bridge which is a
credit to his and his team's feat.

Camping allowance Claim is attached for certifi-
cation of payment, please. Map of the area is also attached.

J. Young-Whitford
(J. Young-Whitford)
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c.
Mr. P.O. Jones, KOROMA.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-2-3

Patrol Post,
NIPA.
Southern Highlands District.

20th. May 1966

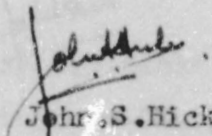
The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office.
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL REPORT NUMBER 10 OF 1965/1966.

Enclosed herewith please find three copies of the above numbered Patrol Report and sketch map, plus claims for camping allowance on behalf of Mr. Suweli Karint and Mr. P.O. Jones Cadet Patrol Officer.

1. Mr. Jones has conducted a very useful Patrol both for himself and the people of the NIPA area. In only six months service as an Officer of this Department he has accomplished a task of great value in the construction of a bridge across the LAI River. Yet even this is perhaps of secondary consideration in that Mr. Jones is now a capable Pidgin speaker and an alert, interested young officer. His transfer to KOROBA is regretted by both him and myself.
2. It is gratifying to hear that ex-coastal labourers were of such assistance to this Patrol. Certainly these people have good potential in assisting their groups to better living but very often their youth seems to work against them.
3. The case of threatening language towards a policeman was heard by myself in the Local Court at NIPA. I am quite satisfied that the defendant in this case spoke out like a young lout in an attempt to increase his prestige with his people. There was no evidence of any intent to cause harm, and indeed nothing to warrant such intent. If there had been I would have had little hesitation in forwarding this case to a higher court.

For your information, consideration and forwarding, please.


John S. Hicks
(Officer-in-Charge)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-2-2

Patrol Post,
NIPA.
Southern Highlands District.

11th. March 1966

Mr. P.O. Jones,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
NIPA.

NIPA PATROL REPORT No. 10 OF 1965/66 - KIP.

As previously discussed, prepare to depart on Patrol to the village of KIP, Lai Valley on Monday 14th. March.

The following are the aims of your Patrol:-

1. Complete construction of the vehicular bridge across the LAI Valley at KIP.
2. Make payment for this bridge when completed.
3. Encouragement and supervision of Road work from KIPA to EGENDA.
4. Forwarding of any legal matters to NIPA for attention by myself.
5. Routine administration.

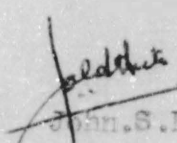
The following members of the R.P&N.G.C. will accompany you:-

Const 5th.yr KOMAA.

Const 3rd.yr ROBI.

also Interpreter SUWELY.

For your information and action, please.


J. S. Hicks
(Officer-in-Charge)

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

NIPA Patrol Post,
MENDI Sub-District,
 Southern Highlands District.

PAPUA

17th May, 1966.

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

NIPA Patrol Report No.10. of 1965/66.

Patrol Conducted by: Mr.P.O.Jones, Cadet Patrol Officer,

Area Patrolled: The immediate area round Kip, Lai Valley.

Personnel Accompanying
 the Patrol: R.P. & N.G.C.

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| Const. | Orometch | 6682 |
| " " | Kcmba | 8325 |
| " " | Robi | 10920 |

Interpreter Suweli Karit

Duration of the patrol: 16/3/66 to 29/3/66
 Break Total 41 days.
 22/4/66 to 16/5/66

Last patrol to the area: February 1966

Objects of the Patrol: 1) Bridging the Lai River.
 2) The maintenance of the Mendi--
 Nipa road.
 3) General Administration.

Map Reference: Sketch Map Attached.

[Signature]
 Piers O. Jones

(Cadet Patrol Officer)

INTRODUCTION

The main purpose of the patrol to the Lai Valley was for the construction of a new bridge over the Lai River as the one previously crossing the river had been washed away by heavy rain in February. The patrol also saw to it that the people were maintaining the road from Nipa to Kip.

At the conclusion of the Patrol the Village Officials were instructed to continue maintenance of the road and stone the approaches of the bridge. They requested a rest of two months but it was explained that the road had to be put in order as soon as possible. Unfortunately the people have not begun to understand what part the road must soon have in changing their stagnant lives for the better.

Work should have been quicker but the lack of co-operation on the part of the people and heavy rain almost every afternoon slowed work down considerably. Unfortunately the Patrol had to be broken for several weeks as the officer conducting it was called into Mendi for a court hearing and, following this was the observance of Easter.

A number of disputes were settled during the patrol and several offenders of the law were sent into Nipa.

The necessity of the Patrol cannot be disputed as the bridge had been out for two months thus inconveniencing many of the inhabitants of Nipa and no doubt some of those in Mendi. Now that this link in the road has been repaired what traffic there is can flow freely to and from Nipa again.

PATROL DIARY

Monday 14th March 1966

Patrol departed Nipa 1100 by tractor for Kip. Arrived Egenda 1230. Walked from Egenda to Kip. Arrived 1700. Set up camp. Slept Kip.

Tuesday 15th March

Assembled the people from the area round Kip. Gave a talk on the bridge to be built and on the work and maintenance of the roads. Commenced bridge work, digging holes for the foundations on each side of the river. Finished work 1600. Slept Kip.

Wednesday 16th March

Continued digging holes for posts for the foundations. This work continued all day. Finished work 1630. Slept Kip.

Thursday 17th March

Started erecting posts in the holes already dug. Went up to Tumiel from where the whole stretch of road being worked could be observed. Then proceeded to the sight of the old bridge to see if anything could be salvaged from the ruin. Little except stone from the foundations of the bridge was of any use, what logs were recovered from the bridge had been dragged to the sight of the new bridge some days before. Work continued all day on erecting posts and digging several more holes. Finished work 1630. Heard two courts. Slept Kip.

Friday 18th March

Dispatched a number of prisoners to Nipa. Erected more posts and began to close in the box like construction that was to be the foundations. Women on the work began carrying stone, this was to be their prime function during the construction of the bridge, a most useful one. Little work could be done in the afternoon as heavy rain began at about 1400. Slept Kip.

Saturday 19th March

Continued work on the bridge foundations. Put some men onto clearing the road up from the Kip side of the bridge. This was most necessary as dirt falls from the embankment had almost made the road impassible. Finished work 1200. Slept Kip.

Sunday 20th March

Day observed. Slept Kip.

Monday 21st March

Work resumed work on both bridge and road. The wooden structure for the foundations was at this stage brought to a height of about ten feet. Finished work 1600. Slept Kip.

Tuesday 22nd March

Continued work on the bridge. It was hoped to span the river at a height of some twenty feet above the water level; this would be well above flood level and out of danger if any trees were washed down river, a tree had wrecked the old bridge. The box of the foundations was raised about another four feet by the time work finished at 1630. Heard reports of a man threatening the life of one of the Police on the patrol. Advised Nipa. Slept Kip.

Wednesday 23rd March

Heard one complaint before work. Went to work as usual. Some men with spades stopped on the road and started cutting the earth out to make a smoother grade up from the bridge. Most of the men were employed in the continuance of work on the bridge foundations. Work stopped about 1430 by a violent electrical storm. Slept Kip.

Thursday 24th March

Work continued on the bridge foundations all day. Finished work at 1630. Slept Kip.

Friday 25th March

During this day the foundations were almost completed on one side of the river and about half completed on the other. Found and put into custody the man who had threatened the life of the Policeman. Finished work 1600. Slept Kip.

Saturday 26th March

By special request of the people there was no work today. Slept Kip.

Sunday 27th March

Day observed. Slept Kip.

Monday 28th March

Finished work on the foundations on the Kip side of the bridge. The men working on the road from the bridge up to Kip finished work on this section. Slept Kip.

Tuesday 29th March

Put some men onto planking a small bridge on the Kip side of the main bridge. Most of the men still continued work on the main bridge. Work continued till 1630. Slept Kip.

Wednesday 30th March

Received a note from Nipa advising the patrol to be broken and proceed to Nipa. Self was advised to depart for Mendi immediately.

BREAK

Friday 22nd April

Departed Nipa 0900 by tractor for Kip. Arrived 1330. Set up camp during the afternoon. Consts. Komba and Robbi departed for Mendi for the Anzac Day week-end. Slept Kip.

Saturday 23rd April

Inspected bridge work. Little else done this day. Slept Kip.

Sunday 24th April

Day observed. Slept Kip.

Monday 25th April

Anzac Day. Day observed. Slept Kip.

Tuesday 26th April

Resumed work on the bridge. Some men continued planking the small bridge on the section of road running up to Kip. Work continued on the main bridge. Consts. Komba and Robbi returned from Mendi about 1200. Continued bridge work in the afternoon. Slept Kip.

Wednesday 27th April

Finished work on the foundations of the bridge, this included filling up the box with stone. In the afternoon two logs ~~were~~ hauled up to the bridge previously, were pulled across the river and thus formed the first part of the span. Work was completed on the small bridge. Work finished 1630. Slept Kip.

Thursday 28th April

Pulled a few more logs across the river for the span. Mr. J.S. Hicks P.O. arrived from Nipa 1630 and inspected work. Departed about 1400. Continued work till 1630. Slept Kip.

Friday 29th April

Continued making the span of the bridge. Began breaking rock out of the side of the road for the approaches of the bridge. By the time work finished at 1630 six logs were spanning the river, one had dropped into the river while attempting to haul it across. This was unable to be recovered that day. Slept Kip.

Saturday 30th April

Recovered the log that had fallen into the river the day before. Slept Kip.

Sunday 1st May

Day observed. Slept Kip.

Monday 2nd May

Most of the men were employed in cutting earth and rock from the side of the road. Three logs were pulled across the river during the day. Finished work 1630. Heard some disputes which were settled with little trouble. Slept Kip.

Tuesday 3rd May

No logs were ready to be pulled across today so all the men at the site were put onto digging a turning circle on the Kip side of the bridge. Finished work 1630. Slept Kip.

Wednesday 4th May

Started levelling the logs in the span so that when the planks were put on they would lie flat. One more log hauled across during the day. Work stopped at 1500 by heavy rain. Slept Kip.

Thursday 5th May

The main job this day was to continue to level the logs in the span. Most of the people were still employed in removing earth from the approaches to the bridge. Began constructing a small bridge on the eastern side of the river. Work stopped by rain about 1530. Slept Kip.

Friday 6th May

Continued work on the small bridge. One more log put into place on the main bridge. Work again stopped early by rain. Slept Kip.

Saturday 7th May

Cleared up one dispute over the ownership of a pig. Little else to do this day. Slept Kip.

Sunday 8th May

Heard one ~~dispute~~ ^{dispute}, otherwise day observed. Slept Kip.

Monday 9th May

Replaced one log on the main bridge that was badly warped with a new one. Finished putting planks on the small bridge. Began clearing up the road on the eastern side of the bridge, digging drains etc. Finished work in light rain 1630. Slept Kip.

Tuesday 10th May

Put railings on both the small bridge and approaches to the main one. Began constructing a buttress on the upper side of the foundations on the Kip side of the bridge. Work continued till 1600. Slept Kip.

Wednesday 11 May

Finished constructing the buttress begun the day before and filled it with stone. This was the main work of the day. Also cleared up the road from the bridge to Kip. Finished work 1600. Cleared up several things for court. Slept Kip.

Thursday 12th May

Began numbering the larger posts in the bridge for payment later, took names. Work continued on levelling the logs. Work finished 1630. Slept Kip.

Friday 13th May

Put creosote on the logs and began to plank them. About half the bridge was planked when work finished in heavy rain at 1600. Heard one dispute. Slept Kip.

Saturday 14th May

Almost finished planking the bridge by 1200. Work stopped by heavy rain. Slept Kip.

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Sunday 15th May

Day observed. Slept Kip.

Monday 16th May

Finished planking the bridge. Put railings on the bridge. Partly stoned the approaches to the bridge and gave instructions for the completion of this work. Assembled the people at Kip for payment. (It must be noted at this point that over a thousand people gathered to be paid while only about two hundred worked on the bridge, the same two hundred all the time.) Paid for the timber and work. Departed Kip 1400 by tractor for Nipa, arrived Nipa 1015. Reported to O.I.C.. Patrol stood down.

DIARY ENDS

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

The Village Officials are obviously not carrying out their duties as well as they could. Of course there are the exceptions who are conscientious and are anxious to help the Administration and their people but the majority are too concerned about what the people would think if they were to go against their wishes.

Response to work was poor and those people that ~~came~~ did come were late in arriving and were always anxious to leave early. The Village Officials made little attempt to remedy this and in some cases encouraged it by being the last to arrive and the first to leave. Of course if the people do not want to work it is up to them but I think if they are working for a fee, and they knew they were, they should hold to some hours and it is the responsibility of the Village Officials to see that they do.

It is true that whenever a complaint or court was to be heard the Village Officials were on hand to represent both sides but rather than a sense of duty being responsible for this presence it seemed just plain inquisitiveness.

None of the men who really could help the area are Village Officials. Those in question have been to the coast worked there for a while and then returned fluent in Pidgin and with some knowledge of the way business and agriculture can operate efficiently.

As it was the patrol had little if any need of the Village Officials.

POLITICAL SITUATION

The Political Situation could be regarded as good, in that the people are unlikely to erupt or become a problem to the Administration. The area has emerged from the day of tribal fighting and petty squabbles to a degree of sophistication that is definitely more obnoxious ~~x~~ than their old way of life. It has not yet reached the adolescent stage of development but remains as a spoilt child, taking every thing it can and sulking if it can not get what it wants. This attitude was reflected in everything, the work, ~~complaints~~ and complaints.

The lack of co-operation on the part of the people was most frustrating. The people to the north of Kip were hardly represented at the bridge work and the only people fully in attendance were the lines of Kip and Komp. Repeated talks with the Village Officials failed to produce results except on the last day when our numbers were swelled from two hundred to over a thousand. One is taught tolerance in such situations but when eight hundred try to cash in on the work of two hundred tolerance loses its charm. The problem of payment was solved by a lump sum being given to one Councillor from each line with instructions to pay only those of his line he knew had been at work.

Fortunately the people have a high regard for the Administration and those that came to work worked well under the supervision of the Policemen. There was only one offence of a serious nature that could have bearing on the political situation. This might have been a result of the Kandep murder

POLITICAL SITUATION CONT.

as a man threatened the life of one of the Police on the Patrol. This matter was quickly dealt with and after the offender was apprehended no more talk of this kind was heard. This type of feeling is not typical at all as the people were most upset when they heard it. To all appearances this stemmed from a personal grievance of the man who had been angered by the Policeman at the time the old bridge was being built.

Tribal boundaries are virtually nonexistent and the people seem to mix together to quite an extent. It is of note however that people living on the eastern side of the river were reluctant to cross the bridge and work on the other side when needed, also ~~vice versa~~. Such things as pig exchanges and spirit worship are still common.

The Methodist Mission at Kip has quite a following in the area but although most of the people consider themselves Christians the word "Christian" can, to them only apply to a member of the Mission.

It is obvious that the people in the Lai Valley have been influenced by constant contact with Mendi. They are now in the first difficult stages of absorbing some of what Mendi has to offer. Those that have seen their opportunity have been to the coast and some have even become warders. It is hoped that some of what ~~of what~~ they have learned will influence the lives of their fellows in the Lai Valley.

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

The only thing of relevance that can be said in this field is that the people apparently are not having much success with the growing of crops as little sweet potato was brought in for the Police and green vegetables were very hard to procure, those that were obtained were bought from the Methodist Mission close by. The lack of vegetables might just have been a reluctance on the part of the people to bring them as rain fell frequently and all crops should have been flourishing.

The only livestock seen was the common pig, all seemed quite healthy and had no qualms about digging up the newly made road. Some Catfish were caught in the Lai River during the Patrol and although bony made quite good eating. Those caught grew up to a length of five inches.

FORESTS

There is quite an amount of decent timber growing in the immediate vicinity of the bridge both native and introduced. Practically all the timber used in the bridge was the introduced Casuarina. This is a particularly good timber for building and as it has been protected with creosote it should not have to be replaced for a number of years.

To give an idea of the size of some of the timber used in the bridge the Casuarina logs used in the span were some two feet thick and about ninety feet long.

The ranges rising on each side of the valley are clothed in timber, almost certainly some of it being of commercial value. All the timber is native owned but the owners are prepared to sell it fairly cheaply. Seventy people were paid for timber on the bridge and ten logs over eighty feet were used in the span.

The road between Nipa and Kip passes through a fairly large belt of timber. If any of this is of commercial value it could be cut and transported from the area with very little trouble.

COURTS AND COMPLAINTS

Several courts were heard during the Patrol and were sent into Nipa for judgement. These consisted of two cases of adultery, two threatening behaviour, one of spreading lying reports and one stealing.

COURTS AND COMPLAINTS CONT.

A number of matters were settled out of court. It seems that a lot of trouble is caused by ignorance of the law but this is not necessarily saying that an understanding of the law prevents crime.

Most complaints heard, concerned marriage payments or ownership of pigs or trees. There was little trouble in solving most of these. Unfortunately the people do not seem able to solve even the most petty matters by themselves and as a result much of the Patrol's time was taken up in settling these things.

HEALTH

No disease was observed during the Patrol. A number of injuries were incurred when the people were splitting stone and flying chips kept hitting the onlookers. Some of these people were treated by the Mission but as the Mission does not run a medical service this had to stop after awhile.

The native medical orderly from Pinj conducted a general survey of health during the time Patrol was at Kip.

EDUCATION

The Methodist Mission at Kip runs a small school at their station with classes up to grade 2. Sixty six children attend, virtually all from the Kip area. The school teaches English amongst other things and the children now learning it should be a great help to the area in some twenty years time.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

The main purpose of the Patrol to the Lai Valley was of course for the construction of a new bridge over the Lai River. This is at present probably the longest single span native material bridge in the Territory as it is over eighty feet long, so a word must be said about its construction. First it would be best to give a description of the valley through which the Lai River flows.

The Lai Valley is formed by two parallel ridges about four miles apart which run north and south for about twenty miles. The river in this distance falls about two and a half thousand feet and receives a considerable amount of water from tributaries in its journey down to the Brave ~~LAKA~~ in the south. The whole area receives a high rainfall and this with the other factors mentioned contribute to make the river swift flowing and of considerable force. These things were what had to be taken into consideration when building the Lai Bridge.

The foundations on each side of the river took a considerable time in the construction of the bridge. Each took the form of a box twenty feet long and fifteen wide. About a hundred ~~and~~ holes on each side of the river had to be dug for the foundations in which a upright posts were placed, some twenty high close to the water. When this was finished the whole thing was closed in by timber being put horizontally about the vertical posts, thus forming a complex of squares inside the original structure. The whole thing was then filled up with stone. Later a buttress constructed in the same way was placed on the upper side of the foundations. Ten logs of considerable size were then hauled across to form the span, four of these were new timber and six were recovered from the old bridge. The last jobs were the planking of the bridge and the erection of railings, this only took a few days.

During the time the bridge was being built over the Lai two smaller bridges were constructed and the road repaired in the Kip area. Much of the road from Nipa to Kip has been stoned and on the journey back from Kip by tractor on the 16/5/66 the Patrol was only held up twice by bad road. The people from Shumbi and Egenda are maintaining this section and I must say the Shumbi people are doing their job far better than those of Egenda.


MISSIONS

The only mission operating in the area is the Methodist Overseas Mission with a station at Kip. The Mission has quite a following in the valley and has smaller stations at Shunki and Tuniel with local Pastors in charge. The Mission was a great help to the Patrol during its stay at Kip, supplying bread and vegetables and many other things.

The valley has been inspected by the Mission to see if there is a suitable site for an airstrip close to Kip. It is not known yet if anything will come of this. Although the Mission has no vehicles they expect to obtain a motor bike or "Desert Rat" by the end of the year, so the bridge will at least be of service to somebody.

CONCLUSION

More progress could be made in the valley if the people were prepared to co-operate to a greater extent with the Administration. The bridge is definitely a necessity in the area and to both Nipa and Mendi, it is unfortunate that the people fail to realise this.

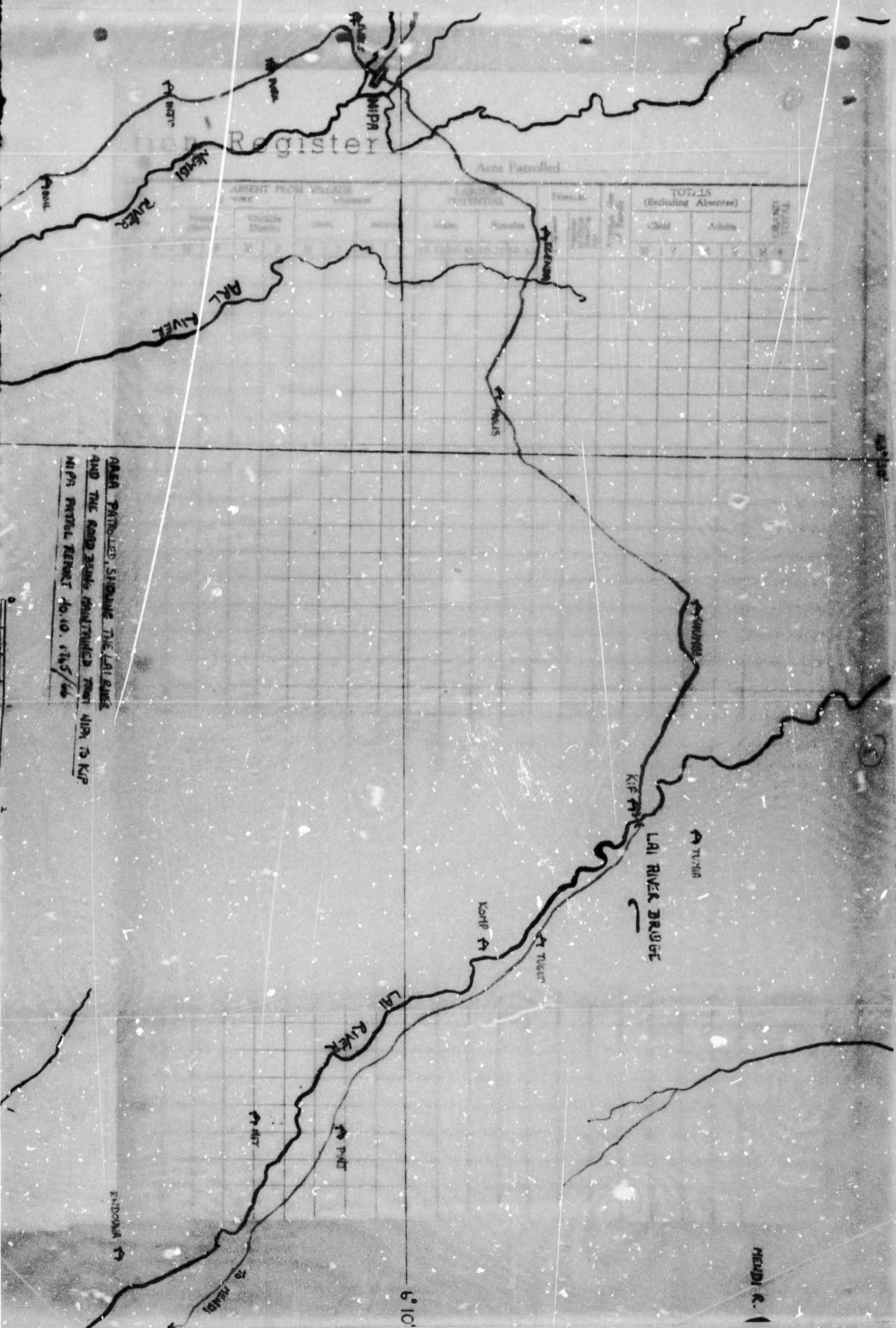

Piers O. Jones

(Cadet Patrol Officer)

Population Register

Area Patrolled.....

| ABSENT FROM VILLAGE | | | | LABOUR POTENTIAL | | TOTALS (Excluding Absentee) | | TOTALS (Including Absentee) |
|---------------------|--------|-------|-------|------------------|--------|-----------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| Male | Female | Child | Adult | Male | Female | Child | Adult | |
| | | | | | | | | |



AREA PATROLLED, SHOWING THE LAI RIVER
AND THE ROAD BRIDGE MAINTAINED FROM NIPRA TO KIP
NIPRA PATROL REPORT No. 10. 17/5/66

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. NIPA No. 11 of 1965/66

Patrol Conducted by C.P. DANGERFIELD PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled PART WAGE AND MARGARIMA CENSUS DIVISIONS.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans AG. OFF. MR. M. GODSON.

Natives CONS. JAMA 6752 Interpreters: - NOGRA 6 days
" PIANDA 8327 MOGERA 5
" BOXI 9466

Duration - From 14/4/1966 to 1/5/1966 broken 21-26/4/66

Number of Days 12 (TWELVE) Days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No, but Native Hospital Orderly - PABULU did.

Last Patrol to Area by - District Services Nov/Dec/1965 - WAGE

Medical March 1966 - MARGARIMA.
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Map Reference SKETCH MAP ATTACHED.

Objects of Patrol Routine Administration. Local Government Education.
Contact any new people PUINS area of WAGE. Sketch plan
of proposed MARGARIMA Station.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

10/6/1966

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund ... £.....

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

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67-15-59

25th July, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
S.H.D.I.

NEPA PATROL REPORT NO. 11/1965-66

Thank you for your memorandum 67-3-6 of 10th June 1966, together with Mr. Dangerfield's Patrol Report.

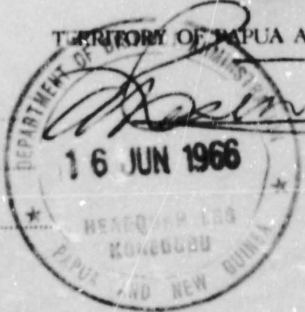
2. Mr. Dangerfield carried out quite adequately the main object of this patrol (viz. - consolidation of Administration influence) and has submitted a rather brief report. With a little more conscious effort, this report could have been improved.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



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

Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

10th June, 1966.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. Papua.

Nipa Patrol Report No. 11/1965-66
Part Wage & Margarima Census Divisions
Mr. C.P. Dangerfield, P.O.

Abovementioned report with covering comments by
the Assistant District Commissioner, Mendi attached refer.

There has been a tendency over the past year for
patrols to cover part only of Census Divisions to complete
urgent and necessary works, mainly because of the extreme
shortage of Field Staff. A directive has been issued to
stop this whenever possible but the only complete answer is
the build-up of Staff to the strength of 1964/65.

Local Government Education in the Margarima Local
Government Area has not been as full and complete as required.
However, Mr. Paterson, P.O., who will be organising the Council
has just returned from leave and, because of the delay in
Proclamation of the Council, may yet have time to conduct a
Council Pre-Election campaign.

Because of the distance, 20 miles, between Nipa and
Margarima and the lack of suitable vehicular transport it is
necessary for a Patrol Post to be opened at Margarima. Within
the year, it is estimated that there will be 10,000 people in
the Council, in the area 12 miles south to 20 miles north of
Margarima. In addition a great amount of aid in the economic
development programme based on pyrethrum and the completion of
the road route to markets at Mt. Hagen will have to be given
by the Officer-in-Charge, Margarima.

The authorisation and establishment of a Patrol Post
at Margarima is an urgent necessity and funds for this work
are required, my 14-8-2 of 15th February, 1966 refers.

For your information and further advice please.

(D.R. MARSH)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Encls.
c.c.
Assistant District Commissioner,
MENDI.

DISTROFF

67-2-3

Sub-District Office,
NANDA.
Southern Highlands District.

3rd June, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
NANDA.

Patrol No 11 of 1965/66 - NIPA
Mr. C.P. Dangerfield Patrol Officer.

Attached please find a report, in duplicate, of the above patrol conducted by Mr. Patrol Officer Dangerfield of Nipa.

2. It may to the best advantage of the ¹²PUINS people to migrate to an area in the Nombi Census Division if they wish to an area in the Nombi ~~Census~~ Division if they wish to participate in Local Government Administration which will be established this year. However, ^{No} pressures should be brought to bear on them as the decision is their own.

3. In the Margarima area the people are enthusiastically awaiting the establishment of their Council in approximately two months time. An officer from Nipa will be detached to Margarima to ensure that the transition to Local Government will be undertaken smoothly.

4. Whilst ^{the} patrol has achieved contact with a group not continually in touch with the Administration I feel that the patrol has been wasted to a certain extent. The ^{PUINS} people could quite easily have been contacted by an officer normally patrolling the Nombi Census Division this avoiding what has, in effect, become a special patrol. I would like to see the O.I.C plan his patrol programme so that a complete census division is covered and not ^{part of a} census division. The advantages of complete census division patrol cannot be under estimated, as it is from patrols such as these that we can make an assessment as to the needs of the people as a whole and also endeavour to pinpoint their aspirations in various fields of our work. Part Census Division patrols do not achieve this. There are occasions when specific tasks have to be undertaken ^{and} the above remarks do not apply to these.

Camping Allowance Claim is attached for certification of payment, please. Map also is attached. In future maps should be submitted without the use of cleured ink as it may be considered necessary to have the map printed and this cannot be done with cleured inks.

J. Young-Whitford
(J. Young-Whitford)
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

C.C.
Officer-in-Charge,
NIPA.
Mr. C. Dangerfield,
N I P A.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No. P/R 11-65/66

NIPA Patrol Post,
MENDI Sub-District,
Southern Highlands District.

10th. May 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office.
MENDI.

NIPA Patrol Report No. 11 of 1965/66

Patrol conducted by:

Mr C.P.Dangerfield, Pat.Off.

Area patrolled:

Part Wage and Margarima
Census divisions.

Persennel Accompanying
the patrol:

Mr M.Goodson, D.A.S.F. Officer
NIPA - 4 days MARGARIMA.

H.O. P.H.D., Pabulu.

Cens. Uama 6752.

Cens. Pianda 8327.

Cens. Boki 9466.

Cens. Pondei 10612.

Int. Negera - 6 days Wage.

Int. Megera- 5 days Margarima.

Duration of patrol:

14-20/4/66 Wage C.D. - 7

27/4/66 to 1/5/66

Margarima C.D. - 5

total 12 days

Last patrol to the area:

Wage C.D. - Nov/Dec 1965.

Margarima C.D.- March 1965.

Objects of the patrol:

- (1) Routine administration.
- (2) Local Government Education and discussion.
- (3) Contact of any new people around PUINS in the wage C.D.
- (4) Patrol Post Margarima-site and materials.

C.P. Dangerfield
Patrol Officer.

INTRODUCTION

This patrol was broken between the 21st. and 26th. of April for the ANZAC weekend and station duties.

(a) 14-20/4/66. This period was spent visiting the PUINS area in the WAGE Census Division, which runs roughly north to south paralleling the NIPA and NEMBI Census Divisions on their western boundaries. There is no rest house at PUINS which is a ground name for the land upon which the patrol camped in the WAGE Valley/Gorge. The PUINS area of the WAGE Valley is rugged and inhospitable and does not support a large population. The people here appear to have been forced west out of the NEMBI C.D across the WAGE Divide by population pressure and aggression by other groups. The people from this area in fact census at KAM Rest House in the NEMBI Census Division, and own land on the eastern side of the Wage Divide.

Objects of the patrol in this area were consolidation of administration influence as although a number of the people have had fairly extensive contact through being censused at KAM in the NEMBI, those who have preferred to remain at PUINS during census have been contacted only twice before; once by Hides and O'Malley in the thirties, and once by D.I.C. Nipa, Mr J.S.Hicks A.D.O. late last year. The people at a newly constructed rest house about an hours walk north of PUINS were also visited. This is the rest house for the KUM Clan group. Both the above named groups were encouraged to shift over into the NEMBI or NIPA areas if they had land there so as to facilitate their advancement in advent of a L.G.Council in the NIPANEMBI area.

Discussions and talks were also held with the people from KAM and ENJUA Rest Houses on the proposed NIPA Local Government Council establishment. However as the patrol merely overnighted at these centres transitting to and from the WAGE Valley these discussions were'nt as extensive as could be desired.

(B) The period 27th. April to the first 1st. May was spent at WABIMA Rest House next to the MARGARIMA Airstrip. Materials for building of a Patrol Officers semi-permanent house at MARGARIMA were organised, talks and discussions re Local Government took place, and inspection was made of the government owned land for location of housing sites for the proposed station at MARGAR (refer attached sketch map).

DIARY

APRIL 1966.

14th. Departed Patrol:- NIPA to HONT Rest House south of NIPA by tractor - 1000 to 1050. Assembled carriers. Hont to KAM Rest House 1135 to 1415-2.30 hrs. actual walking over undulating and occasionally steep terrain. Good walking track most of the way. Vegetables and firewood supplied promptly. Issued tomato and pea seeds to locals with instructions on growing.

Discussions re Local Government Council with village officials and notables. Usual tax doubts expressed. V.C. MABAM of KAM expressed doubts as to whether his people would be able to grasp the essentials of local government owing to lack of contact.

The writer was able to assure him that a L.G.Council would not drain his people of their resources both physical or mental. Possibly MABAM's fears were mainly for loss of his own position as Village Constable.

DIARY.

14th. cont. One case N.R.O.s " Lying Reports 2 heard in the evening.

15th. One court case heard before departure - " Threatening Language ". Checked Clan and Sub-Clan names for groups censused at KAM.

Departed KAM 1055. Walked to crest of NEMBI/WAGE Divide and began steep descent to WAGE River. Rested between 1210 and 1230 and then continued down to reach the WAGE River 1320. Inspected small Hamlet of three dwellings this eastern side of the WAGE belonging to the OBE S/Clan of the PUDL Group which census at KAM. 40 minutes spent supervising carriers across cane suspension bridge to the western bank of WAGE. Then very steep ascent through garden and Kanai to reach PUINS Camp Site about 1000 feet above the river at 1445 hours. Actual walking 2.50 hrs. Rested and bridge transit 1.05 hrs. Track fair considering nature of terrain and infrequent patrolling.

Locals had built shelters and dwellings for Police detachment and patrol carriers as asked to by runner the previous day. Set up camp. Good supply of vegetables and firewood. People seemed friendly and eager to assist and please. Pea and Tomato seeds given out. Noted that Kau-Kau was generally small and stringy however there was an abundance of corn, sugar cane and a particularly potent wild ginger.

A gift of fowls and one small pig was made by the locals to the patrol this evening. Payment was refused by the people and they explained that the gift was made to thank the patrol for visiting them in such an out of the way place. No complaints. Slept PUINS.

16th. The writer explained administration aims and policy to the assembled people from around the PUINS area. People responsive to the idea of moving back and establishing themselves on land closer to KAM. Medical treatment given by NIPA Hospital Orderly PABULU. No complaints. Slept PUINS.

17th. Walked south from PUINS for about an hour and a half to visit a small hamlet of about 9 dwellings belonging to the TEBA S/Clan of the MUL Clan which census at KAM Rest House. These people attended the discussions of the previous day. People at TEBA said that there were further gardens and occasional dwellings further south but these were only used intermittently by people from PUMBUREL and KERONGUTU Rest Houses south of KAM Rest House in the NEMBI Valley.

Returned and slept at PUINS camp.

18th. One hours walk from PUINS north to a rest house built by the KUM clan on a ground area known as SI'IOP. Made camp and bought fresh vegetables. Reception quiet but friendly. Talks given ~~re~~ re administration aims and policy and people encouraged to move east and establish themselves in the NEMBI Census Division. One complaint settled amiably. Slept KUM.

19th. Talks with local leaders and check on clan and s/clan names. Departed KUM 1200 and walked north to cross the WAGE at 1300 then climbed to reach crest of WAGE Divide at about 1600 hours. Track little used and overgrown.

DIARY cont.

Descended the less precipitous eastern slope of the divide to arrive at ENDUA Rest House at 1645 and slept there the night.

20th. Talks re L.G.Councils and administration aims for an hour in the morning, and then walked over reasonable track to MONT Rest House, and thence along vehicular road to arrive at NIPA for lunch. Patrol broken.

21st-26th. General office work and ANZAC weekend break.

27th. Departed with patrol party and Ag.Off. NIPA Mr Mike Goodson per tractor for MARGARIMA at 0930. Arrived MARGARIMA 1500. Spoke with a few local people and asked for their assistance in clearing a possible station site on the morrow. No complaints. Slept WABIMA Rest House at MARGARIMA.

28th. Extensive talks with assembled local leaders and officials from most of the Census Units around MARGARIMA. Gave talk to the children at the MARGARIMA Primary "T" School at the request of T.I.C. MARGARIMA Mr J.Meehan. Talk well received by children - I think. Rest of day spent clearing station building sites.

slept WABIMA.

29th. Talks re L.G.Councils, economic development and roads given to about 1000 people from the MARGARIMA Vicinity. Points reiterated later at a talk with leaders in the rest house. Self inspected land adjacent to Airstrip for suitable building sites and to make a sketch map thereof. Slept WABIMA.

30th. This day spent organising the people to supply materials for a Patrol Officer's house and supervising the continued clearing of the station site. Slept WABIMA.

MAY 1966.

1st. Left MARGARIMA at 1130. Sent patrol party direct by road to NIPA, while self crossed the WAGE River to the east of MARGARIMA and inspected a partially completed section of the MARGARIMA-KANDEP Road running south to join the NIPA/MARGARIMA Road near SAMBALLA Rest House, (refer attached map). Continued on to reach NIPA at 1800 hours.

END OF DIARY

NATIVE SITUATIONWAGE Census Division.

(A) KAM Rest House. The writer only overnigheted at this Census Unit, but as a superficial observation the situation appeared to be fair. Vegetables and firewood were supplied promptly and the people interested, friendly but a little uncertain. It seems that the people here accept the administration as a benign entity, but are not yet sufficiently familiar with it to regard it as an integral part of their life, and not something friendly but alien.

As a result although friendly and co-operative they appeared to lack easy acceptance of the patrols presence as something normal. The writer does not imply that the inhabitants were in anyway hostile only that administration control and influence which is now accepted, needs to be consolidated and administration aims explained. Perhaps commencement of a road into this area would bring them into closer relationship with the administration.

Discussions re the advantages of a Local Government Council at NIPA to include their area was accepted in principle but not practice by local leaders. They agreed that Councils were a good idea, but doubted the ability of the people to pay tax or understand the workings of councils or the elections for the same. Part of their doubts was probably fear of the dark.

It was pointed out that tax concessions were made for undeveloped areas, and that in the event of the establishment of a NIPA Council a full education campaign would be conducted before the elections, similar to that which had taken place for the House of Assembly. I feel that the leaders were reassured.

(B) PUINS The people here seemed to be agreeably suprised that the administration should bother to visit them so shortly after the visit by the C.I.C. NIPA, Mr J.Ricks, A.D.O., late last year (NIPA P/R No. 5 1965/66 refers). They expressed their gratitude by a gift of a small pig and four fowls to the patrol. I do not think this was prompted by fear, although the writer was cynical enough at first to think that they wanted the administrations help in a minor dispute with the K group to the north. However as the locals appeared to forget to bring this up later the gift was accepted as genuine. The people were co-operative and friendly although it was obvious that the administration was regarded as something new and still to be wondered at a little. Their attitude to the administration is good, but is a result of the latters strength, and the protection this affords, and the obvious good intentions of the administration, rather than the desire to obtain any specific object through their co-operation.

Discussions were held with 170 people including women re the desirability of the people re-establishing themselves on land owned by them nearer KAM. It was suggested that they should maintain gardens in both regions if they so wished but should live on the eastern side of the WAGE Divide if they so decided. The people assured the writer that all groups on and around PUINS ground area had land on the NEMBI side of the divide and that a good percentage of them had already decided to follow the above idea. They seemed to catch a glimpse of it's significance in the advent of a NIPA Local Government Council.

Despite their friendly attitude to the administration these people appear to hold some antagonism towards the KUM Clan to the north. This appears to be the result of compensation disputes unsettled prior to the arrival of the administration. This feeling was not very bitter and should not result in trouble.

(B) PUINS continued.

Below is a list of clans and sub/clans contacted PUINS.

| Clan..... | S/Clan..... | Ground..... | Location..... | Census Unit |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|--|----------------|
| PUDL | OBE | ---- | East side WAGE on KAM/PUINS track. | KAM Rest House |
| MUL | KEGEL | PUINS * | 40 m. walk up west bank WAGE. KAM/PUINS track. | KAM |
| " | TEBA | AI'IU | 1 hour south of PUINS. | KAM |
| " | MERIN | KOIEP | 20 minutes north of PUINS. | KAM. |

Population:- PUDL 10-12.

MUL. 170 contacted. 60-70 indicated as not present by locals. Total 230-240. Est. half censused.

(C) KUM Clan. The people live about an hours walk north from PUINS. A new rest house and police barracks of small but solid construction has been built here on ground known as SI'IOP.

Found the native situation reasonable, and the people co-operative and friendly. Somewhat unresponsive to the idea of moving into the NEMBI to assist their own development.

This was due to the fact that only one S/Clan from the KUM Clan had land in the NEMBI and the people are quite content for the present to remain put.

MARGARIMA CENSUS DIVISION. The people around MARGARIMA displayed a much greater desire for economic development and the enthusiasm for pyrethrum and the building and completion of the MARGARIMA/KANDEP. Road was in line with this desire. The HURI People are a mixture of the naive and the proud, the independent and the dependant. Traditionally the man of these people was indoctrinated with an almost spartan code of conduct, and they were extremely proud of their manhood and individualism. Basically the people are conservative in that they accept the administration only on their own terms, and attempt to preserve their own culture intact. Dependence on the administration for economic advance, which is the aspect of European culture they covet tends to emphasize this culture clash. This evidence of their cultural inferiority tends to result in self-conscious displays of pride.

After a number of years of agitation for development the people have come to expect it has their due. Their acceptance of the establishment of the proposed MARGARIMA was very biased. During discussions with about 1000 local MARGARIMA people re L.G. Councils to which they were favourable, the writer emphasized that money does not grow on trees, and that the people must contribute to their own development. I feel that this should be concentrated on with these people who seem to feel that the only

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reason why development has not taken place in the past, is because the administration wasn't interested in them. It should be pointed out to the people that money is limited and that the administration had to concentrate on much larger groups of people first.

HEALTH The health of people in both the areas visited was good.

AGRICULTURE. Despite poor Kau Kau quality the people in the WAGE were quite reasonably healthy mainly I feel because of good quality corn, sugar and native bread beans.

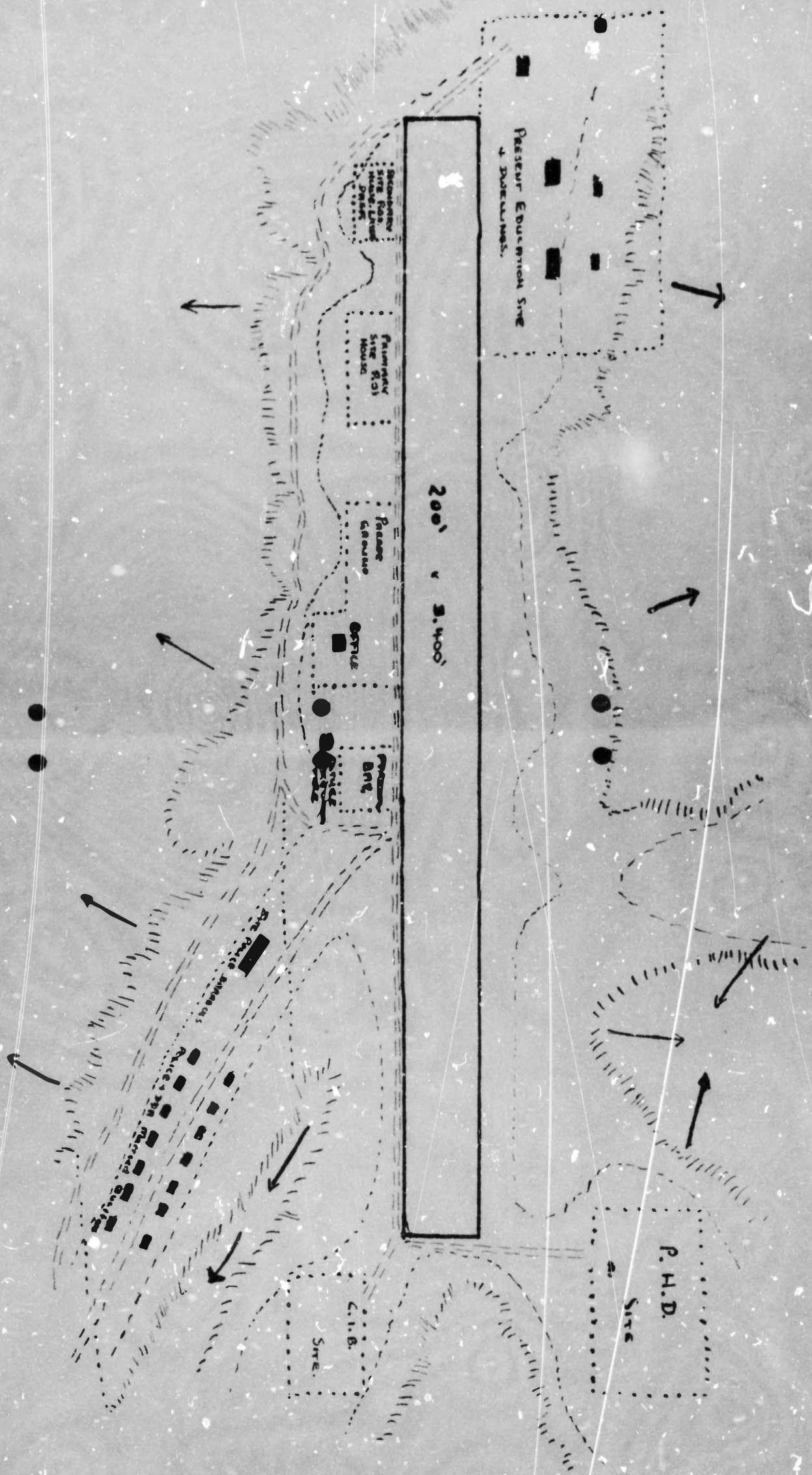
ROADS and BRIDGES Work continues on the MARGARIMA/KANDEP Road and this is now more than half completed. Between IARU and SAMBALLA Rest Houses the road is 3/4 finished and of quite reasonable quality.

CONCLUSION Economic and political education should be stressed in the MARGARIMA area.

People from PUINS and KUM in the WAGE should be ~~continued to be~~ encouraged to move into the NEMEI area.

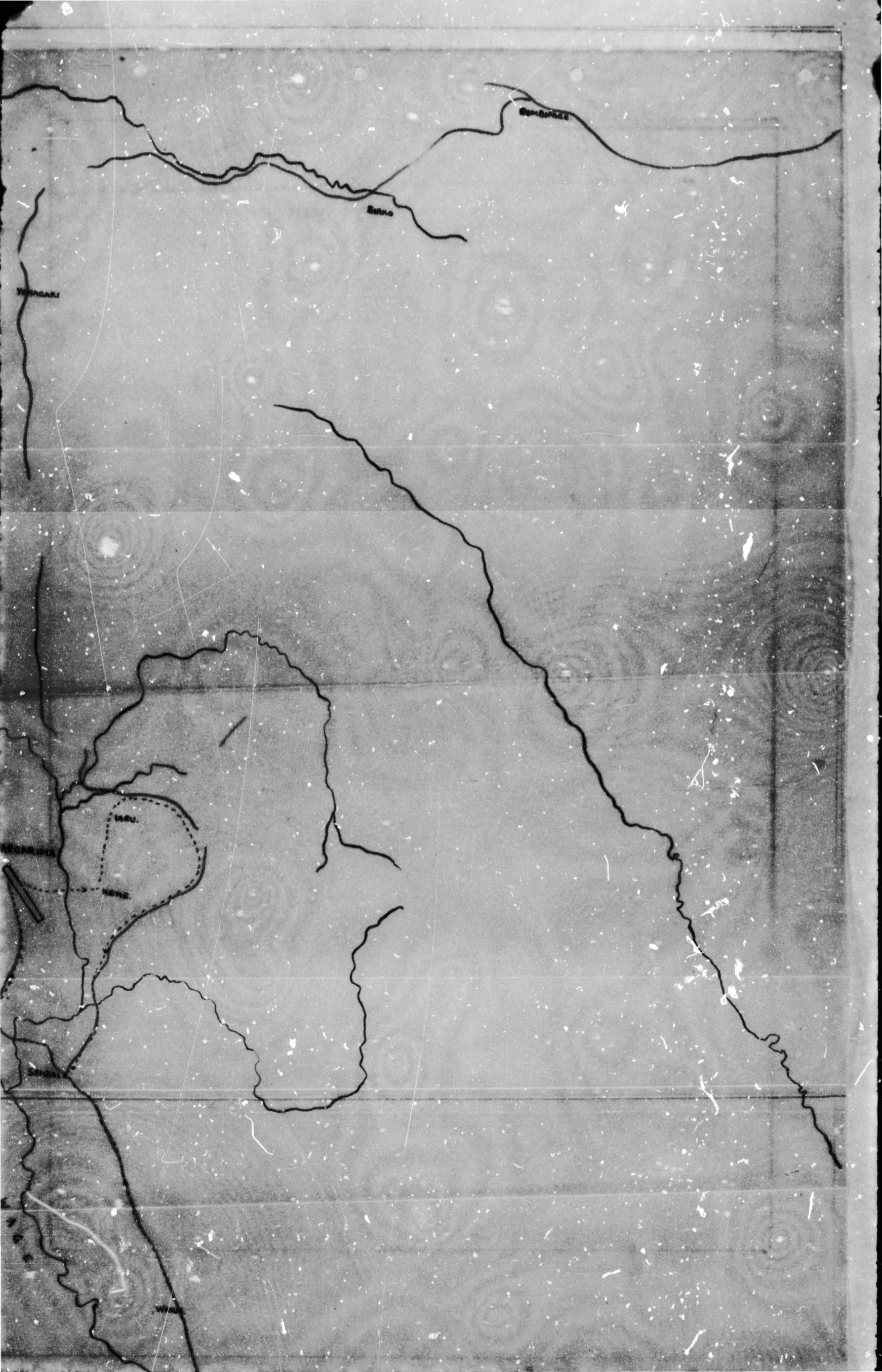
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ROUGH SKETCH PLAN
PROPOSED LAYOUT



Scale 1" = 300 Feet

Area within 5' of slope.
 Area within 20-30' of slope.
 Present Road







SUMA

YALAL

PURIL

INJIP

W A A

P I V E R

SILVA

OSON

TRABO

EMY

PONS

ROADS
ROUTE OF PATROL

MAP TO ACCOMPANY
NIPA PATROL NO 11
1965/66

APPROXIMATE SCALE 1:150,000

