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PATROL REPORTS SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT 1961/62.

KOMO SUB DISTRICT

<u>REPORT NO.</u>	<u>PATROL CONDUCTED BY</u>	<u>AREA PATROLLED</u>
KOMO 1 61/62	M.R. Haywood P.O. Gr.3	Mananda (restricted)
KOMO 2 61/62	M.R. Haywood P.O. Gr.2	Mananda
KOMO 3 61/62	M.R. Haywood P.O. Gr.2	Part of Mananda (restricted)
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. KOMO No-1
~~1961/1962~~ 1961/1962

Patrol Conducted by N. R. HAYWOOD PATROL OFFICER GRD 2

Area Patrolled MANANDA (RESTRICTED)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Natives 11 members R.P. & N.G.C
2 hospital orders 1 interpreter

Duration From 20/10/1961 to 22/12/1961

Number of Days 64

Did Medical Assistant Accompany NO

Last Patrol to Area by District Services June - Sept 1960

Medical None /19

Map Reference PATROL MAP No. 1 MILE ATTACHED

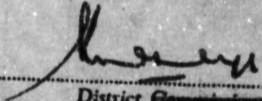
Objects of Patrol SEE PATROL INSTRUCTIONS ATTACHED

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

31/1/1962


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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The Director
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RE: [Illegible] Report in duplicate
is attached.

(U.S. 8740)
District Office

District Office,
Southern Highlands District

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27th January, 1962.

22nd February, 1962.

District Office,
Southern Highlands District,

MEMORANDUM NO. 1 OF 21/62

Thank you for the above report forwarded with copies
of comments by yourself and the Assistant District Officer,

I have read it with a great deal of interest, for
it gives a good and accurate picture of the situation
in the area. It is clear in reading this
report that Mr. Hayward, in circumstances of real difficulty,
is laying good foundations in the establishment of law and
order.

His approach is a sound one and it is most encourage-
ing to read his confident hope that the situation will in some
time or other be improved so that it should be possible
to consider de-occupation of the area.

These earlier months of contact with the initial
introduction of control, more forceful application of the law
in dealing with offences, are going to be most important. I
wish Mr. Hayward continued success in a difficult but valuable
task.

I note that you have already taken local action in
respect of the various matters raised in the report.

J.K.M.
(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

The Director,
Dept. of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

67-15-36

For your information please. Report in duplicate
is attached.

K.W. Dyer
(K.W. Dyer)
District Officer.

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District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

27th January, 1962.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
S.A.H.

KOMO PATROL NO. 1 GP 1961/62.

Thank you for Mr. Haywood's report on the first 2 months covering the establishment of KOMO patrol post and visits to population groups in the area, and your covering comments thereon.

Most of the matters raised have been dealt with separately following our visit to the area early January.

Mr. Haywood has done very sound work in this area and the situation appears quite satisfactory for this stage. As advised the District Airport Inspector now indicates he cannot visit KOMO before April and I have made representations to the District Commissioner to see if this unsatisfactory state of affairs can be remedied. In the meantime Mr. Haywood can proceed with the clearing of the strip site and the further erection of station buildings as well as regular visits to the native people as at present.

There are insufficient resources of labour in the area to undertake a vehicular road to Firi at the present time. The route could, and should, be surveyed when opportunity permits and a hatched walking/motor cycle track for subsequent later development to vehicular standards would be quite a worth while achievement. The survey should be fully documented including any future requests concerning the nature and extent of assistance that will be considered necessary. This work however should not be given priority over the airstrip, station establishment and native situation.

The map has been forwarded for printing to Headquarters under cover of a separate memorandum.

I commend the early establishment of rest houses.

By now Komo should have planting materials of a better type of sweet potato for propagation and further distribution and you should be able to provide corn seed. Provision of other seed has been raised with the D.A.O. but he has none available at present.

Stores and funds problems have as far as I know been resolved. Comments reference patrol equipment have been passed separately to the Director.

I am quite pleased with what has been done during the first 2 months at KOMO and with sustained effort I have no doubt we will achieve considerable progress and the de-restriction of the area by the end of this year.

Claim for camping allowance duly funded is returned herewith for payment. Please note I have amended the report number with a separate numbering sequence for KOMO.

K.W. Dyer
(K.W. Dyer)
District Officer.

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Sub District Office,
Tari,
Southern Highlands District
17th January, 1962.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
KOROR.

KOMO
REPORT OF TARI PATROL No 8 of 1961/62.

Enclosed herewith please find a report on Tari Patrol No 8 of 1961/62 as submitted by Mr. H.R. Haywood, Patrol Officer, Gr 2. The report covers the first two months of the establishment of KOMO Patrol Post in the MANANDA area. Of the total of sixty four days spent in the area 34 days were spent on patrol and 30 days spent on preliminary clearing and building on the proposed Patrol Post site.

The MANANDA area has in the past been the scene of many disturbances between various groups and it has also proved to be a haven for persons from the general Tari area seeking refuge. The majority of the group names in the MANANDA area are the same as group names in the Tari area and there appears to be a fair amount of movement back and forth between the two areas.

During his two months in the MANANDA area Mr. Haywood has covered most of the area and results to date have been pleasing. There have been no inter group disturbances in this time and the arrests of the two natives KAWO and PREE have been a start in the right direction.

The trouble at URA on the 6th November culminated in threats being made that the next patrol to the area would be attacked. Further police were sent from Tari and on 20th November a strong party moved into the area concerned. The threats were not carried into effect as Haywood succeeded in establishing good contact and in showing the people that law and order would be enforced. It is felt that such actions taken during the period of the initial setting up of the Patrol Post will give future officers a strong foundation from which to work.

The site of the KOMO Patrol Post has been recommended by previous officers and Mr. Haywood agrees that this is the most suitable in the MANANDA area. Delay in setting out the exact site for station and airstrip has been caused by the non-arrival of the

District Airport Inspector to survey the strip site. The latest information is that this officer has been promised for January, 1962.

The building of host houses throughout the MAHANDA area serves as a stabilizing influence and also obviates the necessity to carry tents continuously. Food for both persons.

A sketch map of the MAHANDA area is going forward under separate cover. Could prints be made of this map please.

When Mr. Hayward went to MAHANDA in October there was some confusion over the route he should take. Finally he followed a route used by Mr. Jinks but this has been found since to be unsuitable and the present route is via KINA across the TAGARI and on to KONO. Walking time is in the vicinity of 9 hours and with track improvements this should be reduced. The track is not difficult but is mainly through unpopulated or lightly populated areas. In addition to this there are two major bridges - across the TAGARI and the TIMARIA rivers. The construction of a vehicle road is a long range project but in the meantime improvements are continually being made to the walking track.

The patrol has been somewhat hampered by a shortage of native funds in the area necessitating it being sustained almost completely on imported rations. Originally the plan was to supply KONO by air drops but it has been found that the use of native carriers is more satisfactory and the people welcome the chance to earn a little cash. Funds have been allocated for the third and fourth quarter and the stores position should now quickly return to normal.

Mr. Hayward's report shows a satisfactory state of affairs in the MAHANDA area and there is no reason why that should not continue. It is felt that consideration could be given to the demilitarization of the area towards the end of 1962 if present trends continue. Both the U.F.M. and the Goguchin Mission are interested in extending their work to this area and they have been advised to apply for Permits to enter the area should they wish to do so.

Claim for camping allowance is attached.


(R. W. Blaikie)

Assistant District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Sub-district Office,
TARI.

27th December 1961.

The Assistant District Officer,
TARI.

Patrol Report Tari No. 8 1961/1962

Progress Report Establishment of
KONG Patrol Post

Officer conducting patrol : M.R. Haywood Patrol Officer Grd 2

Area patrolled : Mananda

Accompanied by :

Police

: Senior Constable GURUA No. 2 18
Constable WENDARE No. 7795
" UNUA " 7889
" KARA " 7643
" CPERAMA " 8002
" NUPEPE " 8752
" NYEM " 9891
" PONDRIK " 10500
" MARE " 10511
" KOTUM " 10429
" WARIATI " 10918

P.H.D. : A.P.O. MANU
H.O. MUKU (Part)

D.N.A. : Interpreter ANGOBI (Part)
T/Interpreter PORA
25 - 65 carriers

Period for this report : Friday 20th October - to
Friday 22nd December 1961

64 days

Object of patrol : See patrol instructions
attached

Previous patrols : Tari No. 3 of 1960/1961

Map reference : See patrol map attached

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Sub-district Office,
Tari,
Southern Highlands District.

20th October, 1961.

Mr. M.R. Haywood,
Patrol Officer,
TARI.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS

Please prepare to depart on a patrol to the KANANDA area. The objects of the patrol will be :-

- (a) In conjunction with the District Airport Inspector to fix a site for the new airstrip to be constructed at KOMO in the MANANDA area. The District Airport Inspector will survey the site for the strip.
- (b) Fix the site for the new Administration Patrol Post at KOMO after consultation with the natives concerned.
- (c) Clear a site suitable for air drops.
- (d) Commence construction of suitable buildings for the Patrol Post.
- (e) Explain to local natives the situation and that the Administration is establishing a permanent Post in the area.
- (f) You will carry with you an A 510 portable transreceiver. This is not operating satisfactorily at the moment but when repaired in a few days will be forwarded on to you. Daily radio schedules between your patrol and Tari will operate on a frequency of 5820 kcs at 4.15 pm.

You will be accompanied by ten native police under Senior Constable GUNUA and also Native Medical Orderly MUKU.

You may move to the TAGARI River where the patrol is wait the arrival of the District Airport Inspector. If the D.A.I. has not arrived by Monday 23rd October then further instructions will be issued.

Dr. Rodrigue also wishes to accompany the patrol but his movement is not yet certain.

After approximately a week at the proposed site for KOMO station you should return to Tari to collect the remainder of supplies and to return the D.A.I. to Tari.

signed

(R.W. Blaikie)
Assistant District Officer

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Sub-district Office,
Tari,

Southern Highlands District

23rd October 1961

Mr. M. R. Haywood,
Patrol Officer
TARI

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS

Further to my 67 - 2 - 1 of 20th October 1961.

I have just received advice that the District Airport Inspector has not yet arrived at Mendi and his present whereabouts are not known. Therefore would you please depart as soon as possible for the MANANDA area. Dr. Rodrigue also will not be accompanying the patrol. Should the District Airport Inspector arrive within the next week or so then I will send him in to you under the escort of another patrol.

The radio technician has still not arrived at Tari and his movements are also not known. I will forward the A 510 portable transceiver off to you now complete with aerial. You could set it up today at 4.15 and call Tari on 5820 kcs using if necessary your personal radio to receive. Should the test prove satisfactory you could take the A 510 with you and operate using your own set.

When you arrive at KOMO please locate the site for the new Patrol Post and commence clearing and erection of a few preliminary buildings. Also please clear immediately a drop site for air drops in a suitable position. A smoke fire should be lit whenever an aircraft arrives for a drop.

You should spend a week to ten days at the Patrol Post site preparing the area and making contacts with the local people. When selecting the site for the station and airstrip do so in consultation with the natives concerned.

signed

(R. W. Blaikie)
Assistant District Officer

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Sub-district Office,
Tari,

Southern Highlands District

28th October, 1961

Mr. M.R. Haywood,
Patrol Officer,
KOMO

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS

As previously advised by radio the District Airport Inspector will be unable to visit KOMO until approximately January, 1962. However the District Officer has advised that we will go ahead with the establishment of the Patrol Post in the MANANDA area.

The District Officer instructs that you should assure yourself that KOMO is the best site for the Patrol Post and airstrip. Under the circumstances seeing that the District Airport Inspector will not visit KOMO for approximately three months this is the best that we can do.

After preliminary clearing has been done at KOMO please visit other spots in the MANANDA area where station and airstrip sites may be possible if you are not satisfied with the KOMO site.

Do what patrolling in the area you can now to make yourself au fait with the MANANDA area there and the situation as it exists. It may be possible for you to cut your carrier line and return some carriers to Tari. This would enable you to remain longer in the area. After two or three weeks in the area you could return to Tari for the remainder of the supplies for KOMO. Also please attempt to find the best route in to Tari for a possible road in the future.

The District Officer is forwarding a fresh set of batteries for the A 510 transreceiver also the A 510 from KAGUA. The KAGUA A 510 is believed to be operating well.

Please let me know when you require a further air drop.

Signed

(R.W. Blaikie)
Assistant District Officer

Introduction

The area known as MANANDA (sometimes MARENDA) forms a rugged pocket of mountain ranges, swamp, and kunai plateaux, extending along the western slopes of the Tagari River water-shed and being in a general south to south-westerly direction from Tari. The northern boundary is the HANIMU River (Duna Sub-district). The southern boundary is formed by a line extending down the western boundary through the Karius Range (Western District) to a junction with the Tagari River which forms the eastern boundary.

There are two main mountains although most of the area could be called a mountain range. Mt. KIKIRIA has two peaks and rises in the northern section. Mt. HARIAKO has three peaks and rises in the southern section.

All the main rivers flow into the Tagari River. They are : HANIMU, TIMARIA, TARIBUNI, WAGUBA, and AVIA. The general flow is from the west to the east. On the western slopes of the KARIUS Range is the water-shed for the STRICKLAND River.

KOMO (or KUMU) Patrol Post is roughly in the centre of the MANANDA area and is six minutes flying time (Cessna) from Tari. By track the distance would be approximately 25-30 miles.

The estimated native population is 3,800 people - Patrol Officer Jinks, Tari Report No. 3 of 1960/1961. From observations made on this patrol the writer considers 4,000 as the limit. The people speak the HULI (or HURI) language without any noticeable dialectal difference, and have very much the same dress and customs. Again, all group names in the MANANDA area are found in the TARI area. It would appear very certain that the TARI natives migrated into the MANANDA area.

There is a pocket of population in an area called TUGUBA which is up to 5 day's walk west of MANANDA and well into the Western District. There is freedom of movement between MANANDA and TUGUBA although the writer has not yet met anyone from TUGUBA.

The whole of the MANANDA area is restricted and has not had very close contact with the Administration. However, the writer considers previous patrols though few in number, have done good work and there is a good relationship with the Administration. The people are naturally wary and suspicious of all things "new" but it seems reasonable to expect that the whole of the MANANDA area can be de-restricted within 12 months. The immediate area around the Patrol Post could be de-restricted now - say a radius of 2 miles. The writer found the general attitude of the people to be very good, despite the threats made on one occasion. There is no doubt that fighting occupied most of the leisure time in the past when the law was "an eye for an eye" and a lot will depend on the manner in which the Administration administers law and order from now on.

Diary

Friday 20th October 1961

From Tari to PURENI. Most of the cargo and patrol personnel already sent. Self by Land-rover to HIWA, walked on to Tagari River and crossed on a raft. In afternoon built a new raft from 6 44gallon drums. Slept Catholic Mission PURENI.

Diary ContinuedSaturday 21st October

At PURENI. Sorted out and arranged cargo. No news on D.C.A. Inspector. Slept PURENI.

Sunday 22nd October

At PURENI. Arranged for guides. Discussed route with local natives. The track from PURENI to MANANDA is not the shortest but this was the way Mr. Jinks went (Tari Patrol No. 3 of 1960/1962) and there does seem to be much confusion over bridges on the TAGARI River. It was reported that the best and shortest track goes from HIWA to BUTA to the TAGARI River and so to KOMO. Slept PURENI.

Monday 23rd October

Finally got away from PURENI at 1100 hrs, having waited 3 days for the D.C.A. Inspector. Followed route taken by Mr. Jinks, climbing inland and then in a general southerly direction passed Mt. ILU to a kunai area near the HANIMU River. This was as far as our PURENI guides would go, and although we could see the Rest House at HANIMANDA or KARUMA it was too late to continue so camp was made. A police Constable arrived late with the A 510 radio from Tari. Guards posted, quiet night.

Tuesday 24th October

Broke camp at 0645 and crossed the HANIMU River. Followed a track which lead east towards the TAGARI River. Inspected a timber bridge over the TAGARI but did not cross. Walked on in a southerly direction crossing the TUGUR River and climbing steeply up the north-east slopes of Mt. KIKIRIA to KARUMA or HANIMANDA Rest House. Only 2 natives sighted in general area. Continued on in a southerly direction following the TAGARI River but being well up the slopes of Mt. KIKIRIA. With some uncertainty on the track and distance to PAREPARE decided to camp at a place called LAITE. Camp made and contacted TARI by radio at 1615 hrs. Very poor reception on personal radio. Guards posted, quiet night.

Wednesday 25th October

Broke camp at 0645 hrs and moved on to PAREPARE where there is a Village Constable. Decided we could make KOMO that day so continued on, crossing the TIMARLA River and walking through timber country, no population, and crossed the TARIBUNI River, before coming out in kunai grass-land over-looking KOMO. Crossed the WAGUBA River and arrived KOMO at 1515 hrs. Radio contact made with TARI, again poor transmission but fair reception. Only 2 local natives came to see the patrol. Evidence and talk of famine in the area. Guards posted, quiet night.

Thursday 26th October

At KOMO. Spent the day building labour quarters. A small number of local natives visited the camp. Guards posted quiet night.

Friday 27th October

At KOMO. Spent the day preparing a drop site. Guards posted, quiet night.

Diary Continued

Saturday 28th October

At KOMO. A successful airdrop of 26 bags of rations by PIAGGIO. This was the first airdrop by PIAGGIO in Papua and New Guinea. A larger number of local natives turned up to see the airdrop. Reports say many of the people out in the bush looking for food. Guards posted, quiet night.

Sunday 29th October

Observed at KOMO.

Monday 30th October

At KOMO. Constables UBUA, MUREPE, PONRIS and 25 carriers sent to TARI via BUTA for additional stores. Set up end-feed aerial and got fair reception with TARI. Still using personal radio to receive.

Tuesday 31st October

At KOMO. Work continued on labour quarters. Much better turn-up of local natives, including some women to assist. Walked over to the ridge called PARANDA and down to the WAGUBA River searching for the body of a native child called TORAI of WABIAGO. Nothing found.

Wednesday 1st November

At KOMO. Work continued on labour and police quarters. Radio contact with TARI and heard that carriers were ready to return on 2nd.

Thursday 2nd November

At KOMO. Work continued on station buildings.

Friday 3rd November

At Komo. Work continued on station buildings. Carriers and police arrived from TARI with stores. Reports say the track via BUTA is reasonable and is the shortest.

Saturday 4th November

Most of the carriers discharged. Work continued on station buildings. Very difficult to hold a large labour line without local foods.

Sunday 5th November

Observed at KOMO.

Monday 6th November

Left KOMO Patrol Post with 7 police for a patrol to HAUWA. Walked in a southerly direction crossing the ridge known as PARANDA and walking through gardens belonging to part of the TAGIMA and TAMBURUMA Groups, then down into the MANANDA Basin, which is flat and very swampy. Continued in a south-east-erly direction through the swamp, crossing the TURUPARI Creek three times before climbing into the URA garden area. Discovered that the patrol was being followed by at least 60 natives. Sent police back along the track and they found 13 bows and a large number of arrows hidden in the kunai. Told the natives who had followed the patrol that they must return to their own groups. Broke and burnt the bows and arrows in front of them. This

Diary Continued

caused some strong comment and remarks to the extent that they had more bows and arrows and would remember what had happened. Explained that the Administration was strong enough to deal with any trouble and that the patrol had no intention of allowing a large number of armed men to follow the patrol to Hauwa. They all left. Camp set up at URA and the A.D.O. TARI advised by radio of the position. Guards posted, quiet night.

Tuesday 7th November

From URA climbed out of the MANANDA Basin and moved in a general southerly direction, crossing the AVIA River and coming out at a kunai ridge opposite the HAUWA area. Could see the TOBE Group gardens on the slopes of the HAUWA Ridge. Sent 2 URA guides to tell the TOBE people the patrol was coming to settle the trouble between NANO/UMI of TOBE and PENO/PELABA of TAMBURUMA. Moved over into the TOBE gardens and set up camp. Most of the TOBE people kept at a distance but further contact was made through the 2 URA men. Guards posted, quiet night.

Wednesday 8th November

At HAUWA Camp. NANO finally appeared and was arrested (see Law and Order). A fair number of TOBE people visited the camp during the day and they were told that the Administration would stop all fighting and would enforce law and order. After discussions with the TOBE and TAMBURUMA people there was a small settlement of pigs. Could not raise TARI on the radio. Guards posted, quiet night.

Thursday 9th November

Left HAUWA, moving along the ridge towards Mt. FARIKO. Passed through TOBE gardens and spoke to 3 natives. They said an officer had camped there once. Crossed the AVIA River - log bridge. Followed up-stream and climbed onto a ridge over-looking the MANANDA Basin. Passed through deserted gardens - KWADA. Came out in TOBE gardens - the main TOBE Group. Set up camp and guards posted. During the night police heard natives calling out down in the basin proper.

Friday 10th November

Had intended to visit other groups at the north-western end of the basin but decided to cross through the HAMBUALI and WABIAGO Groups. These two groups were involved in the trouble on the 6th and the shouting last night indicated they were aware of the patrol and may be prepared to cause trouble. Made a cautious approach through the area. Contact was made with two men from HAMBUALI but several others kept their distance and certain talk was directed at the local carriers. Continued on across the MANANDA Basin crossing the TURUPARI Creek near its junction with the WAGUBA River, climbing up and over the PARANDA Ridge and so back to KOMO Patrol Post. Patrol rested.

Saturday 11th November

At KOMO. Work continued on station buildings. Food supplies very short.

Sunday 12th November

Observed at KOMO.

Diary Continued

Monday 13th November

At KOMO. Work continued on station buildings and also started clearing lines for a survey of the two possible airstrip sites.

Tuesday 14th November

At KOMO. Food supplies very short. Decided to send off carriers to TARI. Radio contact with TARI. Could receive but transmission bad.

Wednesday 15th November

At KOMO. 17 carriers and 3 police set off for TARI 0600 hrs. Airdrop by Cessna in morning and on two runs 26 bags recovered.

Thursday 16th November

At KOMO. Sent 1 police and 7 more carriers off to TAGARI River. Tried District Sshed. but they could not hear me. Received information that the HAMBUALI Group were preparing to attack the next patrol to their area. Radio TARI 1615 failed.

Friday 17th November

At KOMO. Arranged through R.T.C. Mt. HAGEN to call TARI at 1030 hrs. Had a conversation and arranged for 5 more police to be sent out for a strong patrol to HAMBUALI. Later that day the reported "leader" of the HAMBUALI Group, one TUBAGU/TAMBURUMALI came to KOMO. Arrested TUBAGU - see Law and Order.

Saturday 18th November

At KOMO. All police, carriers and food supplies arrived from TARI. Police strength now 16.

Sunday 19th November

Observed at KOMO. Preparations made for patrol.

Monday 20th November

Left KOMO with 12 police and walked over into the MANANDA Basin. Just before reaching the HAMBUALI area met 6 natives said to be on way to work at KOMO. Took them with patrol and set up camp in HAMBUALI area. No natives sighted but sent out talk for all to come in tomorrow. Guards posted, quiet night.

Tuesday 21st November

At HAMBUALI. Day spent in building a rest house and police barracks. Some HAMBUALI and TOBE people visited the patrol. Guards posted, quiet night.

Wednesday 22nd November

At HAMBUALI. Made a sweep through the area. Apprehended 9 natives involved in the trouble at URA on the 6th. Guards posted, quiet night.

Diary Continued

Thursday 23rd November

At HAMBUALI. A much better turn-up of local people. Explained that the Administration would enforce law and order and that any threats of attack and fighting would result in the arrest of the people concerned. Work continued on rest house and police barracks with the assistance from local men and women. Guards posted, quiet night.

Friday 24th November

At HAMBUALI. Day spent finishing off buildings and also marked out a road right across the basin to link HAMBUALI with KOMO. Demonstrated way to make the road and supervised a small section near the rest house. The water level is very high but large ditches were effective. Decided that the action taken by the patrol was sufficient and that the main offenders had been arrested so that the patrol could leave the area. Guards posted, quiet night.

Saturday 25th November

From HAMBUALI back to KOMO.

Sunday 26th November

Observed at KOMO.

Monday 27th November

From KOMO to TAGARI River escorting prisoners and returning TARI police. A camp established right at the TAGARI River which is approximately half-way from KOMO to HIWA. The section between KOMO and the TAGARI River is reasonable for a road but no population. Approximately 4 hrs easy walking time. It is intended that the camp at the TAGARI River be the place where all cargo will be delivered from TARI. The Hospital orderly MUKU set off in the afternoon to return to HIWA prior to going on leave.

Tuesday 28th November

At TAGARI River camp. The 5 police from TARI set off to escort 10 prisoners to TARI. Day spent building a rest house and store. Local people from the IANGALI Group came to the camp and assisted.

Wednesday 29th November

Work continued on buildings. Walked up the track towards BUTA and met the TARI carriers bringing in rations. The climb out of the TAGARI River is fairly steep but still should be able to make a fair grade. The TAGARI River has a cane bridge and will be a big job about the same as the TARI/KOROBA bridge. The TILARIA River has a cane bridge and is about the same size. Will need wire although it would be possible to build a timber bridge for light vehicles. Slept TAGARI River camp.

Thursday 30th November

At TAGARI River camp. TARI carriers left for TARI. KOMO carriers set off with rations for KOMO.

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Diary Continued

Friday 1st December

At TAGARI River camp. KOMO carriers returned and rest house/store finished off.

Saturday 2nd December

TAGARI River back to KOMO. Patrol rested.

Sunday 3rd December

Observed at KOMO.

Monday 4th December

At KOMO Patrol Post. Work started on prison block.

Tuesday 5th December

At KOMO Patrol Post. Work continued on prison block. Some clearing of sight lines for airstrip.

Wednesday 6th December

At KOMO Patrol Post. Sent all carriers off with police escort to TAGARI River meet cargo line from TARI, also escort 1 prisoner. Started survey of one strip site.

Thursday 7th December

At KOMO Patrol Post. Survey continued on strip site. This site is about 2,000 feet but not good clearance from approach end. Carriers and cargo returned.

Friday 8th December

At KOMO Patrol Post. Work continued on station and prison buildings.

Saturday 9th December

At KOMO Patrol Post.

Sunday 10th December.

Observed at KOMO. Patrol stores got ready for patrol.

Monday 11th December

Left KOMO for HAUWA to investigate assault by PEBE/WAGIMA on the woman WADABU/ANGOI. IA. Camped at URA and put up the frame for a rest house. Only a small population here but the people seem reasonable and were keen to assist.

Tuesday 12th December

From URA to HAUWA. The patrol was sighted by the TOBE Group and it appears many of the men moved off. Made contact in the TOBE gardens and had the woman WADABU/ANGOI. IA brought in. She appeared to have been wounded ten times by arrows but surprisingly enough could walk and talk. Gave medical treatment and discussed the trouble with some TOBE people. PEBE/WAGIMA finally came to the camp and was charged with the attempted murder and arrested. Guards posted, quiet night.

Diary Continued

Wednesday 13th December

From HAUWA to URA. The woman WADABU/ANGOI.IA was carried. The HURI man feels it much beneath him to carry a woman but there was no trouble on this occasion. At URA work continued on the rest house. Radio contact with TARI and advised that the woman would arrive at the TAGARI River on Friday 15th December.

Thursday 14th December.

Sent WADABU and PEEK under police escort to KOMO for onward movement to TARI. Rest of patrol walked through swamp to HAMBUALI. The section between URA and HAMBUALI is all swamp and in many parts well under water. All quiet at HAMBUALI and very good progress has been made on the road.

Friday 15th December.

From HAMBUALI to TOPANI. Track through part swamp crossing the WAGUBA River and climbing onto a spur of Mt. HARIAKO. On the way saw a possible Cessna strip but not as good as KOMO. The whole of the MANANDA Basin is level but swamp. The sides inspected so far are no good for airstrips above Cessna. Camp set up at TOPANI and work started on a rest house.

Saturday 16th December

From TOPANI to KADIUMBA. The track follows the side of Mt. HARIAKO and crosses the GUNWA, KHE TETO, PAKONIA, TARI-BURI, and ADJULE Rivers. KADIUMBA is the name of the group. The ground name is GUBIBI. Two previous patrols camped here. Camp set up and work started on a rest house.

Sunday 17th December

In the morning worked on rest house. Good assistance from local natives. In afternoon walked over to PAREPARE where there is a rest house. The track crosses the TIMARIA River. Work started on building police barracks at PAREPARE (Group name PELA).

Monday 18th December

At PAREPARE working on police barracks. Good supply of native foods. Good reception from locals. Visited by NURU the time-expired murderer. NURU said he had now given up fighting and although a few of his friends were trying to get him into a fight he had learnt his lesson. There is a Village Constable here called TALE. He accompanied the patrol and has shown a willingness to help the Administration. It is difficult to say whether he has much power in the area but with backing should be a great help. It is unusual to find anyone willing to be a Village Constable - for one thing it means a change in dress and the loss of the HURI wig.

Tuesday 19th December

PAREPARE to KOMO. Walked over the same track used by the patrol when going to KOMO from PURENI. Patrol rested.

Wednesday 20th December

At KOMO Patrol Post. Preparations made for trip to TARI.

Diary Continued

Thursday 21st December

From KOMO to TAGARI River. On route made repairs to TIMARIA River bridge and also at TAGARI.

Friday 22nd December

From TAGARI River walked to HIWA and then by Land-rover and tractor to TARI. Patrol rested.

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Native Affairs

The MANANDA People

The MANANDA people are HURIS (or HULIS) and there is no doubt that they all migrated in from the TARI area. There is a story that all the people in the TARI Sub-district came originally from near WABAG. Group names at MANANDA indicate a mixing of many run-away groups from east of the TAGARI River. There is some movement between MANANDA and TARI and this often occurs when there is a shortage of food, or other troubles.

It is difficult to state whether there are any real leaders in the area. There are certain powerful men who have some control over their own groups but the HURI is such an independent type and leads a rather nomadic existence that the writer considers individuals would no doubt be picked for specific occasions such as fighting or ceremonial dances and that this leadership would often be short-term and depending on the personality of the person and the self-interest of all those involved.

At KOMO Patrol Post MANDI/ORLANI of the IMINI Group has some authority and he has been most cooperative. The big fight leader of this group was TUNDU who was killed about 2 years ago. TUBAGU/TAMBURUMALI who was arrested by this patrol is also a fight leader of the IMINI people and he has influence over the HAMBUALI and WABIAGO Groups - possibly his mother's line.

Mr. Jinks appointed a Village Constable for PAREPARE, one TALE, and he has been most helpful at KOMO as well as on patrol. It is hoped that TALE can look after the groups north of the TIMARIA River - 5 hrs walk from KOMO.

At this early stage it is pleasing to report that the MANANDA people seem willing to accept the Administration and that the enforcement of law and order should not be as difficult here as it has proved to be in the TARI area. There are certain factors which help, namely ; a smaller population, good progress by previous patrols - on a couple of occasions patrols were "tried" and found to be strong and effective, a large number of groups all rather suspicious of each other tends to prevent general movement in the area and makes for more easy control. As mentioned in the Introduction, a lot will depend on the manner in which the Administration administers law and order and what effort is made towards general development.

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Native Affairs Continued

Law and Order

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The MANANDA area is restricted and rather isolated so that patrols from TARI in the past have only been able to settle a few of the many murders and other crimes caused through group fighting amongst primitive people. For practical reasons the writer decided not to enquire too closely into "old" crimes unless the people themselves showed interest. However, it was pointed out that with the establishment of a Patrol Post at KOMO law and order would be strictly enforced and that all offenders must be brought to justice.

The action taken to date involved a fight at HAUWA where NANO/UMI of TOBE fired two arrows at FENO/PELABA of TAMBURUMA. FENO says he did not return the fire as he wished redress through the Administration. A patrol to HAUWA resulted in the arrest and conviction of NANO under the N.R.Os. NANO subsequently escaped from custody at KOMO but within a week gave himself up - through pressure from his own group. Again at HAUWA a young man PEBE/WAGIMA of WABIAGO fired ten arrows into an old woman WADABU/ANCOI.IA of WAINANI. A quick patrol to HAUWA resulted in the arrest of PEBE who is now at TARI having been charged with attempting to kill WADABU. WADABU was carried into TARI native hospital and has recovered from her wounds. Both NANO and PEBE appeared before the patrol without the usual search through the bush.

The trouble which started at URA when the patrol destroyed the bows and arrows of the people following the patrol to HAUWA eventually came to a head when TUBAGU/TAMBURUMALE made threats against the patrol - to the extent that he had a line ready to fight. TUBAGU himself was arrested at KOMO and pleaded guilty under the N.R.Os. He subsequently attempted to remove his handcuffs with a nail (it is said that several prisoners have done likewise at TARI) and received an additional sentence. The patrol to HAMBUALI resulted in the arrest and conviction of nine people involved with TUBAGU. Action taken on this occasion seems to have been most effective and there is now a rest house and police barracks and about 300 yards of made road which will soon link HAMBUALI with KOMO. Further arrests could have been made but were considered unnecessary.

Prompt action and settlement of all crimes in the early period of establishing the Patrol Post should set a good example and make things much easier in the future. For reasons already mentioned it does appear that the MANANDA area can be brought under full control within 12 months and could then be derestricted.

Komo Patrol Post

This site was recommended by previous patrols and the writer is of the opinion that it is the best available in the MANANDA area. KOMO is roughly in the centre of the area and near the big IMINI Group. It should not be too difficult to make an airstrip and also a road link-up with TARI. There will be no trouble in purchasing up to 500 acres or more if necessary.

Out of a total of sixty-four (64) days covered by this patrol report thirty (30) days were spent on the Patrol Post and thirty-four (34) days on patrol. The work done at the Patrol Post involved the building of police and labour quarters, a prison block, an Aid Post and a store inside the rest house.

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Native Affairs Continued

Komo Patrol Post

The buildings at KOMO have been grouped to one side of a small kunai plateau, mainly because it has not yet been decided just where and whether there can be an airstrip. Attached under APPENDIX A is a sketch map of the station site showing a possible strip site. It was most unfortunate that the officer promised by the Department of Civil Aviation could not come with this patrol. As it was, three (3) days were spent at PURENI waiting for him, and before any advice was received as to his movement. The writer considers that there is no other obvious strip site in the MANANDA area as good as that at KOMO. There has been some clearing of sight lines to facilitate a quick survey.

There has been reasonable assistance from the local people in the work at KOMO. Much better results would be achieved of course if there was an officer on the station all the time. As it was the writer left Senior Constable GUNUA in charge and he has proved to be a good steady reliable policeman.

As soon as approval is given for the airstrip then work can start in earnest on laying out the station properly. It should not be too difficult get assistance from all the groups and so maintain a line of about 50 people on the station. The main obstacle will be food. The whole of the MANANDA area is very short of food at the moment but this is receiving attention and conditions will improve.

The District Officer MENDI approved a permanent cargo line of 35 people for 12 months. The present strength is 25 and this line has had to be fed on patrol rations all the time. Again this line was used on actual patrols. The writer has been informed that correct issues can not be supplied until funds for the next quarter are made available. The writer would appreciate funds being made available as soon as possible to cover the S.I.Vs already made out.

Rest Houses

There are rest houses at the following places -Group names : KAROMA or HANIMANDA (Mr. Jinks), PELA (Mr. Jinks), KADIUMA, TOPANI, TAGARI River, KOMO, HAMBUALI, URA. It is intended to build rest houses at other centres in the near future. The writer considers that a rest house acts as a focal point for each or several groups and facilitates just where the people are to appear for census and other work. All of these rest houses will be on the best patrol routes and in many cases will be linked by a vehicular road with KOMO Patrol Post.

Maps

The C.S.I.R.O. aerial maps covered most of the TARI Sub-district but did not cover MANANDA. Attached is a patrol map compiled from previous reports and observations on this patrol. The writer intends to do a chain and compass survey of the track from HIWA to KOMO and this will help to correct any errors.

Walking times

All walking times shown below can be improved as the tracks are improved.

Native Affairs Continued

PURENI	to	HANIMU River	5	hours
HANIMU	"	LAITE	5	"
LAITE	"	KOMO	8	"
KOMO	"	URA	4	"
KOMO	"	HAMBUALI	2½	"
KOMO	"	TAGARI River	4½	"
URA	"	HAUWA	5	"
HAUWA	"	HAMBUALI	7	"
HAMBUALI	"	TOPANI	2	"
TOPANI	"	GUBIBI (KADIUMBA)	4	"
GUBIBI	"	PAREPARE (PELA)	1	"
PAREPARE	"	KOMO	5	"
TAGARI River	"	HIWA	5½	"

N.B. All times shown include resting periods and time spent on compass survey, discussions with people found on track.

Roads and Bridges

The route to MANANDA via PURENI was taken after much discussion and confusion over what was the best way. Mr. Jinks went this way on the last patrol mainly to be certain he could get across the TAGARI River. As a road link-up with TARI it is unsatisfactory and too long, however it did give an opportunity to see the groups living between the HANIMU and the TIMARIA Rivers.

The best way into MANANDA is via HIWA and through BUTA, down to the TAGARI River near the IANGALI Group, thence crossing the TIMARIA River near its junction with the TAGARI River and climbing up onto a ridge which provides reasonable going to a crossing of the TARIBUNI River, thence over a kunai ridge to the WAGUBA River which skirts KOMO Patrol Post. Taking into account the section of road already made from HIWA towards BUTA there is about 16 - 20 miles of road to be made. The most difficult sections are from BUTA to the TAGARI River and then the climb up out of the TAGARI River valley. There is no population between the TIMARIA River and the TARIBUNI River. The track has already been cleared and improved.

There will have to be two major bridges - at the TAGARI and TIMARIA. Both will have a span of up to 100' and the easiest type would be heavy wire suspension. There will be at least four smaller bridges between the TIMARIA River and the WAGUBA. The WAGUBA River could have a wooden bridge but it will be a big job.

There is an alternate route which would cross the TAGARI River near the HANIMU River - see map. This bridge site is suitable for a wooden bridge as the span is only about forty feet. The writer has not followed the TAGARI River down to the half-way rest house (on the way in the route climbed up to the HANIMANDA Rest House and followed at a fairly high level, across the slopes of Mt. KIKIRIA) but from appearances it would not be too difficult.

Native Affairs Continued

The map forwarded with this report shows the patrol routes used so far. These tracks are up to the usual standard for tracks in the Tari Sub-district and it is hoped to make a series of vehicular roads linking KOMO Patrol Post with the main population centres. As a start the HAMBUALI people have already made 300 yards of road and this will eventually give access to the whole of the MANANDA Basin. From now on the emphasis will be on the airstrip and the road back to TARI. However it will be possible to issue a few spades to each centre for local roads.

Finance for new roads may or may not be available but this should not be an obstacle in such an area as MANANDA. The writer feels that it is essential for the people's own good that they build roads and payment should only be made to those working outside of their group land, and this payment would best be in such items as spades, axes, bush knives, mother-of-pearl shell.

Census Comments

To date there has not been a proper census in the MANANDA area and as already mentioned the rough estimate is just under 4,000 people. The people are very suspicious of calling names at this stage but while visiting the various centres the writer did announce that the next patrol would do a census. It will be difficult but it can be done. The groups near KOMO have accepted the Administration and once they have been censused it should serve as an example to the others.

The population is very scattered throughout the area. For easy description there are four main sections namely : The slopes of Mt. KIKIRIA covering the area between the HANIMU and the TIMARIA River, the slopes of Mt. HARIAKO, the MANANDA Basin, the eastern ridges of the MANANDA Basin. There are several other pockets - along the TAGARI River Valley and at HAUWA, and of course the TUGUBA people who are well into the Western District.

Food shortage

This patrol found that there was an acute shortage of food throughout the area. It has been a very difficult two months to keep the patrol supplied and has meant a reduction in the labour line and the length of each patrol.

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Native Affairs Continued

The District Officer Mendi has already been advised on this food shortage and the writer stated what he thought were the reasons for the shortage namely :

1. Climatic conditions - probably too much rain
2. Poor soil and poor methods of cultivation
3. Group fighting

With the establishment of KOMO Patrol Post and the enforcement of law and order more settled conditions will lead to bigger and better gardens. There will also be the economic incentive to supply the Patrol Post. Spades will be issued for road work and these will be used in the gardens. A close check will be kept on the food position in the future with a view to introducing new crops and advising on better methods of cultivation.

Stores and supplies

Some stores were carried in initially and much more came via HIWA. The station is reasonably well off regarding most items such as patrol equipment, spades, carpenter's tools, trade etc. There is a need for building timber and roofing iron and water tanks once more permanent houses are started.

Much can be said regarding the poor quality of certain patrol gear. Comments have already been made by another officer, Mr. Jensen-Muir, about japara tents and the 2gallon container. The 3 brand-new japara tents taken with this patrol are starting to rip and tear despite careful handling. The patrol table fell to bits the first day out and the 1 man boxes are not supplied with suitable straps - the bottom edge of the box cuts into the small of the back.

Food has been a real problem for the whole of the 64 days. There were 3 airdrops and several times rations were carried in. With a reduction in labour strength the position improved somewhat but it was still a problem to feed the Huri on straight rice. Patrols were limited to 1 week periods as all food had to be carried, plus camping gear. The writer understands £ 200 has been allocated for the next quarter for the labour and S.I.Vs will be made out now to cover this amount. Rations for police are still being drawn from the TARI store.

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Native Affairs Continued

Conclusion

This report covers the first 64 days of the establishment of KOMO Patrol Post. The period was spent mainly on patrolling the area to find out where the population centres were and so build rest houses and clear patrol routes. There has been very little building work or clearing done at KOMO apart from the essential requirements for police and labour, with also some clearing of sight lines for an airstrip survey.

The patrol received a reasonable reception from the MANANDA people and while enthusiasm was not very obvious the attitude towards the Administration setting up a Patrol Post was quite good. There is no doubt that the food shortage has caused hardship for the people and resulted in reluctance to come to the Patrol Post. The food position appears to be improving now so that there should be no trouble with local support in building the airstrip - which should be the main consideration in the next three months.

M. R. Haywood
M. R. Haywood O.I.C. KOMO

Attached

1. APPENDIX A - sketch of airstrip and station
2. " B - Agriculture and livestock
3. " C - Health
4. " D - Missions
5. Map of area 1" = 1 mile
6. Financial return - back of patrol report cover
7. Claim for camping allowance

Forwarded separately

Report on police

Agriculture and Livestock

Food and gardens

The staple crop is sweet potatoe supplemented with the other usual highlands foods. The MANANDA area appears to have very poor soil - judging by the small size and time taken to grow sweet potatoe.

Considerable effort is made in digging drainage ditches but the actual food beds are not heaped very high and in comparison with the way Chimbu people make gardens and care for their land the MANANDA people still have a lot to learn. Gardens are worked until the soil is exhausted and generally reverts to kunai swamp. Casuarina trees are planted more as a mark of prestige, and only around the edges and near houses.

Much could be done for these people by introducing better types of sweet potatoe tips, other vegetables such as sweet corn, cabbage, beans, and attempting some form of reafforestation.

Economic activity

There are no cash crops in the area - apart from native foods. Coffee could be introduced ~~but it~~ but then the problem of airfreight and the general depressed market at the moment would be against ~~it~~ good financial returns.

The area has good supplies of cane (or kunda) and this may offer some cash income. Samples will be forwarded with a view to the possibility of making cane furniture and such articles.

Livestock

Pigs are plentiful but most seem to suffer with worms and other types of sickness. There is some game in the bush - mainly cassawary.

Conclusion

Could a request be made to the Agriculture Officer at Mendi for a supply of vegetable seed. It would also be of considerable advantage if an Agriculture Officer could visit the MANANDA area.


M. R. Haywood O. I. C. KOMO

Health

The patrol was accompanied by Hospital Orderly MUKU and Aid Post Orderly MAMU. Medical treatment was given throughout the area while on patrol and also a small aid post was built at KOMO.

The health position appears to be good, with the usual number of sores, cuts, and a little grilli.

Medical supplies were sufficient for the type of treatment given.

Both MUKU and MAMU have now returned to TARI and it is expected that one or two more orderlies will take their place. It is a big help both on the station and on patrol to have a medical orderly. At KOMO the aid post is an attraction and quite a number of local people have been treated.

It is intended to build a small hospital to take care of in-patients, and also after the census patrol recommendations will be made for aid posts in the area. As MANANDA is restricted it will be about 12 months before the aid posts can be opened - when it is hoped to derestrict the area. In the mean time perhaps several local people could be trained at TARI or perhaps it would be better to recruit outside staff.

At this stage the writer feels 2 aid posts - at PAREPARE and HAMBUALI would give a reasonable coverage of the MANANDA area.


M. R. Haywood O. I. C. KOMO

MISSIONS

There has been no mission activity in the area but the Catholic Mission are interested in doing a survey with a view to stationing a European priest at MANANDA.

The writer considers the whole of the MANANDA area compares quite favourably with the other derestricted parts of the TARI Sub-district. Restricted area permits could be issued safely for movement throughout the whole of the MANANDA area, but for a start perhaps the permit could be limited to movement from TARI through HIWA to KOMO and as far as the MANANDA Basin - see map.

It is hoped that there will not be a rush of missionaries to the area. MANANDA does not have the attractions which are apparently in the WIRU area. The population estimate of only 4,000 in itself is a limiting factor and until the airstrip is completed there is the problem of supply.

M.R. Haywood
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STORES TAKEN ON PATROL

ITEM	Amount Taken on Patrol	HOW ISSUED					AT	Amount Returned to Store
		Issues to Police	Issues to Carriers	Payment of Carriers	Purchase of Food	Hire of Canoes		
<u>PATROL EXPENDITURE</u>								
CAMPING ALLOWANCE M.R. HAYWOOD					£ 33 -	1 - 6		
<u>PAYMENT OF CARRIERS & LABOUR</u>								
VOTE		11 - 2 - 5 P			135 -	14 - 0		
"		11 - 2 - 5 P			35 -	8 - 0		
(To 31st December 1961)		TOTAL			£204 -	3 - 6		
<u>Vocab stores</u>								
Rations supplied for police and labour - direct charge establishment patrol post								
		E/C 32/61-62			£ 177 -	6 - 10		
		On loan from TARI store			106 -	12 - 2		
		Estimate other trade expended			5 -	0 - 0		
					£ 288 -	19 - 0		
NB The total shown for rations establishment includes the cost of stock still on hand at KOMO.								
There has been no provision for a F, 1 for police.								
The labour strength varied from 65 to 27 - average 30								
The police strength would average at 11								

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. ^{Komo} ~~PART~~ No. 2 1961/1962

Patrol Conducted by M.R. HAYWOOD PATROL OFFICER GRADE 2

Area Patrolled MANANDA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Natives SEE REPORT

Duration—From 3/1/1962 to 2/2/1962

Number of Days 31

Did Medical Assistant Accompany No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Oct/Dec/1961

Medical None / / 1962

Map Reference See Patrol Map already forwarded Report No. 8/1961-1962

Objects of Patrol Establish Komo Patrol Post

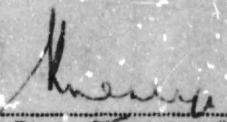
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Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

21/3/1962


District Commissioner

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

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5th April, 1962.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
M.H.D.I.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2-1961/62 - KOMO:

Receipt of the above-mentioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

2. Your covering comments fully cover the comments of the report. I have no doubt that the action in the MANAPDA W.A.C.E.A. area has had an impact on the people administered from KOMO.
3. Instruct the Officer in Charge at KOMO that he should provide anti-malarials to any people who are sponsored by him to visit the newly established post on the Nood-Nental river junction.
4. I suggest that you requisition for the light plastic material listed in Vocab. Stores for use in covering packs sent by road from TARI to KOMO. It might also be used for an under-layer for temporary native material dwellings' roofing.
5. I am gratified to learn that there has been satisfactory co-operation from the local people in establishing the station and clearing the proposed airstrip site.
6. Ensure your officers have adequate resources at their disposal when entering areas to settle unrest.
7. I suggest you pass Mr. Darcy Ryan's publication to the officer at KOMO for his perusal. It will assist him particularly in sorting out groups, clans etc.
8. The dawn raid led by Senior Constable Gunua resulting in the arrest of Tadiaba mentioned in the final paragraph on page 6 of the report was indeed a tribute to Gunua's initiative. However, such actions should not become commonplace as there are too many possibilities of things going wrong when police are not under the control of an officer.
9. A very good Patrol Report by Mr. Wood.

J.K.
(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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Specific requests requiring action as for example Village Constables (Page 5) and equipment (page 8) should not be included in a report of this nature. It is far preferable to write separate memoranda and Mr. Haywood should adopt this procedure.

Claim for camping allowance duly filled is returned herewith for payment.



K.W.
(K.W. Dyer)
District Officer

c.c. The Director,
Dept. of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

For your information. Report in duplicate is attached.

K.W. Dyer
(K.W. Dyer)
District Officer.

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District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

19th March, 1962.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
S.A.R.I.

KOMO PATROL NO. 2 OF 1961/62 (ESTABLISHMENT PATROL POST)

Thank you for Mr. Haywood's report covering the 3rd months of the establishment of Komo patrol post and your covering comments.

In general most satisfactory progress has been made during the initial 3 months establishment of the KOMO Patrol post and it is quite evident that Mr. Haywood has achieved a great deal. There are however several matters arising from the report that require attention as I will set out later.

It is most pleasing to note that the majority of the people in the area are accepting Administration authority. The two minor outbreaks of fighting mentioned in the report I do not regard as unusual or even serious in themselves - but I do regard as quite serious the need to bring both these matters to their successful conclusion. In the HANINU area the matter seems to concern primarily the Buna Sub-District but efforts must be made in the near future to make satisfactory contacts with the HANINU groups in the KOMO area. The most important matter however is the apprehension of prisoners and others involved in the TIMARIA fight who were on the station but absconded. I believe that action or non-action in this matter could have respectively beneficial or most adverse effects throughout the Komo area, and I require decisive action in this matter as a matter of urgency. Resources at SARI are adequate to assist if necessary.

The apprehension of HAIWAGODIA was most successful but without any explanation of the circumstances appears to me to have been extremely risky and could well have had different results. Circumstances may well have negated any risk but considering the area is restricted, the nature of the operation and the absence of the O.I.C. the operation may well have been risky and dangerous. Independent action without supervision of field staff in such areas is not to be encouraged. Police must at all times be well disciplined and controlled and be well aware of limits of their responsibility and action.

Much has been achieved at Komo. A great deal remains to be done and this of necessity will take time. In considering priorities the most important matter is the native situation and if necessary station works must be deferred where incidents and fighting demand attention. At the station itself the airstrip will be the main task and I am hopeful that the District Airport Inspector will visit Komo shortly after Easter - there is no prospect of a visit before then. There is no urgency whatever for vehicular roads at this stage though when in the field officers could and should survey and document possible roads but any construction should not proceed beyond improved benched walking tracks. There appears to me to be insufficient local resources of labour to do very much in this sphere until at least the airstrip at Komo is completed.

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Sub District Office,
Tari,
Southern Highlands District
28th February, 1962.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MEKDI.

REPORT ON KOMO Patrol No 2 of 1961/62.

Attached hereto please find Komo Patrol Report No 2 of 1961/62 as submitted by Mr. N.R. Haywood, Patrol Officer Gr 2. The report covers the period 3rd January, 1962 to 2nd February, 1962. This together with Report on Komo Patrol No 1 of 1961/62 covers the first three months of the establishment of KOMO Patrol Post in the MANANDA area.

Mr. Haywood reports that the people within two or three hours walk of the Patrol Post appear to have settled down and are now prepared to accept the presence of the Administration at KOMO. The presence of a patrol in the MANANDA area has had a definitely settling effect on an area which previously was continually being torn by fighting.

The native NEPUBU mentioned on page 5 has completed his term of imprisonment at Tari and returned home.

Reference the appointment of Village Officials. I have forwarded Mr. Haywood a supply of Village Constable's Records of Service forms and requested him to recommend the appointment of those men mentioned.

Reference the incident near HANAMANDA in which the carrier ARIANI was concerned. There was inconclusive evidence to lay a charge against this man for the assault on the girl KADI but he was convicted in the Court for Native Matters of stealing two tomahawks from natives in the area. This is the first such incident in this area concerning a member of a patrol and is regretted.

The action taken by S/Const. GUNUA and Constable PONDRIS in apprehending the native HAIWAGODIA whilst the patrol was absent from KOMO shows a high degree of initiative and courage on PONDRIS' part. The native concerned escaped from custody at Tari some years ago and numerous attempts have been made to capture him over the years but all without success.

It is regrettable that the Department of Civil Aviation cannot find the staff to send an Airport Inspector to KOMO in order that the strip site can finally be decided upon and work commence in earnest.

Mr. Haywood has continued with the building of rest houses and generally tents are not now needed while patrolling the area.

The vehicle road from HIWA to AGAU in the IUMU has been improved since Christmas and broken bridges replaced. After the road has settled a little it will be possible to drive a vehicle practically to the AGAU Rest House. Once tractors are able to use this road it will mean $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours less on the carrying trip to KOMO.

The position re issues for labourers has been attended to.

Work at KOMO during its first three months has gone ahead satisfactorily and has only been delayed by the non-arrival of the District Airport Inspector. Additionally the whole area has been patrolled from KOMO and most of the people contacted at least once.

Claim for camping allowance is attached.



(R. W. Blaikie)

Assistant District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Komo Patrol Post,
Tari Sub-district,
Southern Highlands.

4th February, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,
TARI

Patrol Report No. 2 1961/1962

Komo Patrol Post

Please find herewith a report covering the balance of the first three months of establishing Komo Patrol Post.

My claim for camping allowance is also attached.

Officer conducting patrol : M.R. Haywood P.O. Grd 2

Area patrolled : Mananda

Accompanied by

<u>Police</u>			No.	Z
S/C.	GUNUA		18	
Constable	WENDARE		"	7795
"	UBUA		"	7689
"	KARA		"	7649
"	OPEHAMA		"	8002
"	MUREPE		"	8742
"	ETEM		"	9891
"	PONDRIS		"	10500
"	MABE		"	10511
"	KOTUME		"	10429
"	WARIATI		"	10918

P.H.D. : N.M.O. KORA
" " IAGARI

D.N.A. : Trainee/Interpreter FORA

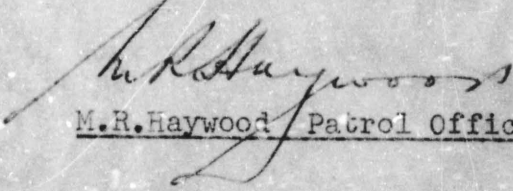
Period of this report : Wednesday 3rd January 1962 - to -
Friday 2nd February 1962

31 days

Objects of patrol : See Patrol Instructions for Report
No. 8 of 1961/1962.
Also investigation of fighting at
Timaria and Kanimu Rivers.

Previous patrols : Report No. 8 of 1961/1962 covered the
whole area. Patrol before that was
No. 3 of 1960/1961

Map reference : Patrol Map 1" = 1 mile already sent
for sun-prints.
A rough patrol sketch map of patrol
route is attached. - APPENDIX B


M.R. Haywood Patrol Officer In C

Introduction

The Mananda area has already been described by the writer in the report No. 8 of 1961/1962.

During the period covered by this report a patrol was conducted to the HANIMU River area to investigate fighting. The Mananda party linked-up with a patrol from KOROBA - Mr. R. Focken, to complete the investigation on the Mananda side of the HANIMU River. This particular fight started on the KOROBA side of the HANIMU River and concerned mostly natives from that Sub-district.

In report No. 8 of 1961/1962 Mt. KIKIRIA was described as having two peaks. This is wrong. Mt. KIKIRIA can best be described as a mountain range extending from the TIMARIA River to the HANIMU River.

A further point of interest is that the Hides and O'Malley Patrol which was the first into the Southern Highlands passed through the southern section of the Mananda area. Mr. Hides, in his book, describes a Land-slide Mountain. From information given to the writer it would seem that this mountain is the one sighted by the writer near HAUWA. Native legend has a story about two white men who passed close to this mountain many years ago, crossing the Tagari River and heading towards the Tari Gap.

Diary

Wednesday 3rd January 1962

Left Tari by land-rover to HIWA and walked through to Tagari River with patrol party and all stores. Slept at the rest house which is on ground called UWETE.

Thursday 4th January

At UWETE. Sent 4 police off with most of the stores to Komo. Could not hear District sched. but decided to wait for news of District Officer's movements.

Friday 5th January

At UWETE. Work done on repairing Tagari River bridge. District Officer MENDL and Assistant District Officer TARI arrived. Carriers returned from Komo.

Saturday 6th January

From UWETE to Komo Patrol Post.

Sunday 7th January

At Komo Patrol Post. District Officer carried out station inspection.

Monday 8th January

At Komo Patrol Post. The District Officer and A.D.O. set off on return to TARI. In afternoon arranged transport to meet their party at HIWA - on radio. 3 Komo police accompanied D.O. & A.D.O. to Tari.

Tuesday 9th January

At Komo Patrol Post. Work started on general clearing of sight and survey lines for airstrip.

Diary ContinuedWednesday 10th January

At Komo Patrol Post. Organised local natives on general clearing of airstrip area.

Thursday 11th January

At Komo Patrol Post. Work continued on airstrip. Marked out and measured a centre line. Bearing 124 degrees for 2,600'. This line can be corrected without much difficulty and thus obtain up to 3,000'. The writer considers that with certain filling about the centre of the strip will allow a centre line bearing of about 120 degrees and thus take in an additional length on the northern end of the strip - see rough sketch map attached. General all-round clearance is good but it appears there will be cross-winds.

Friday 12th January

At Komo Patrol Post. Work continued on airstrip. There has been reasonable attendance by the local people. Full records are being kept. Finally got through on the radio to Tari and advised about strip measurements. Was informed of rations due Tagari River 15th.

Saturday 13th January

At Komo Patrol Post

Sunday 14th January

At Komo Patrol Post

Monday 15th January

Sent 2 police and carriers off to Tagari River. Work continued on airstrip and also started on married police houses.

Tuesday 16th February

At Komo Patrol Post. Labour line on married police houses. Local people on airstrip. S/C GUNUA and party arrived from TARI.

Wednesday 17th January

At Komo Patrol Post. Work continued on married police houses and airstrip.

Thursday 18th January

At Komo Patrol Post. All labour on married police houses. Arrested a native called NEPUBU - see Law and Order. Heard of a fight at TIMARIA River. The two main offenders came to Komo.

~~Friday~~ Friday 19th January

At Komo Patrol Post. Sent 3 police escorting prisoner to Tari and to escort wives back. Work continued on married houses. Radio contact with Tari and discussed joining KOROBA patrol to investigate a fight at HANIMU River.

Saturday 20th January

At Komo Patrol Post. Work continued on houses. Radio contact and advised Tari of intention to go on patrol to HANIMU River.

Diary ContinuedSunday 21st January

Left S/C. GUNUA and Constable PONDRIS at Komo Patrol Post. Self with 6 police from Komo to PAREPARE. At Timaria River re-built a wooden bridge. At PAREPARE Investigated the fight at TIMARIA River - see Law and Order. Gave medical treatment to a wounded native TAMIELE/MALI of HONAGA.

Monday 22nd January

From PAREPARE to HANDAMANDA. Made inquiries about the fight at the HANIMU River. Radio contact with TARI and advised my position. During the night flashed a torch and received signals from a place called TARAGALI - appears that is where the KOROKA patrol is camped. TARAGALI is on the KOROKA side of the HANIMU River and is where the fight occurred. Guards posted

Tuesday 23rd January

Sent 2 reliable carriers with a note to the KOROKA patrol telling them of my movements. Made a sweep on the ~~northern slopes of Mt. KIKIRIA~~ northern slopes of Mt. KIKIRIA - general movement being westward up the HANIMU Valley. Apprehended some people from ARUA for questioning. One carrier arrived back very late at camp - see Law and Order. Camp made on kumai slopes above PINA Group gardens. 2 police from KOROKA arrived, having gone first to HANDAMANDA. 1 more arrived having come from the KOROKA camp near WIDA (or WITA). Guards posted

Wednesday 24th January

Self with 6 police and 14 carriers made a search along top slopes of Mt. KIKIRIA eventually arriving at Mr. Focken's camp. Mr. Focken had gone to my camp via a different track. Sent word for my patrol party to come to Mr. Focken's camp at WIDA. Mr. Focken arrived back in afternoon with my patrol party. Discussed the fight and questioned several local natives. Radio contact with Tari and advised return of my carrier yesterday.

Thursday 25th January

Camped at WIDA. Made contact with a few native women. Indications are most of the WIDA men have dispersed. Started work on a rest house.

Friday 26th January

Camped at WIDA (or WITA). Had the carrier ARIAUI carried to PURENI under 2 police escort. Made a search of the immediate area around the camp - deserted. A native IEBE/TOMABE living at ARUA arrived with a party of ARUA men to discuss what happened to ARIAUI. Radio contact with TARI and arranged transport to be sent to PURENI.

Saturday 27th January

Camped at WIDA. Decided to leave the area as the people had dispersed and there was a shortage of food. Will make another patrol in about 3 weeks when things have settled down. The main offenders have been arrested on the KOROKA side. It appears there were many groups at TARAGALI for a pig feast at the time of the fight. It is impossible to be sure just how many people actually joined in the fighting and how many were merely on-lookers - see Law and Order.

Diary ContinuedSunday 28th January, 1962

Left WIDA and walked to HANDAMANDA passing through deserted gardens of the PINA Group. Mr. Focken's patrol set off for KOROBA escorting prisoners. At HANDAMANDA started work on a police barracks. Questioned the young girl KADI/NAINIA concerning trouble with the carrier ARIAUI. Questioned some TAMI.IA men who were said to have gone to TARAGALI fight - evidence they went for the pig feast only. Bag of rice arrived from UWETE.

Monday 29th January

At HANDAMANDA and continued work on police barracks. A fair attendance of local men and women to assist. Questioned the girl KADI and other ARUA people again. Radio contact with TARI and discussed the ARIAUI affair.

Tuesday 30th January

From HANDAMANDA to LAITE. Decided to build a rest house here. Not many people around but it will serve a few of the scattered groups between the TIMARIA and HANIMU Rivers. Most difficult to find water along the slopes of Mt. KIKIRIA - reasonable at LAITE.

Wednesday 31st January

At LAITE. Work on rest house. Quite a good attendance of local men and a few women - people are wary in this area.

Thursday 1st February

From LAITE to PARA. Decided to build a rest house here to serve the large HONAGA Group - rather close to PAREPARE and LAITE but these groups are not all that friendly towards each other and will have to have individual Village Constables. The site at PARA was chosen because it is the centre of the HONAGA ground and there is water nearby. After getting the frame-work done a better site was found further along the track. Discussed the fight at the TIMARIA River and found out that one TAMITAI - the aggressor - had ran away from Komo Patrol Post and was hiding near HONAGA. At this stage the patrol had been absent for 12 days from Komo and the writer wished to return - especially remembering the Komo police had arrested one TADIABA alias HAIWAGODIA/KULU, see Law and ~~Order~~ Order. There was not enough time to make a sweep of the HONAGA area. Several of the other people involved in the fight visited the patrol and will be taken to Komo.

Friday 2nd February

From PARA to KOMO. On route built part of a stone causeway across the TIMARIA River. Patrol stood down.

Native AffairsThe Mananda People

Komo Patrol Post has been established for just over three months and most of the people in the Mananda area have accepted the new state of affairs. Taking into account the food shortage and the rather heavy rainfall there has been good cooperation over the last month, by the local people working on the station and airstrip.

Native Affairs Continued

During the last month there has been two fights - one at the TIMARIA River, and the other actually in the DUNA Sub-district, but involving people from Mananda. Both of these fights could be called minor although there were several people wounded. Generally it can be said that the people living in the Mananda Basin and within three hour's walk of the Patrol Post are quite prepared to bring their troubles to the Administration. The area north of the TIMARIA River is just far enough away to make things difficult. The two principals in the TIMARIA River fight did come into the station but have since run away and are in hiding.

The writer has had some success in settling fights without a general sweep of the area. It takes more time in waiting for the people concerned to come in but the other people are not disturbed so much. It is unavoidable now that another patrol will have to go back to the TIMARIA River and apprehend several people.

At this stage it is most difficult to avoid "incidents" when maintaining law and order. It can be appreciated that the Mananda people do not understand the law and our methods of punishment. It was necessary to arrest NEPUBU/AGIBE at Komo for spreading false reports as he was doing his level best to stop people coming in to work on the station and airstrip. There was a little scene when he was arrested but the action seems to have had a good effect as attendance has improved, if anything. As an insight into how the HURI acts and thinks this example should be noted by following officers. The writer realises that most native societies (and European as well) have their trouble makers but it does seem that the HURI is particularly fond of spreading stories. On several occasions the writer has noticed that one individual can sway the crowd - often with alarming results.

As mentioned in Report No. 8 of 1961/1962 it is very difficult to find out who are the real leaders in the community. Each man appears to have much freedom to do what he likes regardless of kinship ties and group loyalty. There appears to be nothing wrong with fighting and killing inside the group and a man can live with his mother's group or his father's group and even outside, if he has friends. There are initiation ceremonies for the children but any young male child can wander around even into other groups and is not brought up under the strict control of his parents.

For convenience, under APPENDIX C, is a list of the Groups and Sub-group names in the Mandanda area. The writer is of the opinion they should be called clans and sub-clans however it is difficult to say just what is the social set-up and how best to split-up the HURI society.

At this stage of contact with the Administration the Mananda people are still a bit wary of any change and new ideas. They appear ready to listen to suggestions - for improving gardens and building roads etc. but they have not advanced any ideas of their own for their future progress. They are interested in trade goods and are prepared to work. There are even two young men now at Komo who want to work on the coast.

Village Officials

The selection of people suitable to act as Village Constables tends to become a little risky when so little is known of the society. However four men have been selected on the last patrol and the recommendations are shown under APPENDIX A. The first V.C. appointed by Mr. Jinks, TALE of PAREPARE has proved to be a willing and keen official who is very pro-administration. Could TALE's record of appointment and issues be forwarded please. It appears he has not been paid.

Native Affairs ContinuedLaw and Order

As mentioned under Mananda People a native NEPURU/AGIBE was convicted under the N.R.Os and sentenced to 1 month I.H.L. at TARI.

The TIMARIA River fight was between PAKADIE/KANDI of TAGUBALI with about five friends, and TAMITALI/TAGOBE of HONAGA with about six friends. It was not a very serious affair although three men were wounded. Both PAKADIE and TAMITALI came to Komo and received medical treatment, however the writer had to leave immediately for the HANIMU River and since then these two have run away and are in hiding. Several of the others concerned were apprehended on the way back from the HANIMU but have since escaped from Komo. It is expected that there will be another patrol to the TIMARIA River in about three weeks time to clear the matter up. No court action had been taken at the time of the escape due to the other patrol and the fact that the writer only got back last Friday. There is no means of holding people at Komo right now, apart from putting them in hand-cuffs. At the time it seemed reasonable to allow the people their freedom on the station, until court action was taken.

The trouble in the HANIMU Valley was between two sub-groups, PURIGI and ELAVE, of the TALAGARI Group. A detailed report of this affair will be made by Mr. R. Focken of KOROBA. The writer joined the KOROBA patrol at WIDA but by that time most of the people had dispersed into very rugged country. Efforts were made over four days to contact them but without much success. The writer considered it best to allow things to return to normal and then make another visit. Food had to be taken from gardens to feed the carriers and payment was made to several women who were contacted, however it was obvious the gardens could not support for long such a large patrol without causing hardship to the absent owners who most likely were not even in the fight at TALAGARI.

On the 23rd January 1962 between HANDAMANTA and the camp site above PINA Group a sweep was made by five police and 14 carriers through a garden area just above the track. The writer was within three hundred yards of this party all the time. Several ARUA natives were apprehended for questioning. One of the patrol carriers called ARIAUI returned to the patrol late in the afternoon after camp had been made. ARIAUI claimed that he had been shot in the foot by an arrow fired during the sweep. He had had to throw away a police pack and axe in making his escape. A full investigation was made and it now appears that ARIAUI was not fired at and hurt his foot on a stick. He also stole two axe heads from a house and is said to have forced his attentions on a young girl called KADI/NAINIA. ARIAUI had been carried to TARI for medical treatment - just in case the wound become badly infected so that he was not present when the writer questioned KADI and several of the ARUA men. The writer understands that ARIAUI has been charged at TARI with stealing the axe heads and that a party of ARUA people went to TARI to substantiate their story. The incident is regretted. It is unavoidable in making a search through an area that police and carriers sometimes go off on their own. Strict control has been the policy and such sweeps are only made when there is no other means of contacting the people. The police pack and axe was recovered. The area will be visited again in about 3 weeks time.

During the writer's absence on patrol S/C. GUNUA and of the other police left at Komo made a dawn raid and arrested TADIABA alias HAIWAGODIA/KULU of PAMBUALI Group WADI Sub-group. This man is wanted on a murder charge and has a very bad reputation. He escaped from custody at TARI several years ago. The police action taken is highly commendable and suitable comments will be made in GUNUA's Record of Service.

Native Affairs ContinuedKomo Patrol Post

Since the last report 2 married police houses have been built and 2 more should be finished this month.

Work will also start on a Patrol Officer's house as the present rest house ~~XXXXXXXX~~ encroaches on the strip site - besides being in poor repair and having a leaky roof.

During January there has been a lot of preliminary clearing work done on the strip site. Full records are being kept of the attendance by local people. This is a tiresome job but will prevent confusion later when payment is made and also is an excellent means of finding out the number of men, at least, in the various groups and sub-groups. This work will be of value on the census patrol. It would be of great assistance to have someone who can read and write to call the roll while the writer is away on patrol.

This report covers 31 days out of which 17 days were spent on patrol. On a one man station such as Komo it is very difficult to build up the station and at the same time keep up the patrolling.

It is most unfortunate that the Department of Civil Aviation can not send anyone to survey the strip site until about April. A surveyor was first promised in October 1961, then in January 1962 and now April. The writer is confident that the site selected is the best available and that it can be developed up to category B standard. Work will continue on general clearing only.

Rest Houses

Rest houses have been built at PARA, LAITE and WIDA since the last report. Police barracks have been built at UWETE and HAND-AMANDA. This gives ~~XX~~ a fair coverage for the whole of the Hananda area. It is anticipated only one or two more rest houses will be required.

Maps

A 1" = 1 mile map was forwarded with Report No. 8 of 1961/1962. Sun-prints from this map have not yet been received. There ~~is~~ is no mapping equipment at Komo and only a rough sketch map showing the patrol route to the HANIMU River is attached with this report under APPENDIX B.

Walking times

Komo	to	Parepare	5 hours - includes time spent building a bridge at the TIMARIA River.
Parepare	"	HANDAMANDA	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours
HANDAMANDA	"	PINA CAMP	3 hours - includes part cutting bush and can be improved
PINA CAMP	"	WIDA (WITA)	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours
WITA	"	HANDAMANDA	5 hours - lower track
HANDAMANDA	"	LAITE	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours
LAITE	"	PARA	1 hour
PARA	"	KOMO	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours - includes time spent on a stone causeway at TIMARIA River

Native Affairs ContinuedRoads and Bridges

During the period covered by this report some work has been done on the road from Komo to the Tagari River at UWETE and also up out of the Tagari River Valley towards HIWA. The writer understands work will now start from the HIWA end with a view to getting land-rovers and tractors further into the IUMU Group. The writer sighted an alternative route from the hill (near a mission station) above HIWA that would follow a ridge and cut out the valley part of the road to UWETE. Constable UBUA knows about this and can give more detailed information when he goes to Tari. This alternative route should be at least looked at.

The track from Komo to Handamanda and up the Hanimu Valley is good in parts and with the new rest houses and V.Cs spades will be issued and this road will be improved.

The writer has not been over into the Mananda basin to check on work at Hambuali. From all accounts there should be a good road right across the basin by now.

The Tagari and Timaria Rivers both have kunda bridges. Both bridges have been repaired but of course with fairly heavy traffic and also flooding rivers will continue to need attention. The people at UWETE, called IANGALI Group now have a V.C. and they have been most cooperative in the past. There is little danger that these two vital bridges will hold-up movement of cargo to Komo but attention could be directed now towards planning for wire suspension bridges.

Food Supplies

The position with native foods around Komo has not changed very much but at least with more settled conditions the gardens will have a chance to mature. There appears to be reasonable supplies of native foods from Parepare to Handamanda - and of better quality than seen nearer Komo.

Stores and Supplies

Rations remain a problem but there has been no real worry during January. Present stocks are enough for about 1 1/2 months.

Issues to labour and police were ordered months ago but nothing has arrived. Could you advise the position regarding issues as half of the labour line have nothing at all and the rest only part issues. In particular blankets, calico, plates, cups, spoons are needed.

Native Groups and Sub-groups

Attached under APPENDIX C is a list of group and sub-group names for the Mananda area. Despite constant checking there are sure to be errors in this list and it is only intended as an indication for following officers.

Conclusion

This report concludes the first three month period of establishing Komo Patrol Post and reference should be made to Report No. 8 of 1961/1962. Progress has been satisfactory, under the circumstances of a one man station in a restricted area. Most of the people have been contacted at least once and the whole area patrolled and patrol routes mapped out. Station work and the airstrip has not had a great deal of attention - which has been unavoidable.

M. R. Haywood

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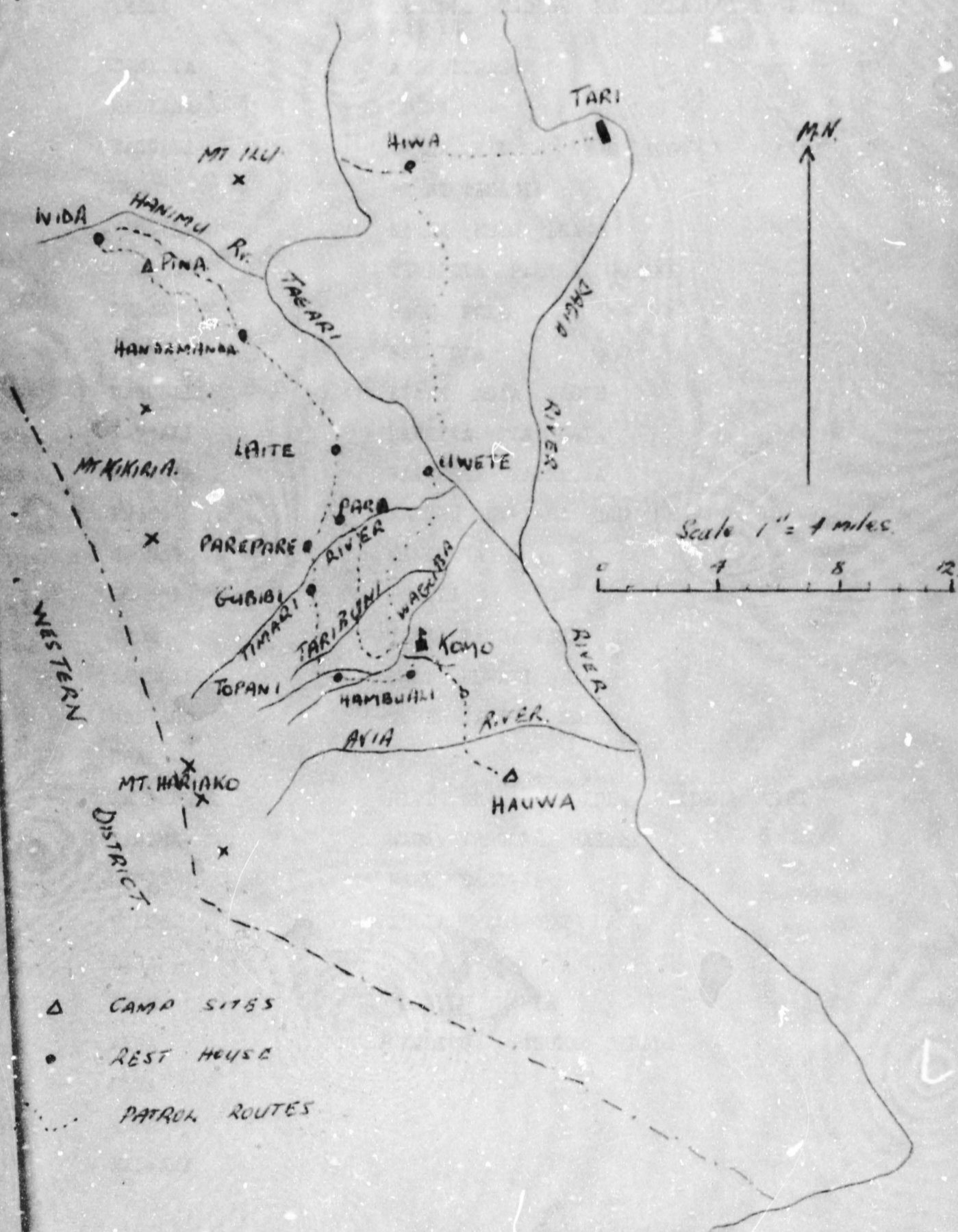
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APPENDIX A

The following people are recommended for appointment as Village Constables.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Sub-group</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
TOGO WAK	HABULO	IANGALI	TIA	A strong personality and has some authority. Can not speak pidgin or motu. No census yet but estimate people to number 50 - 100 in his area.- UWETE.
POROPORO	LIDIBE	WADE	HANIA	A strong personality. Was marked by a previous patrol. Can not pidgin or motu. Should have over 100 in his area - HANDAMANDA.
PALIA	IALUBA	KELE	TAGADIA	A young man with some standing in his group. Does not speak pidgin or motu. Can supervise about 100 people. - LAITE
TINDINI	KIBA	HONAGA	TEWAIDIA	A strong personality and has authority in his group. Does not speak pidgin or motu. Would supervise the large Honaga group only - PARA.

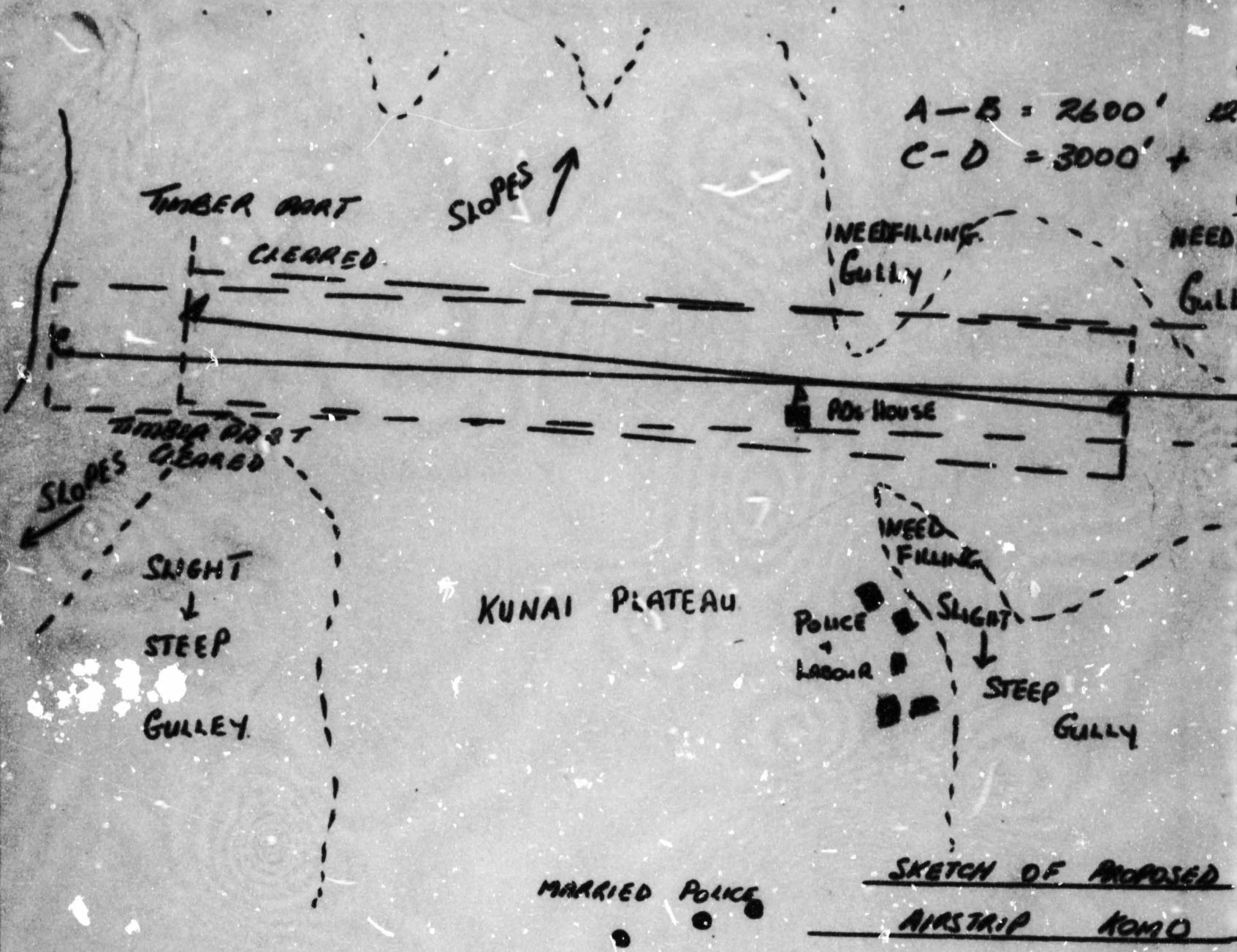
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GROUP NAMES	SUB-GROUP NAMES
IMINI	TALIDIA TADABE NE KELA PINI PANUBA NAINIA
TAMI.IA	AMBI LIWAGO
WADIAPA	UDINA
TAGUALI	KAMIA KILABA TEGE TOGO
KELE	PIMBI TAGADIA
HAGUALI	KAMIA KULU ABAGO
HONAGA	TEWAIDIA PARIMA OGWANE
PELA	PAGO PELA
KADIUMBA	PARAIDIA
TAGUBALI	LIawe ADIA TADIE
IANGALI	MAHITIA TIA LAI
WARABIA	KANGUDIA WADEI.IA
PEBE	KANIBU KILIABA GAU HALU
MUGUAGO	MINABENA
TOPANI	PUDULI
TOBE	TANI TANO TENA
HAMBUALI	WADI HIWADI
WABIAGO	TONE TALINI UDIBA
URA	
TAMBURUMA	HINI URABI PADIDIA HAIDEMA TIBI
TAGIMA	WAGI IANGONA WAI.AI
HORA	PABU WAGILIA
UNDUPI	TELLA HALABUDA HARA
DIBA	
WADE	MABULU HANIA
ARUA	KANDUBA PABURA PELALA
PINA	
WIDA	
WAINANI	

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A-B = 2600' 12
C-D = 3000' +

TIMBER PART
CLEARED

SLOPES ↑

NEED FILLING
Gully

NEED
Gully

PO's HOUSE

TIMBER PART
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REPORT NO 194/1962

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AIRSTRIPE KOMO

CARRIED POLICE

APPENDIX D

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STORES TAKEN ON PATROL

ITEM	Amount Taken on Patrol	HOW ISSUED					Amount Returned to Store
		Issues to Police	Issues to Carriers	Payment of Carriers	Purchase of Food	Hire of Canoes	
<u>Patrol Expenditure</u>							
Camping Allowance M.R. Hayward					15-15-0		
Commiss on Station 35							
Charge Vols 11-2-5 P					26-10-0		
11-2-6 P					26-5-0		
Commiss on Patrol Funds					2-0-0		
DNA Interp			1-10-0 wages		3-0-0		
			1-10-0 CAD				
					70-5-0		
					71-5-0		
<u>Vocal Stores</u>							
Rations for police							
* 4 laborer 1 month					125-0-0		(Estimate)
* This is an estimate of the cost of rations consumed by all during January 1962							
Other trade					7-0-0		
					132-0-0		

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS..... Report No. ^{KOMU} No. 3 of 1961/1962

Patrol Conducted by.....N M.R. HAYWOOD PATROL OFFICER GRD 2.....

Area Patrolled.....PART OF MANANDA (RESTRICTED).....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....No.....

Natives.....see report.....

Duration—From 20./ 2./19 62 to 24./ 2./19 62

Number of Days.....5.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany.....no.....

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

Medical None/...../19.....

Map Reference.....Patrol Map attached APPENDIX A.....

Objects of Patrol.....To visit and contact the DIBA, UNDIEX, PAGADA
and MAI. IA GROUPS.....

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

24/ 3 /19 62

[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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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. ^{Komo} No.3 of 1961/1962

Patrol Conducted by M M.R. HAYWOOD PATROL OFFICER GRD 2

Area Patrolled PART OF MANANDA (RESTRICTED)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans No

Natives see report

Duration—From 20/2/1962 to 24/2/1962

Number of Days 5

Did Medical Assistant Accompany no

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / /19

Medical None/ /19

Map Reference Patrol Map attached APPENDIX A

Objects of Patrol To visit and contact the DIRA, UNDIRI, PAGADA and MAI.IA GROUP.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

21/3/1964

[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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67-15-52

12th April, 1962.

District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
HRUK.

PATROL REPORT 1-61/62 - KIBO

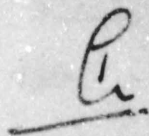
Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

2. It is gratifying to note that tribal fighting in the area has waned since the establishment of the post. I agree it is due to the presence of an Administration party and its continual movement in the area. The erection of the post houses will create an impression that future visits may be expected at frequent intervals.

3. It is pleasing to note that the people's response has improved after the initial contact. I can well understand their timidity is brought about by their former enemies being friendly with the Administration; the Administration would appear to be an ally to these enemies.

4. The delight in spreading false stories to cause confusion and alarm is not confined to the Huri people.

5. A good consolidation patrol.



(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

67-15 ✓

KWD:AL

67-3-11



District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
SEDI.

21st March, 1962.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
SAMI.

KOMO PATROL NO. 1 OF 1961/62.

Thank you for Mr. Haywood's report on the above patrol and your covering comments.

It is interesting to know there is a bridge (albeit in poor condition) allowing access from the Komo area to the BENNELIA and it would seem that a Komo patrol could move relatively quickly into this area if necessary.

Mr. Haywood appears to have made good initial contact in the area patrolled. Would you please advise the present position in the TIRAHIA following my comments on Komo Patrol No.2.

Claims for camping allowance are returned herewith duly funded for payment.

(Handwritten Signature)
(K.W. Dyer)
District Officer.

c.c. The Director,
Dept. of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

For your information please. Report in duplicate is attached.

(Handwritten Signature)
(K.W. Dyer)
District Officer.

Diary ContinuedSaturday 24th February

Finished off the frame of the rest house in the morning and decided to return to Komo. Good contact has been established with the MAI.IA people. Left ARUMA 1000 hrs and walked over a poor track in a general westerly direction passing through the TAMBUR=UMA - UNLBI Group gardens just south of Komo. Arrived at Komo 1230 hrs and patrol stood down.

Native AffairsThe People

The four groups in the area visited comprise a small pocket of population only and they have been fairly wary of the Administration in the past. It should not be difficult to win their confidence and this patrol did contact a fair number, including the leaders. The general attitude of the people is not bad once contact is made. This feeling of suspicion can be understood in the light of past history and the fact that the last contact with a patrol arose over the cutting of a bridge across the Tagari River.

The people in this area are not on friendly terms with some of the other groups living near Komo. However, with the establishment of Komo movement in the area has improved and the DIBA, UNLBI and MAI.IA people do come to work on the airstrip. The PAGADA people number only about ten and under the influence of KALIMBU they kept away from Komo and also this patrol. The writer is of the opinion that KALIMBU was most likely a leader when the bridge was cut and no doubt they fear some sort of reprisal.

Contact with primitive people is generally a slow and tedious procedure and this applies to this area. It is now a matter of appointing village officials and explaining in more detail the aims of the Administration. As stated in previous reports the writer has had some difficulty in finding out just who are the real leaders. It would appear that the following people have at least some influence over their groups. Their standing most likely is based on having several wives and a large number of pigs.

- TAGONOGO : He belongs to the DIBA Group and is an old man. The rest house built at MIGILI is on his ground.
- PAUWA : He belongs to UNLBI and in the past has brought about ten people to work at Komo. He is getting old and wishes to delegate authority to HEDBE.
- HEDBE : A young man from UNLBI who was arrested by the patrol ~~xxx~~ ~~xxx~~ settling the matter of the bridge. It would seem that this had a good effect on HEDBE as he was most keen to help this patrol and the writer feels he would make a good Village Constable. This could be left to the next patrol.
- TOMBENIALI : He belongs to MAI.IA but at first he kept clear of this patrol but finally came to ARUMA and gave assistance.
- KALIMBU : He belongs to PAGADA and was arrested by this patrol and convicted under the N.R.Os of spreading lying reports. This is a very small group.

Native Affairs ContinuedLaw and Order

This patrol made a dawn raid at PAGADA and arrested KALIMBU for spreading lying reports. KALIMBU is said to be a leader of the small PAGADA group and he refused to visit the patrol when asked to explain about himself. This arrest should be a good example to the other people in the area that the Administration is strong enough to deal with trouble-makers.

The HURI native takes a delight in spreading stories and causing as much confusion as possible. While the Administration has been accepted by the majority of the Mananda people there are still a few trying to cause trouble. Their efforts are directed to influencing people not to work at Komo and not to listen to the Administration. It is a fact that the HURI native can only be impressed by superior force and it is interesting to note that many trouble-makers, having been in prison, often become very pro-administration.

Census

The writer estimates there are about one hundred (100) people living in the area visited. It is difficult to tell at this stage as very few of the women and children were seen. It should be possible to do a census on the next patrol.

Rest Houses

Rest houses were built at MIGILI for the UNDIPI and DIBA and PAGADA groups, and ARUMA for the MAI.IA group.

Maps

A rough sketch map is attached under APPENDIX A.

Walking Times

Komo	to	MIGILI	1½ hours	Good
MIGILI	"	ARUMA	1 "	Poor
ARUMA	"	KOMO	2 ½ "	Poor

Benaria Area

This is on the eastern side of the Tagari River and could be contacted from Komo. However the writer considers it would be just as easy from Tari going via the Huria River. The next patrol from Komo could visit the eastern slopes of the Tagari River with a view to finding better bridge sites.

Conclusion

This very short patrol was mainly to establish contact with the four groups DIBA, UNDIPI, PAGADA and MAI.IA. It was not possible to spend any more time in the area owing to the commitments at Komo. A follow-up census patrol should be made within the next three months to consolidate the position.

M. R. Haywood
M. R. Haywood P.O.I.C. Komo

62-1-1

Sub District Office,
Tari,
Southern Highlands District.

14th March, 1962.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,

MEMO.

KONO PATROL REPORT No 3 of 1961/62.


Attached hereto please find the above patrol report as submitted by Mr. M. E. Haywood, Patrol Officer in Charge at KONO.

The patrol was a purely routine one of five days to visit the small pocket of population near the junction of the TAGRI and DASIA Rivers.

The native KALINEY arrested for spreading false reports is at present serving a term of imprisonment at Tari Corrective Institution.

Such routine patrols as this carried out in the MAWANDA area should soon give all the people some idea of the Administration and its aims. Tribal fighting in the area has definitely ceased since the establishment of the Post and this is only due to the presence of an Administration party and its continual movement throughout.

Claim for camping allowance is attached.



(R. W. Blaikie)

Assistant District Officer.

Patrol Report No. 3 of 1961/1962

Introduction

The area visited by this patrol lies immediately to the east of Komo Patrol Post with all the groups living on the western slopes of the Tagari River roughly opposite where the Dagia River joins the Tagari.

Since the opening of Komo Patrol Post the people living in this area have had better contact with the Administration. The UNDIIBE, DIBA and MAI.IA groups come to Komo to work on the airstrip. There are only about five or six people in the PAGADA group and they have not presented themselves at Komo.

Just south of the Dagia-Tagari junction there is a kunda bridge (in bad repair) which would give access into the southern part of the Tari Sub-district including the Benaria. A small number of Mananda people are living on the eastern slopes of the Tagari River near this bridge. It is reported that they moved out of the Mananda area when Komo was established.

The bridge over the Tagari was the one cut when a patrol led by Mr. B. O'Neil tried to come from Tari into the Mananda area. The people concerned were contacted and dealt with by a later patrol.

Diary

Tuesday 20th February 1962

Left Komo Patrol Post 0815 hrs and walked in a general easterly direction through un-populated bush arriving at the DIBA group gardens 0930 hrs. These gardens are on steep slopes of the Tagari River immediately opposite the Dagia River junction. Made contact with the DIBA and UNDIIBE people and started to build a rest house. The name of the ground here is MIGILI.

Wednesday 21st February

At MIGILI building the rest house. Sent out for the PAGADA and MAI.IA people but they refused to come. Most of the DIBA and UNDIIBE people go to work on the airstrip at Komo.

Thursday 22nd February

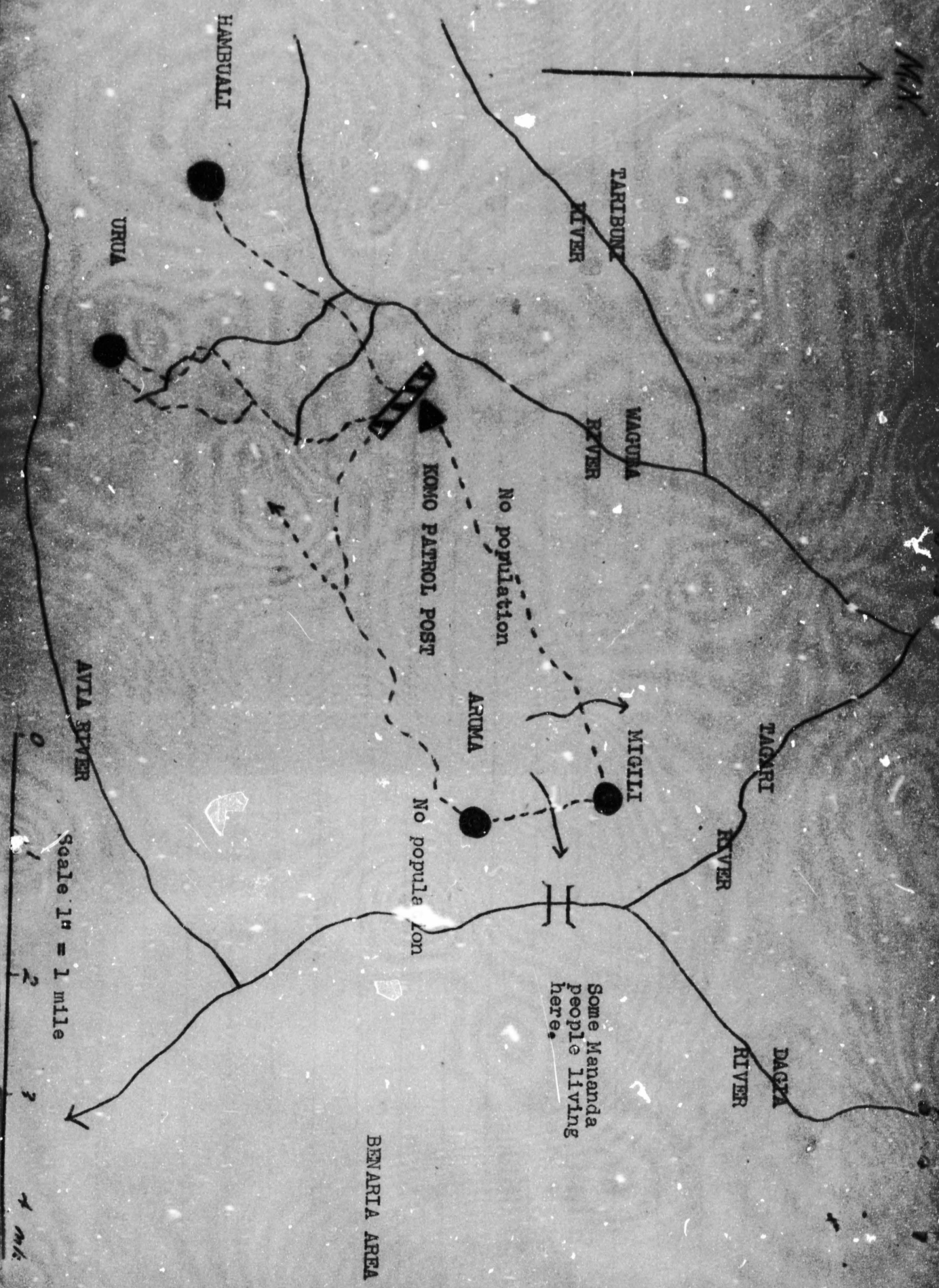
Rest house completed. Left MIGILI and walked in a general southerly direction along the slopes. Came to the PAGADA gardens and sighted 2 men who ran away. Continued on for about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour to the MAI.IA group gardens and made camp at ARUMA. Contact made with several MAI.IA people. Decided to build another rest house as these people do not seem to be on friendly terms with UNDIIBE and DIBA. Reports of MAI.IA people hiding on lower slopes. Reports of the "boss-boy" of PAGADA, one KALIMBU spreading talk against the Administration.

Friday 23rd February

Made a dawn raid of the PAGADA area and arrested KALIMBU. Returned and started work on the rest house at ARUMA. Much better contact now with the MAI.IA people. They assisted with the rest house and brought food to the patrol. Still a few men hiding but decided not to do a sweep of the area. Many MAI.IA men have gone to work at Komo and it seems there are only a few left here - some are "run-aways" from other Mananda groups.

APPENDIX A

REPORT N° 3/1961-62



STORES TAKEN ON PATROL

ITEM	Amount Taken on Patrol	HOW ISSUED					Amount Returned to Stock
		Issues to Police	Issues to Carriers	Payment of Carriers	Purchase of Food	Hire of Canoes	
<u>Patrol Expenses</u>							
<u>Camping Allowance</u>							
	W. R. Hayward			2-2-0			
	Frank L. Bell			4-0			
<u>Remance Canine</u>							
	W. D. G.			2-16-0			
<u>Wages 3 Men</u>					4-0		
					<u>5-6-0</u>		
<u>Vault Store</u>							
	Regions			15-0-0			
	Trade			2-0-0			
				<u>17-0-0</u>			

STORES TAKEN ON PATROL.

ITEM	Amount Taken on Patrol	HOW ISSUED					Amount Returned to Store
		Issues to Police	Issues to Carriers	Payment of Carriers	Purchase of Food	Hire of Canoes	
<u>Native Expenses</u>							
<u>Camping Allowance</u>							
Int.	M. R. HAYWOOD PORT			2-3-0			
					4-0		
<u>Permanent Carriers</u>							
	14 @ 4/-				2-16-0		
<u>Wagon Supplies</u>						4-0	
					<u>5-6-0</u>		
<u>Local Stores</u>							
				Rations	15-0-0		
				Trade	2-0-0		
					<u>17-0-0</u>		



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Koulo

District of Southern Highlands Report No. 4 of 1961/62

Patrol Conducted by H.E. Pocken, Patrol Officer Gr.2

Area Patrolled TELAMIA/HANIMU Census Division (RESTRICTED)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Mr. N. Deshilly, A.D.C. Peri, for 8 days.

Natives See Report

Duration—From 31/3/1962 to 10/4/1962; & 27/4 to 1/5/62 & 30/5 to 10/6/62 & 22/6 to 30/6/62

Number of Days 45

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Jan/Feb/1962

Medical No Record /19

Map Reference Southern Highlands District Map (tracing)

Objects of Patrol (i) Construct rest houses and police barracks at suitable positions for group census local points (ii) Carry out initial census of the division (iii) Routine administration and contact (iv) Investigate reported fighting within the division.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19
District Commissioner

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

67-15-84

29th August, 1962.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
K. S. S. D. I.

PATROL REPORT NO. 4 - 1961/62 - SARI:

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

2. I think the old system of the patrol party construction, rest houses and police barracks where necessary to ensure that the people know we are in an area to stay cannot be bettered.
3. Do not make any recommendations to de-restrict this area whilst the people are still unsettled.
4. It is of interest to note that one or two Bantu area people have visited Esau when in the Kamanda Basin. Some time past patrol from the Komad River will no doubt go right through to Esau.
5. You should ensure that when operating in this area that patrols are not so weak as to invite attack.
6. You should take a particular interest in Muli of Sada to ensure he is brought to trial. The recording of the estimated 50% of the actual existing population can be considered satisfactory at this stage of the people's development.
7. I am pleased to note that the area is now adequately covered by rest houses and accompanying police barracks. In future patrolling officers need not carry tents with them. A good record of a patrol well performed.

MINUTE TO -

Public Relations Officer,
Dept. of the Administrator,
KONEROBU.

Suggest this might warrant a
press release.

29/8/62

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

J.K. McCarthy
(J.K. McCarthy)
Director, Native Affairs

AGJ/US.

67-15-87 ✓



District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MANDI.

10th August, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
S.A.H.

TARI PATROL REPORT NO. 4 OF 1961/62.

Thank you for the abovementioned Report and your covering document which arrived here on the 3rd August, 1962.

Camping Claims are returned herewith.

Surely it should not take fifteen days for a Report to travel between KONO and TARI ? In view of previous District Instructions (No. 14 of 21-5-62 Section 4 - No. 10 of 4-3-61) surely Mr. Focken could have sent his mail via police runner ?

I agree with you that the patrol has performed useful work, every effort should now be made to maintain regular patrolling of this area. If your staff situation permits you should aim at visiting each census group once every four months.

The need for a training course for all Village Constables is fully appreciated and has the approval of the Director. Please endeavour to have a Course commenced before the end of September.

The method adopted of recording census groups is quite acceptable and is followed throughout the Mandi and Kaga Sub-Districts.

A good Report of work well done but marred by gross carelessness in spelling. The eleven errors in seven and half pages of narrative are quite unnecessary a note to this effect has been made on Mr. Focken's file.

The map submitted is accepted but I consider it carelessly drawn and future submission of a like nature will be returned for re-drawing. Proper mapping equipment is available.

.....
(A.C. Jefferies)
Acting District Officer.

↙ Minute.
The Director,
Department of Native Affairs.
KONODU.

For your information please.

.....
(A.C. Jefferies)
Acting District Officer.

Sub-District Office,
Tari,
Southern Highlands District.

23rd July 1962

The District Officer,
Hendi.

KOMO PATROL No. 4 of 1961/62

The delay in submitting this report is regretted. Mail from Komo is infrequent and it did not arrive here until the 30th of July.

When recording census units I am in favour of Mr Focken's use of main group names only. Sub-groups often split off and may live miles away from the main group, but they retain their identity and the whole group is still *stogamus*.

We have exhausted our small supply of Village Register Census Books, and the last requisition for exercise books was not filled, so that recording census is, for the moment, rather difficult where no books have previously been issued.

The man Hali (page 10) will be sought by the next Tari patrol, which is expected to be in the Imbu Census Division by the end of July.

Appointment of village constables should be useful, but a training program is also necessary, and this will be discussed with Mr Focken during my next inspection of Komo in August.

There seems little scope for economic advancement or development at present, but introduced food crops are always a good idea and it is planned to start a few small experimental coffee plots in the Komo area.

The general situation is considered to be quite good for this stage of contact, and probably the whole area will be recommended for de-restriction within the current fiscal year. The sponsored tours to coastal centres have a very good effect on local men, and I would like to see a lot more of them.

The patrol appears to have been well conducted and useful work has been done, but I will suggest that a dictionary be added to the office library.

R. M. Desailly

R. M. Desailly
Assistant District Officer

REPORT OF PATROL AND SURVEILLANCE

Patrol Post,
1000,
1st Sub-District,
Southern Highlands District
5th July 1962

Resident District Officer,
1st Sub-District,
Southern Highlands District

Report No. 1 of 1962

Patrol conducted by: A. J. Jackson, Patrol Officer,
1000

Area patrolled: TIRANGA/ANILI Census Division

Accompanied by: 1 European, 1
1st Sub-District, S.H.D. Sub-District,
for 2 days

Patrols: 1 - from 1/3/62 to 1/4/62
1 - from 1/4/62 to 1/5/62
1 - from 1/5/62 to 1/6/62

Patrols: 2 - from 1/5/62 to 1/6/62
1 - from 1/6/62 to 1/7/62
1 - from 1/7/62 to 1/8/62

Duration of patrol:
1/3/62 to 1/4/62 and
1/4/62 to 1/5/62 and
1/5/62 to 1/6/62 and
1/6/62 to 1/7/62.
Total of 15 days.

- Objectives of patrol:
- (i) To carry out an initial census of the TIRANGA/ANILI Division.
 - (ii) To construct post houses with accompanying police barracks at suitable positions for group census food points.
 - (iii) To make administration and contacts.
 - (iv) To investigate reported group fighting between the (Loma area) and (Anili area) groups.

Last patrol to area: Native Affairs by R. L. Greenwood, January, 1962.

Map Reference: Drawing from the Southern Highlands District map.

A. J. Jackson
(A. J. Jackson)
Patrol Officer

DIARY.

1962:

Saturday 31st March : The patrol consisting of 3 police Constables, one Interpreter and one Medical Orderly, departed Komo Station 0800 hours for PARA rest-house near the Timaria River. Arrived Timaria River 1100 but bridge found to be washed away due to recent heavy rains. Completed a make-shift bridge by 1200 and continued on to PARA, arrived 1330. Interviewed the PARA Village Constable about tomorrow's census of the Para group. News arrived late afternoon by native runner of group fighting at TAMIA (Tamia group area); decided to fore-go the census for the time being and walk to the area of fighting the next day. Patrol overnight PARA.

Sunday 1st April : Walked to LAITE rest-house (census focal-point of the WARABIA No.2 group) where stayed for duration of the day because some Tamia men had dispersed to this area during the fighting on their home ground. Interviewed some Tamia men and one woman at Laite. Decided to make camp in the Tamia area the following day. Patrol with help of local man constructed a police barracks at Laite. Overnight LAITE.

Monday 2nd : Patrol walked to the Tamia area and made camp on a kunai grass clearing approx central to the group area --- ground named "EI'ANDA". On route inspected some damaged gardens. Contacted only six Tamia men and obtained from them some names of the people who had fought them and for what reason/s; (refer text of report). People advised to bring to camp any men or women wounded in the disturbance. Radio conversation by portable at 1600 with ADO Tari; requested two Tari police to assist patrol apprehend those involved from the PI group in the Tari administrative area generally north-east of the Tagari River. Patrol Overnight TAMIA.

Tuesday 3rd : Self, interpreter and a police constable visited hamlets of the Tamia group in conjunction with a few Tamia men; part of reason was to establish or ascertain suitable census focal-point and there to eventually build a rest-house and police barracks. Back to camp in p.m.; one wounded man visited camp for medical treatment, not serious though neck and face swollen as result of arrow wound, apparantly the only Tamia medical case. 14 men and 4 women of the Tamia group visited camp during afternoon as a result of summons during the patrol's excursion of hamlets. Talk given re Administration policy and law. Patrol overnight TAMIA. (two Tari police arrived p.m..)

Wednesday 4th : Mainly with Tamia carriers, patrol walked to the BUDA/PI area in Tari administrative area; route via Buda/PI rest house crossing the Tagari river generally below Buda/PI. Camp made on BUDA land on a kunai grass clearing known as "Tagwono"; this is fairly near to the Tari-Komo main 'road' or cargo route. Saw about six Buda/PI men en route but they refused to visit the patrol for talks. Rains from 1430 onwards and radio conversation with ADO Tari at 1600. After camp made, patrol interpreter occupied in calling out for PI and Buda people to visit camp next day in connection with the PI-TAMIA fight. (walking Tamia - "Tagwono" = 5 hours). Patrol Overnight camped BUDA area.

Diary (Cont.)

Thursday 5th : Approx 12 PI and BUDA men visited camp during a.m. including the alleged key-man of the disturbance, one TAMIAGO of the PI group. TAMIAGO arrested and interviewed with PI, BUDA and TAMIA men present. Ascertained that with the exception of Tamiago, those PI and Buda men present were not connected with the violence, hence their voluntary presence. Those involved are in hiding. Talks to people present as with the Tamia group last Tuesday. Overnight camp BUDA land.

Friday 6th : Patrol interpreter PORA sent to Tari to join party of men who are to visit Madang town for a "educational tour"; using the Medical Orderly YAGARI for the time being who is a Huri-speaker. Self, 2 constables and a/Interpreter walked in a generally easterly arc from the camp and four men arrested during course of the day in connection with the Tamia fight. Back to camp in p.m. where remained overnight.

Saturday 7th : Decided to move from BUDA land to PI territory and patrol broke camp 0740 and walked to the rest house situated adjacent to the Tari-Komo cargo route on PI land, arrived 0900. Only one aged man present, rest reported in hiding. The PI 'boss-boy' (or potential Village Constable) later arrived with report that members of his group had dispersed upon hearing about the patrol's approach. Approx mid-day about 35 men from the Kuruba and Yang'gali groups visited the patrol : it was ascertained that these men were not involved. Patrol bought a little food during the evening after talks with people present.

Sunday 8th : Self, 2 constables and the a/Interpreter carried out a sweep of the PI hamlets from 0800 to 1230 hours. Several men and women seen running away after sighting patrol, two men arrested after chase given. Patrol back to rest-house where Courts for Native Matters conducted during afternoon. Five men convicted and sentenced to gaol at Tari, one man fined the sum of two pounds (all of the PI/BUDA groups, see text) and three Tamia men fined each the sum of fifteen shillings. Decided that matters now brought to a satisfactory conclusion with the exception of one PI man, MALI-MENDUWARUGO, sought for the alleged rape of a Tamia woman while participating in the fight. Patrol overnight PI.

Monday 9th : Departed for Handamanda rest-house 0745 with Tamia carriers who have remained with patrol for past five days, arrived 1300. Carriers paid and sent back to their areas. (During early a.m. the two Tari constables escorted the PI and BUDA detainees to Tari). The Handamanda Village Constable presented himself and informed him of tomorrow's intended initial census of the WARE and DEINI groups who reside in the vicinity of the rest-house. These people had been told some days ago of the pending census-taking in the area as a whole. Radio conversation with ADO Tari Mr.N.Desailly at 1600 who announced that he would meet the patrol on Wednesday in the Hanimu River area and then accompany patrol through to Komo Station and there carry out a Station Inspection, while orientating himself at the same time with the Hanimu/Timarua area. Patrol overnight Handamanda.

Diary (Cont.)

Tuesday 10th : Patrol remained at Handamanda for the day. Initial census of the WARE and IMINI groups carried out. Police barracks built by patrol police and local people. Overnight Handamanda.

Wednesday 11th : Departed Handamanda for the PINA and WIDA groups' area adjacent to the Hanimu River. At about mid-day the patrol met Mr. Desailly in a PINA garden. Mr. Desailly had walked from Pyreni Mission via the track around Mount Ilu and arrived at the said garden only a few minutes after writer's patrol. Both parties continued on to WIDE rest house and arrived approx 1330 hours. The WIDA and PINA people were found to be still nervous following their fight with the members of the TALAGARI group generally north of the Hanimu River and few men and no women were contacted. Many members of both groups are still scattered following the fight and subsequent police action by the Koroba and Komo patrols (refer text). It was decided to depart for Handamanda the following day as initial census not possible with only 4 or 5 men present. Talks to those men during afternoon by Mr. Desailly, a little food bought from them, and word left that the Komo patrol would be back again in about four weeks time to conduct an initial census of both groups. Combined patrols overnight WIDA.

Thursday 12th : From WIDE back to HANDAMANDA rest-house, four hour walk. Radio conversation by Komo portable at 1600 by Mr. Desailly with Tari. Patrols overnight Handamanda.

Friday 13th : Departed Handamanda for PARA rest house where met the two U.F. Mission representatives from Tari Messrs. A. Sinclair and A. Norman. Both currently orientating themselves with the general Komo administrative area with the intention of setting up a European-manned mission station, probably near Komo Station. Brief talk at the rest house. Mr. Desailly's and writer's parties continued on to the Timaria river where camp was made on the left bank near the main 'road' or Para-Komo track. Radio conversation by Mr. Desailly with Tari at 1600. Patrols overnight camp at Timaria River.

Saturday 14th : Patrols continued on to Komo Station and arrived late morning. Mr. Desailly and writer occupied with station work during the afternoon. Overnight Komo.

Sunday 15th and Monday 16th : These two days spent at Komo during which time Mr. Desailly carried out a Station Inspection and assisted with certain station tasks.

Tuesday 17th : Mr. Desailly's party together with writer and one Komo police Constable (plus a few Komo carriers) departed Komo for Tari. Overnight stop at the Tagari River or Iangali rest house. Writer's intention to spend the Easter holiday period at Tari (or Mendi if weather permits aircraft access to Tari) and organize a large carrier line to take supplies back to Komo.

Wednesday 18th : Proceeded to point near Hiwa rest house where met by the Tari Sub-District office Land-Rover which had brought some Komo rations. Komo carriers turned back for Komo with the rations; Mr. Desailly and party and writer to Tari. Overnight Tari.

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Thursday 19th : Day spent at Tari Sub-District Office.

Friday 20th to Wednesday 25th : These six days spent at Tari (with brief trip to Koroba by Landrover) : aircraft from Mendi unable proceed Tari due to foul weather ----- Easter period.

Thursday 26th : At Tari. Organizing Komo supplies during the day. Overnight Tari.

Friday 27th : Morning at Tari during which time several tractor and trailer trips were made to Hiwa rest house taking the Komo supplies in preparation for the initial Hiwa-Tagari River carry. After all supplies finally gone, writer departed Tari for Hiwa by Landrover at 1400. Several Village Constables present at Hiwa and all requested to bring several men from their respective groups the following morning to act as paid carriers. Overnight Hiwa rest house.

Saturday 28th : Large carrier line available as requested yesterday, 171 men and youths in all, though insufficient to lift all supplies. Names recorded of those present and most of the supplies carried to The Tagari River (Iangali Rest-house) by them during course of the day. Two police constables accompanying carriers. (Hiwa-Iangali normally a 4 hour walk, considerably longer for large carrier line). Writer remained at Hiwa with two police Constables in order to prepare second carrier line on Monday. Overnight Hiwa.

Sunday 29th : Observed at Hiwa.

Monday 30th : Departed Hiwa a.m. with remainder of supplies : 98 carriers this trip with 2 police constables accompanying. Rear carriers arrived Iangali 1600 hours. Names of the total 269 carriers sent to Tari for payment through that office. Overnight Iangali.

Tuesday 1st May : Writer, some Iangali carriers and 2 P/C's proceeded to Komo Station. 2 P/C's who had arrived from Komo the previous evening remained Iangali to look after supplies. Writer arrived Komo mid-day. All available Komo station Labourers and many Komo area natives despatched to Iangali during afternoon in order to carry remaining supplies through to Komo following day. Three more P/C's sent to accompany. Writer overnight Komo.

Wednesday 2nd to Tuesday 29th : These four weeks spent at Komo Station on Station duties. During this interlude Komo was blessed with a visit by two representatives of the Department of Civil Aviation who were accompanied by Mr. N. Desailly, ADO Tari. The Komo airstrip site was surveyed during their four-day stay.

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Wednesday 30th : (Continuation of pre-Easter patrol)
Patrol consisting of writer, 3 police constables, 3 Komo Labourers and a Medical Orderly departed Komo 1000 hours and made camp at 1215 on the slopes above the Timaria River on the right bank adjacent to the main Para-Komo track (Kaijebi group ground). Only 5 elderly men and 3 children presented themselves during the afternoon as most of the younger men reported to be away visiting neighbouring groups such as Iangali. Word given to those present that the patrol would be compiling an initial census of the KAIJEBI people in three weeks time and that the patrol expected absentees to return forthwith to their area. Runner sent to PARA during afternoon to inform Village Constable and villagers of patrol's visit next day. Patrol overnight camp at KAIJEBI.

Thursday 31st : Crossed the Timaria River and proceeded to PARA rest house. Informed people that the initial census would be compiled the next day. Police barracks marked out and constructed during course of the day by locals and patrol personnel. Writer during afternoon visited Para hamlets and gardens to ascertain the approx group boundaries : satisfied that existing rest house situated in a suitable position for a census focal-point for the Para group. Talks to villagers in evening. Patrol overnight PARA.

Friday 1st June : Census compiled of PARA group during course of day ; turn-up below expectations. Overnight PARA.

Saturday 2nd : Proceeded to WARABIA No.1 and PELA's combined rest-house (group names). This rest-house shown incorrectly as 'Parepare' on District Map, is a mere 30 minutes walk from Para rest-house. Initial census compiled during the day ; reasonable turn-up. Overnight this rest-house on PELA land.

Sunday 3rd : Proceeded to Laite rest-house (ground name) where patrol stayed for the day compiling a initial census of the WARABIA No.2 group ; numerically below expectations. Local runner sent through to the Wide/Pina groups to inform members of pending census recording. Patrol overnight Laite.

Monday 4th : From Laite to Handamanda, by-passing the Tamia group because their future Village Constable recently sent to Macang town for educational tour. Will visit Tamia at a later date. Two GNM's heard at Handamanda during p.m.. Overnight Handamanda.

Tuesday 5th : With WARE and IMINI carriers proceeded to WIDA rest-house. Some patrol gear left at Handamanda as patrol will return this way in 2 days time. Five PINA youths encountered in a garden adjacent to the main track awaiting arrival of patrol and accompanied patrol to WIDA rest house. In addition to the 5 Pina people, only 4 Wide men visited the patrol during the afternoon. Talked to those present in a pacific vein pointing out again the patrol's intentions. A little food bought. With patrol personnel, the available Pina and Wide men helped to cut timber for police barracks. Overnight WIDA.

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Wednesday 6th : Patrol at WIDA for duration of the day. Census of the combined Wida and Pina groups during the morning. No women seen though a few names recorded. During afternoon local men and youths assisted patrol personnel to erect the police barracks, completed late p.m.. Patrol overnight WIDA.

Thursday 7th : Walked back to Handamanda, 0720 to 1130 hours. At Handamanda for remainder of day. Slight rain most of afternoon. Spoke to Village Constable about next day's carriers. Overnight Handamanda.

Friday 8th : Proceeded on to Warabia 1/Pela rest house and arrived 1310 hours. Sent 2 patrol constables on to Tamburuma rest house to inform people of patrol's arrival next day. Self and remainder of patrol personnel remained at rest house where overnight.

Saturday 9th : Crossed the Timaria River at the normal crossing between Warabia and Tamburuma and proceeded to the rest house. Talks to those locals present and cutting of timber for a police barracks by patrol personnel. Initial census taking during the course of the day; overall turnout fair. Framework of barracks complete late afternoon with help of some local men. Overnight Tamburuma.

Sunday 10th : Departed for Komo Government Station by long route so as to become slightly acquainted with some outlying groups of the S-W Mandana Basin. Called in on Mr. Alf Norman at Inini and stayed for about an hour or so; Mr. Norman engaged in establishing a URM station there approx half-mile south-west of Komo Station. Continued on to Komo and arrived 1415. Overnight Komo.

Monday 11th to Thursday 21st : These eleven days spent at Komo Patrol Post - Station duties.

Friday 22nd : Patrol consisting of writer, 3 police constables, 1 interpreter, 1 URM, and 2 Komo labourers, departed Komo for IANGALI rest house at the Tagari River --- 3½ hour walk carrier time. Interviewed the Village Constable who had recently visited Madang for a Government-sponsored tour; same told of census of the Iangali and Tuguba groups following day. One URM during afternoon. Overnight IANGALI.

Saturday 23rd : The census-taking of the mentioned two groups during course of the day. Presentation reasonable. Talks to assembled people. A few Tagweli group men presented themselves upon request yesterday; discussion with same about the pending Tagweli census. Patrol overnight IANGALI.

Sunday 24th : Walked to TAGWELI group ground via Iangali land with aim of establishing a suitable census focal-point for the group. Site chosen after 2½ hours walk from Iangali on a kunai knoll locally called "Tagida". Camp set up by about mid-day. Walked to Laite rest house with the Laite V/C who had presented himself, so as to determine distance between camp and Laite and also to see a little more Tagweli land and position of hamlets. Patrol personnel meanwhile cutting timber for a rest house and police barracks with aid of local men --- matter of same and tomorrow's census previously discussed.

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Sunday 24th (Cont.) Back to camp where censused those present together with a few women who had brought food for sale. Overnight camp site.

Monday 25th : Remained at camp for the day. Work on rest house and barracks construction carried out by patrol personnel and local males, framework of same completed late afternoon. Further census-taking of people of the Tagwell group who presented themselves today. Talk during afternoon to men. The Tamia group's potential Village Constable visited camp today, same informed of the patrol's intended two-day stay in the Tamia area. Overnight Tagwell camp.

Tuesday 26th : Continued on to Tamia area and made camp on elevated clearing, 95 minutes walk from Tagwell. Writer already familiar with layout of Tamia hamlets and the camp site chosen will be a suitable spot for a census focal-point. Some Tamia men present on patrol's arrival. Patrol personnel and local males cutting timber for a rest house and barracks. Census-taking by writer of part of the Tamia group during afternoon. Overnight camp ("Laijago" = name of site).

Wednesday 27th : Patrol at camp site for the day. Erection of framework of rest house and barracks by patrol personnel and local males during course of day. More names recorded of Tamia men and women during the day and talks to same. The Handamanda Village Constable visited camp during the day. Rains from 1500 onwards. Patrol overnight camp.

Thursday 28th : Departed Tamia 0815 for "Kaijebi" or Tuguba group land situated on right bank of Timaria River (see May 30th). Walk took 5½ hours as 'bridge' across the Timaria found to be washed away and river swollen due to heavy rains last night; temporary bridge again built by patrol. Camp made on kuni clearing and suitable rest house site chosen. The Honaga (Para) Village Constable visited camp : he often lives in the Kaijebi area and has land here. Some timber found to have been already cut by locals; rest house and barracks site cleared of undergrowth and building commenced late afternoon. Reasonable turn-up of Tuguba people and all told that the census would be compiled tomorrow. Overnight camp.

Friday 29th : Census ~~xxxx~~ compilation during the course of the day. Patrol personnel and some local males constructing the rest house and barracks, frameworks of same completed late afternoon. Talks to those Tuguba people from this area. Patrol overnight camp.

Saturday 30th : Proceeded to Komo Government Station and arrived 1000 hours. Patrol completed. Overnight Komo.

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End of Diary.

INTRODUCTION.

The main aims of the patrol were to carry out a complete initial census of the area enclosed by the Timaria, Tagari and Hanimu rivers within the Komo administrative region, to construct rest houses and police huts where necessary, and to promote administration amongst the people generally. The patrol was carried out in four stages, partly because of the Easter period and also because of the necessity of having to return to Komo Patrol Post at regular intervals in order to check on road works and airstrip construction.

At the outset, the patrol found it necessary to forego the initial census in favour of an investigation of inter-group fighting in the vicinity of Tala, which investigation took eight days and involved traversing country within the Tari administrative area, to the Tari airstrip.

Prior to 1960 the area had been visited sporadically by patrols from Tari and Komo. The latter was rather than the exception until the late 1950s. The Tari Patrol Report No. 1 of 1956 and the Komo Report No. 1 of 1957, both reports of the period, give considerable insight into the native situation at the time of the Komo Patrol Post and during the first few months after the Post's beginning.

The area is restricted, and is under Komo Patrol Post. However, it is thought that the Timaria-Tarai region as a whole should be restricted as soon as possible and that the entire area covered by this patrol.

Mr. N. Dessilly, Assistant District Officer, accompanied the patrol for eight days (which includes the two-day inspection visit at Komo) in order to become acquainted with the terrain and people from the Hanimu through to Komo.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The region patrolled generally follows the eastern slopes of Mount Kikiria. Hamlets in the main are confined to these slopes which descend sharply to the Tagari and Hanimu rivers. Towards Laite and Para rest houses the country opens out into a rugged-topped plateau, as it were, where the terrain then merges into the Vananda basin south of the Timaria. Limestone sink-holes are characteristic of the Laite-Para area and the bulk of the gardening is carried out in the depressions. However, generations of continual gardening with little respite for the soil has resulted in leached loams with poor returns per acre. Further north towards the Hanimu the soil is shallow with a heavy clay sub-soil which does not permit dense populations or good crops.

With an estimated total population of 4,500 persons in the area covered, and the fact that the area is clearly bounded by the Tagari and Hanimu rivers to the east, the heights of Mount Kikiria to the west, and the Timaria river to the south, it is considered that the area should

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is likely to occur, which violence would be treated severely if the administration was ignored in the first instance, but that the people should endeavour to settle such matters by peaceful means, or at least to avoid bloodshed, and help the administration to develop by acquitting a forward outlook and by training the younger generation, and that the administration should help the people along these lines. For the most part the people have accepted this policy, and so far the division have visited during the past few months some 150 hours of inspection.

The incident between the Tari group and the Pi and Buda groups, east of the Tari river, was reported to the division by the P.I.M.C. of Pi. The division members of the Tari group, the claim resulted from an investigation into the Tari administration, and a Pi relative of the Tari group, Mali (a) of the Tari group, over the Tari group has been trying to obtain pigs and sheep from the Tari group, but to no avail. On 30th April, Tariago was killed by Mali (a) of Pi and Buda men and Tariago was killed by Mali (a) of Pi and Buda men and Tariago was killed by Mali (a) of Pi and Buda men and Tariago was killed by Mali (a) of Pi and Buda men. Results were unsatisfactory as the Tari men were concerned and general fighting broke out. The Pi men had had some preparation for such an occasion and were able to without serious loss. Tariago's garden was destroyed by the Pi men and one Tari man was wounded. A Tari woman was severely raped by one Mali (a) of Pi and Buda men (Mali (a)). The investigation indicated that the Pi men were the aggressors, to the extent that they were the first to attack, though this is difficult to confirm. The wounded man was given medical treatment by the patrol and has fully recovered. Eight days were spent in finalising the investigation with the result that four Pi men (including Tariago) and one Buda man were convicted in the Court for Native Matters under Reg. 71(c) F.S.O. and sentenced to terms of imprisonment at Tari, a further Buda man was fined the sum of two pounds and three Tari men were each fined the sum of one pound. Difficulty was encountered in arresting the Pi and Buda men concerned, of whom, with the exception of Tariago and the fines, had no intention of appearing before the patrol to answer charges, and had to be literally caught and brought before the Court.

It is considered that, with the exception of said Mali (a) of BUDA, the matter has been brought to a successful conclusion. The patrol was unable to contact Mali and he has not so far appeared at Komo or Tari to answer the charges of rape and riotous behaviour. A separate memorandum will be forwarded to the Assistant District Officer Tari so that further efforts, perhaps combined Komo-Tari, can be made to apprehend him.

Census presentation by the people was reasonable at this stage of contact and development. Please find attached 'Village Population Register' sheets showing a total population of 274. It is estimated that this total is only 5% of the actual existing population, which is in the vicinity of 4,500. The total of one pregnancy is no doubt very inaccurate, but with new people such as inhabit the division, it is difficult at this stage to determine who is pregnant and who is not, especially when women are reluctant to be singled out from a throng of women and stand with their respective husbands, and when many are draped with 'bilmas'. Only two sales are recorded in respect of work; it is understood that both presented themselves at Lari Sub-district Office earlier in the year as applicants for the Highland Labour Scheme, in response to a talk by Mr. Haywood's patrol last January.

The thirteen census units adequately cover the Division with regard to the Highland Tuguba No. 2, both units are of the one and same overall group or tribe, the sub-groups or clans of which occupy separate areas of land each some distance from the other, hence in this instance the sub-group L112 is shown as Tuguba No. 1 and the sub-group L113 as Tuguba No. 2. Similarly, this applies to the Jarabla No. 1 and No. 2 groups.

'Village Register' census books have been compiled for the thirteen groups and will be issued to their respective Village Constables upon receipt of advice from Headquarters concerning confirmation of their recommended appointments. None of the subject of 'Village Register' census books, it is understood that they are not printed coverings and are made in their supply generally. Ordinary exercise books can be substituted but are nowhere near as handy as the Village Registers and would probably last only about half as long as the former. These books are still essential in more primitive areas such as the Southern Highlands generally, even though their usefulness has expired in local Government Council areas of the Territory and in areas which have substituted tax/census sheets.

The purpose and usefulness of census recording was explained and all groups were told that families are required to record their members' names in their respective Registers, and that deliberate failure to do so is contrary to the Native Regulations Ordinance. Naturally, there was an element of suspicion in some minds about the reasons for census, but it was found that their suspicions were allayed somewhat by mentioning that the Registers would be given to the Village Constables who would be responsible for their care.

VILLAGE CONSTABLES.

There are currently five confirmed Village Constables in the Division. Of these, four were recommended last January by Mr. Haywood and one during September 1960 by Mr. Jinks. Their individual worth and conscientiousness should be made apparent in the next few months following the patrol. Work by Village Constables, however, is handicapped to a large extent by the scattered nature of hamlets within any one group, as say, compared to compact villages of most coastal areas, and a resulting individuality of character in the Lari make-up. This individuality within groups will be

Rest Houses (Cont.)

Rest houses and barracks were erected by the local people with help from patrol personnel, and by and large the villagers responded willingly.

AGRICULTURE.

No detailed discussion is necessary here. The staple subsistence crop, sweet potato, was plentiful at the time of the patrol and is reported to be in abundance in the Tari sub-district generally at this time of the year. On most days food was brought for a salt-exchange, often far more than the patrol personnel could consume.

There are no cash crops in the area such as coffee; indeed, the potential is not encouraging. Soils for the most part are poor with a shallow top-soil, especially along the steep slopes of Mount Kikiria, and as mentioned earlier, most of the sink-holes or limestone depressions in the Koro-Koro region are fully cultivated for subsistence crops and also are inclined to be over-worked. Probably the best prospect is in the Iangali-Tagubi-Tagwell region where land begins to level out towards the Tagali and Kikoria rivers and where the soils have the benefit of wash from the higher slopes with resultant deeper top-soils. The eventual vehicular road link between Tari and Komo will thus be of benefit here for future marketing of a cash crop; the road will be following the approximate course of the present Tari-Komo main supply-track. Also, at present few European-type vegetables are to be seen. Corn has filtered through from the Tari area and may be seen in some gardens, notably in the Tagwell and Iangali region. In addition, U.A.S.F. Hendi sent a cava-bag full of corn for planting purposes early this year, some of which was distributed to groups within the division. The patrol distributed a few packets of tomato, cabbage, pumpkin, cucumber and turnip seeds to some interested persons, which seeds should do reasonably well if properly tended. It is hoped that the Komo administrative area as a whole will soon be growing adequate quantities of varieties of European-type vegetables such as are grown in the Karim and Kambari census divisions of the Hendi Sub-District. The long-range view is that the bulk of vegetables will be consumed by the villagers themselves with some possibly brought to Komo station for cash-sale to station personnel of the future. It is personally thought that agricultural efforts should, for the time being, be channelled into improving the native diet by means already mentioned and by improving established subsistence crops.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Walking tracks only are to be found between rest houses. To date, two shovels have been issued to each rest house for the dual purpose of improving inter-rest house walking tracks (which mostly are situated on the main tracks used by people walking from the Hanimu through to Komo) and maintenance of rest house and barracks drains. The respective approved and recommended Village Constables have the responsibility of looking after the shovels. More shovels or spades will be issued at a later date when available at Komo so that more intensive work can be done on the inter-rest house tracks. The main thing is that a start has been made. It is unlikely that vehicular road construction will be attempted from Komo to the Mount Kikiria area,

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Roads and Bridges (Cont.)

at least not for many years, partly because of the rugged terrain, and partly because the Komo-Tari road will have priority which will involve work by people from this region.

Adequate native-built suspension bridges are provided for pedestrian traffic at the Lower Timaria on the main Tari-Komo supply track, and at the Tagari adjacent to Tangali rest house also on the main track from Tari. These two bridges were built by members of the Komo REBNGC with help from the local populace towards the end of last year, and are in constant use by carriers bringing supplies to Komo and by villagers and station personnel walking to and from the Tari administrative area. At a later date they will be necessarily replaced by bridges for vehicular traffic. The Timaria crossing between Para and Kaljebi rest houses presents more of a problem to pedestrian traffic. Here, the river may be crossed by wading during favourable times but not after a downpour of rain. Fording the river will ultimately supply the answer; to date patrols have often found it necessary to build a makeshift bridge for the head-of-the-scent, which may very well be washed away following a downpour of rain.

Minor bridges over small streams, swampy patches, and ancient man-made garden ditches, normally consist of one or two logs placed across the depression or swampy part, which bridges are adequate at this stage. All groups have been requested to improve minor bridges of this nature along main patrol routes so as to facilitate easier walking for both the local populace and patrolling officers.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

A Native Medical Orderly accompanied the patrol at all times. Quite a few sores of a minor nature were treated though few would-be in-patient cases were encountered. Overall health is good, there appears to be little malaria apart from those men who have visited the lower regions towards Mount Bogavi in the Western District for reasons of trade and who often complain about fever upon return. Two cases of Hansen's Disease were sent to Tari hospital for treatment. On the whole, the people (especially the women), are reluctant to visit Komo or Tari for treatment of major sores or ulcers, though are generally quite willing to receive on-the-spot treatment from patrols.

CONCLUSION.

The objects of the patrol were realized; attitudes generally regarding census and rest houses are quite reasonable at this stage, the completion of which (census and rest houses) should have a stabilizing effect on future behavior of individuals and groups. Although many members of groups were somewhat wary of giving their true names to the Administration for census purposes, suspicion should be lessened considerably between now and the first census revision. It is very apparent that past patrols have gained much confidence, illustrated by response to medical treatment, the presentation of food by women, and by the airing of disputes by individuals in the presence of the writer.

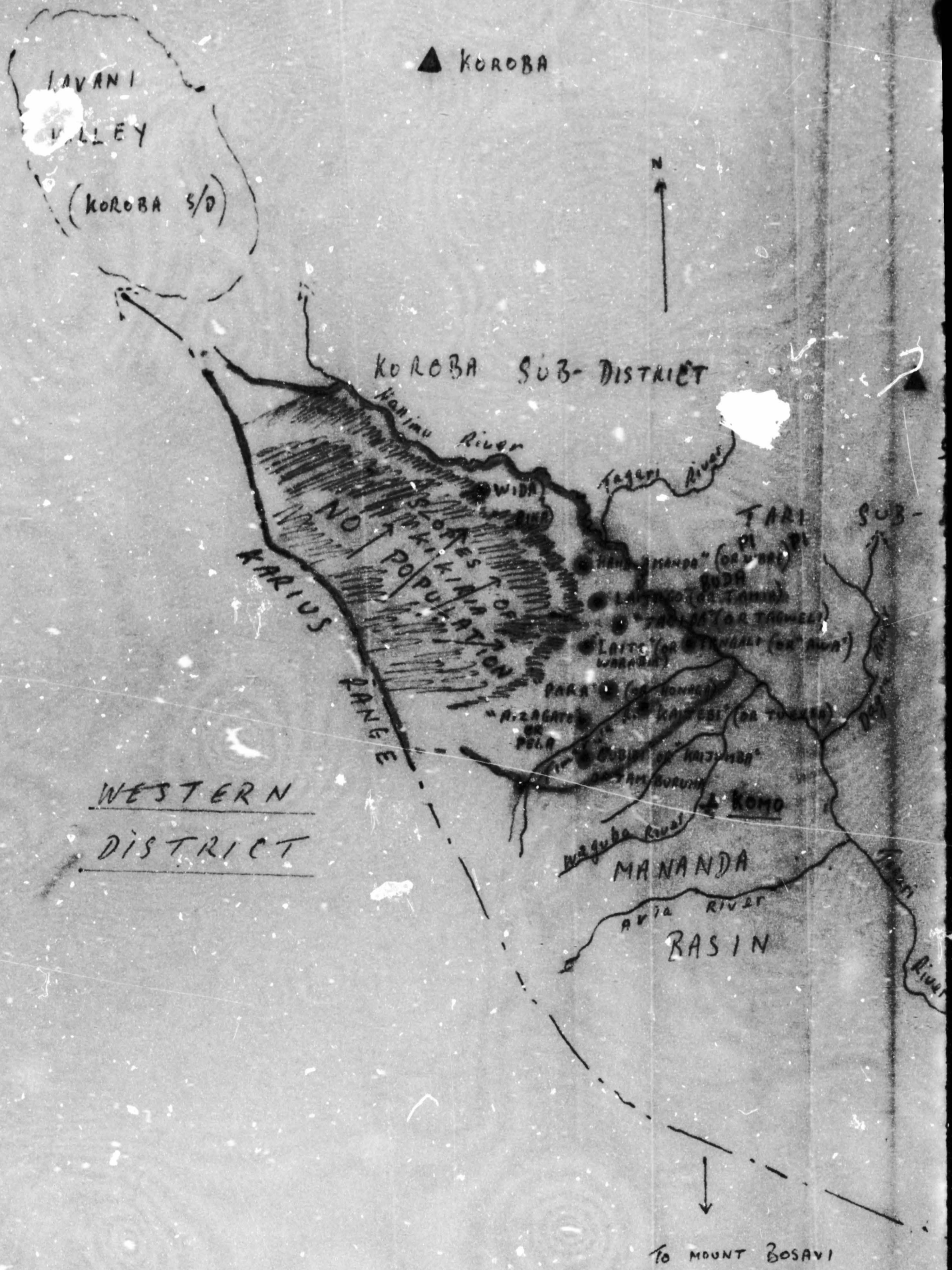
Members of the Wida and Pina groups are still scattered following fighting at Talagari and subsequent police action by Komo and Ioroba patrols last January, of which the bulk of the absentees are reported to be living with kinsfolk

Conclusion (Cont.)

near Puren in the Koroba Sub-District. It is not likely that further outbreaks of inter-group violence will arise in the Kaniam region; the initial census, construction of rest house and barracks at Wida, and the to-be-approved Village Constable should all be a spur to villagers to return to their respective hamlets.

It is hoped that many more villagers in the Komo area as a whole will later be afforded the opportunity to visit Madang town on Administration-sponsored tours of inspection. To date, four villagers and one Komo interpreter have gone on such tours, with encouraging results. More persons will need to visit Madang so as to make the scheme really effective, and certainly as far as the Komo area (and the Iar Sub-District) is concerned, it will be Administration money well spent.

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SKETCH MAP ACCOMPANYING
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▲ TARI

SUB-DISTRICT

SCALE OF MILES

LEGEND



- REST HOUSES
- ⌋ PROPOSED CENSUS DIVISION BOUNDARY ; AND DIVISION PATROLLED
- ⌋ SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT BOUNDARY

