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WESTERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT

PATROL REPORTS

1972 - 73

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<u>REPORT NO.</u>	<u>OFFICER CONDUCTING PATROL</u>	<u>AREA PATROLLED</u>
1-72-73	R. Forster	NORTH WALL WAGHI C.D.
2-72-73	M. Leasy	SOUTH WALL WAGHI C.D.
3-4-72-73	Not filed	
5-72-73	R. Forster	RONDUGI AREA OF NORTH WALL WAGHI C.D.
6-72-73	P. Smith	SOUTH WALL WAGHI C.D. (jacket)
7-72-73	P. Smith	NORTH WALL WAGHI C.D.

TABISUGA

2-72-73	K.J. Logan	KOL Road	"
4-72-73	K.J. Logan	UPPER JIMI C.D.	"
6-72-73	J.A. Edwards	MIDDLE JIMI C.D.	"
7-72-73	F.J. Logan	LOWER JIMI C.D.	"
8-72-73	J.A. Edwards	KUNOGA C.D.	"
9-72-73	J.A. Edwards	KUNOGA C.D.	"
10-72-73	K.L. Logan	KUNOGA C.D.	"
11-72-73	J.A. Edwards	KUNOGA C.D.	"
12-72-73	J.A. Edwards	JIMI C.D.	"
13-72-73	P.L. O'Brien	UPPER JIMI C.D.	"
14-72-73	K.L. Logan	KUNOGA C.D.	"
15-72-73	J.A. Edwards	KOINAMBE/YOMPAL	"
16-72-73	N. Kawa	OLNA/MANE	"
17-72-73	K.J. Logan	KUNOGA C.D.	"

DDA 67-14-30 (6)

PATROL REPORT

Report number: 2-72/75
 District: W.H.D.
 Patrol conducted by: A. J. LOGAN
 Area patrolled: KOL road
 Duration of patrol: Six days
 Last D.D.A. patrol:
 Last O.L.G. patrol: 1972 Tax Patrol
 Map reference: JR 84 10/70-71
 ADL EDWARDS & PO LACAN

Objects of patrol: Per Introduction
 Station: TABIBUGA
 Sub-district: JIMI RIVER
 Designation: Patrol Officer
 Personnel accompanying: Const W. S. AGGE
 Const. Serena
 Number of days: Six days
 Total population of area: 5,000
 Council area: JIMI
 House of Assembly Electorate: JIMI UPAN

The District Commissioner,
W.H.D. District,

Norman Hoyer

In respect of this patrol, I attach:

- Field Officers Journal Folios 2 To 3, 74/75 (✓)
- Patrol Instructions, (-)
- The Report and my comments, (✓)
- Area study, (-)
- Updating of area study, (-)
- Situation Reports No's 1-- (-)
- Patrol map, (-)

DATE: 26/3/1973

[Signature]
Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol, I attach:

- Area study, ()
- Updating of area study, ()
- Situation Report No's. 1-- ()
- ()
- ()

District Headquarters assessment of
 Patrol & Report: Above average
 Average (✓)
 Below average

Date: 7/4/1973

[Signature]
District Commissioner



The District Commissioner
Western Highlands District
P.O. Box 17
MOUNT HAGEN

June 20th 1973
67-14-30
T.J. Downes
District Officer

JIMI RIVER PATROL NO. 2 - 72/73

Reference your Minute of 7th April 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report Jacket arising out of the above patrol of Kol road submitted by Mr. K.J. Logan, Patrol Officer.


P. S. [unclear]
Secretary

PATROL REPORT DDO 67-14-83 ^①

Report number: 4 of 1972/73	Objects of patrol: Per Introduction
District: Western Highlands	Station: TARIBUGA
Patrol conducted by: K.J. LOGAN	Subdistrict: JIMI RIVER
Area patrolled: Part UPPER JIMI	Designation: PATROL OFFICER
Duration of patrol: FOUR DAYS	Personnel accompanying: KOSINGA BANGA
Last D.D.A. patrol: 2-72/73	Number of days: Ten
Last O.L.G. patrol: 1972 Tax Patrol	Total population of area: 5,000
Map reference: SK 8 x 10/70-71	Council area: JIMI
<i>PC ENHARDT & PO LOGAN</i>	House of Assembly Electorate: JIMI OPEN

The District Commissioner,
Wanda High District,
Mount Hagen

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios <i>7 to 72/73</i>	(✓)
Patrol Instructions	(✓)
The Report and my comments	(✓)
Area study	(✓)
Updating of area study	(✓)
Situation Reports No's 1--	(-)
Patrol map	(-)

DATE: *26/3/73*

J. H. ...
 Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
 Department of the Administrator,
 Division of District Administration,
 Konedobu, Papua New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Area study	()
Updating of area study	()
Situation Report No's 1--	()
_____	()
_____	()
District Headquarters assessment of Patrol & Report	Above average Average ✓ Below average

Date: *7/4/73*

H. Bell
 District Commissioner


The District Commissioner
Western Highlands District
P.O. Box 17
MOUNT HAGEN

June 20th 1973
67-14-33
T.J. Downes
District Officer

JIMI RIVER PATROL NO. 4 - 72/73

Reference your Minute of 7th April 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report Jacket arising out of the above patrol of part Upper Jimi Census Division submitted by Mr. K.J. Logan, Patrol Officer.


W.P. BEAN
a/Secretary

DDP 67. 14-39 /

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PATROL REPORT

Report number: 6/1972-73	Objects of patrol: POLITICAL EDUCATION
District: WESTERN HIGHLANDS	Station: ROAD SURVEYS, AREA STUDY
Patrol conducted by: J.A. EDWARDS	Subdistrict: JIMI RIVER
Area patrolled: Part Middle JIMI C.D.	Designation: Assistant District Comm.
Duration of patrol: 19/2 - 22/2/73	Personnel accompanying: Interpreter, Sgt. 2/c
Last D.D.A. patrol: 5/8/71 Day Visits	Number of days: Const. 1/c
Last O.L.G. patrol: September, 1972 by vehicle	1972
Map reference: JIMI MILINCH	Total population of area: 1015
P/R 10/1970-71	Council area: JIMI
	House of Assembly Electorate: JIMI OFSB

The District Commissioner,
WEST HIGH
 District,
MOUNT HAGEN

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios 6 To 7,	(✓)
Patrol Instructions, <i>Introductory</i>	(✓)
The Report and my comments,	(✓)
Area study,	(-)
Updating of area study,	(-)
Situation Reports No's 1- <i>72/73</i>	(✓)
Patrol map,	(-)

DATE: *24/2/73*

[Signature]
 Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
 Department of the Administrator,
 Division of District Administration,
 KONE DOBU, Papua New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Area study,	()
Updating of area study,	()
Situation Report No's 1-	(✓)
	()
	()
District Headquarters assessment of Patrol & Report	Above average
	Average (✓)
	Below average

Date: *27/4/73*

[Signature]
 District Commissioner

67-3-2



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(11)

Department of the Chief Minister
& Development Administration,
Sub District Headquarters,
TABIBUGA, JIMI RIVER,
Eastern Highlands District.

18th July, 1973

The Deputy District Commissioner,
HAGEN Division,
Post Office Box 168,
MOUNT HAGEN.

JIMI RIVER PATROL No. 6/1972-73

Reference your WHD1069 of 11.7.73, a minute attached to
the Secretary's 67-14-39 of 3rd July, 1973.

The Area Study was to have been revised for the Upper
JIMI Census Division, access to which is gained through
the Middle JIMI Census Division.

The narrative section indicated clearly that the patrol
was abandoned before the Upper JIMI was reached.

J.A. Edwards
J.A. EDWARDS,
Assistant District Commissioner.

Ref: WHD1069 of 25.7.73.

The Secretary,
Dept. of the Chief Minister
& Development Administration,
KONEDOBU.

For your information please.

R.S. Bell
R.S. BELL
District Commissioner.

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The District Commissioner
Western Highlands District
P.O. Box 17
K.M. BALEN

3rd July, 1973
67-12-39
R.A. Greig
a/m.c.

JIMI RIVER PATROL NO. 6 - 1972/73

Reference your minute of 27th April, 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report 1 arising out of the above patrol of part of MILNEB JIMI Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments, as submitted by Mr. J.A. EDWARDS.

I note that an up-dating of the Area Study for the Upper Jimi Census Division was an object of this patrol. No copy of same was received by this headquarters.

I regret the delay in acknowledging this Report.

W.F. RYAN
a/secretary

JIMI RIVER (TABIBUGA) No. 6/72-73:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS (In lieu of Instructions):

The purpose of this patrol:

- |
- Update Area Study of the Upper JIMI Census Division commencing at OLNA and terminating at KWICP;
 - Visit the three Middle JIMI Census Division groups of MAGIN, KARAP, and MANEMP in the first instance as these three groups, aside of KAUIL, have the most road contact with coffee buyers;
 - Road feasibility survey work in some Upper JIMI areas;
 - Inspect work on the KARAP to KOL road which has been built with Rural Development assistance;
 - Spend some time at KOL Patrol Post, now unmanned except for depleted Public Health staff, to repair machinery and inspect unserviceable transceiver operated by Public Health staff and to curb mounting disrespect being shown to station property by the local people;
 - Intensive Political Education with the people doing most of the questioning; and
 - Refamiliarisation of the writer with the area which he did not patrol during his last term in the JIMI due to pressure of developmental work elsewhere.

J. A. Edwards
J. A. EDWARDS,
Assistant District Commissioner.

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JIMI RIVER (TABIBUGA) No. 6/72-73:

FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL:

Folio No. 5

19/2/73 49 To MAGIN at 1025 hours per Assistant District Commissioner's personal vehicle. Sergeant 2/c NOIVE, Constable 1/c DIDUA and Interpreter KOSINGA BANGA accompanying.

Inspected Council Forestmill positioned at NGAMBA en route. Blades required sharpening so operators despatched to TABIBUGA with blades for attention of Mr. Logan, Patrol Officer.

Council has made no effort yet to purchase timber cut in the last three months so letter despatched to the Council Officer (Reference 42-12-1 dated 19th February, 1973).

Arrived MAGIN at 12 noon. Noted that a Rest House had been built although people were told not to worry about one as they normally assemble at MANEMP's new Rest House on the banks of the MAMBUL River.

Rest House was extremely well decorated and ample food comprising two cooked pigs, five fowls, bananas, pineapples, cabbages, potatoes, leeks tomatoes, tinned meat, packets of various biscuits, Big Sister Roll, cigarettes and one carton of beer was placed on stand. Welcoming speech made by Councillors and ex Luluai. Patrol responded. Patrol's food requirements purchased and contributions accepted by those interested for the carton of beer. There is always doubt in my mind over the health condition of pigs cooked for patrols. Noted that a Committee man, KIMIN OGG, was responsible for much of the food on display and I assumed that his power in the village was greater than that of the Councillor who is quite useless.

Informal discussions with people for remainder of afternoon until 1910 hours.

One man leapt into the middle of proceedings at one stage with a toe which he had accidentally chopped off with a spade whilst digging a hole for the mumu.

Prior to the patrol's departure from TABIBUGA, a report had been received that ten people had died at BUBULSUNGA from some sort of sickness. Ten deaths from KARAP reported and one from MAGIN, but many MAGIN people sick.

Slept at MAGIN Rest House.

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Slept at MAGIN Rest House.

FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL:

Folio No. 6

20/2/73 50 To TABINUGA at 0730 hours with sixteen sick people. Returned at 1000 hours. Remainder of day spent on Area Study discussions with frequent diversions into political education fields.

One omission from Mr. Logan's JIMI RIVER No. 10/1970-71 at Appendix B:

MAGIN	TUMBO TOMUNGA	Councillor
	KOLUNGA KONAN	Committee
	KIMIN OGO	Committee
	WARAP DJU	Committee

Age	Married	Children	Education	Language
34	2 wives	4	Nil	Pidgin
44	1 wife	1	Nil	No
49	1 wife	3	Nil	No
40	1 wife	2	Nil	No

Gaol

- 1 month
- 4 months
- Nil
- 3 Months

One Committee man stated that he only wore his Council badge for my benefit as Council insignia is associated with N.H.A. KAVALI and symbolised the unpopular haste the country was making towards Self Government and Independence. By wearing the badge in a foreign area, he would be exposing himself to assault.

Archery contest held at 1500 hours for Hagen Show purposes. Shocking results.

Inspected school complex and MAGIN and found all buildings to be in a shocking state of disrepair. School has not yet started at MAGIN. Three teachers are in main residence, one having arrived yesterday. The headteacher is expected this coming Friday. All houses are leaking badly and it is difficult to find a place to put a bed. All classrooms are leaking. The store has been leaking for some time and an estimated three hundred dollars worth of damage has been done to school books.

Children from the villages of KARAF, WARAP, OLNA, KORION, MOGINI, KOSAP and BUGILE also attend this school. The MAGIN people complained that they received no assistance from these other groups in maintaining the school complex.

20/2/73 50 The people were informed that the school could and would be closed by the present District Superintendent. Given one week to make a drastic change to the scheme of things. Council is unable to do much in the way of permanent construction work because of its preoccupation with road work and the disproportionate expenditure which would have to go into this school would precipitate the complete collapse of the JIMI Council.

to KARAP Rest House arriving at 1730 hours.

welcome similar to that received at MAGIN with extra carton of beer and one bottle of Estate Mabelle and two loaves of fresh bread. Patrol personnel were addressed by myself at MAGIN and informed that it was not my policy to encourage any drinking or participate in drinking whilst on patrol. Patrol's food requirements purchased and scribble noted to recover items not purchased. A very necessary attitude expressed as much here as at MAGIN.

Noted that two groups addressed patrol - Ex Luluai and Tultul and Council groups. Both were violently and unanimously opposed to any discussions on Self Government and Independence. People antagonistic towards local Member, Mr. Thomas KAVALLI.

Slept at KARAP Rest House.

21/2/73 51 To TABIBUGA at 7.20 am to collect family. Informed that two medical patrols were coming into the JIMI this week to investigate the current sickness which appears to be a mixture of influenza and gastro-enteritis. During Area Study discussions it was stated that the people had not provided the right figures for coffee plantings to previous patrols as they had heard that a tax would be imposed on coffee. Fruitful political education discussions. Day completed at 1715 hours after the hearing of two court matters. As at MAGIN, an attempt made to ascertain the nature of all outstanding debts the people have amongst themselves and with other groups. Some go back five years.

Slept at KARAP Rest House.

22/2/73 52 Tent and fly erected for proposed visit of Deputy District Commissioners Allen and Hiatt. Inspected School at KARAP Catholic Mission station and housing of teachers. Catholic Priest absent in Hagen. Six teachers at this school (five Mission and one Administration as headteacher). School not yet opened.

JIMI RIVER (TABIBUGA) No. 6/1972-73:

FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL:

Folio No. 7

22/2/73 52 District Superintendent had given KARAP people two weeks (now expired) in which to repair school. Task not completed and the people advised of this fact.

People informed that the patrol was now abandoned until the groups involved had honoured their obligations to both the MASIN and KARAP schools. The seriousness of the matter was made known to all. Arrangements to be made to have Council tractors and trailers on hand next week to assist with transportation of materials.

From all accounts a massive effort has been made by the people of the KARAP to KUH road to clear off all slips. Thirty three inches of rain were recorded at TABIBUGA in January, 1973 and low roads have suffered severely.

The patrol's continued presence in the area would no doubt be seized upon as an excuse for not having done school maintenance hence the decision to postpone the patrol.

Returned to TABIBUGA at 1700 hours.

Number of days four

Number of nights slept out three

4

PATROL REPORT No. 6/1972-73

Station	<u>TARIBUGA</u>	Officer Compiling	<u>J.A. EDWARDS</u>
District	<u>WESTERN HIGHLANDS</u>	Subdistrict	<u>JIMI</u>
Census Division	<u>MIDDLE JIMI</u>	L.G. Council	<u>JIMI</u>

(For recording of routine information not of a situation report nature, actionable at Subdistrict or District level, and of value to succeeding officers. No copy is required at Headquarters.)


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over the past three years every endeavour has been made to pass responsibility to local Councillors. Before the assembled multitudes, Councillors and Committee men announce their allegiance to the cause of progress and law and order. They claim application to duty to a point well beyond exhaustion. They claim that their exhortations to work are ignored by the people. To the remark that they fail to avail themselves of the Council Halls they remain silent. The most polished exponents of this attitude are the Councillors from MASIN, KARAP, MAMREP and KAUU, hence the patrol's visit to MASIN and KARAP and intended visit to MAMREP. These three groups are becoming increasingly unco-operative and the KARAP, in particular, are exhibiting an increasing tendency towards lawlessness.

The state of the two schools visited, particularly the MASIN school, leaves much to be desired. I am in favour of these two schools being closed if such had to be the case. The JIMI Council is an ineffective body without the direct supervision of its adviser, Mr. Cartley. The response to a massive disciplinary effort by this Office is a large desertion to the Highlands Labour scheme. The fact that we cannot, by legal means, except in some cases, control this exodus is sapping the strength of the few keen Councillors we have in the JIMI.

Roadwork in the area has been done, but only because of the warning given at the January Council meeting.


J.A. EDWARDS,
Assistant District Commissioner.

42-12-1

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MAGIN Rest House,
JIMI Sub District,
Western Highlands District.

19th February, 1973

Mr. R.C. CANTLAY,
Local Government Officer,
JIMI Local Government Council,
TAKIBUSA, W.H.D.

PURCHASE OF TIMBER AT NGAMBA

You are advised that the operations of the JIMI Council's
Forestmill, based at NGAMBA, were inspected this day.

As I understand the situation, little or no attempt has
been made by the Council to purchase timber milled by the
Forestmill in the last two months.

A prompt and realistic payment for services rendered by the
local people ensures their continued goodwill. The mill
cannot hope to function for much longer unless remedial
action is taken and I strongly suggest that this action
be taken within seven days.


J. EDWARDS,
Assistant District Commissioner.

MAGIN Rest House,
JIMI Sub District,
Western Highlands District.

20th February, 1973

Incoming Teachers,
MAGIN Primary 'F' School,
JIMI Sub District.

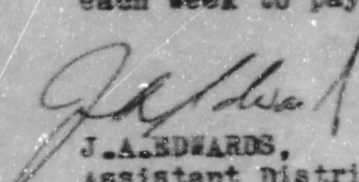
CONDUCT OF TEACHERS

In the course of informal discussions held with the MAGIN people over 19th and 20th February, 1973, I gathered the impression, and very strongly so, that the people of MAGIN had been made to feel obliged to supply free food to the teaching staff each Thursday because of the primitive conditions under which the teachers were expected to live. I also gathered the impression that this obligation extended to young women and nothing that has occurred at this school in the last three years refutes this.

The MAGIN people cannot be penalised for the inadequacies of the JIMI Council; inadequacies which the Council is hopeful of overcoming through the recent purchase of a Forestrail valued at more than \$5000.00.

Whilst I am not prepared to carry this matter any further, I take this opportunity of reminding incoming teaching staff that they are representatives of the Honourable, The Chief Minister, Mr. Somare's government and that conduct such as that recounted above conflicts with Mr. Somare's expectations of a Local Officer staff.

I have advised the MAGIN people that teachers are a fairly well paid lot and that they can afford a few dollars each week to pay for the food provided by the local people.


J.A. EDWARDS,
Assistant District Commissioner.

DDA 67.14.36 ①

PATROL REPORT

Report number: J.R. No. 7/72-73	Object of patrol: Road Surveys
District: Western Highlands	Station: TABUBUGA
Patrol conducted by: E.J. LOGAN	Subdistrict: JIMI RIVER
Area patrolled: Part LOWER JIMI	Designation: Patrol Officer
Duration of patrol: 26/2/73 - 16/3/73	Personnel accompanying: Const SANDARI
Last D.D.A. patrol: 3/72-73	Number of days: Nineteen
Last O.L.G. patrol: 1972 TAX Patrol	Total population of area: 6,000
Map reference: PR 8 v 10/70-71	Council area: JIMI
PR. EDWARDS v PR. LOGAN	House of Assembly Electorate: JIMI Open

The District Commissioner,
Dist. Hq. District.
Edward Stanger

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios 12 To 18/72-73	(✓)
Patrol Instructions,	(✓)
The Report and my comments,	(✓)
Area study,	(-)
Updating of area study,	(-)
Situation Reports No's 2, 4 3/72-73	(✓)
Patrol map,	(-)

DATE: 21/3/1973.

[Signature]
 Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
 Department of the Administrator,
 Division of District Administration,
 Konedobu, Papua New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Area study,	()
Updating of area study,	()
Situation Report No's 2 & 3	(✓)
_____	()
_____	()
District Headquarters assessment of Patrol & Report.	Above average
	Average ✓
	Below average



Date: 7/4/1973.

[Signature]
 District Commissioner

The District Commissioner
Western Highlands District
P.O. Box 17
MT. HAGEN

12th July, 1973
67-14-36
T.J. Downes
District Officer

JIMI RIVER PATROL NO.7 - 1972/73

Reference your minute of 7th April, 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 2 and 3 arising out of the above patrol of part LOWER JIMI Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments, as submitted by Mr. K.J. LOHAK, Patrol Officer.

Situation Reports should be numbered from 1 in respect of each Patrol Report.

The subject matter contained in sitrep No.2 of 7-72/73 should not be submitted in the form of a sitrep, being of a classified nature, but should have been submitted in the approved manner.

Sitrep No.3 of 7-72/73 has been brought to the attention of the Commissioner for Local Government.

... Documentation not required here is returned herewith.

M.P. KIM
s/Secretary

PATROL REPORT

DDA 67.14.37 (1)

Report number: JIMI RIVER 8/1972-73	Objects of patrol: ROAD SURVEY WORK
District: WESTERN HIGHLANDS	Station: TABIBUGA
Patrol conducted by: J.A. EDWARDS	Subdistrict: JIMI
Area patrolled: PART KUNOGA C.D.	Designation: Assistant District Comm.
Duration of patrol: 1/3 - 16/3/73	Personnel accompanying: A.P.O. O'BRIEN 2 POLICE
Last D.D.A. patrol: 1/1972-73	Number of days: 16
Last O.L.G. patrol: 5/1972-73	Total population of area: 3000
Map reference: EDWARDS & LOGAN MILINCH P/RS 8 & 10/70-71	Council area: JIMI
	House of Assembly Electorate: JIMI OPEN

The District Commissioner,
Mount Hagen
District.

In respect of this patrol, I attach	
Field Officers Journal Folios 10 To 18,	(✓)
Patrol Instructions,	(-)
The Report and my comments,	(✓)
Area study,	(-)
Updating of area study,	(-)
Situation Reports No's 1-	(-)
Patrol map,	(✓)

DATE: 20/3/1973.

J.A. Edwards
Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
KONELOBU, Papua New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol, I attach	
Area study,	()
Updating of area study,	()
Situation Report No's 1-	()
	()
	()

District Headquarters assessment of	Above average
Patrol & Report	Average ✓
	Below average

Date: 27/4/1973

J. Bell
District Commissioner

The District Commissioner
Western Highlands District
P.O. Box 17
MT. HAGEN

June 29th 1973
67-14-37
R.G. Greig
a/D.D.C.

JDC RIVER PATROL NO. 8/1972-73

Reference your Minuts of 27th April 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report Jacket
and documentation arising out of the above patrol of part
of Kumbungu Census Division, as submitted by Mr. J. J. Edwards,
Assistant District Commissioner.

W. P. Greig
W. P. Greig
a/Secretary

PATROL REPORT JIMI RIVER No. 8/1972-73

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Departed TABIBUGA per Administration Landeruiser at 11am. Bogged at 12 noon some distance from KWIBUN. Council machines located nearby so went to collect Drott. Battery flat and operators not on job. Manhandled car out of bog and arrived at KWIBUN at 1350 hours. Departed at 1410 hours and arrived at JIMI River bridge at 1540 hours. Paid carriers and collected names. No Interpreter accompanying.

60 Jimi River bridge recently replaced and is in reasonable condition.

61 Only twenty two KOINAMBE carriers from a 97MA potential force met patrol. Eleven KWIBUN carriers volunteered to carry for double rates.

62 Departed at 1600 hours and arrived at KOINAMBE Rest House at 1700 hours.

63 Slept KOINAMBE Rest House.

Friday
2/3/73

64 Met Mission staff for informal discussions. Some friction evident. Met Lance Woodward of S.I.L. who is camped above KOINAMBE.

65 Patrol moved off at 1100 hours after waiting some time for carriers. No food, water or firewood available and nothing about the people or place impressive. Inspected KOINAMBE to KOMPIAI road link en route. Work obviously progressing slowly. Many slips remain to be cleared and some water damage to road because of this fact.

66 Arrived KOMPIAI mark at 1400 hours. Paid carriers and discussed work requirements with Councillor and carriers.

67 Arrived KOMPIAI Rest House at 1545 hours. Met Harley Manner, a resident student Geographer who previously spent some time in the area in 1967.

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- 68 Once again, very little water, food or firewood available. People lethargic and disinterested in contrast with attitudes displayed under the former Councillor, YINGGOK. The present Councillor is something of a joke.
- 69 Overnight KOMPIAI Rest House.
- Saturday 70 Departed KOMPIAI Rest House at 1010 hours. Arrived TSUWENKAI Rest House at 1410 hours. Poor reception. Little food available. Discussed forthcoming work with people.
3/3/73
Overnight at TSUWENKAI Rest House.
- Sunday 71 To creek to wash clothes - no personal servant employed by either A.P.O. O'Brien or self. Walked to end of constructed road to inspect adherence to survey alignment.
4/3/73
- 72 Observed that the people have cut a further length of road in a location advised against by A.P.O. LOGAN in March, 1971. People obviously want to avoid road length and quality. Grades up to 20 degrees inspected.
- 73 Overnight TSUWENKAI Rest House.
- Monday 74 Commenced at the end of A.P.O. LOGAN's trace at 0830 hours. Completed day at 1400 hours due afternoon rains. Arrived at camp at 1500 hours.
5/3/73
- 75 Overnight TSUWENKAI Rest House.
- Tuesday 76 Departed at 0800 hours and arrived at creek crossing at 0840 hours. Small bridge constructed to facilitate dry crossing. Arrived at end of Councillor's mark at 0930 hours. Some two hours spent in readjusting the Councillor's excessive grades to fit under a waterfall and over the only possible creek crossing lower down. Self and a small party headed off through the bush to cut a guiding trace by eye back to yesterday's mark. The idea being to pick up any bad spots on a zero degree trace.
6/3/73

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77 Headed back to camp from bush at 1600 hours. Arrived back at camp at 1700 hours. KUBENG Committee man pointed out likely check points en route. Commenced raining lightly at 1630 hours.

78 Overnight TSUWENKAI Rest House.

Wednesday
7/3/73

79 Departed ~~the~~ trace at 0800 hours with a stiff walk being required over the last half mile. People were told that the trace would be made to come out slightly above that marked on Monday as the hill was less steep further up. This occurred by some forty feet due the last sections being marked at a four degree incline. Link completed and nothing in excess of four degrees marked in the two to three miles surveyed this week. Not many TSUWENKAI people ably assisting. A bare handful each from BOKAPAI, KANDANBIAMP and KUBING assisting. A number of TSUWENKAI people shot thru when asked to cut the last one hundred feet of fallen secondary scrub to make the joining link. Knocked off at 1500 hours and walked back to the Rest House arriving at 1600 hours. Discussions with people at 1800 hours and decision made to abandon the area due to apathy on the part of the people. The so called leaders not very happy with the decision and, apparently, the people got the message as all stated that they would cut the marked trace to motor cycle standard within three months.

80 People pointed out the area traversed by surveyor FORD from Lands Department, Port Moresby, in November, 1972, when he was marking the SIMBAI to KIWIBONG to JIMI Sub District road link.

81 Area traversed by SIMBAI Policemen in June, 1972, pointed out.

82 Over night TSUWENKAI Rest House.

Thursday
8/3/73

83 More discussions with people. Departed TSUWENKAI Rest House at 0930 hours and arrived at the

TOMORROW.

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KUBENG/TSUWENKAI mark at 1040 hours. Carriers paid and names recorded. Followed walking track for a short distance then proceeded up a near precipitous kunai grass ridge to a prepared camp site. Arrived at 1200 noon and tents erected and camp set up. Commenced raining at 1415 hours. Later walked further up the ridge on which we were camped to inspect the allocated crossover point and adjacent terrain.

84 It turns out that the O.I.C. SIMBAI has been despatching police with Abney levels into my area to mark out roads contrary to instructions issued by self in June, 1972. No courtesy displayed at all by O.I.C. SIMBAI (I presume A.D.C. SPANNA). To be advised that his police and Abney levels will be returned in pieces if this attitude persists.

85 Very cold, but a relatively sheltered position on the side of a ridge about one hundred feet below the ridge line.

86 Overnight at camp site.

Friday
9/3/73

87 To surveyor's mark by a circuitous route (took three hours, which the people claimed had been completely cleared. It would have taken us only an hour and ten minutes by the normal walking track. Obvious that the Committee man here is interested only in getting a survey done within his own land regardless of where the lands' surveyor's mark might come out. At one point he had a stooge try to tell us that the Simbai Policemen's mark was the surveyor's mark. Great reluctance displayed by KUBENG people to proceed on to the surveyor's mark, but the people given the option of doing this or having the patrol abandon the area. On the same ridge and some two hundred feet below the termination of the surveyor's mark, the TSUWENKAI people have constructed a road to the SIMBAI policemen's mark. This road varies between 14 and 20 degrees.

tomorrow.

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The mark came down the wrong side of the ridge so the policeman had to fit a smart hairpin into a reasonably compact place. In June, 1972, the people from this area approached me and stated that two police from SIMBAI were working at KINIMBONG and wanted to carry the mark over the range. I despatched word that no survey work was to be carried out by anyone but the JIMI D.D.A. staff or surveyors hired by the Government. A letter handed to the Councillor from ~~XXXXX~~ TSUWENKAI by one of these policemen in June, 1972, explained of the lack of assistance they received. This letter was handed to me at TSUWENKAI this last week after I made the decision to abandon the TSUWENKAI people. It is probably the fault of the JIMI people and staff that this situation arose as road survey work is not proceeding fast enough to satisfy the people. Also, the fact that the people are willing to follow the police trace after a qualified surveyor and myself have pointed out the faults is a fair indication that we can expect trouble when it comes to having our less-than-five-degrees-mark followed.

88 The surveyor's mark was picked up at peg 25 and checked for grade to give us an impression of his work. We commenced at peg 1 and cut a trace of about one mile plus in length. Most of our trace was done at between zero and one degree with one short section running at five degrees. Our object is to keep the trace high to avoid long ridges and the steeper gullies farther down and to leave plenty of room for backtracking if such is required. Despite any amount of discussion, the people could not see why we could not drop ten degrees or so at will to avoid obstacles as the policemen did. Arrived back at camp fully fatigued. Good support given by TSUWENKAI people all day. Much of the land traversed today belongs to the KOIVANBE and JUM (JIMI) peoples and the GANZ (SIMBAI) people.

89 Slept at camp site.

tomorrow.

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- Saturday 10/3/73 90 Leg muscles too weary to do much. Washed clothes and rested.
- Sunday 11/3/73 91 Rested.
- Monday 12/3/73 92 Rained heavily all night. Intermittent heavy rain all day. Camp floor wet under foot. No labour turned up. No work done.
- Tuesday 13/3/73 93
- Went to a saddle in the range above KUBENG Rest House. KUBENG men people been on following existing walking track from TSUBENKAI to KOMPAL, but I oppose this on the grounds that this is an unnecessarily long route; it passes through very steep and landslide prone country; the KOMPALS are the hardest pressed group in the JIMI for land and each of their ten square miles of land for one thousand people would be affected by some seven miles of road passing through it; the KOMPALS are required to assist the KOIVANES who cannot cope with their prospective ten miles of road; and the KUBENGs are interested only in acquiring a short section of road regardless of considerations for others and the road network as a whole.
- Two hours walk from camp site to saddle. Saddle to KUBENG Rest House in one hour. KUBENG Rest House to KOMPAL Rest House in one hour. Met Patrol Officer LOGAN at KOMPAL and talk situations discussed. A road routed through the saddle would save some five to seven miles in construction work and give us the alternative of bringing the SIBRAL road via KOMPAL and KOIVANES or KUBENG and KUMA. The latter would be a better route as the hairpin bends on the KOMPAL to KOIVANES section are some what of a deterrent to future expansion.
- 9- Returned to camp site in 2½ hours arriving at 1840 hours.

TOMORROW.

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- Wednesday 14/3/73
- 95 Marked back from the Committee man's house which is located further up the ridge on which we are camped. This is the allocated crossover point previously mentioned. Linked up with the mark done yesterday by A.P.O. O'BRIEN at 11.50am. Returned to camp for lunch arriving at 12.20pm. Commenced raining at 1315. Resumed forward marking from the Committee man's house at approximately 1400 hours and completed a fair length by 1700 hours. Grade taken at zero.
- 96 Overnighted at camp site.
- Thursday 15/3/73
- 97 Rained heavily all night and continued until 0800 hours.
- 98 Departed camp at 0830 hours and arrived at the end of yesterday's trace at 0930 hours.
- 99 Self went on ahead with a small line of cutters and the abney level to check out a sloping waterfall several hundred feet in height. Grade taken at zero for about two hours. Impossible to cross so word sent to A.P.O. O'BRIEN to abandon the trace and join me at a point several hundred lower. Good crossing place located and I worked forward whilst Mr. O'BRIEN worked backwards. Necessary to employ a consistent five degree grade at this stage to regain height lost. Rained heavily from 1405 hours and work abandoned. Arrived back at camp saturated at 1445 hours.
- 100 Slept overnight at camp.
- Friday 16/3/73
- 101 Arose at 0545 hours and broke camp. Moved off with KUBENG carriers at 0750 hours. Met by KOMPIAI carriers at 0830 hours. Names taken and carriers paid. Arrived at KOMPIAI Rest House at 1105 hours. Met Harley Manner and two German students. Arrived at KOINAMBE airstrip at 1331 hours. Paid carriers and took waiting aircraft to TABIBUGA Station. Constable NIDUA left to look after patrol cargo until uplift tomorrow.

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Period 1/3/73 to 16/3/73

Fifteen nights @ \$3.30 equals \$49.50

Policies Nos. 10 to 18

J.A. Edwards

J.A. EDWARDS,
Assistant District Commissioner.

PATROL REPORT No. 8/1972-73

Station	TABIUGA	Officer Compiling	J. A. EDWARDS
District	WESTERN HIGHLANDS	Subdistrict	JIMI
Census Division	KUNOGA	L.G. Council	JIMI

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SIMBAI PATROL POST TO TABIUGA ROAD LINK

This patrol was simultaneously in the field with Patrols 7 & 9/72-73.

All patrols were engaged in systematically bringing to fruition the fourth major road link in the JIMI Sub District.

The other road links are:

- TABIUGA to BANZ via KORENDIU, KARAP, KAUIL, and ORGOMOL land. The distance is thirty four (34) miles, twenty seven (27) of which are contained within the JIMI Sub District boundary;
- TABIUGA to KOL via KORENDIU, KARAP, MANEMP, OLMA, MANE, and KOL land. The distance is thirty seven (37) miles. This road has been under construction for some years and the lack of effort by the local people is responsible for this road not yet being fully operational. The Administration Landeruiser was driven to KOL on 12/8/72 and a coffee car which followed plunged over the side. The road is expected to be fully operational during the forthcoming dry season. The work would progress much more rapidly with District Administration staff directly supervising the work, but I consider that other groups should first have a survey alignment before we disproportionately work in the one area;
- TABIUGA to RUTI via TSINGOROPA, KWIBUN, YIMBUGELA, BOKAPAI, RINIMP, YIMBUNKI, TSENDIAP and other lower JIMI group land. Stages on this project completed are:
 - TABIUGA to PSAU River beyond KWIBUN, a distance of 12.5 miles, the lower part of which is not usable in the wet season;
 - PSAU River to GANZ River, a distance of about 14 miles, which is usable only in the dry season because of fords.

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TABIBUGA to SEMBANT link via TSINGOROPA, KOINAMBE, KOMPAL, TSUWENKAI, BOKAPAI, KANDAMBIAMP and SEMBANT land, a distance of approximately fifty (50) miles, with a link running off between TSINGOROPA and KOINAMBE at the JIMI bridge to KWIMA, and a further link running off between KOMPAL and TSUWENKAI to KINIMBONG and thence SIMBAI Patrol Post.

As a result of this patrol it is now thought that the KOMPAL to TSUWENKAI link will be taken above KUBENG Rest House through a saddle from which it will be possible to run down to KWIMA Rest House to give SIMBAI the option of coming to TABIBUGA via KUBENG, KOMPAL, KOINAMBE and TSINGOROPA or via KUBENG, KWIMA and TSINGOROPA.

All grades are being kept to an absolute minimum with nothing over five degrees and all corners and gullies are being approached at zero to permit widening without any appreciable effects to the overall gradient.

It is reasoned that the extension of this road through MABMUL and the KINIL gap will provide a two wheel drive road to SIMBAI from HAGEN. Failing this, from MENJIM or ROBLONA or RUTU.

The section from SIMBAI to KINIMBONG and over the crest of the BISMARCK Ranges four miles into JIMI territory was surveyed in November, 1972, by a surveyor from Port Moresby. This office does not have a report of his activities and it would have been beneficial to both sides had some sort of liaison taken place beforehand. Such things as attitudes of the land owners to the positioning of roads through their land; availability of timber accessible to forestmills; types of crops proposed for the various groups at various altitudes; reforestation proposals by resident geographers; and current planning in the adjacent Sub-district should have been discussed. The fact that SIMBAI Police were despatched into the JIMI Sub District with an abney level against my instructions and the resultant harm which has accrued from their efforts is not taken lightly here at TABIBUGA.

Completed sections of the fourth major road project, the TABIBUGA to SEMBANT road link, a distance estimated at some 50 miles, are:

SEMBANT to KANDAMBIAMP: One to two miles surveyed in January, 1971, now completed;

- . KANDAMBIANG to BOKAPAI: One to two miles surveyed in January, 1971, now completed and the people state that they have completed a further section to their own alignment;
- . BOKAPAI to TSUWENKAI: Nil.
- . TSUWENKAI to KUBANG:
TSUWENKAI
One to two miles surveyed in January, 1971 completed to motor cycle standard (a couple of rock faces require widening);
A further one or two miles surveyed in March, 1971, now completed to motor cycle standard;
A further two to three miles surveyed in March, 1973, to be constructed to motor cycle standard in next few ~~weeks~~ months;
- . KUBANG
about five miles surveyed in March, 1973, which are a continuation of the surveyor's trace from KINIBONG. Remaining mileage to be surveyed in April, 1973;
- . KUBANG to KOMPIAI: To be surveyed in April, 1973
- . KOMPIAI to KOINAMBE: A distance of 8 miles surveyed in September/October, 1972, and now virtually completed to motor cycle standard;
- . KOINAMBE to JIMI Bridge: Survey commenced in March, 1973 and to be completed in April, 1973;
- . JIMI Bridge to TSINGOROPA: Surveyed in late 1971 and early 1972. Constructed to near motor cycle standard for a length of six miles. Machines and labourers currently widening out this road;
- . TSINGOROPA to TABIBUGA: Surveyed and constructed to vehicular standard in 1962. Length 3 miles.

Patrols 7, 8 & 9/1972-73 are to be continued on 2nd April, 1973

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and by mid-April we should be able to report that SIMBAI has successfully been linked by survey trace with TABIBUGA with the resulting road being superior to the existing TABIBUGA to BANZ road.

Mr. Patrol officer LOGAN, in his P/R No. 7/1972-73 should be commended in full on our major obstacle, the JIMI River bridge, which I consider is surmountable. The successful spanning of the JIMI River with a timber bridge should be followed up the next year with a steel Bailey bridge. Span should be 100' for the sake of safety.

J.A. Edwards
J.A. EDWARDS,
Assistant District Commissioner.

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POLITICAL ASPECTS:

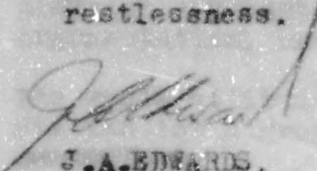
This patrol did not meet any great numbers of people and very few of those not directly involved in cutting survey traces bothered to meet the patrol. This is attributable directly to the fact that the people recognize only compulsory attendance at census patrols which function is now an O.L.G. responsibility.

Area Authorities, political discussion groups, council matters and other matters of political significance were discussed at random. As usual, people are not prepared to listen and absorb information they feel does not affect them. Most people view with disbelief the impending recognition of Self Government. Others, who have worked on the coast or elsewhere, express unco-operative and latently hostile attitude towards expatriate staff. I think the feeling is there that we are wasting our time trying to get work done when we are about to be evicted from the country. /de/

The Administration's image in the area is practically non-existent and the over-righteous, ingenuous Missionaries of KOINAMBE who are accepting reject, worn infested food from local people at a price do nothing to bolster an expatriate image. Some two years ago, I commented in an Annual Report that this area's greatest need was an influx of competent District Administration staff for a period of twelve months on road survey work. A staff of four just cannot cope with the situation unless all paper work requirements are completely ignored.

The Councillor from KOINAMBE is worse than useless; the Councillor from KOMPIAI must have been elected as an April Fool's joke; the TSUJENKAI Councillor had not observable sway although he expresses acceptable attitudes and appears to be able to get work satisfactorily completed over a period of months; the KUBU Councillor is young and energetic but has two older and treacherous Committee men to deal with.

As elsewhere I have been in the JIMI, I sense a mounting restlessness.


J.A. EDWARDS,
Assistant District Commissioner.

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LAW AND ORDER ASPECTS:

The murder rate in the JIMI has increased drastically in recent months. In 1970 there was one known murder which occurred at TIMBUNKI - an elderly man killed his ear-bashing wife. In 1971 no murders were reported. In 1972 no murders were recorded until late in the year when four were reported.

In February, 1973, a man from KOMPILI killed his sister-in-law. The evidence presented in the District Court preliminary hearing suggested that he had murdered his sister-in-law because his brother had not adequately recompensed him for bride price contributions. During this patrol the people told both Patrol Officer LOGAN and myself that the woman had been murdered because she refused to have sexual intercourse with her brother-in-law. The accused has recently returned from RABAUL where he allegedly killed two other people.

Mr. LOGAN's patrol uncovered a concealed murder at KWIMA and yesterday we received radio advice from KOINAMBE that a murder had been committed at YIMBUGEMA.

Yesterday, a man from OLNA came to the Office and complained that a man from MINJ who had axed his daughter had been discharged because of a lack of witnesses. The man donned his 'war-paint' and headed off in the direction of MINJ with spear and axe to exact retribution.

Effective police patrolling is no solution as most of the police I have seen on Outstations in recent years are my contemporaries and, like myself, they are ageing and unable to cope with the hard climbs. The odd young policeman, fresh from indoctrination courses in Port Moresby, who is posted to an outstation does not fit in with the older, more experienced men who are treated with contempt because of their lack of education. The younger men quickly become involved with women and create more problems than they solve. They are conscious of Public Service attitudes in the larger towns and will not extend themselves for the good of the Police Force and the country. In their relationships with District Administration staff, they can sometimes become argumentative, undermining influences.

The whole attitude is one of beersteria - let's get back to the Station for a grog-up each weekend. If little else of

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Australiana has rubbed off, work and beer drinking attributes have.

J.A. Edwards

J.A. EDWARDS,
Assistant District Commissioner.

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PATROL REPORT

Report number: 9/72-73
 District: Western Highlands
 Patrol conducted by: ABC J.A. EDWARDS.
 APO P.L.O'BRIEN
 Area patrolled: Kunoga
 Duration of patrol: 1/3/73 - 16/3/73
 Last D.D.A. patrol: 1/72-73
 Last O.L.G. patrol: 5/72-73
 Map reference: Jimi River Ref.
 Edwards & Logan
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Objects of patrol: As per Patrol Instr.
 Station: Tabibuga
 Subdistrict: Jimi River
 Designation: Assistant Patrol Officer
 Personnel accompanying: 3
 Number of days: 16
 Total population of area: 3,000
 Council area: Jimi Local Govt Council
 House of Assembly Electorate: Jimi River

The District Commissioner,
 West High District,
 Mount Hagen

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- Field Officers Journal Folios 26 To 33,
 - Patrol Instructions,
 - The Report and my comments,
 - Area study,
 - Updating of area study,
 - Situation Reports No's 1-
 - Patrol map,

DATE: 20/3/1973.

[Signature]
 Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
 Department of the Administrator,
 Division of District Administration,
 KONDIOBU, Papua New Guinea.

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District Headquarters assessment of
 Patrol & Report Above average
 Average
 Below average

[Signature]
 District Commissioner

Date: 27/4/1973

The District Commissioner
Western Highlands District
P.O. Box 17
Koror

June 29th 1973
67-14-38
R.O. Green
A/D.D.C.

JERI REVER PATROL NO. 9/1973-73

Reference your Memo of 27th April 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report Jacket and Documentation arising out of the above patrol of part of Koror Coast Division, as submitted by Mr. P.L. O'Brien Assistant Patrol Officer.

V. L. Agnew
W.P. REVER J
A/Secretary

PATROL REPORT No. 9/72-73. (12)

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Division of District Administration,
Sub District Office,
TABIBUGA, JIMI RIVER,
Eastern Highlands District.

25th February, 1973

Mr. P. L. O'BRIEN,
Assistant Patrol Officer,
TABIBUGA.

JIMI RIVER PATROL No. 8/72-73


On Wednesday, 28th February, 1973, you will be prepared to accompany the above patrol which will be conducted by myself.


The patrol will be proceeding to TSUWENKAI via KWISUN, KOINAMBE, and KONPIAI.

The objects of the patrol will include the completion of survey links between TSUWENKAI and KINIMBONG (SINBAI area), and TSUWENKAI and KONPIAI.

The patrol could be in the field for a period of three weeks.

As an exercise, you will be required to submit a separate report of the patrol's activities and your report will be numbered, JIMI RIVER No. 9/72-73.


J.A. EDWARDS,
Assistant District Commissioner.


c.c. Deputy District Commissioner,
HAGEN Division,
Post Office Box 168,
MOUNT HAGEN.

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PATROL REPORT No.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING THIS PATROL :

This patrol was conducted by J. A. Edwards Assistant District Commissioner. His report of this patrol is numbered JIMI RIVER No. 8/72-73.

He was accompanied by Admin officer P. L. O'Brien Assistant Patrol Officer, who is the writer of this report being numbered JIMI RIVER No. 9/72-73.

These two officers were accompanied by two members of the R.P.K.G.C. Namely: Const. I/C Didna , & Const. I/C Yuka.

Due to a very heavy patrol program there was no interpreter accompanying this patrol.

The patrol was conducted on the 1st of August 1973. The patrol was conducted in the area of the JIMI RIVER. The patrol was conducted in the area of the JIMI RIVER. The patrol was conducted in the area of the JIMI RIVER.

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Station TABIBUGA Officer Compiling P. L. O'Brien
 District WESTERN HIGHLANDS Subdistrict JIMI RIVER
 Census Division KUNOGA L.G. Council JIMI RIVER.

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Political.

The Jimi Local Government has been effective in this area for many years, but it is the feeling of this officer that the people will not be satisfied that J.L.G.C. is a good idea till a bridge is provided across the Jimi River. In other words until they have some very obvious link with the out side world, and J.L.G.C. is obviously responsible.

The Councillors in this area range from effective, to useless. It does not reflect the J.L.G.C. but the personal attributes of each individual councillor. Kompiai would be an excellent example of this situation. The previous councillor had drive, and ambition, but he unfortunately could not adjust to the changing methods of getting work done.

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As a result of this councillor's forcful manner he was not re-elected. The new councillor is very ineffective, but the people are drawn into more work, which seems to be their main fear.

The Tsuwenki councillor appears to be able to get some following, but many do not consider him as their leader, and work on the road, for their own advantage.

Although this side of the Jimi River has contact with 'outsiders' only thru' the Anglican Mission, they are slowly becoming aware that Self Government might come. Many will not accept that it will. When told that it WILL be here in December, they nod their head, but obviously do not believe it.

Obviously a road link with TABIBUGA, hence WANGI would be of invaluable level, with respect to political education. The more sophisticated WANGI coffee buyers, and other travellers would soon bring these people to an understanding, and full comprehension of current affairs.

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ECONOMIC.

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Admittedly the patrol was only of 16 days duration, but during this time i could see no ~~visual~~ means of making money, except from each other. In other words Trade Stores. These were in abundance, strangely enough, as all merchandise had to be carried in from TABIBUGA.

Obviously a road link with TABIBUGA would make items more profitable, for these hardworking storemen.

Some optimists have planted coffee, mainly around KOMPIAL. At present they carry their product to TABIBUGA to sell. If a road was opened to this area, coffee buyers would soon frequent the area, giving the people more time to spend in their gardens. Many would start planting madly.

The writer feels that a road thru' this area would cause more advancement, than any number of administration patrols. As we will be returning to the area to survey more roads, possibly in April, we hope to be able to report on the attitudes of the people by the amount of road work they have done on the new traces that we have marked, during this patrol.

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One point that i consider mentioning is what appears to be failing in their subsistence gardening. From previous reports, and from the elevation of their gardens, i would expect to find Bananas, and pawpaws to be among their staple diet.

None were seen at KOMPIAI, TSUWENKI, KUBENG, and very few at KOIMAMBI. During the 16 days, one pawpaw was offered for sale to us, and some over-ripe bananas.

It could of course represent a change in attitude towards the admin but there appeared to be none of the locals enjoying these fruit either.

Economic development will not start till these people have a road connection with the rest of the Jimi. This will not in turn happen till the people can afford to pay higher taxes to pay for a Jimi bridge.(?) Current price quote is \$20,000.

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SOCIAL

The only schools in the area are at the KOINAMBI ANGLICAN MISSION. The same applies to the hospitals. But regardless of the advantages of having the mission, there appears to be those who are only too ready to take advantage of them. There have been several small thefts, but the general opinion of the mission appears to be that they do not want the culprit caught, or punished. Such attitudes are conducive to further such actions.

Faith in the ability of the mission has been further shaken in the eyes of the local residents, by the fact that they have been asked to clear the sight for a hospital. Then a second, and finally a third, as each was found to be unsuitable for the intended purpose.

The potential of the mission would in the opinion of the writer not be fully realised under present management. Health at, and around the mission seem to be at an all time low, but it would not be fair to pass judgement, as the Jini in general is badly effected by an influenza epidemic.

Law and order is well accepted in this area. It is administrated from TABIBUGA.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

The general opinion was very much in favour of a road being at last built, to connect their area with the other side of the Jimi. It appeared to be the general opinion also that if it could be built without their assistance, then it would be even better. At TSUWENKI we experienced the opinion that someone else should do it. As the Bokapis, etc needed the road, they should come to help. In fact there were less Tsuwenkis than other groups, helping. When it was obvious that we were not going to sit around and wait for them to decide to help, they appeared to come to their senses.

There is sufficient road marked to give us an indication, if they intend to fulfil their part of the road. We anticipate to return in the period of April.

The MUBENGS were very interested, but were not past trying to only do what was important to them.

I would assume that the Administration officials at SIMBAI are not greatly interested in this project, as we have no correspondence from them. There is another line of thought to take their access road for them thru' Baiyer River. Perhaps this is their line of thought?

There is no doubt of this (J/m)

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road being the best link with SIMBAJ, and later MADANG. From the Jimi to the highland District border no slopes are greater than 5 degrees, and we hope to complete the trace in April. The people at Kinembong are closely affiliated with the TSUMENHIS, and it would be a move towards uniting the people.

CONCLUSION :

The work that we are doing, is greatly appreciated, and recognised as being for their advantage, but they can not see the Council being able to afford to build a bridge across the Jimi.

They were very co-operative, but not all were willing to help physically.

P. L. O'Brien
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P. L. O'Brien
Assistant Patrol Officer r.

PATROL REPORT

Report number: 10/1972-73	Objects of patrol: Regal Extension
District: Western Highlands	Station: RAIBOBU
Patrol conducted by: J. J. J. J.	Subdistrict: JERI RIVER
Area patrolled: Part 100000	Designation: Patrol Officer
Duration of patrol: 2/4 - 10/4/73	Personnel accompanying: Const 1909 1/c SUDANI
Last D.D.A. patrol: 7/1972/73	Number of days: Fifteen
Last O.L.G. patrol: 1972 tax collection	Total population of area: 6,000
Map reference: 10/1972-73	Council area: JERI
	House of Assembly Electorate: JERI

The District Commissioner,
District,

Western Highlands
RAIBOBU

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- Field Officers Journal Folios 22 To 29 1973 (✓)
 - Patrol Instructions (✓)
 - The Report and my comments (✓)
 - Area study ()
 - Updating of area study ()
 - Situation Reports No's 1- ()
 - Patrol map ()

see Jera Road side map
10/1972-73

DATE: 12/15/1973.

[Signature]
Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua New Guinea.

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- Area study ()
 - Updating of area study ()
 - Situation Report No's 1- ()
 - _____ ()
 - _____ ()
 - District Headquarters assessment of _____ Above average
 - Patrol & Report _____ Average

Date: 17/1/1973,

[Signature]
District Commissioner

The District Commissioner
Western Highlands District
P.O. Box 17
MOUNT HAGEN

20th August, 1973
67-14-
R.G. Grwin
s/D.D.C.

JHE RIVER PATROL NO. 10 - 1972/73

Reference your Minute of 17th July, 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report Jacket arising out of the above patrol of Part of KINOGA Census Division as submitted by Mr. K.J. LOGAN, Patrol Officer.

W. J. H. H.
W.J. H.H.
s/Secretary

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PATROL REPORT

Report number: JIMI RIVER 11/72-73 Objects of patrol: ROAD SURVEY SIMBAI LINK
 District: WESTERN HIGHLANDS Station: TABIBUGA
 Patrol conducted by: J.A. EDWARDS, A.D.C. Subdistrict: JIMI RIVER
 Area patrolled: PART KUNOGA CENSUS D. Designation: Assistant District Commissioner
 Duration of patrol: 2/4/73 - 18/4/73 Personnel accompanying: TWO R.F. & N.G.C.
 Last D.D.A. patrol: 1/3/73 - 16/5/73 Number of days: 17 days
 Nos. 7, 8 & 9
 Last O.L.G. patrol: No. 5/72-73 Tax Total population of area: 3000
 Map reference: JIMI ROAD LINK Council area: JIMI
 21/3/73 House of Assembly Electorate: JIMI OPEN
 7, 8, & 9/72-73

The District Commissioner,
West. Highl. District,
Mount Hagen

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios 2/To 24	(✓)
Patrol Instructions	(-)
The Report and my comments	(✓)
Area study	(-)
Updating of area study	(-)
Situation Reports No's 1-	(-)
Patrol map	(-)

DATE: 26/3/1973

J.A. Edwards
 Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
 Department of the Administrator,
 Division of District Administration,
 KONEDOBUI, Papua New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Area study	()
Updating of area study	()
Situation Report No's. 1-	()
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_____	()

District Headquarters assessment of
 Patrol & Report _____

Above average
 Average ✓
 Below average

Date: 9.5.1973

A. Bell
 District Commissioner

The District Commissioner
Western Highlands District
P.O. Box 17
MR. MALLEN

29th June, 1973
67-14-44
R.G. Grwin
s/D.D.C.

JIRI RIVER PATROL NO. 11 - 1972/73

Reference your minute of 9th May, 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report Jacket arising out of the above patrol of part of KIBOGA Census Division, as submitted by Mr. J.A. EDWARDS, Assistant District Commissioner.

W.F. KISS
W.F. KISS
s/Secretary

67-14-64

PATROL REPORT

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Report number: JIMI RIVER No. 12/72-73
 District: WESTERN HIGHLANDS
 Patrol conducted by: J.A. EDWARDS
 Area patrolled: TABIBUGA to BANZ ROAD
 Duration of patrol: 8/5/73 to 9/6/73
 Last D.D.A. patrol: Nov. & Dec. 1972
 Last O.L.G. patrol: Not applicable
 Map reference: P/RS 8 & 10/70-71
 7, 8 & 9/72-73

Objects of patrol: Road Maintenance
 Station: TABIBUGA
 Subdistrict: JIMI & MINJ
 Designation: A.D.C.
 Personnel accompanying: Sgt. and two Consts.
 Number of days: Seventeen over broken periods
 Total population of area: NIL
 Council area: WAHGI
 House of Assembly: WAHGI OPEN

The District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District.
Almond Hogan

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR 25 JUN 1973 TABIBUGA WESTERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- Field Officers Journal Folios 24 To 26
 - Patrol Instructions (✓)
 - The Report and my comments (✓)
 - Area study (✓)
 - Updating of area study (✓)
 - Situation Reports No's 1- (✓)
 - Patrol map (✓)

DATE: 25/6/1973

J.A. Edwards
 Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
 Department of the Administrator,
 Division of District Administration,
 Konedobu, Papua New Guinea.



- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- ~~Area study~~ (✓)
 - Updating of area study (✓)
 - Situation Report No's 1- (✓)
 - ()
 - ()

District Headquarters assessment of
 Patrol & Report

Above average
 Average
 Below average

Date: 17/7/1973

R. Hall
 District Commissioner

The District Commissioner
Western Highlands District
P.O. Box 17
MT. HAGEN

16th August, 1973
67-14-64
R.G. Orwin
a/D.D.C.

JIMI RIVER PATROL NO. 12 - 1972/73

Reference your minute of 17th July, 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report Jacket arising out of the above patrol of part of JIMI Census Division, as submitted by Mr. J.A. EDWARDS, Assistant District Commissioner.

W.P. Hill
W.P. HILL
Secretary