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EASTERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1964/1965

LUFA & KARIMUI

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
<u>LUFA</u>		
1 - 1964/1965	C.T. Davies	Gono - Arulai R. (Labogai Census Div.)
2 - 1964/1965	C.T. Campbell	Yagarla Census Div part Labogai Census Div.
3 - 1964/1965	S.P. Foran	Labogai Census Div.
4 - 1964/1965	S.P. Foran	Labogai Census Div.
<u>KARIMUI</u>		
1 - 1964/1965	E.J. Mitchell.	Karimui Census Div.
3 - 1964/1965	A.S. Wright	Pto Census Div, (Half Dist) Tura Census Div.
4 - 1964/1965	A.S. Wright	Karimui Census Div.
5 - 1964/1965	A.S. Wright	Bomai Census Div.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of..... Eastern Highlands..... Report No. 1 of 1964/65 Programme.

Patrol Conducted by..... E.J. Mitchell P.O.

Area Patrolled..... Karimui Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... Dr. I. Riley (Part).

Natives..... 4.

Duration—From 21/9/1964 to 25/9/1964

Number of Days..... 10

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... no

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../2/1964

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol..... Routine Administration, Census Revision.

..... Medical Examination.

Director of Native Affairs, D.A.
PORT MOKESBY.

Forwarded, please.

16/11/1964

L. J. Woolan
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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Department of District Administration
Eastern Highlands District

23rd November, 1964.

21st November, 1964.

District Commissioner,
Eastern Highlands District,
GOROKA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1-2/65 - KARIWU

Receipt of the above-mentioned report is acknowledged with thanks.

It is pretty futile telling people to keep pigs off the road without suggesting to them ways and means of doing so.

Turn the people's thoughts towards reforestation with a view to growing good timber from which they can construct their dwellings in the future.

Press your District Agricultural Officer to have a survey of the area conducted.

J. K. McCarthy,
DIRECTOR.



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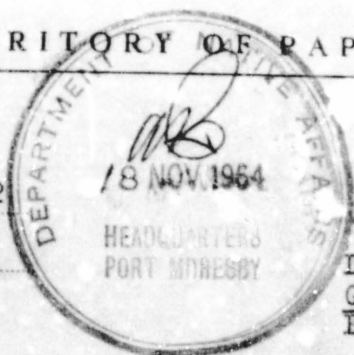
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Department of District Administration,
GOROKA,
Eastern Highlands District.

13th November, 1964.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Subject: Patrol Report Karimui No. 1/64-65.

... Please find enclosed a copy of a Patrol Report
submitted by Mr. Patrol Officer R.J. Mitchell in
connection with a patrol of the Karimui Census Division,
... together with comments on his submission by the
Assistant District Commissioner, Goroka.

2. These are forwarded for your information,
please.

... Encls.

(L.J. DOOLAN)
a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

cc: A.D.C.
GOROKA.

cc: P.C.I.C.
KARIMUI.

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Sub-District Headquarters,
GOROKA.
Eastern Highlands District.

9th November, 1964.

District Commissioner,
Eastern Highlands District,
GOROKA.

PATROL REPORT KARIMUI NO 1/64-65.

The above Report, together with relevant
Camping Allowance Claim, is forwarded for your
further action.

The Report, covering the period 30-6-64 to
25-9-64 including a period of 2 weeks Special Leave
and a visit to Goroka for the Show, was received at
this office on 6th November, 1964. No explanation
for the delay in submission is given.

Some comments follow:-

Paragraph 6. I am afraid the message contained in this
paragraph is most difficult to ascertain.

Medical and Health: Plans are already in hand for the
erection of an Aid Post at Karimui which is to be
staffed by trained P.H.D. employees.

Paragraph 14. I understand that this Patrol, which was
to have been a combined DASP, PHD and DNA one is still
being considered.

Roads and Bridges. Until such time as cash cropping,
on a fairly large scale, is introduced to this area
the importance of roads and a tractor to assist in
maintenance, is not of high priority, taking into
consideration developmental projects in other areas
of the Sub-District.

Village Officials. The P.O.I.C., Karimui, is being
instructed to submit his recommendations for the
appointment of Lulusis and Tultals in the proper form.

AW BORN
(W. BORN)

Assistant District Commissioner

cc:
P.O.I.C.,
KARIMUI.

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File No. 67-1.

Patrol Post
Karimul
E.H.D.

31st October 1964.

The Assistant District Officer,
Sub District Office,
Gorega.

Patrol Report, Patrol No. 1, 1964/65.

Patrol Conducted By:	E.J. Mitchell P.O.
Area Patrolled:	Karimul Census Division.
Accompanied by. Europeans:	Dr. I.D. Riley (Part)
Natives:	3 members R.P.N.C.C. 2 D.N.A. Interpreters.
Duration of patrol:	30/6/64 to 6/7/64 21/9/64 to 25/9/64.
No. of Days:	10.
Objects of Patrol:	Census Revision. Routine Administration. Medical Examination.

E.J. Mitchell
E.J. Mitchell.

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Diary Patrol No. 1 of 1964/65.

30th June 1964.

Departed Karimui for Iudo per motor cycle. NAIYO, SOGO No2., MOIYO, HOIAIYO and YAUWIYO seen. Census revised. Returned to Karimui approx. 1730 hrs.

1st July 1964.

Departed for Waiyo. People seen and census revised. One dispute settled out of court. Moved to Wenaiyo approx. 1300hrs. Census revised. Departed Wenaiyo approx. 1630hrs. for Karimui.

2nd July.

Census revised at Waiyo. People told to keep pigs off road, where they are doing much damage. Returned to Karimui.

3rd July.

To Kulube where census of Kilibari and Wediai was revised. Returned to Karimui.

4th July, 5th July

Spent at Karimui.

6th July.

Visited Hain where census revised. Solita too were seen. Moved to Palis approx. 1300hrs. census revised. Returned to station.

Patrol broken by visit of patrolling officer to Australia, and by Goroka show and preparations for show.

21st September.

Departed Karimui for Boisamalu. Census revised of Boisamalu, Kaubidi, Kauluabe, Sohero. Slept Boisamalu.

22nd September.

Moved Boisamalu - Iogoramalu. Daia, Korobame, Maia, Waima, seen and census revised. Rain fell early afternoon. Slept Iogoramalu.

23rd September

Moved Iogoramalu - Dibe. Walked to Negabo to inspect possible road site, Dibe - Nagabo. Slept Dibe.

24th September.

Dibe and Sogo No. 1 seen. Census revised. Examination by doctor. Slept Dibe.

25th September.

Departed Dibe for Karimui. Arrived Karimui mid afternoon. Patrol ends.

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Introduction.

The Karimui census division lies about the Karimui patrol post. The population of 2683 reside to the east, west and south west. The estimated area of the census division would be 80 square miles. The terrain is mainly flat, sloping country; sloping from Mt Karimui in the south east toward the north west, to the Tua river. This river forms the western boundary of the division. Creeks draining Mt Karimui cut across the census division, and two gorges are as deep as 500 feet.

2. Rainfall is about 150 inches annually, and the area is said to be true rain forest country. Some excellent timber exists in this forest.

3. The patrol was in two parts, and a doctor accompanied on the second half. Objects of the patrol were routine administration, annual census revision and examination of the people by the doctor.

Native Affairs.

Although puzzled somewhat, the attitude of the people toward the government is good. As Mr. Lynch observed in 1963, "the people have not had the opportunity to study the process of administration except in their own area." A benevolent power such as the administration, whose aims seem to be their well-being, and not asking payment for their help, seems absurd to the population. Their political awareness is not great, and their desire to combine - as in a council - is not very real. However, they have shown that they can work together, as in common projects as bridges, roads, etc. It is a start.

5. Numerous requests for a school were received. Although a school is to be opened in 1965, this will definitely not satisfy the census division or the Karimui area.

6. As in many parts of the territory, the people have an almost cultish devotion to the idea of roads and schools. If a road is built, nothing more is needed; if a school is obtained, they will all become..... At this stage, their thoughts are not complete, and are unsure.

Medical & Health.

The general health of the people remains poor. No improvement appears to have occurred since Mr. Lynch reported on the situation in 1963. The birth rate has dropped 2.32% from 6.6% in 1963, to 4.28%. However there was a slight fall in the death rate, although to the same extent as the birth rate. Death rate in 1963 was 4.7%. A fall of 1.57% in 1964 brought the rate to 3.13%. However, I am sure that many babies, dying at birth and soon after raises this figure to about its 1963 level.

8. An outbreak of suspected meningitis at Dibe village, to the south west of the division is shown in a total number of deaths of 16 in a population of 180 - just under 9%. In 1963, 5 deaths were reported from this village.

9. Leprosy in the census division has an incident rate of 5.93% - said to be amongst the highest rates in the world.

10. The mission aid post at Iogoramalu remained unstaffed throughout most of the year. An Aid Post Orderly posted there, slipped on a log and fell, injuring his spine, after only a few weeks. He is still paralysed from the waist. No replacement has been found.

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11. The standard of the two Aid post orderlies is poor. This seems due to a lack of supervision by competent mission personnel. However it does seem a great pity that the area has been so long without government medical aid. This situation should be remedied in the near future.

Agriculture and Livestock.

No cash crop is grown in the census division, although coffee does grow very well. A few coffee trees planted on the station by a policeman about three years ago, are bearing, and the berries are very good.

13. The soil is volcanic and it will support almost any crop. The rainfall is an annual 150 inches, while the general altitude is 3,600 feet. The climate has been likened to Wau, where excellent coffee is grown.

14. Although recommended by Mr. Lynch in his 1963 patrol report, no survey has been carried out by the Agricultural department. This is a sad fact, as the area will almost certainly be restricted to agriculture for its economic advancement.

15. As land is very plentiful, the 'Bush Fallow' system is used, in the growing of crops. Before the introduction of steel axes, about twenty years ago small gardens, between trees and where fallen trees were found. More bush foods were eaten, and the staple food was sago.

16. Sweet potato was introduced from the coast some thirty years ago. Paw paw, leeks, cucumber, and other tubers add variety to the diet. Meat, in the form of cassowary, tree kangaroo, wild pig and, of course, kapul, is eaten more regularly than elsewhere in the highlands.

17. Pigs are kept, are the usual type of native pig found in the District, and are allowed to find their own feed.

Roads & Bridges.

The original route for a road to points west of the station has been abandoned. The abandoned road was very long and was not being used by the people. The present route is much shorter, and more important still, is close to the walking track. The road will be more useful to the people and will encourage to maintain it. Several large gorges are proving difficult. But roads down these are being found. Most important, the people are keen to have the roads where they are being built.

19. Existing roads about the patrol post are being maintained by hand. However this maintenance does not amount to much. Even in wet weather, these unsurfaced roads are passable.

20. As yet, no tractor has been allocated to Karim. Construction of the Boisamala road would be greatly assisted by a tractor. Sections of the station roads could be surfaced with stone, too, if a tractor were available.

Airfields.

The one airfield is at Karimui. This strip is a good one, being very well drained, and unaffected by rain. It is some 600 feet short of the necessary length for category 'B' aircraft, being 2,400 feet long. It is also about 50 feet too narrow. However ~~some~~ extensions could be carried out at any time money is available.

22. A tractor and trailer would greatly assist in the maintenance of the airstrip, and also be a help if the strip were to be extended.

Village Officials.

Recommendations made by Mr. Lynch in 1963 appear to have been overlooked. The need for the promotion of Tultul Bepi to Luluai is greater now, following the death of Luluai Oroba of Dibe. This has left the area to the west of the station without a Luluai, ten census divisions in all.

24. If Bepi is appointed Luluai, the number will be as it was in 1963. A third man, recommended provisionally as luluai is Bogorabe - Birigan, of the Mei census unit.

25. Hasanugiai - Magua of Daia is again recommended for tultul. In addition, Hwisabe - Borau is recommended as Tultul of Dibe to replace the deceased Luluai Oroba.

Missions.

Lutheran and Seventh Day Adventist missions have representatives in the census division.

27. Lutheran mission native workers are supervised by the European minister, stationed near Karimui. The native pastor directs S.D.A. activities from Iudo, east of the patrol post.

28. The strength of the faith of adherents of either mission is not strong, and old sorcery rites and practices are still very strong.

29. Preparatory and Standard one classes are held at the Lutheran mission school. Native certificated teachers hold these classes. The small S.D.A. school appears unorganised, and has a small attendance. Both these schools are located close to the patrol post.

30. These two schools are the only ones in the entire Karimui area.

Conclusion.

The area patrolled is economically and politically very young. The economic future of the area appears to be in agriculture, but if this is to be so, communications with Goroka or some other major centre, either by road or air, must be improved. It will be some years before the area can support a Council - or have the desire for one.

32. The people are very pro administration and do seem eager to help themselves.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of **EASTERN HIGHLANDS** Report No. **2**, **KARIMUI PROGRAM 1964/65**

Patrol Conducted by..... **E.J. Mitchell P.O.**.....

Area Patrolled..... **DARIBI CENSUS DIVISION.**.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... **NIL**.....

Natives..... **FOUR**.....

Duration—From **2**...../.....**11/1964**..... to **19**...../.....**11/1964**.....

Number of Days..... **18**.....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../.....**2**...../.....**1964**.....

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol..... **CENSUS REVISION**.....

ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION......

Director of Native Affairs,
FORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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L. J. Deelan
District Commissioner **16**

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

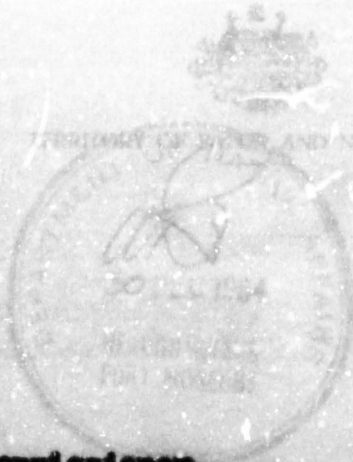
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Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund

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Department of District Administration

22nd January, 1965.

District Commissioner,
Eastern Highlands District,
GOHOKA.

Department of District Administration,
KORORUA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2-64/65 - KARIMUI

Receipt of the abovementioned report and accompanying remarks is acknowledged with thanks.

The report indicates a satisfactory situation in the area so far as relationships between the people themselves and the Administration are concerned.

At this stage I would not try to arouse too much enthusiasm for economic development because our resources are extremely limited.


J. K. McCarthy,
DIRECTOR.

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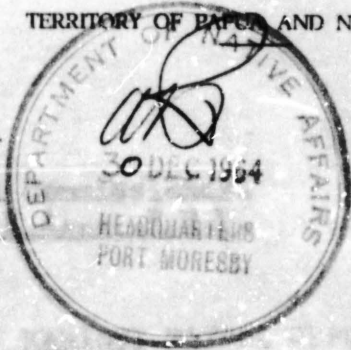
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Department of District Administration,

GOROKA.

22nd December, 1964.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT - KARIMUI No. 2/64-65 - DARISI CENSUS DIVISION

The above report submitted by Mr. E. Mitchell, Patrol Officer, together with the Assistant District Commissioner's comments are forwarded for your information, please. Camping Allowance claim has been processed at this office.

Some further comments are:-

- (a) Only limited assistance in the way of tools will be available for the road work being done in the Karimui area.
- (b) The question of a D.A.S.F. investigation of the potential of the whole Karimui area is still under discussion.

L. J. Doolan
L. J. DOOLAN RD
A/District Commissioner

Encl.

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Sub-District Headquarters,
G O R O K A E.H.D.

7th December, 1964.

District Commissioner,
G O R O K A E.H.D.

**KARIMUI PATROL REPORT NO.2 /64-65- DARIBI CENSUS
DIVISION.**

Please find 2 copies of the above Patrol Report together with Camping Allowance Claim.

2. The Report requires very little comment despite the fact that it is a vast improvement on previous reports submitted by Mr. Mitchell.

3. An agriculture survey, even a very brief one in the vicinity of Karimui Station could set the pattern for any possible economic development in the area. This however is a problem tied up with communications and unless some definite steps are taken to develop the present airstrip, cash crops would not be economical. Karimui has a low priority zone in the Economic Development Committee Meetings and unless the Karimui plateau gains importance as a land settlement area and an enlarged airstrip as well I believe any economic development in the area will be very limited. This is unfortunate as there appears to be unlimited potential. Action will be taken to have an Agriculture Survey done in the area.

4. In the meanwhile it is essential road works continue and every assistance possible will be given the people to link their villages with roads, even ones suitable only for a motor cycle.

5. The Patrol Report depicts a favourable native situation which I feel sure will most definitely be improved upon with the posting of a more enthusiastic and interested officer to Karimui.


(J. H. PICKNELL)
A/Assistant District Commissioner.

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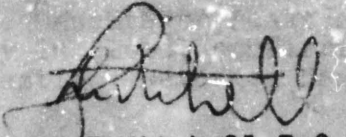
Patrol Post
Karimui
E.H.D.

29th November 1964.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
Goroka

PATROL REPORT. PATROL No. 2. 1964/65.

Area Patrolled:	Daribi Census Division.
Conducted By:	E.J. Mitchell P.O.
Duration of Patrol:	18 Days.
Accompanied By:	
Europeans :	Nil
Natives :	2 Members R.P.N.G.C. 1 D.N.A. Interpreter. 1 N.M.O.
Last Patrol to Area:	February and March 1964, Election Patrols.
Objects of Patrol:	Census Revision. Routine Administration.


E.J. Mitchell P.O.

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DIARY.

Patrol Report No. 3. Karimui Patrol Program.

MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER.

Departed Karimui 1030hrs for Boisamalu. Arrived 1300hrs, inspecting roadwork en route. Slept Boisamalu.

TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER.

Departed Boisamalu 0900hrs for Iogoramalu. Again inspected roadwork. Arrived Iogoramalu 1300hrs. Slept Iogoramalu.

WEDNESDAY 4th NOVEMBER.

Walked Iogoramalu to Maina, 0930hrs to 1230hrs. Census etc carried out on Ogwanila, Waiaia and Maina. Slept Maina.

THURSDAY 5th NOVEMBER.

Arrived Masi from Maina, and census etc carried out on Anabai, Bunubidi, Noru No.2, Sata, Masi. Slept Masi.

FRIDAY 6th NOVEMBER.

Moved to Noru from Masi, 0930hrs to 1045hrs. Census of Hobe and Noru No1 carried out before rain fell. Slept Noru.

SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER.

Census of Hagane, Sora, Sorarai revised etc. Rain again interrupted. Slept Noru.

SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER.

Moved Noru to Hagane, 0830 - 1230hrs. Made camp. Slept Hagane.

MONDAY 9th NOVEMBER.

Climbed MacGregor Peaks and viewed Taa River. River obviously in flood, confirming reports. Visit to Galahi out of question. Returned Hagane 1730hrs. Slept Hagane.

TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER.

Departed Hagane for Masi. Arrived Masi 1330hrs. Word sent to Kalabai of impending visit. Slept Masi.

WEDNESDAY 11th NOVEMBER.

Masi - Kalabai, 0900hrs - 1200hrs. Census of Purale revised before rain washed out play. Slept Kalabai.

THURSDAY 12th NOVEMBER.

Census of Kalabai groups completed. Dobeda, Dobu, Wiamani, Kuburu, seen. Slept Kalabai.

FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER.

Moved Kalabai to Masi, inspecting

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road works near Kalabai. Arrived Masi 1200hrs.
Slept Masi.

SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER.

Moved Masi to Tiligi. 0930 - 1200hrs.
New rest house and police buildings prepared. Inspected
roadwork towards Maina from Tiligi.
Slept Tiligi.

SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER.

Census revised etc, Degege, Tiligi
and Bope.
Slept Tiligi.

MONDAY 16th NOVEMBER.

Moved Tiligi to Wai along an overgrown
and disused track. 0930hrs - 1100hrs. Census of Wai
revised. Rain fell all day.
Slept Wai.

TUESDAY 17th NOVEMBER.

Moved Wai to Negabo, 0830 - 0915hrs.
Census of Negabo, T., Yogobo revised. Rain fell
throughout day.
Slept Negabo.

WEDNESDAY 18th NOVEMBER.

Moved Negabo to Dibe, via Wai.
Investigated alternative road route. Arrived Dibe 1430hrs.
Slept Dibe.

THURSDAY 19th NOVEMBER.

Departed Dibe 0915 after hearing
several disputes. Arrived Karimui mid afternoon. Patrol
ends.

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Introduction.

Lying to the south west of Karimui, the Daribi Census Division has a population of 2605 people, 41.25% of people in the Karimui Administrative Area.

2. With an estimated area of 100 square miles, and an estimated annual rainfall in excess of 150 inches, the Census division is a mixture of broken ridges and gorges, and flat valleys. The area lies generally, at an altitude of about 3000 feet.

3. The Tua River, draining the Eastern Highlands, defines the western and southern limits of the division, while Mount Karimui - rising to 8,700 feet - and its ridges, border the eastern and northern sides. These ridges form the valleys in which the bulk of the population is found.

4. The language spoken throughout the division is called Daribi, and the people are known by that name. The area lies entirely in the Territory of Papua.

5. Objects of the patrol were routine administration and revision of census.

Native Affairs.

A most pleasing aspect of the patrol was the very good state of native feeling. The reception of the patrol was always warm.

7. A noticeable feature too, was the feeling between the groups. It is evident that the old feelings of suspicion and fear of neighbour have been very much lessened. For the first time, old enemies have joined together on joint projects in their own road building. Movement both inside the Census Division and outside to other parts of the Karimui district is much freer and more common.

8. No major or minor crime of violence has been reported from the area in the last twelve months. The people still continue, apparently, to favour the settlement of their disputes by themselves. The several complaints hatched by the patrol usually came from the foreign native evangelists living in the village.

9. The inclination of the people to congregate in village groups appears to continue. At Tiligi, Kalabai, Maina, this was noticeable. As was noted by you (A.D.O.'s memo, 67-2-4 of 31/7/63) the advantages of better sanitation and hygiene are distinct.

10. The village of Gelabi, located on the western bank of the Tua River, away from Karimui, again, could not be visited. Two local men were lost in the river several weeks ago, attempting to cross, and we were told that the river had risen since then. Upon viewing the river, it was obvious it could not be crossed by canoe, and as no bridge exists, the attempt was not made. However, an earlier visit to Gelabi has shown the village to be situated at an altitude of some 1135 feet. It was extremely unhealthy and all villagers seen, showed signs of vitamin deficiency greater than elsewhere in the census division. On this patrol, it was arranged that the village should move across the Tua river to land due north of its present location. Future

patrols should see that this move is carried out. The village has a natural decrease rate of 13.51%.
11. Highland Labour Scheme volunteers had been accepted during the year, and 97 men were absent at work outside the district. The four men absent inside the district were working at Karimui.

Roads & Bridges.

A very extensive road program is being carried out by the people in the area. Having approached the Administration here, to determine what aid could be given them, the population decided to go ahead with the road building regardless of the limited assistance available.

13. Although uncompleted at the moment, road sites have been cleared to all rest houses in the division. Even with this improvement, walking has become much quicker and easier. Advice has been given where the people were unsure of road routes, bridges etc.

14. This system of roads will eventually be connected to Karimui, through the Karimui census division, where road work is in progress.

15. I believe that the very good native situation may stem from this road work and the encouragement being given it. A feeling of being neglected by the administration has been dispelled. I feel that it is very necessary that this work be encouraged in the future, even if only spiritually.

16. A tractor and trailer at Karimui could be used to assist this, and other road works, as well as other projects in the area.

Health.

A total of 131 deaths was noted by the patrol. This figure is not complete, as many deaths shortly after birth were missed. 20.61% of these deaths were less than one year old, while 35.85% of these were less than four years old. 13.72% of births died before one month old. There were 153 births recorded. These figures speak for themselves.

18. A Native Medical Orderley with the patrol, treated many cases of skin diseases, scabies etc, and also several very bad cases of Tropical Ulcers.

19. A severe influenza outbreak earlier in the year claimed many lives in the census division as it did elsewhere in the area. The Karimui people are known to be very susceptible to chest complaints, and only prompt action by P.H.D. in sending in medical personnel to the area prevented a general epidemic.

20. There are no medical aids of any form in the census division.

Agriculture.

Corn, sweet potato, sugar cane and bananas make up the normal diet of the people. Sago, yams and taro are eaten occasionally.

22. No cash crops are grown in the division. However, the soil in the area is volcanic

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and very fertile. Excellent potatoes were brought to the patrol at several places, but these were not grown in any quantity and were not consumed by the local people.

23. A very palatable nut, which I know only as "Kapiak" was bearing in the division at the time of the patrol. This nut has a distinctive flavour, being very starchy.

24. Vegetable seeds were distributed by the patrol and accepted readily by the people.

25. Adequate supplies of food were brought forward for the patrol, and there was no sign of a reported shortage.

Missions.

Both Seventh Day Adventist and Lutheran Missions are represented in the area. The Lutheran Mission is controlled by the European pastor at Karimui, while the S.D.A. representatives are supervised from Goroka. Adherents of both missions would number about the same. However, I doubt if the faith is very deeply implanted. Sorcery and belief in spirits is very strong. The mythical figure in the Daribi life is called Kebebidi - which means, more or less, murukman. This gentleman is never seen, but is responsible for all misfortune.

Village Officials.

Almost every Village Councillor asked to be given a Tultul's badge. It was pointed out to them that they held the same office as the Tultul, and their geographical position meant that they could not become Tultuls. However they did not seem convinced.

28. At Punala, the Village Councillor, KOROBA/KARE has died and MA/SABIDI is recommended as his replacement. This will be the subject of a separate memo.

Census & Statistics.

An overall increase of twelve persons was noted. This was an increase of .451% - just over four and a half persons per thousand. Natural increase was .84%.

30. Again these figures speak for themselves.

Rest Houses.

New rest houses at Maina, Masi, Kalabai and Tiligi were inspected and found to be adequate.

32. At Tiligi, the group Bope asked to be, and were censused at Tiligi. The new rest house there is closer to Bope, and the old rest house at Bope is in very poor condition.

Conclusion.

The patrol was pleasant and interesting, being always well received.

34. Outstanding points seem to be:

1. Continuation of road work.
2. Gelabi to be moved across the river.
3. Investigation of the area by D.A.S.F.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of EASTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. KARIMUI 3-1964/65.

Patrol Conducted by A.S. WRIGHT. P.O.

Area Patrolled FIO Census Division (Gulf District) & TURA Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO (Eastern H'lands)

Natives 3 R.P. & N.G.C.
2 INTERPRETERS
1 N.M.O.

Duration—From 22 / 2 / 1965 to 9 / 3 / 1965

Number of Days 16.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 3 / 1964

Medical XXXXXXXXXXXX/16XXXX

Map Reference SKETCH MAP ATTACHED.

Objects of Patrol 1. CENSUS REVISION. 2. FAMILIARIZATION WITH AREA.
3. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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67-13-58

June 9th, 1955

The District Commissioner,
Eastern Highlands District,
SUVA:

RAMBLING PATROL REPORT No. 144-55

Receipt of the above report forwarded by your memorandum 67-13-2 of 21st April, 1955, is acknowledged.

This was apparently a quite effective patrol and Mr. Wright has submitted an interesting and informative report. The matters raised have been dealt with adequately by you in your covering memo.

Th. Pittman
(T.O. ATTORNEY) *PS*
~~ATTORNEY~~

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Department of District Administration,
GOROKA,
Eastern Highlands District.
23rd April, 1965.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBUI.

PATROL - KARIMUI NO 3 of 64/65.

The abovementioned Report together with comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Goroka are forwarded herewith.

I am endeavouring to arrange for a joint patrol by Field Officers of the Departments of District Administration, Public Health and Agriculture.

I am drawing the attention of the Regional Medical Officer to the rapidly decreasing population and suggesting to him that Public Health should carry out necessary investigations in the area. I am also requesting the Regional Medical Officer to agree to the training of selected Orderlies for an Aid Post establishment in the area.

If the people of Soliabedo desire to move to Weijana, then I doubt if there is any way that they can be stopped. The area is extremely isolated and Patrols are infrequent. However, I have requested the District Commissioner, Gulf District to supply me with further information concerning the proposed move.

Mr. Wright has submitted an interesting and clearly written report. The patrol would have been most arduous. He appears to have done well.

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(L. S. DOOLAN)
a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Mr.

Patrol Post,
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Goroka Sub-District,
Eastern Highlands District.

15th. March, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
GOROKA.

PATROL REPORT - KARIMUI NO. 3 - 64/65.

Patrol Conducted by : A.S. WRIGHT, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled : PIO and TURA Census Divisions jointly.

Personnel Accompanying : 3 Members of R.P. & N.G.C.
2 D.D.A. INTERPRETERS.
1 P.H.D. Native Medical Orderly.

Duration : 16 Days.

Last Patrol to Area : D.D.A. Census etc. Patrol in March 1964.

Objects of Patrol : 1. Census Revision. 2. Familiarization with
area. 3. Routine Administration.

Map Reference : Sketch Map attached.

A.S. Wright
(A.S. WRIGHT)
Patrol Officer.

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Introduction.

The area patrolled covers two census divisions, the PIO of the Gulf District and the TURA of the Eastern Highlands District. These divisions are contiguous and are treated, for practical purposes, as one unit. This area is located to the south-east of Karimui.

The area consists of a vast rain forest belt, receives a high annual rainfall and it appears from previous reports that the altitude varies from 1350' to 2500' a.s.l.

The total population of this vast area was found to be about 400 and it is decreasing.

The main objects of the patrol were census revision, familiarization with the area and routine administration.

Patrol Diary.

Monday 22nd. February, 1965.

Departed Karimui 1300hrs, arrived IUDO 1400 hrs. and set up camp. Talked to officials and villagers.

Tuesday 23rd. February.

Departed IUDO 0815hrs. walked through rain forest country over poor track, crossed SENA river and camped near SOLA creek at about 1400hrs.

Wednesday 24th. February.

Departed campsite 0745hrs., followed Sola creek downstream thence left it but later crossed it again and thence crossed HOMOL creek and later YEMOL creek and reached WI creek at 1130 hrs. Continued on until 1330 hrs. when camp was made in heavy rain.

Thursday 25th. February.

Steady rain during night and morning. Departed campsite in light drizzle at 0645 hrs. and reached SOLIABEDO village at 1030 hrs. Camped in rest house. Talked to village councillor. Food bought. Nearby houses inspected. Census deferred until next morning.

Friday 26th. February.

Census conducted and talked to the people about Admin. aims etc. and village hygiene. People told me of their intention to move to WEIJANA (Baimuru area). Discussed the pros and cons and advised them against such a move. Left Soliabedo at 1045 hrs. followed SENE creek and later crossed the YAN creek which was running swiftly and high. Made camp at 1500hrs.

Saturday 27th. February.

Departed campsite 0830 hrs. and soon reached the MUI creek near its junction with the PIO river. Followed rough track, crossed OH creek and reached ERAPONI village at 1300 hrs. Village inspected - poor shape. Camp set up. Food bought. Talked to village officials.

Sunday 28th. February.

Census revised for PO and DYANE groups and talk given. Departed for HAIA at 1045 hrs., arrived at 1300 hrs. but delayed somewhat at NIMI creek crossing where water was chest deep. Camp set up and food bought. This small group was then censused and a talk given as well as the usual medical treatments.

Monday 1st. March.

Departed Haia at 0815 hrs. and reached HWALIA at 0930 hrs. Camp set up, food purchased, village inspected etc. Census revised in afternoon, talk given and medical treatments also.

Tuesday 2nd. March.

Left Hwalia in drizzling rain at 0815 hrs., crossed Hwalia creek, followed muddy track, crossed W. creek, followed OU creekbed and arrived at WIID village at 1135 hrs.. Light rain still falling. Food purchased etc. Rain later cleared and the census was revised for the WIID and YALE groups. Talks with the people and medical treatments. 6 H.L.S. volunteers.

Wednesday 3rd. March.

Departed WIID 0750 hrs. and followed poor track over rough country. Heavy rain at 1200hrs. Camp made at 1300hrs., near site of earlier patrol camps.

Thursday 4th. March.

Departed campsite 0750 hrs. followed poor track, crossed FOM creek twice and glimpsed the PIO river. Strayed off the "track" but located it again and patrol reached YOU village at 1210 hrs. Food purchased, village inspected, camp set up. Census revised in afternoon, talks, instructions, medical treatments given. H.L.S. volunteers.

Friday 5th. March.

Morning rain cleared at 0805 hrs. and patrol departed You, retracing our steps arrived at campsite of the 3rd. at 1200 hrs. Rested briefly and walked on until 1300hrs. when a new campsite was selected.

Saturday 6th. March.

Departed campsite after morning drizzle cleared at 0825 hrs. Reached WIID about 1245 hrs. Camp set up & food bought

Sunday 7th. March.

Left WIID at 0825 hrs., followed rough, muddy track crossed Hwalia creek and reached Haia at 1245hrs. Camp set up and food bought for ~~the~~ trek to Karimui.

Monday 8th. March.

Departed Haia 0710 hrs., crossed Nini creek, followed rough track, crossed Yow creek and later WENA creek and passed old campsite of Messrs. Dwyer and Lynch at 1440 hrs. Later crossed YAE creek and made camp at 1530 hrs. Rain set in.

Tuesday 9th. March.

Departed campsite at ~~0815~~ 0715 hrs., climbed steadily up a steep ridge using ladders in some sheer sections. Descended steeply then followed undulating rough track, crossed SENA river and later descended steeply to the SENA river again. Climbed up to IUDC (1620hrs.). Arrived Karimui at 1800 hrs. Patrol stood down.

Native Affairs.

The patrol was well received at all villages although the reception was not really enthusiastic. I believe these people are slowly becoming dissatisfied with their way of life and lack of advancement. The advent of the Administration has benefited them little apart from the establishment of law and order. No social or economic development has occurred in the area and because of the difficulties of terrain, inaccessibility, and the sparse, scattered population little development is foreseeable in the future.

Any projects started in this area in the future, such as the establishment of an Aid Post, would, I am sure, be enthusiastically supported by the people. They are eager to grasp at any form of development or improvement. This is apparent in the case of SOLIABEDO where most of the population wish to move permanently to WELJANA (South of the PIO river in the BAIMURU area) in order to settle near a L.M.S. mission station being established there. They feel that they may be able to attain some of the material benefits of the European culture by throwing in their lot with the L.M.S. This matter will be dealt with fully under the heading Missions.

Several H.L.S. volunteers came forward and they will report to me at Karimui after assisting in the completion of certain village work (building of latrines etc.).

No disputes or complaints whatsoever were brought to me for settlement.

Villages and Village Officials.

Generally speaking most villages were in a rather neglected condition. This can probably be attributed to the fact that these people have not finally settled down and a certain amount of movement between places is going on.

The villages of Eraponi and Wiid were possibly in the worst shape. The Po and Dyane people who occupy Eraponi village ~~was~~ were advised by the previous P.O. to move to Hala, however since then an L.M.S. Missionary has had an airstrip site roughly cleared at Eraponi and the people were undecided whether to follow the P.O.'s advice or stay at Eraponi in view of the advent of the Mission. They were advised to remain at Eraponi but to take immediate steps to clean up the village and repair housing.

The YALE group have amalgamated with the Wiid people at Wiid but these people now wish to move their combined village to a new site as they have been beset by much sickness at Wiid. Their request was agreed to and they were told to select a site on higher ground as malaria seems to be the main problem. They have in mind a site near the track which connects Hwallia to Wiid. The necessity of providing proper sanitation etc. facilities at the new village site was impressed upon the people.

In every village a talk was given on hygiene, cleanliness etc. and instructions were left that all villages were to be brought up to standard before the next patrol to the area.

Village officials seemed to be performing their duties satisfactorily and I think their presence has a definite settling influence on the people.

Agriculture and Livestock.

Sago is the basic food of this entirely subsistence economy. Sweet potato, bananas and sugar cane are cultivated by some groups as supplementary crops. However these gardens are small as the thick vegetation cover makes gardening a difficult task and also the population is very sparse.

The patrol was able to purchase adequate supplies of sago in all villages but sweet potato was in short supply.

Pigs were fairly plentiful and seemed in good condition.

Health.

A N.M.O. on loan from P.H.D. Goroka accompanied the patrol and dispensed treatments.

The standard of health in this area is quite poor. There is a total lack of medical facilities and the area is remote from the nearest Aid Post (S.D.A. at IUDO, Karimui C/D.), consequently the people only receive medical treatments when a N.M.O. accompanies a District Administration patrol (last occasion was in August 1963).

Census figures enumerated later in this report indicate the low standard of health; medical treatments given are listed in Appendix A.

I believe the establishment of at least one Aid Post in this area is essential, to check the high incidence of sickness, notably malaria. Because of the long distances between villages it would be desirable to establish three Aid Posts; one at Solisbede; one at Eraoni or Haia, and one at Wiid. Failing this the establishment of one Aid Post should receive priority, to be located at Eraoni or Haia.

It would be desirable to train a Pio native as a foreign native may not settle down in the area. Could representations be made to P.H.D. Goroka on this matter, please and if they are agreeable I will select a suitable trainee (s) to be sent to Goroka for training.

The people of every village expressed concern at the amount of sickness and death in their area.

Roads and Bridges.

Walking tracks in this area consist entirely of faintly worn pads through the rain forest. Bridges are non-existent, the many creeks have to be forded.

To sum up walking in these Divisions is fairly arduous and not at all pleasant. Most of the patrol personnel sustained numerous cuts and scratches.

Rest Houses.

Rest Houses existed in most villages but were not always in good condition. Instructions have been left to improve existing structures and new buildings are to be erected at Eraoni and Haia. In any case as canvas has to be carried for the bush camps, lack of suitable rest houses and barracks is not a problem.

Census and Statistics.

There were a number of absences from census as ~~xxx~~ insufficient notice of the patrol was given, due to unavoidable outside circumstances. These people lead a semi-nomadic existence especially, it seems, in times of sickness, they move around in small groups going from one sago clump to another. Thus considerable advance notice of a patrol is necessary.

Statistical analysis revealed :-

PIO Census Division.

Birth rate	=	1.7%
Death rate	=	5.5%
% Decrease	=	3.8%

TURA Census Division.

Birth rate	=	1.22%
Death rate	=	6.13%
% Decrease	=	4.91%

Statistics for each village are set out in Appendix B. I think these figures clearly illustrate the poor standard of health in the Pio/Tura area.

Missions.

There are no Missions or mission employees established in this area. However some months ago a L.M.S. Missionary from Kapuna (Gulf District) visited the area and roughly marked out an airstrip site at Eraoni. Apparently the intention is to establish a Mission station there sometime in the future.

It appears that this same Missionary has asked the people of Soliabedo to move permanently to Weijana village which is south of the Pio river in the Baimuru administrative area, as the L.M.S. is building an airstrip and station there. The majority of Soliabedo villagers seem very eager to make the move as they see some hope of progress by associating with the Mission, whereas they can't foresee any development at Soliabedo which it must be admitted is quite isolated from anywhere. About six of the Soliabedo men are against the move and will migrate to IUDO (Karimui C/D.) if the others move to Weijana. The women, of course have no say in the matter.

The O-I-C Baimuru knows of this matter and has made the following comment in the Soliabedo village book.
 " 8/2/65 This village is now in the process of amalgamating with Weijana. These villagers are building a new village about 4 hours walk from the old site of Weijana. The move was supposedly ordered by Mr. Cribb of L.M.S. Kapuna. Will look into this as moves like this could possibly get out of hand. However this move is for the better. They will be administered from Baimuru. Because of above move Soliabedo not visited this trip. Will go straight to Gurimatu which is reported to be x 3 hard days from Weijana.
 J.Mundell P/O. "

Myself, I am not in favour of the move as the present village site of Soliabedo is in a good healthy location and ample fertile land is owned by these people. Sweet potato and other crops grow well and provide a useful supplement to the staple, sago. From what I can gather, Weijana is situated at a lower altitude and malaria would probably be more prevalent there. Also I understand it is an entirely sago producing area. As is shown in Appendix B Soliabedo is the only unit in the Pio where the birth rate exceeds the death rate.

Already some Soliabedo people have migrated to Weijana. The village councillor has promised to see me at Karimui before any wholesale move is made.

Could the O-I-C Baimuru be contacted regarding this matter, perhaps he could confer with the L.M.S. Kapuna and advise further as to the advisability or otherwise of this move.

Conclusion.

The tasks of the patrol were completed satisfactorily.

The outlook for the PIO/TURA is rather gloomy, its remoteness and sparse population seem to preclude any hope of economic development projects including road building.

I believe some effort should be made by the Administration in regard to social development, such as the establishment of Aid Posts.

Comments on R.P. & N.C.C. personnel accompanying the patrol have been entered on their Records of Service and Forms R/S 1 have been sent to the Commissioner of Police, Konedobu.

Labour availability registers have been brought up to date for the two Divisions.

A.S. Wright
 (A.S. WRIGHT)
 Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX A MEDICAL TREATMENTS PIO/TURA CENSUS DIVISIONS.

<u>ILLNESS</u>	<u>NO. OF CASES TREATED</u>
Malaria	58
Cuts	39
Scabies	9
Pneumonia	5
Grilli	2
Cough	2
Yaws	2
Ear infection	2
Toothache	1
Boils	2
Arthritis	1
Filaria	1

APPENDIX B CENSUS STATISTICS FOR EACH VILLAGE PIO/TURA.

SGLIABEDO	Birth rate	= 4.16%	PIO CENSUS DIVISION
	Death rate	= 3.12%	
	% Increase	= 1.04%	
DYANE	Birth rate	= -	PIO CENSUS DIVISION
	Death rate	= 2.2%	
	% Decrease	= 2.2%	
PO	Birth rate	= -	PIO CENSUS DIVISION
	Death rate	= 8.33%	
	% Decrease	= 8.33%	
WIID	Birth rate	= -	PIO CENSUS DIVISION
	Death rate	= 10.16%	
	% Decrease	= 10.16%	
HATA	Birth rate	= 3.0%	TURA CENSUS DIVISION
	Death rate	= -	
	% Increase	= 3.0%	
HWALIA	Birth rate	= -	TURA CENSUS DIVISION
	Death rate	= 5.2%	
	% Decrease	= 5.2%	
YALE	Birth rate	= -	TURA CENSUS DIVISION
	Death rate	= 10.3%	
	% Decrease	= 10.3%	
YCU	Birth rate	= 1.5%	TURA CENSUS DIVISION
	Death rate	= 7.9%	
	% Decrease	= 6.4%	

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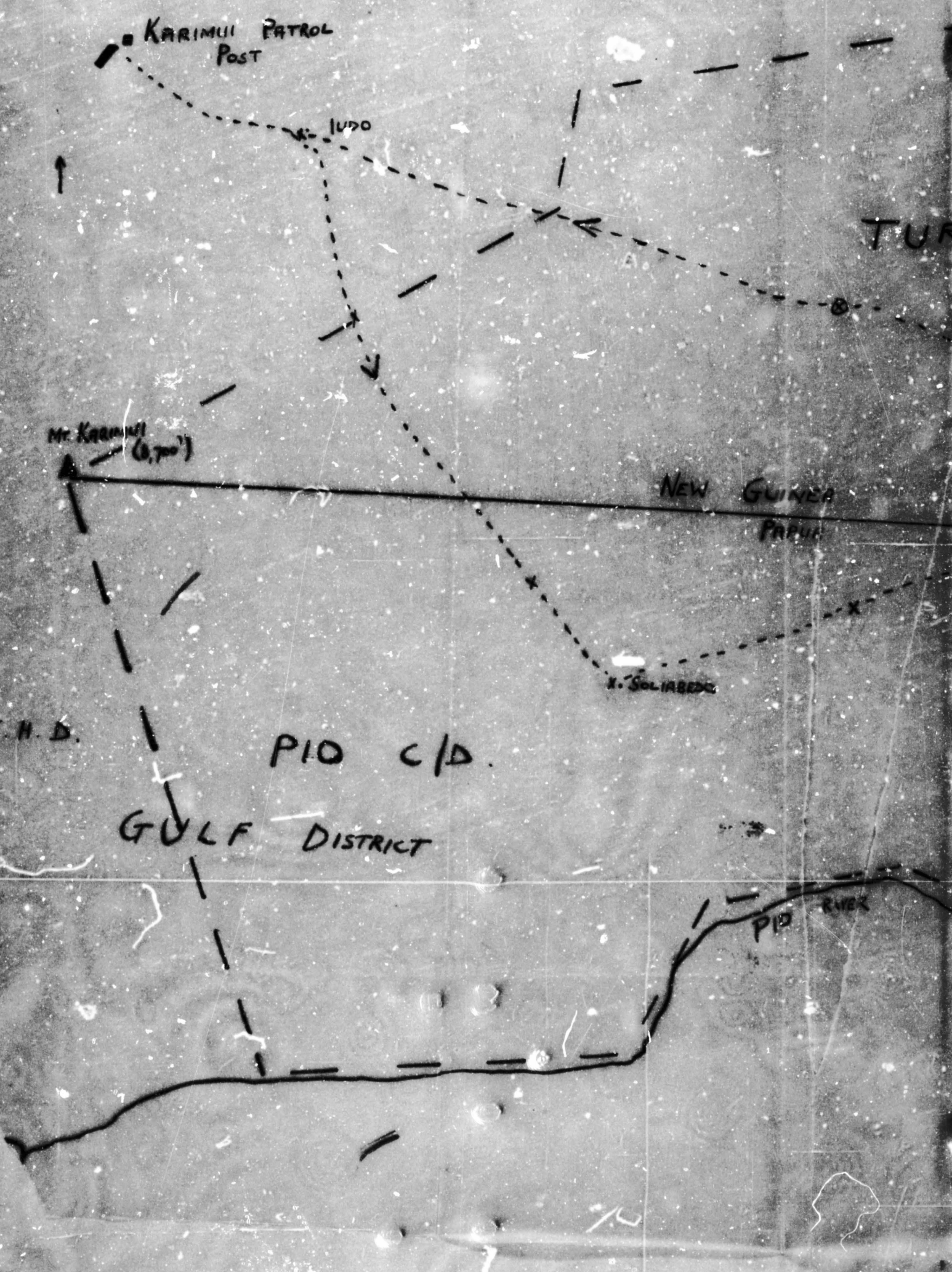
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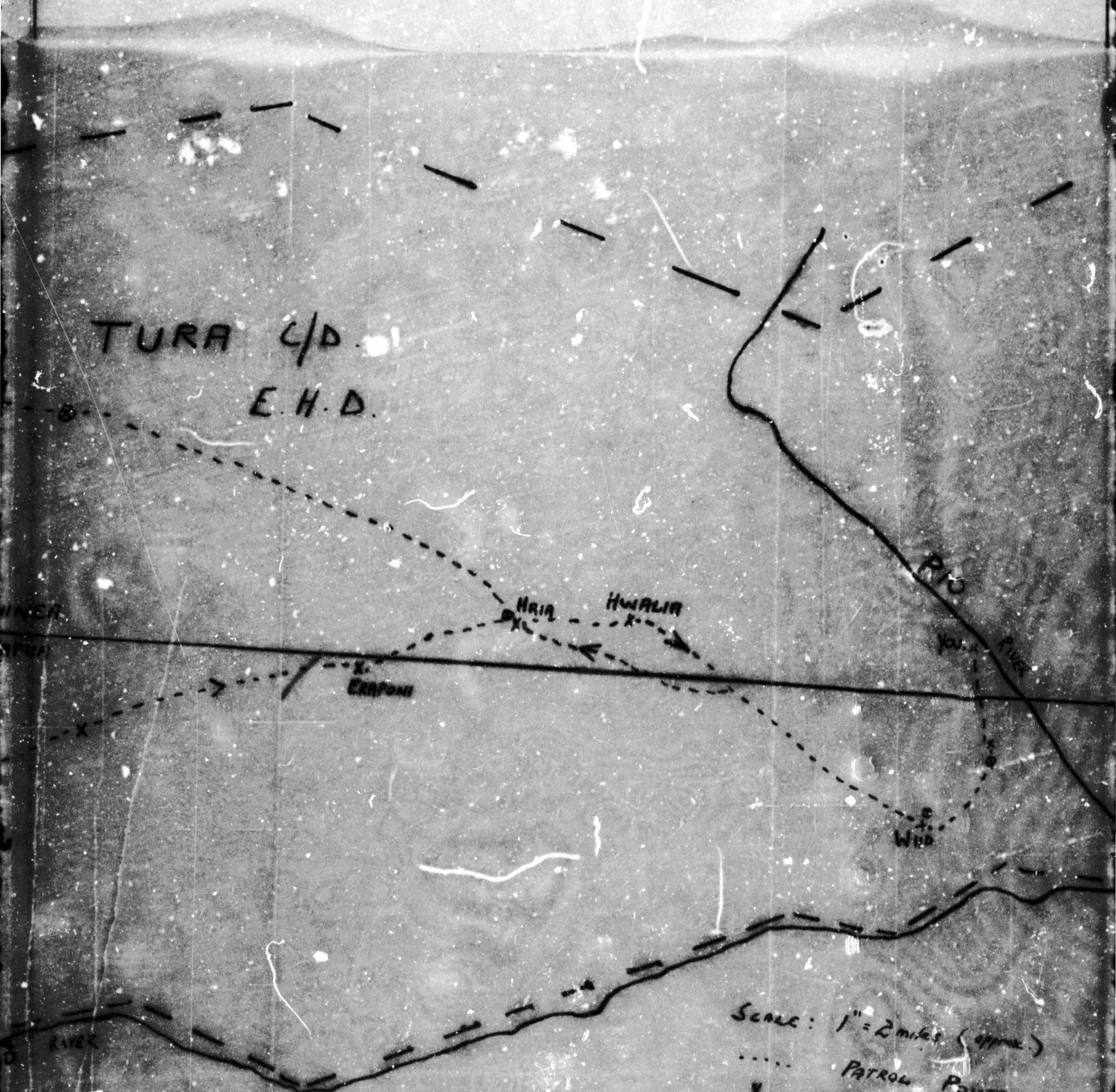
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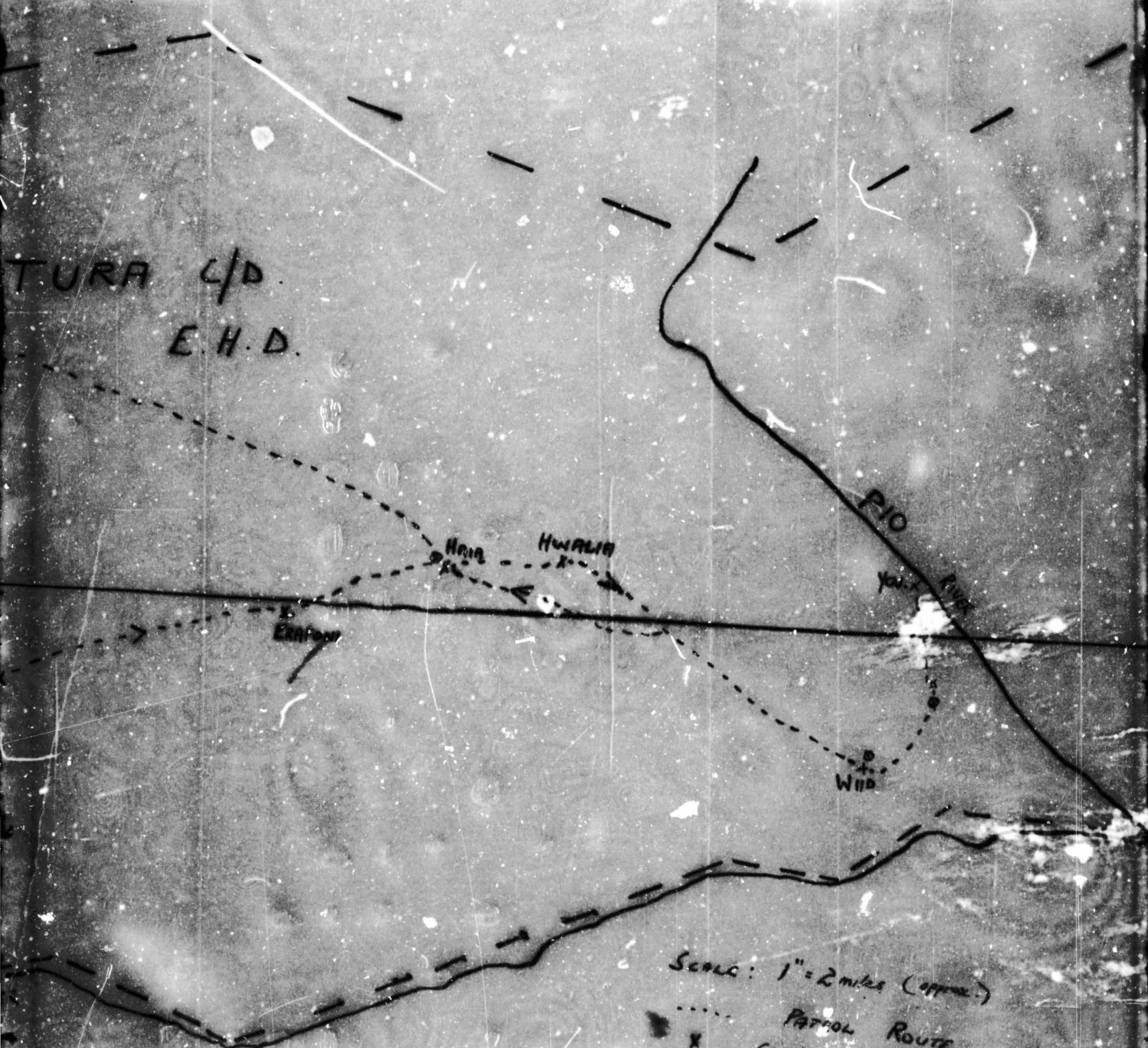


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Kazimui Patrol
3-64/65

TURA C/D.
E.H.D.



SCALE: 1" = 2 miles (approx.)

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FORWARD JOURNEY
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KAMIMI PATROL

3-64/65



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of... **EASTERN HIGHLANDS** Report No. **KARIMUI No. 4 of 64-65**

Patrol Conducted by... **A. S. WRIGHT** **PATROL OFFICER**

Area Patrolled... **KARIMUI CENSUS DIVISION**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans... **NO**

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

Duration—From **10** / **4** / **1965** to **28** / **4** / **1965** (Broken periods)

Number of Days... **10**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?... **NO**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services... / **9** / **1964**

Medical ... / **3** / **1965** (T.B. Survey)

Map Reference... **SKETCH MAP ATTACHED**

Objects of Patrol... **1. CENSUS REVISION. 2. FAMILIARISATION WITH AREA.**
3. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

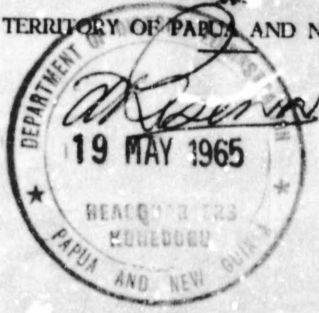
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14th May, 1965.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBUI.

PATROL KARIMUI 4/64-65.

The abovementioned Report is forwarded herewith together with copy of memo 67-2-4 of 12th May from the Assistant District Commissioner, Goroka. Some comments follow:-

VILLAGES AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

I agree that these people should not be encouraged to build new style rectangular houses. Their original style is most satisfactory for their purposes.

HEALTH:

This information has been conveyed to the Regional Medical Officer, Goroka.

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK:

The matter of a joint Department of District Administration, Public Health Department, and Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries Patrol through the Karimui area is under discussion with the respective Departments.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

Some funds will be made available for this work early in the new financial year.

Mr. Wright has written an interesting report. He appears to have carried out a very satisfactory patrol.

A. J. Lyon
(A.F. G.O.)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

*Recd.
a good informative report. It is to be hoped that the proposed joint patrol can be arranged. I think the D.M.O. has been advised of the benefits which would*

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R.W.B

**Sub-District Headquarters,
GOROKA.
Eastern Highlands District.**

12th May, 1965.

**District Commissioner,
Eastern Highlands District,
GOROKA.**

PATROL REPORT - KARIMUI No. 4 of 1964/65.

The above Report compiled by Mr. A. Wright, Patrol Officer, is forwarded in duplicate, together with relevant Contingency Camping Allowance Claims and a copy of the P.O.I.C's covering same.

2. It would seem that the overall position in the Karimui Census Division is reasonable but I agree that more intensive attention to health matters and to agricultural development are essential.

3. Some time ago it was suggested that a combined D.D.A.-P.H.D. and D.A.S.F. Patrol cover the whole Karimui Administrative area with a view to implementing these services but nothing came of it because of staff difficulties within P.H.D. and D.A.S.F. Perhaps the question could be raised again and another attempt made to mount this Patrol.

4. The P.O.I.C. Karimui will be instructed to request funds for his proposed road work which when completed, will materially assist in the development of the area.

R.W. BORN

(R.W. BORN)
Assistant District Commissioner.

cc:
P.O.I.C.
KARIMUI.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Mr. _____

Patrol Post,
KARIMUI,
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6th. May, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Headquarters,
GOROKA.

PATROL REPORT - KARIMUI NO. 4 of 64-65.

Patrol Conducted by : A.S. WRIGHT, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled : KARIMUI Census Division.

Personnel Accompanying : 2 Members of R.P. & N.G.C.

1 D.D.A. INTERPRETER.

1 P.H.D. MEDICAL ORDERLY.

Duration : 10 Days. (5 nights camped out).

Last Patrol to Area : D.D.A. Census etc. patrol in September 1964.

P.H.D. T.B. Survey patrol in March 1965.

Objects of Patrol : 1. Census Revision. 2. Familiarisation
with area. 3. Routine Administration.

Map Reference : Sketch map attached.

A. S. Wright

(A. S. WRIGHT)

Patrol Officer

Introduction.

The Karimui Census Division comprises the population grouped in twelve villages and attendant hamlets, with Karimui Patrol Post being located roughly in the centre of this population. The terrain is fairly level, although the Karimui plateau is cut by deep gorges which impede travel.

The annual rainfall of this area is about 130" and the altitude is approximately 3,500'. The plateau is thickly forested, containing some good species of timber.

The total population of this Division is 2683.

Patrol Diary.

Saturday 10th. April, 1965.

Departed Karimui 0900 hrs. for Dibe via Boisamalu and Iogoramalu, arrived DIBE 1515 hrs. Camped in rest house. Food purchased. Talked to village officials.

Sunday 11th. April, 1965.

Census revision of DIBE and SOGO No. 1 groups. Talks given on H.L.S., decimal currency, village hygiene etc. Medical treatments given. Marriage dispute resolved. Census statistics compiled. Slept Dibe.

Monday 12th. April.

Rain. Left Dibe at 0845, arrived IOGOROMALU at 0945, track fair and being improved. Camped in rest house. Further rain delayed census until 1230 hrs. Census of DAIA group completed, then heavy rain fell. Census of remaining 3 groups deferred until to-morrow. Daia statistics compiled.

Tuesday 13th. April.

Census revised for MAIA, KOROBAME, & WAIME census units. Talks on H.L.S., decimal currency, village cleanliness etc. Medical treatments given. Departed Iogoramalu at 1115 hrs, arrived BOISAMALU 1330 hrs. in heavy rain. Camped in rest house. Food bought. Statistics for abovementioned groups compiled.

Wednesday 14th. April.

Census revised for BOISAMALU, HAU, KAUAUBO and SOPORO census units. Usual talks on H.L.S., decimal currency, village cleanliness. Medical treatments given. Former tul-tul Pebi presented with Luluai badge and his duties were outlined. Census statistics compiled. Slept Boisamalu.

Thursday 15th. April.

Departed Boisamalu 0745 hrs., inspected work on the track en route and arrived Karimui 0930 hrs. Carriers paid.

16th. - 20th. April - Easter - observed at Karimui.

Wednesday 21st. April.

To Nolu and Kurubei. Census revised for KILIBARI and MEDIA census units. Usual talks given and returned to Karimui in afternoon. Census figures compiled.

Thursday 22nd. April.

To MEIU, census for MEIU and SOLITA revised. Talks given also medical treatments. To PERIA where census revised, talks given and medical treatments dispensed. Returned in afternoon to Karimui and census figures compiled.

23rd.-26th. April - Station duties and Anzac Day weekend at Karimui.

Tuesday 27th. April.

To IUDO, census revised for MAIYO, MOIYO, SOGO No. 2, YAUWIYO and HOLAIO. Usual talks on H.L.S., decimal currency, village hygiene etc. Medical treatments by S.D.A. Orderly based at Iudo. Returned to Karimui in late afternoon.

Wednesday 28th. April.

To WENAIYO - census revised for WENA group, talks, medical treatments etc. Thence to HWAIYO where census revision conducted, talks given and medical treatments given. Finally to WALIYO - census revised, usual talks given also medical treatments. Returned to station in afternoon and census figures compiled.

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Native Affairs.

The patrol was well received at all villages. On the whole the Karimui people are quite friendly and ~~xxx~~ reasonable sort of people. Initially they are willing and even enthusiastic to co-operate in projects designed to improve their area such as improving roads and tracks, however their enthusiasm tends to wane fairly rapidly but perhaps this can be partly attributed to the generally poor standard of health of these people. One cannot expect a sick person to work as well or as enthusiastically as a healthy person.

Several disputes were brought to me during the patrol and were settled satisfactorily. The Karimui people seem reluctant to bring complaints to Court, however I have noticed over the past couple of months, an increase in the number of disputes being brought to the station for arbitration.

The people of this area do not show any great desire to advance themselves and are inclined to take things easy, although they do grasp at opportunities to earn money. Even in this regard it is rare, for example, for a man to work as a labourer on the station for more than a month at a time. At the end of a month he collects his pay and returns to the village for a long period of recuperation. Former coastal plantation labourers have been known to work for several months at a time, however. However it should be pointed out that the avenues open to the people to advance themselves are extremely limited, perhaps their attitude will change if and when more avenues of development are found for the area.

On the whole I would say that the native affairs situation in this Division is quite good.

Villages and Village Officials.

Most villages are in fair condition but there remains a lot of room for improvement. Talks were given on the value of village cleanliness, hygiene etc. and instructions were left where necessary to improve sanitation, housing etc. The people were warned that in future neglect of these instructions would result in the offenders appearing in the C.N.A.

In the past, the people of this area have been discouraged from building the traditional rounded style houses (KERIBEI) as they were large communal structures. However their attempts to build rectangular, individual houses has resulted, in the main, in draughty, leaky structures being built. They are now reverting to the traditional style but scaled down to smaller houses, containing two families. This trend is being encouraged as a weatherproof structure and a more pleasing style is the result.

Village officials seem to be doing a good job in most cases. In nearly every village the present officials requested that additional village officials be appointed to assist them. Several new appointments seem necessary and this matter will be taken up with the A.D.C., Goroka in separate correspondence.

Health.

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A glance at the census statistics/the standard of health of these people to be quite poor. A comparison of some figures is tabulated below.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BIRTH RATE</u>	<u>DEATH RATE</u>	<u>% INCREASE</u>
1963	6.6%	4.7%	1.9
1964	4.28%	3.13%	1.15
1965	3.16%	3.61%	.45 Decrease.

Health (Cont.)

Regarding the lower birth rate, it should be noted that the 1964 census patrol was completed in September and thus a higher birth rate (and death rate) would be expected if this census had been conducted later in the year. The period of time between the 1963 and 1964 census was approximately one year.

However the excess of deaths over births revealed by this census is quite disturbing. It seems that in addition to the usual high incidence of sickness and resulting death, that there were a couple of epidemics of various types last year which would account for the increased death rate. In particular an outbreak of suspected dysentery accounted for the deaths of about 10 children at WALIYO late last year.

The actual total population remained static at the 1964 figure of 2,683, the natural decrease being offset by a few new names and an excess of migrations in over migrations out.

It seems to me that the medical services in this area could be organized on a more rational basis. The Administration has recently established an Aid Post on the station, and the S.D.A. maintain an Aid Post just off the government station, also one at IUDO Village. The S.D.A. Mission formerly maintained an Aid Post at IOGORAMALU but it has not been staffed for more than a year (refer also KARIMUI P/R 1-64/5, para. 10). It would seem more sensible if the S.D.A. Mission were to close their Aid Post near Karimui station and transfer the Orderly to IOGORAMALU. This would then give the entire Division a fairly good distribution of medical facilities.

In addition to the above facilities, T.B. and Leprosy survey patrols are made every six months but these are primarily research projects and are not concerned with the general health situation.

The Aid Post Orderlies are hampered in their activities by the attitude of the people, who often do not seek medical treatment for the sick and frequently neglect to return for necessary follow up treatment after their initial visit. This situation will slowly be rectified with more explanatory talks.

A.P.O. LILI of the P.H.D. Aid Post, Karimui accompanied the patrol and dispensed treatments.

Agriculture and Livestock.

Quite a variety of crops grow in this area, the main ones being kau-kau, sago, taro, bananas, corn and sugar cane. Pigs are fairly numerous and are hunted to provide a useful supplement to the diet. Not much is done in the way of looking after pigs, generally they run wild in the bush.

The soil appears to be very fertile and it would seem that any economic development will be in the agricultural field.

Despite repeated recommendations by previous Officers-in-Charge, no survey has been carried out by D.A.S.F. to date. It is hoped that this situation will be remedied. Even if cash cropping is not feasible due to transport costs etc., I would like to see some assistance given in the way of improving subsistence crops and introducing additional subsistence crops to provide a balanced diet.

Roads and Bridges.

Thirteen of the twenty three census units are linked by a vehicular road to the Patrol Post. The road route leading to the remaining units located to the west of the station has been cleared but a number of deep gorges, the Boisa and the Nami gorge in particular, have frustrated all attempts to complete this road. With an allocation of funds and shovels, I believe a road could be cut into the Boisa gorge, but the Nami gorge would require expert investigation and surveying. This would be a worthwhile project as once these gorges are bridged the road system can be extended into the Daribi Census Division, linking the 2,600 people of that area to Karimui.

Existing roads around Karimui have been neglected of

Roads and Bridges (Cont.)

late and have become overgrown, also pigs have damaged some sections. Work is in hand to effect the necessary maintenance on the roads. The people have been advised to fence off the roads where practicable, to keep pigs off them.

Missions.

The Lutheran and Seventh Day Adventist Missions operate in this area.

Evangelists of the Lutheran Mission are supervised by Rev. K. Mesplay, Karepa near Karimui.

A native Pastor at Iudo supervises S.D.A. activities and the Minister from Goroka makes sporadic visits of inspection.

At this stage neither Mission would appear to have many true adherents.

Education.

The Lutheran Mission operate a small Primary 'T' School at Karepa, teaching Prep. and Standard 1. A few promising students have been sent to Lutheran Schools in the Chuave and Kundiawa areas for further schooling.

The S.D.A. Mission also run a small school near the Patrol Post.

Census and Statistics.

The main trends revealed by the census statistics were dealt with under the heading Health.

Decimal Currency.

An introductory talk was given at all census units on the introduction of decimal currency. The basic essentials of the system and the changeover were explained. However farther explanation will be necessary when the changeover becomes a reality.

Highland Labour Scheme.

At the conclusion of census revision, a talk was given on the advantages of the H.L.S. and names of volunteers were then taken.

Working on the basis of 1/3rd. of the 16 - 45 male age group and taking into account those already absent, the availability figure for the census division was 70. However this is not a true figure as a proportion of those in the abovementioned age group are not able-bodied; it is impossible to fix an exact figure. The names of 41 volunteers were taken and three were later rejected as medically unfit. Thus a total of 38 volunteers were sent out for employment under the H.L.S.

In a couple of villages to the west of the station, notably Dibe, there was a reluctance to volunteer as two men have died recently at the place of their coastal employment. In other cases all suitable single men have been recruited and many married men were reluctant to leave their families for two years.

Conclusion.

This patrol was of a routine nature, its main object being the revision of the census, which was satisfactorily completed.

In addition it afforded me the opportunity to become properly acquainted with the area and people surrounding the Patrol Post.

Regular and constant contact is maintained with a good proportion of the population as 13 census units are connected

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Conclusion (Cont.)

by road to the station and they are all within 90 minutes walk. The remaining 10 units to the west are not far away in terms of distance but are made more remote by the intervening gorges previously mentioned. Even so village officials from these units often visit the station.

Perhaps the most important matter revealed by this census patrol is the poor standard of health of the people in the area.

Secondly the need for an investigation into the agricultural potential of this area.

Thirdly the desirability of an accurate road survey to be made between Karimui and Iogoramalu, with particular attention to the Boisa and Nami gorges.

The co-operation of the appropriate technical Departments will be necessary to finalize these matters.

Comments on R.P. & N.G.C. personnel accompanying the patrol have been entered on their Records of Service and Forms R/S1 have been sent to the Commissioner of Police, Konedobu.

A. S. Wright
(A. S. WRIGHT)
Patrol Officer.

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Addendum to Karimui Patrol Report 4-64/5.

List of H.L.S. Volunteers required by D.C.'s 60-4-1 of 2-4-65.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FATHER'S NAME</u>	<u>CENSUS UNIT</u>
YOMANI	IBULI	KILIBARI
AIBE	TAIYUMA	SOGO NO. 1
YABEI	HOBE	"
BARU	WESINUKIA	"
MOISA	DIBE	DIBE
MAMABIRI	DABEI	NAIYO
BOWIA	YOGOMA	"
WESAMO	YOGOMA	"
ORIRARI	OGI	"
WEIBAI	ZGAIYANO	"
WEAROA	SOWA	"
SEBELE	SEKI	"
PEBIRI	UMANI	"
KIRA	MIYA	"
YARIBEI	KAIYESU	HOIAIYO
KAIYAU	SUGAIYA	"
BAIYABE	HARUWEI	"
POGUNI	MANAGIA	"
DOWABE	DUBE	"
SERARIBEI	HASAWAI	"
SONO	KALEPA	MOIYO
ALINIA	HARARI	"
PALIKENA	MENAMI	"
SEHA	AIWA	SOGO NO. 2
HABIA	SEBELE	"
BORIA	DWALIA	WENA
PORIA	NOWA	"
DCHUA	YOWAI	"
SOLIBEI	HAIYBI	"
NAGALUA	WOWI	"
HEHUAI	WEAI	"
WEYAI	MU	WALIYO
WALU	NOWA	"
WEIBE	SOLIDAI	"
DAISALI	KAGI	"
WEAI	HUYOWAI	SOLITA
DOWABE	HABA	"
SIRABE	KAUSA	HWAIYO

The above listed have been passed medically fit and have already been sent out to Goroka. Three others were rejected as medically unfit and another went back to his village (Sogo No. 1) before the medical inspection.

Amount
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to Store



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of **EASTERN HIGHLANDS** Report No. **KARIMUI NO. 5 of 6** 65

Patrol Conducted by **A.S. WRIGHT** PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled **BOMAI CENSUS DIVISION**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **no**

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

Duration—From **21/5/1965** to **4/6/1965**

Number of Days **15**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **no**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **6/1964**

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

Map Reference **SKETCH MAP ATTACHED**

Objects of Patrol **1. CENSUS REVISION. 2. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.**
3. FAMILIARISATION WITH AREA.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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[Signature]
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....
Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund

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Over 13		Females in Child Birth	M
M	F		

67-13-75

16th July, 1965.

District Commissioner,
Eastern Highlands District,
GOROKA.

KARIMWI PATROL REPORT NO. 5-64/65

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a patrol report by Mr. Wright covered by your memorandum 67-13-2 of 30th June, 1965.

2. Mr. Wright has done a thorough patrol and has written a clear and informative report.

3. Your comments and those of the Assistant District Commissioner have been noted and I agree with them.

T. G. Atchison,
A/DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams
Telephone
Our Reference 67-13-2
If calling ask for
Mr.

Department of District Administration,
GOROKA,
Eastern Highlands District.

30th June, 1965.



The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KORODOBU.

PATROL REPORT - KARIMUI No. 5 of 64-65

The abovementioned Report submitted by Mr. Patrol Officer Wright, together with copy of covering comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Goroka, are forwarded herewith. Some additional comments follow.

Native Affairs:

There is little possibility of offering the Bomai people any increased development apart from concentrating on law and order and possibly improved health services. The matter has previously been discussed with the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries, but due to commitments elsewhere this Department is unable to take any developmental action in the Bomai area. The relative inaccessibility of the area also precludes normal development.

Villages and Village Officials:

I agree that the advantages of consolidated settlements are outweighed by health hazards associated with encouraged close settlement. The native people will find their own level of closer settlement at a later date;

Census:

The administrative border between the Western Highlands and Eastern Highlands Districts was clearly laid down some years ago. The problem currently being experienced is due to the fact that these people are semi-nomadic and spend part of their time in the Minj Sub-District and part of their time in the Bomai area. It appears that until closer contact can be arranged this situation will continue. I have no objection to the two Unani Census Units of Olubei and Auwihu being reorganized into four Units;

It is pleasing to note that the falling off in the death rate now means that the population in the Bomai area is on the increase. For some years a definite decrease was apparent;

Missions:

The Swiss Evangelical Field Mission from Minj has now applied for an area of ground near the Bomai airstrip to enable the setting up of a Mission Station;

Roads and Bridges:

The provision of a suitable bridge across the Tua River will be investigated and this matter is being taken up with the Regional Engineer, Goroka;

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Agriculture and Livestock:

A soil survey of the Bomai area was carried out by the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries and the report revealed that the soils are of poor quality and recommended no further investigations in this area for the immediate future;

Highland Labour Scheme:

Arrangements are being made for the uplifting of twenty-seven volunteers;

General:

Mr. Wright has written a clear and informative report. The numbering of paragraphs throughout the report would assist with reference to comments.

A. F. Gow
(A. F. GOW)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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The copy report, in duplicate, submitted by Mr. Wright, District Officer, is forwarded for your information and further action, please.

Under the existing Allowance to the District Officer's Office, it would be appreciated if the District Officer could be authorized to incur the cost of the Stationery and Printing for the report of the Soil Survey of the Bomai area, as this is a necessary expense and the amount is small.

The District Officer is requested to advise the District Commissioner of the progress of the work and the results of the survey.

Yours faithfully,
District Commissioner.

In regard to the 27 copies of reports, the District Officer is requested to advise the District Commissioner of the progress of the work and the results of the survey.

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Yours faithfully,
District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Headquarters,
GOROKA.
Eastern Highlands District.

22nd June, 1965.

District Commissioner,
GOROKA.....E.H.D.

PATROL REPORT - KARIMUI 5/64-65.

The above Report, in duplicate, submitted by Mr. A. Wright, Patrol Officer, is forwarded for your information and further action, please.

Claims for Camping Allowance are also enclosed for certification of Officer incurring expense. It would be appreciated if the Claim in respect of Gorie could be returned to Karimui for payment out of the Station Advance as this Officer is a 'marksman' and does not operate a cheque account.

Some comments follow:

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

a satisfactory situation appears to exist and the need for some form of development in the Bomai is well known.

VILLAGES.

Until the malarial eradication programme is entirely completed it would be unwise to encourage these people to congregate in communal villages.

CENSUS.

In regard to the AU Group of people, this question has been raised as a result of earlier Patrols (Karimui No. 6/62-63) and correspondence arose e.g. Sub-District Office memo 67-13-2 of 18 June, 63, District Office memo 67-13-2 of 26 July, 63, wherein it was stated that the AU Group were being visited by Officers from Minj, W.H.D. However this does not appear to be the case. Could some directive as to the administration of these people be obtained, please? The re-organisation of the UNANI People is recommended.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The question of a wire suspension bridge over the Tus River has also been raised in earlier correspondence and reports (Karimui 6/62-63) and District Office memo 67-13-2 of 8th July, 1963 but it appears no action has yet been taken. Could this matter be raised again, please.

HIGHLAND LABOUR SCHEME.

Advice as to when these volunteers will be required and the method of uplifting them would be appreciated.

R. W. B. GORAN
(R.W. B. GORAN)

Assistant District Commissioner

cc P.C.I.C. KARIMUI.

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Introduction.

The Bomai Census Division is located to the west of Karimui and it is an extension of the Karimui plateau, but the two areas are separated by the deep Tua river gorge. Geographically the two areas are very similar, the terrain is fairly level but deep gorges cut across the plateau which is thickly forested.

The population of this large area is only 655 persons.

Patrol Diary.

Friday 21st. May. 1965.

T.A.L. Cessna arrived about 1400 hrs. Patrol gear and personnel to UNANI airstrip in two trips. Largish crowd assembled to welcome us. Talked to V.O.'s and villagers and P.H.D. malaria eradication staff. Camped in Unani Rest House.

Saturday 22nd. May.

Informal talks with the officials and people. Asked for any complaints or disputes to be brought forward - none were forthcoming. Slept Unani.

Sunday 23rd. May.

Observed at Unani.

Monday 24th. May.

Census revision at Unani - basically a shambles with duplicated entries and a number of people who say they were censused before but no trace of their names in the T/C Register. Also a number of new names. Talks given on H.L.S., decimal currency, village hygiene and malaria eradication programme.

Tuesday 25th. May.

Moved to SIRUKA which is about 2 1/2 hours walk from Unani. Food purchased etc. One dispute settled. Slept Siruka.

Wednesday 26th. May.

Census revision at Siruka for Marizegu and Wabiari census units. Talks given on village hygiene, H.L.S., decimal currency and malaria eradication programme. Mr. Tanagan of Malaria Eradication Service arrived ex Unani and Kundiawa to check on the administration of drugs etc. He then returned to Unani. Census figures extracted. Slept Siruka.

Thursday 27th. May.

Departed Siruka about 0920 hrs. as rain cleared, followed muddy track to TALABAKUL arriving 1130 hrs. Camped in R/H. Informal talks with the people and officials. 1 C.N.A. - adultery - conviction, fine imposed. Slept Talabakul.

Friday 28th. May.

Census revision at Talabakul for Awiku, Bakane and Koikomkane census units. Usual round of talks given. Census statistics extracted. Slept Talabakul.

Saturday 29th. May.

Steady rain, cleared to a drizzle by 1100 hrs. when we departed for Boipo, arriving there at 1230 hrs. after 1½ hours of sloshing through the mud. De-leached ourselves and camped in the rest house. Slept Boipo.

Sunday 30th. May.

Census revised at Boipo - a very small line and are actually part of the Awiku census unit of Talabakul. Usual talks given. Two men returned from the Tua River to tell us that the river was too high to build a bridge and flowing too swiftly to raft across. Census statistics compiled.

Monday 31st. May.

Light rain, departed Boipo 0900 hrs, returned to Siruka via Talabakul (1030 hrs.) arriving at 1245 hrs. (cargo 1315 hrs.) C.N.A. in afternoon, 8 men convicted of riotous behaviour and a fine imposed on each. Slept Siruka.

Tuesday 1st. June.

Departed Siruka about 0900 hrs. Checked and advised on work of improving the walking track en route, arriving at Unani at 1115 hrs. (cargo 1130 hrs.) Camp set up in R/H. Supervised roadwork in afternoon. Slept Unani.

Wednesday 2nd. June.

All day spent in supervising the work on the Unani-Siruka track. Slept Unani.

Thursday 3rd. June.

Roadwork supervision all day. Carriers paid. Informal talks with the people and V.O.'s after work.

Friday 4th. June.

At Unani, patrol gear packed up, T.A.L. Cessna in about 1230 hrs. Personnel and gear to Karimui in two trips. Patrol stood down.

Native Affairs.

The patrol was accorded a friendly reception at all times. The Bomai people, few in number, are not visited very frequently by patrols and always, it seems, are appreciative of a visit.

Unfortunately the Bomai, like the Karimui area has not progressed economically at all, due mainly to its remoteness from market outlets and there is little we can do for these people, apart from providing them with the basic benefits of Administration - impartial justice; ways and means of improving their everyday life way of life, such as good walking tracks, sanitation etc.

The people are very pro-Administration in outlook and look to us to bring about an improvement in their economy. They asked for a Patrol Officer to be stationed at Unani but it was explained to them that lack of staff would not permit this. They then asked for a native policeman to be stationed there but it was explained that this was not Administration policy.

Their current attitudes then are very pleasing but we must expect a deterioration in these attitudes unless some form of development can be found for the area.

Like the Karimui area there appears to be comparatively little crime committed, although eight men were convicted of riotous behaviour as a result of a brawl which arose out of deciding who should build a new rest house at Siruka.

Villages and Village Officials.

There are no true villages in the Bomai, in some cases a few houses are grouped together, in other parts individual houses are scattered through the bush. Traditional style communal houses, the two storey Sigibel and the single storey Keribel, are still built as well as rectangular structures. Most houses are raised from the ground.

There would appear to me, at this stage, to be no purpose in encouraging consolidation into villages, as has been done around Karimui. The advantages of consolidated settlements are outweighed, in my opinion, by the risk of infectious diseases spreading more easily through villages. Therefore no advice or directives have been given in this regard.

Village officials in the area appear to be performing their duties satisfactorily. Several new appointments are necessary and will be recommended in separate correspondence.

Census and Statistics.

Revision of the census at Unani was a confusing affair. According to the records there are two census units - Oludabel and Auwihu, but in fact there are four distinct groups - Oludabel, Awiku (or Nolu), Ariku and Wabiari. The latter group ~~is~~ was part of the Wabiari census unit located at Siruka, apparently Tal-tal Pisamo moved from Siruka to Unani with some of the Wabiari people. They were included in the Oludabel census unit by the 1963 census patrol. They wish to be considered as a separate unit.

The Awiku and Ariku groups have been lumped together under the name of Auwihu, what I don't know. To add to the confusion some 18 people of the Ariku group claimed they had been censused before but no record could be found of this; similarly 14 people of the Awiku group claim they were censused previously but their names could not be found. A further 14 people of the Ariku group, who say they come from an area known as YASA, about 1 day's walk from Unani in the general direction of Pangia (S.H.D.), turned up for the first time and their names were recorded.

Therefore it is recommended that the two Unani census units of Oludabel and Auwihu be re-organized into four units - Oludabel, Wabiari, Ariku and Nolu. The alternative name Nolu is recommended for the Awiku group as there is a census unit Ariku located at Talabakul.

Census and Statistics (Cont.)

I was also informed that a group known as AU, located on the western side of Mt. Au, have not been censused or visited by a patrol for several years. It seems that this group would be accessible from MERU Rest House in the Minj area (about 4 hrs. walk) or from DEGI Rest House in the Gumine area (about 8 hrs. walk). It is recommended that the appropriate office be notified; it would seem to me to be in the Minj Administrative Area.

This census revealed a total population of 648, an increase of 68 over the 1964 figure. This increase was mainly made up of new names recorded at Unani, although many of these claimed they had been censused before. This together with a number of duplicated entries and other errors in the T/C sheets makes an accurate reconciliation of the 1964 and 1965 statistics impossible.

There were a total of 27 births and 19 deaths, giving a birth rate of 4.16% and a death rate of 2.93%. This is a considerable improvement in the situation of previous years and I think the lower death rate can largely be attributed to the activities of the P.H.D. Malaria Control Assistants and Medical Orderlies working in the area.

Health.

The general health of these people seems reasonable and thanks to the malaria eradication campaign currently proceeding, should improve. The P.H.D. Malaria Service operating from Iundiawa has sprayed houses etc. throughout the area and anti-malarial drugs have been distributed to the people. The people have co-operated fairly well in this project. The campaign is in its last three months of operation with drugs being taken by the people on a weekly basis. The malaria workers have been able to detect and treat other diseases too.

In addition to the malaria service workers, there is an A.P.O. stationed at Unani and also one at Talabakul. For a population of 650 this is, of course, very good and it is to be hoped that P.H.D. maintains these Posts to ensure that re-infection of the area does not occur after the malaria service moves out.

Missions.

There are no Missions established in the area although a representative of the Swiss Evangelical Field Mission from Minj has made a few visits, and a native teacher from this Mission has started a school of doubtful educational value at Unani.

Europeans.

Mr. J. Durbridge resides on an agricultural lease at Unani and has tried several crops, passionfruit seems to be his main crop at the moment. At the time of my visit he was absent and I understand he will be away for some months.

Airstrip.

The Unani airstrip, of Category D standard, is in good condition although drainage could be improved and some erosion has occurred on the sides at the northern end of the strip. However it remains in a good serviceable condition.

Roads and Bridges.

There are no vehicular roads in the Bomai area and walking tracks are poor. The people have been advised to improve these tracks and the last couple of days of the patrol were spent in supervising this work. The people seem quite enthused with the idea and it is hoped that their enthusiasm lasts the distance.

Roads and Bridges (Cont.)

Owing to the deep gorges in the area it would be difficult to link the census units by a vehicular road, if and when it is considered necessary.

Access to the Bomai Division is normally gained by means of a cane suspension bridge across the Tua River, however it was washed away some months ago and because of the high state of the river has not yet been replaced. Accordingly air transport was used by this patrol.

This bridge has never been satisfactory, damage and washaways occur frequently and a number of lives have been lost over the years by natives attempting to bridge or raft across the river. It is essential that a more permanent and safer bridge be built and it is requested that P.W.D. be asked to construct a wire suspension bridge over the Tua.

Agriculture and Livestock.

This area is similar in topography, climate and soils to the Karimui plateau and would appear to have good agricultural potential. I understand a comprehensive soil survey was carried out in the Bomai but I am not aware of the results or recommendations, if any, which arose out of this survey.

Sweet potato is the staple crop of the area and is supplemented by taro and various greens.

Pigs are fairly numerous and the Luluai at Unani owns two head of cattle.

Education.

There are no schools in the area apart from the one mentioned under the heading of Missions.

Rest Houses.

A new rest house has recently been erected at Unani and patrol accommodation at all places was satisfactory.

Decimal Currency.

The people were advised of the impending currency changeover and the basic essentials of the new system were explained. Little interest was shown and they did not seem at all apprehensive about this development.

Highland Labour Scheme.

The advantages of the H.L.S. were outlined and volunteers were called for and a total of 27 names were recorded.

Taking into account those already absent there is an availability of 45 in this census division. Naturally enough many married men are reluctant to volunteer and I think the response was quite good. A list of volunteers is appended.

Word can be sent to Unani when they are required and they could be flown out gradually on the regular weekly service, although loading from Karimui would restrict their movement out of Bomai.

Conclusion.

This patrol was not hurried and apart from revising the census, we were able to organize the commencement of work on building good walking tracks, which are sorely needed in this area.

The re-organization of the Unani census units as outlined under the heading, Census and Statistics, is most necessary, in my opinion and if approved should be implemented by the next census patrol. It will necessitate compiling new Tax-Census Sheets at the next census.

Conclusion (Cont.)

The construction of a permanent bridge across the Tua River is essential if the area is to be effectively administered from Karimui. A safe means of crossing the river would also be much appreciated by the local people. This project would need to be supervised by a technical member of the Department of Public Works.

Comments on R.P. & N.G.C. personnel accompanying the patrol have been entered on their records of service and Forms R/S 1 have been sent to the Commissioner of Police, Konedobu.

1. STABE	YEST
2. SUTABE	YEST
3. WILW	YEST
4. ISITHI	YEST
5. BILLAG	YEST
6. WNO	YEST
7. BAURA	YEST
8. BALLE	YEST
9. TALI	YEST
10. SUITENA	YEST
11. SUITEN	YEST
12. SARI	YEST
13. SARA	YEST
14. BACHAI	YEST
15. TUBAI	YEST
16. AL	YEST
17. HUBER	YEST
18. SINA	YEST
19. TAYI	YEST
20. SATHI	YEST
21. SATHI	YEST
22. WABA	YEST

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List of F.I.S. Volunteers required by D.C.'s 60-4-1 of 2-4-65.

<u>NAME.</u>	<u>FATHERS NAME.</u>	<u>CENSUS UNIT.</u>
1. GEWAI	MALURA	AUWIHU
2. DUDE	MAIYA	"
3. SALO	PAGIBA	"
4. KELI	MONBI	"
5. SAI	TABAYYA	"
6. HUABE	YAGI	"
7. SOLIABO	HUAIKIDU	"
8. WILU	BAIYEBE	"
9. IULIBI	KAMANI	AWIKU
10. BILIAGO	EBIDUA	"
11. HOMU	MOGA	"
12. HAUBA	MULIPA	"
13. BALIA	MIGA	BAKANE
14. TALI	HORUWAI	"
15. KOIYEBBA	HOIYALIBE	"
16. GEGIBO	GENANI	"
17. BARU	TOINIGIA	"
18. GALA	WABA	MARIMEGU
19. BALIBEI	MEGAI	"
20. YOBAL	YABALI	"
21. AU	SOALI	OLUDABEI
22. SESIEA	MOLOBAGI	"
23. SIBA	KUI	"
24. TANGI	KORA	"
25. MABEI	BOGORABE	"
26. SABILI	KAUWILI	"
27. WABIA	DONOGC	WABIARI

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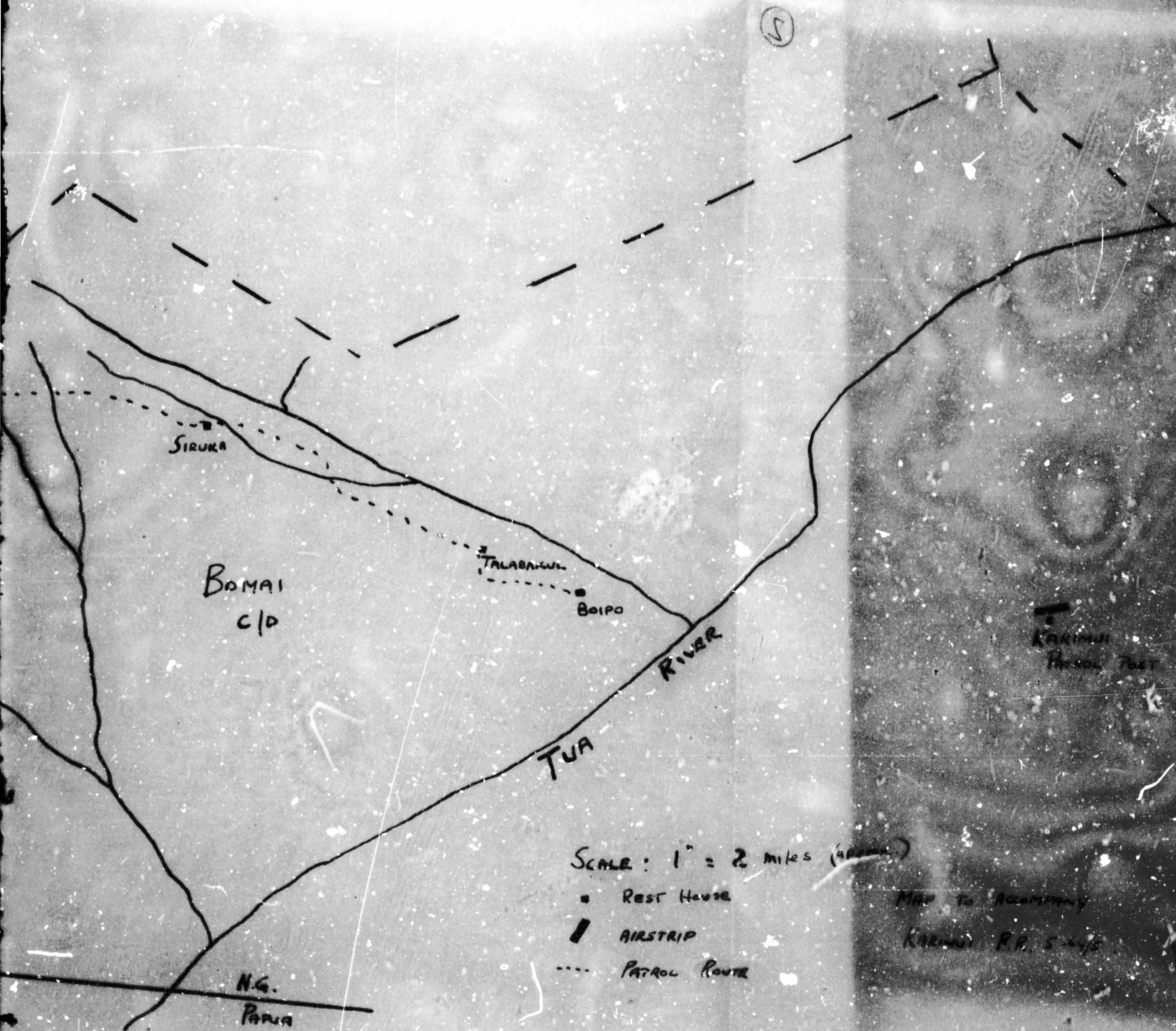
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BAIPO

TUA
RIVER

N.G.
PARIA

SCALE: 1" = 2 miles
● Rest House
■ AIRSTRIP
○ Patrol House



SCALE: 1" = 2 miles (approx.)

- REST HOUSE
- ▬ AIRSTRIIP
- PATROL ROUTE

MAP TO ACCOMPANY
KARIMUN P.P. 5-46