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EASTERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1964/1965

KEROWAGI & GEMBOGL

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
<u>GEMBOGL</u>		
1 - 1964/1965	W.H. Biscoe	Niglkande Census Div.
2 - 1964/1965	W.H. Bisco & R. Orreill	Bendam, Womatne
6 - 1964/1965	H.L. Dreise	Mitnande Census Div . (Keglsugl Airstrip)
<u>KEROWAGI</u>		
1 - 1964/1965	J. Biltris	Kerowagi Sec.of Waghi Valley
2 - 1964/1965	D.Lewis	Kup Census Div.
6 - 1964/1965	A. Akins	Kup Census Div & West Koronigl.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of... EASTERN HIGHLANDS ..... Report No. GEMBOGL 1/64-65 .....

Patrol Conducted by... W.H. BISCOE, PATROL OFFICER .....

Area Patrolled... NIGLKANDE CENSUS DIVISION .....

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

Natives... Interpreter KAWGLA, 1 member R.P. & N.G.C. ....

Duration—From... 13./... 3./19.64... to... 18./... 3./19... 64 .....

Number of Days... EIGHT .....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany... NO .....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services... FEB /...../19... 64 .....

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

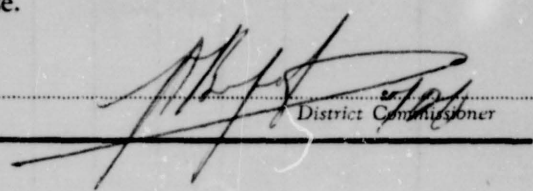
Map Reference... FOURMIL RAMU, MILINCH BUNDI .....

Objects of Patrol... ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION .....

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

22/10/1964

  
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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67-13-11

23rd November, 1964

The District Commissioner,  
Eastern Highlands District,  
GOBOKA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1-1964/65 - GEMBOGL

Receipt of the abovementioned report and covering comment is acknowledged with thanks.

I am gratified to note that pyrethrum is being extended in the upper Chimbu and that there is a ready market for all onions that can be grown.

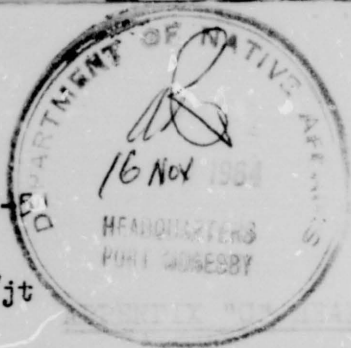
I agree with the Assistant District Officer's remarks in relation to the peoples attitude towards councillors. I hope the necessary instruction has been given the Wonggamagl Councillors.

Keep your officers moving amongst the people.

The peoples attitude towards tax is the same as that in our society.

I am pleased that Mr. Biscoe has recorded facets of the peoples lives and their attitudes in this report - it reveals he takes a keen interest in his job.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR



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GPB/jt

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District Office,  
Chimbu Division,  
Eastern Highlands District,  
KUNDIAWA.

22nd October, 1964.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.

GEMBØGL PATROL REPORT 1-64/65

The above mentioned Patrol Report is forwarded herewith, delay in forwarding is regretted. A copy of the Assistant District Officer's comments are attached.

I have the following comments to make:-

1. There is no preamble to the Patrol Report as required by Standing Instructions.
2. No map accompanies the report as required by Standing Instructions.
3. NATIVE AFFAIRS

Covered adequately by the Assistant District Officer. The Attitude of the Yonggamugl Councillors has been dealt with in separate correspondence, refer my 51-2-2 and your 51-1-15 of 6th October, 1964. It is anticipated that a Council survey of this area will commence in December or January. Pyrethrum is a developing industry in the Upper Chimbu and there is a readymarked for all onions that can be grown. During the last financial year over £3,000 was paid into the upper Chimbu area by the Administration alone, for purchase of fresh native foods, firewood, pit sawn timber, onions and pyrethrum and road works etc.,

4. ROADS

The Assistant District Officer has instructed the Patrolling Officer to make special submissions for funds for road development and bridges. The KANGGIRI road has been brought to the attention of the District Economic Development Committee, and limited funds are expected to be allocated by the District Commissioner. This road could eventually link across the range to the BOGO road which runs from Kerowagi up the Koronigl Valley. There are extensive timber resources in the Upper Koronigl Valley, which the District Economic Development Committee has requested the Forestry Officer at Goroka to investigate. The GOROMAGU-ASARO road requires much more investigation before serious thought can be given to it.

5. APPENDIX "A" EDUCATION

A copy of this Appendix is being forwarded to the District Inspector, once again the problem is the availability of trained teachers.

6. APPENDIX "B" AGRICULTURE

A copy of this appendix is being forwarded to the District Agriculture Officer. There is an Agriculture Officer stationed at Gembogl. He is more or less fully occupied with pyrethrum and onion development.

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7. APPENDIX "C" HEALTH

A copy of this appendix has been forwarded to the District Medical Officer for his information.

8. APPENDIX "E"

This information should have been forwarded by separate memoranda on the relevant Land files. The information contained is being forwarded to the Director of Lands.

9. APPENDIX "F"

This information should have been forwarded by separate memorandum on the appropriate file. The Assistant District Officer Kundiawa, is being instructed to take appropriate action where necessary.

G.R. BURFOOT  
a/DISTRICT OFFICER



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Sub-District Office,  
Kundiawa,  
Chimbu Sub-District.

1st August 1964

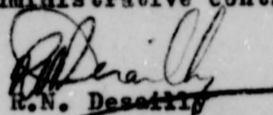
District Officer,  
Kundiawa

GEMBOGL PATROL No.1 of 1964/65

A report on the above patrol is forwarded herewith.

Although the situation described is not as good as it might be, it is hoped that vigorous field and patrol work will bring an improvement. Opposition to councils and fear of taxes are common enough at this stage, but experience elsewhere seems to indicate that with careful handling the people will have a change of heart before we are in a position to start a council at Gembogl - particularly if Mr Biscoe continues to explain the functions and benefits. I will attend the next meeting of the Yonggamugl Council to speak on the allegations reported in the first paragraph on page 5. Such reports are often exaggerated or made up to cover real reasons for certain attitudes, but in the light of Mr Biscoe's personal experience it is apparent that the Yonggamugl councillors need a little straight talking concerning the powers and proper functions of councillors.

I hope soon to spend a few days in the Gembogl area, and may then have an opportunity to speak with some of the people on matters raised by the reporting officer, but my first impression is that Mr Biscoe has a good grasp of the situation and will probably do well if he is able to spend enough time in the field. It may be possible, later, to spare a cadet to work with Mr Biscoe - it would be good experience for him and also increase the amount of administrative contact with the people.

  
R.N. Desailly

Assistant District Officer

NIGLKANDE CENSUS DIVISION.

INTRODUCTION:

This patrol was routine, with the main purpose of administration. The area will be patrolled again next month for the purposes of census-taking, but as the NIGLKANDE has been rather neglected for some considerable time, due to election duties, it was decided to take the opportunity of doing a quick patrol of one night in each Resthouse.

Apart from routine administration, some time was spent in general road maintenance and in marking a bench for a new side-road to the KANGGIRI area.

One Constable, one Interpreter and thirteen carriers from place to place accompanied the patrol, which lasted eight days.

Thursday, 14th August, 1964. Talks as usual; used first-aid treatment for minor injuries, diseases, disputes. Request for an Aid Post to be set up here. Left TOKMI 1415, arrived DUSKPASE 1530 after inspection of Toki Stores on route. ---ooOoo--- people present. Tapes-recorder played and discussed with people. Night at DUSKPASE.

Friday, 15th August, 1964. Talks as usual with people. Not over-enthusiastic about Aid Post here. Minor disputes heard and settled. Left DUSKPASE 1430, some time spent searching for new site for Chishu River bridge, thence to GOSOMASU, arriving 1500. As usual, few people. Played tape-recorder and inspected Aid Post - complaint of lack of support. Night at GOSOMASU.

Saturday, 16th August, 1964. Talks as usual. More enthusiasm than usual here. Request for a second Aid Post. Arranged for rebuilding of bridge to connect Hosing with. Numerous petty disputes - mainly debts and robbery. Left GOSOMASU 1300, via AMGASARE to GOSLME, arriving 1400 in pouring rain. Absolutely no preparations for patrol's arrival despite specific warning. Visited Catholic Mission. Night at GOSLME.

Sunday, 16th August, 1964. Waited for people to finish Sunday services, then talks as usual. Several petty disputes heard. Left GOSLME 1355, crossed Chishu to GUSOGUME 1425. Discussed with the few people there. Night at GUSOGUME.

Monday, 17th August, 1964. Talks as usual. Minutes written as far as possible. Left GUSOGUME 1130, arrived KANGGIRI 1150, after an easy walk. Excellent reception. After lunch, talks as usual, and a few disputes. Suggestions

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of Aid Post and of proposed trade store at GONDOMAKANE.  
Night at KANGGIRI.

Tuesday, 18th August, 1964. Inspected proposed school site,  
then commenced marking of vehicular road as far as bridge-  
site on MAINIGL Creek. Thence to SUMBURU Lutheran Mission,  
1430 and thence to Station arriving 1600.

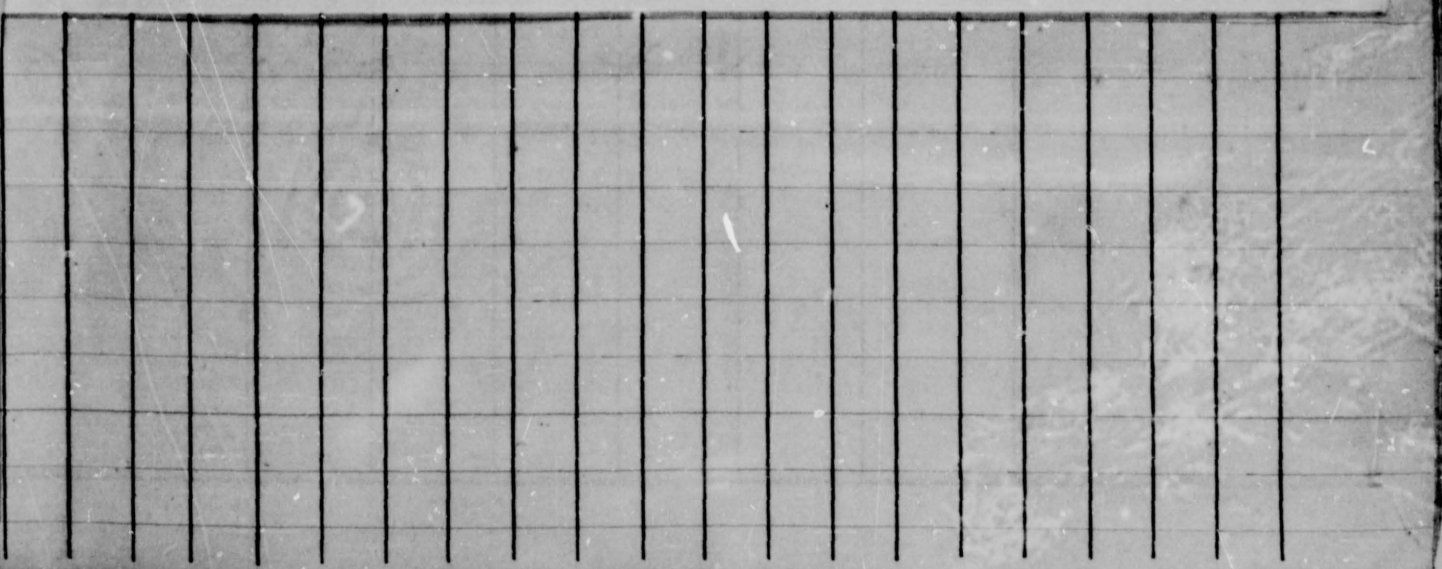
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Talks were given throughout the patrol on the following subjects:

- (a) Councils, how they work and what their functions are;
- (b) Functions, its purpose and necessity;
- (c) Inspectives, how they work and the way they assist the economy;
- (d) Salaries control, and the necessity to support the health-feeding programme;
- (e) Roads, the necessity for and methods of maintenance, and the way they assist the economy.

Reactions to Councils were generally favourable. Councils play a large part in this, to people who live in great herding those under Councils, the main function of a Council seems to be to collect taxes, and many people feel that they would prefer to wait for five or ten years to wait for a Council to be set up before starting to pay taxes. The fact that they do not do in a case of 'locky' or pay over a year when they do not as bride wealth does not seem to be a great objection. This is something which will have to be talked about the next available time before people are convinced that Councils are anything other than machines to get their food from. It is interesting that out four villages the people do not seem to be interested in putting such comments of fear into their minds with the men who pointed out that the Administration can take away anything that would be their and that they should be hence none, there would have to be something to convince the Administrative officer).

Another major reason for opposing Councils, as stated by several people, was that Paul KANGGIRI of KANGGIRI, one of the most reactionary people in the area, opposed Councils or anything to do with them, and that as he lived at the head of the Valley, he was 'the centre of the world'. They think this should be so hard to see, but as he is by no means an important figure outside his own small group, and, in his other experience had been particularly uncooperative with the Administration, it was explained to the people that KANGGIRI's personal views had very little to do with the matter, that it would probably be some time before a Council was introduced into this area anyway, and that the patrol's talk was only given with a view to introducing them to the idea.





While on the subject of Councils, a rather disturbing aspect of the attitude of existing Chimbu Councillors was brought to the patrol's notice. While at MANDIME, the luluai from YOMBAL informed me that relatives of a recently murdered girl from the YONGGANUGL ~~girl~~ were threatening to kill a member of the alleged murderer's group unless some compensation was forthcoming. In fear, the group had collected over £100 plus other items, which was blatantly excessive for various reasons. The patrol met the YONGGANUGL group, headed by several Councillors, and endeavoured to reason with them. However, the sole theme of these Councillors was that the GEMBOGL people were "new" and "bush-kanakas" and that they needed to be taught a lesson. On enquiry, it was discovered that this was a common attitude, and many Village Officials claimed that they were given no opportunity to speak in disputes, as they were shouted down by Councillors, who claimed that their insignia were worth nothing, etc. When the patrol suggested that some people might like to go to a Council meeting to get an idea of what a Council does, they balked at the idea, and explained that they felt that would be sneered at as "new kanakas". I feel that such an attitude may do great harm and that the present attitude of dislike for a Council may partially result from a feeling that "if that is how Councillors treat us we want nothing to do with them."

The nature and function of the Cooperative at Kundiawa was explained to the people and several questions on details of investment and aims were answered at all centres.

Disputes brought to the patrol for settlement were generally of a minor nature, concerning bad debts, accusations of sorcery and bride price settlements. At KANGGIRI, several convictions for riotous behaviour resulted from the death of a woman at the Aid Post, but there were no other convictions.

The most enthusiastic reception was given to the patrol at KANGGIRI, where Luluai ABAKAUAGE, one of the three men respected throughout the Valley, is still a very powerful figure, despite his age. The people by no means agreed with everything the patrol had to tell them, but at least they listened, and asked questions, whereas in most other places there was a distinct lack of enthusiasm about anything except getting a personal dispute settled. Surprisingly enough, one of the most unenthusiastic receptions was met at GOGLEME, a place which has had a lot of contact and has enjoyed more advantages than many other people. The least interest was shown at MANDIME.

#### ROADS.

The existing main road is in reasonable condition, but there is still difficulty in inducing people to carry out maintenance duties. It was pointed out to the people that the main advantages of a road accrued to them; whether this will

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have any effect is another matter.

A new site for a bridge across the Chimbu River to replace the collapsed bridge on the road to GOROMAUGU was located by the patrol. Work commences shortly on building and the sum of £70 is requested to cover costs.

The people at GOROMAUGU were strongly in favour of extending their road to the Goroka-Asara road, which would undoubtedly stimulate the economy of the area. Whether their proposed route is feasible or not is a different matter, but the next patrol to the area will spend some time searching for a route which will have a reasonable grade and be fairly easy to maintain.

The people at KANGGIRI also wanted a road up the MAINIGL Valley, a distance of about five miles. The patrol marked a section of it, and construction has already commenced, despite a warning that there may be no payment. As the road will definitely help the 2,000 and more people who live in the valley, it is requested that the sum of £200 be allocated to cover costs of bridging, plus a token payment to the people at the end of the work.

CONCLUSION.

Reaction to this patrol was in the main disappointing and unenthusiastic. This is probably the result of neglect to a large extent, and an increased patrol programme for the area is planned, with a census patrol in September, a follow-up patrol in November, and several patrols in the first six months of next year.

(W.H. Biscoe)  
Patrol Officer Grade I.

NIGLKANDE CENSUS DIVISION.

APPENDIX 'A': EDUCATION.

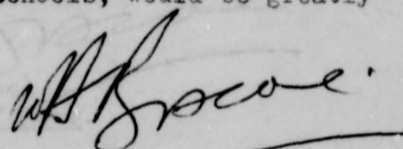
Three requests for schools were received by the patrol:

(1) The people at GOROMAUGU requested a school in their valley. This will serve some 5,000 or more people. There is a road to the head of the valley; the people have always been behind the Administration, and it is requested that consideration be given to the request, if not actually at GOROMAUGU, at least somewhere in the vicinity, to serve the people at YOMBAI, DUGLPAGL and ANGGANERE as well.

(2) The people at GOGLME also requested a school. Generally, these people are very go-ahead, and deserve more educational opportunities, but there is a school operated by the Catholic Mission at GOGLME, and it is felt that this is sufficient at present, certainly while the other 18,000 people or so in the area have no school, other than around GEMBOGL Station.

(3) Finally, the people at KANGGIRI also requested a school, which will serve some 6,000 people, if the people from surrounding Resthouses are included. They have already set aside an area of land for a school, and are enthusiastically building an ~~xxxxxxx~~ access road of some five miles or so. This request is strongly recommended, as these people have always been most helpful, while being comparatively isolated from Mission or Administration schools. Judging from their care of the Aid Post, there should be no trouble in maintenance of a school.

While difficulties of staff, etc., are fully appreciated, it should be pointed out that there is only one Administration school at GEMBOGL to serve some 21,000 people, and an answer to these recommendations, combined with serious consideration of the possibility of introducing ~~xxxx~~ the schools, would be greatly appreciated.



(W.H. Biscoe)  
Patrol Officer.



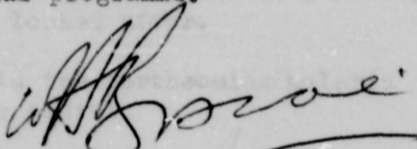
NIGLIKANDE CENSUS DIVISION.

APPENDIX 'B': AGRICULTURE.

Several times during the patrol, in casual conversation, the people mentioned concern over the rapidly expanding population and the consequent decrease in arable land. As they said, since the Administration stopped fighting and then decreased infant mortality, the population is oustripping land resources.

This is a rather obvious problem throughout much of the Highlands, but there would be no harm in reiteration. Resettlement is the ultimate answer, but one which is both costly and not admitting of a final solution. At present, it seems that one of the most obvious ways of assisting the people is to launch a programme of land usage and conservation education. Land is very steep and thus it is virtually impossible to prevent erosion totally but at least the flood could be reduced a little. The present methods of preparing gardens are extremely wasteful - the pigs uprooting old gardens and the destructive burning off of vegetation all contribute to the ultimate waste. Conservation has been a problem throughout the world and methods have been devised to deal with the problem effectively in other areas; many of these methods could be taught to the people.

The task of introducing cash crops is a most important function of the D.A.S.F., but until cash cropping can provide sufficient to buy food for all, the aspect of subsistence farming should not be neglected. It is thus requested that consideration be given to the allocation of sufficient staff to undertake such an educational programme.

  
(W.H. Biscoe)  
Patrol Officer.

NIGLKANDE CENSUS DIVISION.

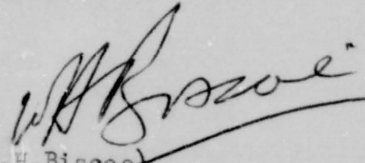
APPENDIX 'C': HEALTH.

This area is covered medically except at the MANDIME-YOMBAL-DUGLPAGL area. The Aid Post which was at YOMBAL was removed to GUGLME, where there ~~was~~ is now also a Catholic mission nurse. The YOMBAL people claim that the A.P.O. cooked up a story in order to get himself removed to GUGLME, and have requested that another A.P.O. be posted to YOMBAL. If possible, they request that a youth from their own area be trained and posted there. The truth of their story could not be ascertained as the A.P.O. at GUGLME did not come to the patrol while it was there, but it is strongly recommended that consideration be given to provision of an Aid Post somewhere in the area, as there is now no medical service between KU and ANGGANERE. YOMBAL is certainly the most central point, and it is suggested that the enthusiasm of the people there for an Aid Post be tested by having them mark an area of land and do the initial work, provided there is staff available to man it.

At GOROMAGU, the ~~mandime~~ Aid Post Orderly complained that he was being given absolutely no assistance with maintenance or gardens. If an Orderly is married, I feel that his wife should look after gardens, but in this case, the Orderly is single, and I feel that it is the duty of the people using the service to provide garden labour and general building assistance. The people did not deny the charge, and they have been warned that if such conditions prevailed during the next patrol to the area in September that there would be a strong recommendation for the removal of the Aid Post.

The Aid Post removed from BONGGUGL is now at KANGGIRI, and, so far, is being very well looked after.

Full publicity was given to the forthcoming Malaria Control programme throughout the patrol.

  
(W.H. Biscoe)  
Patrol Officer.

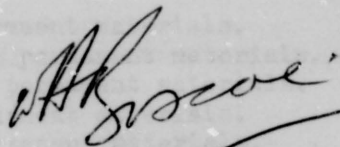
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GEMBOGL PATROL REPORT NUMBER 1/54-65.

NIGLKANDE CENSUS DIVISION.

APPENDIX 'E' REPORT ON MEMBERS OF R.P. & N.G.C. ACCOMPANYING.

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
8950	Constable	NIHUTE	Stolid, but extremely experienced and reliable. Behaviour excellent.



(W.H. Biscoe)  
Patrol Officer.

NIGLKANDE CENSUS DIVISION.

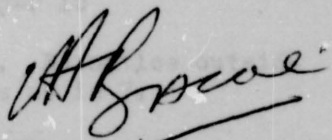
APPENDIX 'E': REPORT ON ALIENATED LANDS VISITED BY PATROL.

1. "GOGME" - Unoccupied Administration Land (UAL 182), of and area of 1.24 acres. Improvements nil.
2. "GOGME" - Roman Catholic Mission Lease (LA2816).  
Improvements:
  - (1) EUROPEAN RESIDENCE, constructed 1954, permanent materials.
  - (2) KITCHEN, constructed 1954, permanent materials.
  - (3) TRADE STORE, constructed 1961, permanent materials.
  - (4) CLASS ROOM, constructed 1962, permanent materials.
  - (5) STORE, constructed 1954, permanent materials.
  - (6) PIG SHED, constructed 1961, permanent materials.
  - (7) FOWL HOUSE, constructed 1961, permanent materials.
  - (8) CLASSROOMS x 2, constructed 1954, local materials.
  - (9) GARAGE, constructed 1961, local materials.
  - (10) CHURCH, constructed 1952, local materials.
  - (11) TEACHER'S RESIDENCE x 2, constructed 1954 and 1960, local materials.
  - (12) SCHOOL BOARDERS' HOUSES x 5, constructed 1961, local materials.
  - (13) Wire fencing.
  - (14) 400 coffee trees, with store.
  - (15) Kikuyu pasture (3 acres).
  - (16) Cattle and pigs.
3. "NUMBU" - Roman Catholic Mission lease (LA4604).  
Improvements:
  - (1) TEACHER'S RESIDENCE AND KITCHEN, constructed 1962, local materials.
  - (2) SCHOOL, constructed 1961, local materials.
4. "GUNAKOMBUGL" - Roman Catholic Mission lease (LA4207)  
Improvements- 78 coffee trees.
5. "BARENGEL" - Roman Catholic Mission lease (LA4033).  
Improvements:
  - (1) CHURCH, constructed 1955, local materials.
  - (2) SCHOOL, constructed 1957, local materials.
  - (3) TRADE STORE, constructed 1959, local materials.
  - (4) TEACHER'S HOUSE, constructed 1962, local materials.
  - (5) VISITORS' HOUSE x 2, constructed 1962, local materials.
  - (6) Coffee trees x 40.
6. "MINGA" - Roman Catholic Mission lease (LA4030).  
Improvements: NIL.
7. "GAGMAMAMBUNO" - Roman Catholic Mission Lease (LA4209)  
Improvements:
  - (1) CLASSROOM, constructed 1962, local materials.
  - (2) CHURCH, constructed 1961, local materials.

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- (3) TRADE STORE, constructed 1960, local materials.
  - (4) TEACHER'S HOUSE, x 2, constructed 1962, local materials.
  - (5) DORMITORY, constructed 1961, local materials.
  - (6) Coffee trees x 80.
8. "DINGIMAMBUNO" - Roman Catholic Mission lease (LA4028)  
Improvements: 100 coffee trees.
9. "GORPAI" - Roman Catholic Mission lease (LA4036)  
Improvements:
  - (1) CHURCH, constructed 1959, local materials.
  - (2) TEACHER'S HOUSE, constructed 1960 x 2, local materials.
  - (3) SCHOOL, constructed 1960, local materials.
10. "DINGIGL" - Business Lease - KARIL BONGGERE - LA9716.  
Improvements:
  - (1) One permanent materials trade store.
  - (2) One native materials storekeeper's residence.
  - (3) Fencing.
11. "KUMBUGLPENE" - Business Lease - KARIL BONGGERE - LA9043.  
Improvements:
  - (1) TRADE STORE - permanent materials.
  - (2) BULK STORE - permanent materials.
  - (3) RESIDENCE x 3 - local materials.
  - (4) GARAGE - local materials.
  - (5) FENCING - local materials.

(I would be grateful for advice as to whether Nos. 3 to 9 have actually been granted)

  
(W.H. Biscoe)  
Patrol Officer.

NIGLKANDE CENSUS DIVISION.

APPENDIX 'F' - REPORT ON TRADE STORES.

1. KARIL BONGGERE at KUMBUGLENE. Notice displayed outside store, no price list exhibited within.  
Prices: Rice - 1/- per lb; Tobacco - 1/- per stick  
"Gold Leaf" - 3/-; "Rothmans" - 3/6  
Salt - 1/- per lb; Sugar - 2/3 per lb  
Soap - 4/- per lb; Meat - 3/- per tin
2. IDI KAUWAGE at GANDE. No notice outside store, no price list within. Prices as in 1.
3. KOMBA KAWAGLE at KIGIN. Notice outside, no price list within. Prices as in 1.
4. KONDO PAGAU at DOGBUN. No notice outside store, no price list within. Prices as in 1.
5. KARIL BONGGERE at ~~KUMBUGLENE~~ DINGIGL. No notice outside store, no price list within. Prices as in 1.
6. IRAK WAMUNO at KU. No notice outside store, no price list within. Prices as in 1.
7. ROMAN CATHOLIC MISSION at GOGLEME. No notice outside store, no price list within. Prices:  
Rice - 1/3 per lb; Tobacco - 9d per stick  
Meat - 3/- per tin; Salt - 1/- per lb  
"Gold Leaf" - 3/-; "Rothmans" - 3/3  
Sugar - n/a; Soap - 4/- per lb
8. ROMAN CATHOLIC MISSION at BARANGIGL. No notice outside store, no price list within. Prices as in 7.
9. ROMAN CATHOLIC MISSION at GAGMAMAMBUNO. No notice outside store; no price list within. Prices as in 7. In this case, the Licence to Trade with Natives was not available for inspection. In all other cases (1 to 8) this licence was available when requested.

*W.H. Biscoe*  
(W.H. Biscoe)  
Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of EASTERN HIGHLANDS ..... Report No. GEMBOGL 2/ 64-65

Patrol Conducted by W.H. BISCOE (PO) & R. ORREILL (CPO)

Area Patrolled BENDAM, WOMATNE

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives Interpreter KAWGLA, 1 member R.P. & N.G.C.

Duration—From 21/ 7/1964 to 11/ 9/1964

Number of Days TWENTY SIX

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services JULY 64

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

Map Reference FOURMIL RAMU MILINCH BUNDI

Objects of Patrol LAND DISPUTE.

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

22/10/1964

*[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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67-13-10

8th December, 1964.

The Director  
District Commissioner,  
Eastern Highlands District,  
GOROKA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2-64/65 - 022002L


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

2. What have you done about the lack of a preamble as required by Standing Instructions?

3. The attitude of the Lukans natives in bringing forward information is heartening.

4. I agree that the Magsaga had some reason to be less co-operative.

5. I am pleased that taped information is being used to familiarise the people of work being done to develop their areas. The lack of interest displayed in Mr. Vaiye's talks is disheartening, but the people will no doubt appear when they become more politically conscious.

  
(J. E. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.



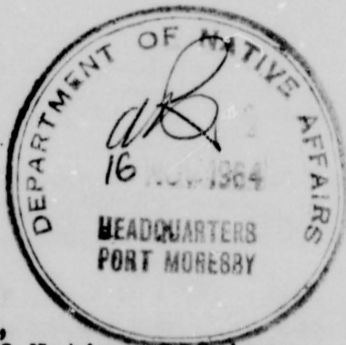


TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams  
Telephones  
Our Reference..... 67-3-5  
If calling ask for GRB/jt  
Mr.....



District Office,  
Chimbu Division,  
Eastern Highlands District,  
KUNDIAWA.

22nd October, 1964.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.

GEMBOGL PATROL REPORT 2-64/65

The above mentioned Patrol Report is forwarded herewith.  
A copy of the Assistant District Officer's, comments are attached.

The patrol was of a special nature in connection with a  
major land dispute covering the necessary preparation for the  
Native Lands Titles Commissioner.

The report has been submitted by Mr. Orreill and  
constituted a report on his first field work in this Division.  
Mr. Orreill spent some time in the field and the remainder at  
Gembogl station. As no suitable accommodation was available at  
Gembogl, Mr. Orreill lived under camp conditions, and accordingly  
I am authorising the payment of Camping Allowance for the period  
concerned.

The relevant survey data, genealogies etc., has already  
been forwarded to the Chief Lands Titles Commissioner.

The report does not contain apreamble as required by  
standing instructions nor a map.

For your information please.

G. E. BURFOOT  
a/DISTRICT OFFICER

Sub-District Office,  
Kundiawa,  
Chimbu Sub-District,  
Eastern Highlands District.

21st September 1964

District Officer,  
Kundiawa

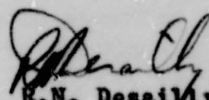
GEMBOGL PATROL No.2 of 1964/65

A report on the above patrol by Mr R. Orreill is forwarded herewith. A diary covering the time spent with the patrol has also been submitted by Mr Biscoe, O.I.C. Gembogl.

Mr Orreill will have gained useful experience while assisting at Gembogl. It will be noted that he spent most of his time at the station, as the disputed land was in the immediate vicinity, and he helped with routine station work from time to time. Because no accommodation was available for much of this time his camping allowance claim covers some of the time spent at Gembogl.

The outline of the history of this dispute is similar to many others which arose at a time when officers were not in a position to do more than make some sort of temporary settlement to keep the peace, and it is obvious that only the proper hearing and registration of ownership will ever give us a firm basis for maintaining order. It is hoped that a hearing will be arranged without too much delay.

Mr Orreill's main task was to assist in preparing a report on the land dispute under the direction of Mr Biscoe, and the patrol report submitted herewith is therefore brief and does not warrant much general comment.

  
R.N. Desai  
Assistant District Officer

GEMBOGL PATROL REPORT NUMBER 2/64-65.

BENDAM LAND DISPUTE.

INTRODUCTION:

This patrol in the Gemboql area was undertaken to settle a land dispute between two major clans ; the KUKANE and the DENGGA - MAGUAGU. The land, which the natives call BENDAM, is situated about two miles from GEMBOGL. It is bounded on the top by the ridge\_line, on the Northern side by a creek, Bennigl, at the bottom by the Chimbu , and on its Southern side by another creek, Mianenigl. The area is approximately three square miles.

Assthis patrol was centred on the land dispute , little notice was taken of other aspects, aside from the relevant points.

One constable accompanied the patrol through its entirety, while an interpreter accompanied the initial part of the patrol in the Womatne area.

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REMARKS: 22nd March 1965. Visit to Gemboql, 12.30 - 1.30. ... and continued investigation of Gemboql area. ... Night at Womatne.

REMARKS: 23rd March 1965. Returned to Gemboql via ... K.K.A., and thence to Gemboql, ... Night at Womatne.

REMARKS: 24th March 1965. Left Gemboql at 12.30, ... picked up Mr. ... to Gemboql at 1.30. ... Night at Womatne.

REMARKS: 25th March 1965. Visit to Gemboql by ... and Mr. ... to Gemboql and thence to ... to get an overall picture of Gemboql. ... Night at Womatne.

REMARKS: 26th March 1965. Left Gemboql at 12.30, ... KUKANE and ... people gathered, but quickly dispersed. Arrived back at Gemboql 1.45.

REMARKS: 27th March 1965. Statements on Gemboql taken from ... people 12.30 - 1.30. ... to Gemboql 1.30 for visit to Co-Operative Office.

REMARKS: 28th March 1965. Statements of investigation conducted by Mr. ... on Gemboql area.

GEMBOGL PATROL REPORT NUMBER 2/64-65.

DIARY (W.H.BISCOE, P/O).

Refer Field Officer's Journal Folios 3/33 - 3/37, Paras.169-185.

Tuesday, 21st July, 1964. Left GEMBOGL 1330, arrived WOMATNE 1500. Set up camp and discussed planned investigation of 'BENDAM'.  
Night at WOMATNE.

Wednesday, 22nd July, 1964. Commenced compilation of KUKANE genealogy. Many officials to KUNDIAWA few discussions with House Committee on Highlands Highway. Heavy rain from 1530.  
Night at WOMATNE.

Thursday, 23rd July, 1964. Continued compilation of genealogy. Completed NITHUNDUNEM Clan, commenced AWAKANE Clan. Mr.P.West-Newman, A/O, visited en route GORONAUGU.  
Night at WOMATNE.

Friday, 24th July, 1964. Returned to GEMBOGL early morning for A.D.O.'s inspection visit.

Tuesday, 28th July, 1964. With Mr.R.Oreill, C.P.O., to WOMATNE, and continued compilation of genealogy until 1700.  
Night at WOMATNE.

Wednesday, 28th July, 1964. Self to KUNDIAWA for District Court, while Mr.Oreill continued investigation at WOMATNE.

Thursday, 30th July, 1964. Returned to GEMBOGL with Mr.Waiye, N.H.A., and thence to WOMATNE. Mr.Oreill completed genealogies.  
Night at WOMATNE.

Friday, 31st July, 1964. Left WOMATNE 0815, thence to Gembogl, picked up Mr.Waiye, talks at BOKKAN and GEMBOGL and thence to WOMATNE at 1130. After Mr.Waiye left, continued investigation of land "WONKANA". Intended spending night at WOMATNE, but medical emergency forced return to GEMBOGL.

Monday, 3rd August, 1964. Visit to station by Mr.H.West, D.I., and Mr.L.Boolan, D.O. 1530, self and Mr.Oreill walked to GONDONAKANE and thence along eastern bank of Chimbu River to get an overall picture of "BENDAM". A steep drop to WOMATNE arriving 1830.  
Night at WOMATNE.

Tuesday, 4th August, 1964. Left WOMATNE 0830, surveyed claimed KUKANE mark, arriving main road 1630. Numerous KUKANE and MAGUAGU people gathered, but quickly dispersed. Arrived back at WOMATNE 1645.

Wednesday, 5th August, 1964. Statements on "BENDAM" taken from KUKANE people 0830 - 1130. Returned to GEMBOGL 1230 for visit of Co-Operative Officer.

Remainder of investigation conducted by Mr.R.Oreill, C.P.O. on GEMBOGL Station.

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BENDAM LAND DISPUTE PATROL - GEMBOML

PATROL DIARY - C. P. O. R. ORREILL

24 - 7 - 64

Departed Kundiawa for Gembogl at 0800. Arrived Gembogl 1045, greeted by P. O. Mr. Biscoe. Made enquiries into the function & purpose of genealogies.  
Slept at Gembogl.

25 - 7 - 64

Office works, compiling copies of the Village Population Register. Prepared to move down to Womatne.

26 - 7 - 64

Sunday, day observed.  
Slept at Gembogl.

27 - 7 - 64

Had planned to leave for Womatne in the morning but a medical emergency had turned up. Spent the afternoon on the Village Population Register.  
Slept at Gembogl.

28 - 7 - 64

Left for Womatne after lunch. Observed P.O. Mr. Biscoe taking genealogies, and attempted to do so myself.  
Slept at Womatne.

29 - 7 - 64

P.O. Mr. Biscoe departed for Kundiawa in the morning. Spent the day compiling genealogies.  
Slept at Womatne.

30 - 7 - 64

Commenced compiling genealogies at 0800. Spent some time in the afternoon convincing the natives that the decision on the land this time was not up to the Dept. of Native Affairs, but would come up before the Land Titles Commission. Visited the anthropologist, Mr. Criper in the evening, and discussed the dispute with him. Slept at Womatne.

31 - 7 - 64

Spent the day waiting for the local member to come & speak to the natives. Had planned to look at the land, but was unable to do so because of Waiye's impending visit. Returned to Gembogl with a medical emergency.  
Slept at Gembogl.

Surveyed a small piece of land at Womkama which the Catholic Mission wished to buy.

1 - 7 - 64

Plotted the small block of land which I had surveyed yesterday. Observed some Native Courts.  
Slept at Gembogl.

2 - 7 - 64

Sunday. Day observed.

3 - 8 - 64

Remained on the station as the District Inspector was arriving to inspect the station & staff. P.O. Mr. Biscoe & myself left for Womatne at aprox. 1530. We walked via Sithigl and Wirere, on the opposite side of the gorge, in order to obtain an overall view of the land.  
Slept at Womatne.

4 - 8 - 64

Started out from Womatne to do the survey down the Maguagu (or old) boundary which runs from the ridge line down Benigl to the river. The actual survey done this time was as far as the road.  
Slept at Womatne.

5 - 8 - 64

Observed Mr. Biscoe taking statements in Pidgin from the natives. Returned to Gembogl in the afternoon & listened to the Co\_ops officer, MR. Bond talking to the natives on the Coffee Industry in the Chimbu.  
Slept at Gembogl.

6/7/8/8 - 64

Station duties.

9 - 8 - 64

Compiled genealogies of the Dengga\_Maguagu  
Slept at Gembogl.

11 - 8 - 64

compiled genealogies till 4:00 & typed up some earlier ones.  
Slept at Gembogl.

12 - 8 - 64

Station duties. P.O. on patrol in the Niglkande area.

18 - 8 - 64

19 - 8 - 64

Compiled genealogies.  
Slept at Gembogl.

20 - 8 - 64

Spent the day typing genealogies as the natives did not turn up to have their names taken.  
Slept at Gembogl.

21 - 8 - 64

Completed the genealogies in the morning. Typed some genealogies in the afternoon.  
Slept at Gembogl.

22 - 8 - 64

Typed genealogies all morning.  
Slept at Gembogl.

23 - 8 - 64

Sunday. Day observed.

24 - 8 - 64

Typed genealogies in the morning. Spent the afternoon on show works.  
Slept at Gembogl.

25 - 8 - 64

Took the statements for the Dengga\_Maguagu. Typed genealogies in the afternoon.  
Slept at Gembogl.

26 - 8 - 64

Completed the survey, along the ridge and down Mianenigl.  
Slept at Gembogl.

27 - 8 - 64

Goroka on show business.

31 - 8 - 64

- 1 - 9 - 64 Travelled from Goroka to Kundiawa for a court.  
Slept at Kundiawa.
- 2 - 9 - 64 Attended the court in the morning, and left for  
Gembogl in the afternoon.  
Slept at Gembogl.
- 3 - 9 - 64 Typed genealogies all day.
- 4 - 9 - 64 Typed genealogies all day.
- 5 - 9 - 64 Station works.
- 6 - 9 - 64 Typed genealogies all day.
- 7 - 9 - 64 Typed genealogies all day.
- 8 - 9 - 64 Typed genealogies all day.
- 9 - 9 - 64 Typed genealogies all day.
- 0 - 9 - 64 Typed genealogies all day.
- 1 - 9 - 64 Typed genealogies and completed them in the morning.  
Returned to Kundiawa in the afternoon, arriving at 1830.  
Slept at Kundiawa.

END OF PATROL.

HISTORY:

This land has been under dispute for well over thirty years. The first attempt to settle this dispute was made by J.L. Taylor on his punitive expedition into Womatne. As he imprisoned most of the KUKANE, the MAGUAGU took over the land as their own.

Dissatisfied, the KUKANE approached the Government just after the war. A native policeman was sent in to settle the dispute. He stayed with the DENGGA\_MAGUAGU and did not hear the case for the KUKANE.

Another attempt was made when the natives approached P.O. Mr. Hardie who began preparing the genealogies of the MAGUAGU. Unfortunately he went on leave before he could complete the hearing of evidence.

This caused confusion amongst the KUKANE who decided that on their fight would bring their case to the notice of the government. Their preparations were brought to the notice of P.O. Mr. Siltris, who assured them that their case would be heard. Some correspondence was entered into and finally, P.O. Mr. Bisco started working on the dispute, compiling genealogies, when I joined him.

(R. ORREILL)  
CAPE PATROL OFFICER



NATIVE ATTITUDES:

While taking genealogies, and hearing the stories of the KUKANE, I could not help noticing how eager and willing the natives were. This attitude is of course understandable when one remembers how often they have failed to have their case heard, or have been misled on this dispute. Nevertheless they were at all times very co-operative. On the other hand, the MAGUAGU were extremely unco-operative; I realise that they have nothing to gain and everything to lose, but this does not condone their failure to co-operate in the compiling of genealogies. Several times, they did not turn up when asked to do so. This occurred even after they had been told that without a complete case for their side, the KUKANE were likely to be favoured in any decision. Aside from their attitude towards this dispute, I found the Gembogl inhabitants quite willing workers.

During our stay at Womatne, the P.O. Mr. Biscoe, played a tape to the locals on labour outside the Chimbu, and the work of the CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY. On returning to Gembogl, we were payed a visit by the Co-ops. officer, Mr. Bond. The response to his address was excellent, considering the lack of ready cash in the Upper Chimbu.

On the 31st. of July, the Chimbu member for the House of Assembly, Waiye, toured the Gembogl area, talking on the House and its functions. Unfortunately he was forced to cut his speech short at Womatne to enable him to fit in two more stops. However, further down the valley, at Duglpagl, no one turned up to hear his speech despite the fact that they were given ample notice.

Generally, I found the natives in the area to be friendly and willing to help at any opportunity, which was an encouraging start.

ECONOMIC VALUE:

The soil on BENDAM is actually fairly poor, and aside from subsistence gardens, and a little Pyrethrum, at present, there are no great cash crops grown on it. Nevertheless, this land has great value to both sides as many families can live on it. It is in my opinion, more valuable to the KUKANE, as they have practically reached saturation point on their present land. The MAGUAGU can at any time move further up the valley towards KEGLSUGL when their land becomes short or infertile.

This shortage of land seems to be the basic problem of the Chimbu; in fact, while I was in Gembogl, I was told of several other land disputes in the area. From the intense gardening of the Chimbu, it is obvious that a resettlement programme will soon have to be introduced. The Chimbus, however do not seem to be willing to move at the moment. Especially to the flats at BUNDI, where malaria and sorcery run riot.

(R. ORRELL)  
CADET PATROL OFFICER

GEMBOGL PATROL REPORT NUMBER 2/64\_65

BENDAM LAND DISPUTE

APPENDIX 'A': REPORT ON MEMBERS OF THE R.P.&N.G.C. ACCOMPANYING

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
8976	Constable	KUMUNO	As he is Chimbu, I used him right through the patrol to act as policeman and interpreter. I found him cheerful and willing at all times. Conduct excellent.

(R. ORRILL)  
CADET PATROL OFFICER



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of EASTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. GEM3OGL 6/64-65

Patrol Conducted by H.L.DREISE, C.P.O.

Area Patrolled MITNANDE CENSUS DIVISION (Keglsugl Airstrip)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives NIL

Duration—From 16/5/1965 to 29/5/1965

Number of Days TWELVE

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services /Nov/1964

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

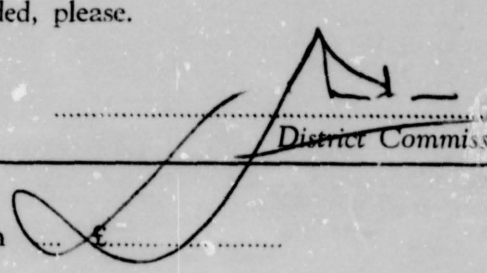
Map Reference Fourmil RAMU, Milinch BUNDI

Objects of Patrol To repair Keglsugl Airstrip

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 .....

67-13-70

30th June, 1965.

District Commissioner,  
Eastern Highlands District,  
SOROKA.

GENBOGL PATROL REPORT NO. 6-64/65:

Receipt is acknowledged of Mr. Dreise's Patzel  
Report submitted under cover of your memorandum 67-3-5  
of 15th June 1965.

2. Mr. Dreise accomplished the task set. No comments  
are necessary.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
PORT Moresby.

The project covered by the above report became  
necessary when lightning activity was directed to all aircraft  
operations. For your records please.

(T.G. Atchison)  
A/DIRECTOR.

*Mr. Dreise*

67.13.70 (7)

67-3-5



District Office,  
Chimbu Division,  
Eastern Highlands District,  
KUNDIAWA.

16th June, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
KUNDIAWA.

GEMBOGL PATROL

Receipt is acknowledged of report of the above  
patrol, submitted under cover of you memo dated 4/6/65.

No comments are necessary.

L.J. DOOLAN  
Deputy District Commissioner

Minute to:  
The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

The project covered by the above report became  
necessary when Keglsugl airstrip was closed to all aircraft  
operations. For your records please.

*A.F. Gow*  
A.F. GOW  
District Commissioner

*H.L. Doolan*

PATROL REPORT

(6)

Gembogl patrol No.6 of 64-65

Station: GEMBOGLE

Sub-district: CHIMBU

Patrol conducted by: H.L.DREISE, C.P.O.

Area patrolled: MITNANDE CENSUS DIVISION  
(Keglsugl Airstrip)

Personnel accompanying: NIL

Duration of patrol: 16.5.65 to 29.5.65

Last patrol to area: November 1964

Objects of patrol: To repair Keglsugl Airstrip

Map reference: Fourmil Ramu, Milinch Bundi.

23rd May (Sun) Sun ---oo0oo---

**INTRODUCTION:** Prior to this patrol Keglsugl Airstrip was in a state of disrepair. Extensive areas of the strip remained unurfed causing erosion and bogs which were a serious menace to aircraft. The objects of the patrol, therefore were to return the bare areas and install drains.

24th May (Mon) Commenced returning the outer edges of the strip  
25th May (Tue) Continued topdressing and rolling.

26th May (Wed) Continued topdressing and rolling.

27th May (Thur) Two "Karasid" matting trains installed. Four aircraft landed and tookoff without incident.

Patrol Ends.

**CONCLUSION:** The entire airstrip is now covered with turf and two surface drains have been dug. However continued rolling and the application of topdressing and fertilizer over quite a considerable period, is necessary before it could be used in wet weather. At the moment the strip becomes very soft and boggy after heavy rain and the newly laid turf tends to lift. No doubt it will be more satisfactory after it has settled down and the new grass has taken root in the soil beneath, but till then it will need continuous attention. Also more drains will have to be dug when further Karasid matting becomes available. The people of the area were very co-operative and willing workers.

H.L. Dreise

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PATROL DIARY

- 16th May (Sun) Arrived at Gembogl, recieved patrol instructions and proceeded to Keglsugl.
- 17th May (Mon) Commenced to hire labourors. About 80 persons applied for work. Commenced returving.
- 18th May (Tues) Hired a further 30 labourors. Divided work force into four groups.
- 19th May (Wed) Tractor began rolling newly laid turf.
- 20th May (Thur) Work continuing satisfactorly.
- 21st May (Frid) Began spraying fertilizer.
- 22nd MAY (Sat) Finished returving central 100ft. strip but it was very soft due to heavy rain.
- 23rd May (Sun) Sunday observed.
- 24th May (Mon) Commenced returving the outer edges of the strip
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- 26th May (Wed) AIRPORT INSPECTOR arrived and declared the airstrip safe for aircraft.
- 27th May (Thur) Two "Marsden matting" drains installed. Four aircraft landed and tookoff without incident.
- 28th May (Frid) Continued topdressing and rolling.
- 29th May (Sat) Returned to Gembogl.

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*H. D. Green*

PATROL REPORT

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GemboGLE Patrol No.6 of 64-65

Station: GEMBOGLE  
Sub-district: CHIMBU  
Patrol conducted by: H.L.DREISE, C.P.O.  
Area patrolled: MITNANDE CENSUS DIVISION  
(Keglsugl Airstrip)  
Personnel accompanying: NIL  
Duration of patrol: 16.5.65 to 29.5.65  
Last patrol to area: November 1964  
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Map references: Fourmil Remu, Milinch Bundi.

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*H. Dreiss*