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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. Lake Kutubu 1-1966/67

Patrol Conducted by N.C. McQuilty, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Foii & Fasu Census Divisions

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL
1 Poll Clerk, 3 Police, 1 APO.
Natives 3 Interpreters, 38 Carriers

Duration—From 12/7/1966 to 1/8/1967

Number of Days 21

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Fasu 12/1965 Foii 2/66

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

Map Reference KUTUBU FOURMIL AND MAP ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol I. L.G.C. ELECTIONS, II COMPILING ELECTORAL ROLL AND TAX REGISTER III GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

71101/1966

[Signature]
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....
Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund
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67-15-9

23th October, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
NSW.

LAKE KUTUBU PATROL REPORT NO. 1-1966/67:

Receipt of Mr. McQuilty's report of his patrol to the Poi'i and Fasa Census Divisions, is acknowledged. The delay in submitting the report detracts from its value.

The comments by yourself and the Assistant District Commissioner, Mendi have been read with interest and noted. These comments fully cover all aspects of the report, which requires no further comment.

The report of a well conducted patrol was read with interest. More care in presentation would have enhanced the report further.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

67-15-9 (17)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



Telegrams.....
Our Reference 67-3-3
if calling ask for
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

6th October, 1966.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Subject:- Kutubu Patrol No 1 of 1966/67.

Attached please find the following documents relating to the above patrol conducted by Mr. N.C. McQuilty, Patrol Officer to the FOI'I and FASU Census Divisions.

- (i) Patrol Report
- (ii) Covering memorandum, 67-2-4 of 28th September, from Assistant District Commissioner, Mendi Sub-District.

2. Comments additional to those made by the Assistant District Commissioner are as follows:-

(Para 19) There are no legal obstacles to the Kagatimai people returning to their traditional land. In fact with the establishment of the Kutubu Local Government Council the return of the group will be probably welcomed. The District Commissioner, Gulf District is being informed of the intended move.

(Para 23) Once the Council becomes firmly established it would warrant the adviser investigating the possibilities of marketing tropical fruits at Mendi. An assumed market exists here for pawpaws, watermelons and eating bananas as well as sago and Tagaso Tree Oil. Arrangements could be made to utilize the back leg of Government charters. Such a trading venture could well mean a steady increase to the Council's revenue.

(Para 47-49) The Assistant District Commissioner's suggestion regarding a Council Truancy Rule is well worth considering. The District Inspector has already suggested WASIME Island as a possible area to which such a rule could initially be applied.

(Para 52) With the proposed move of the Patrol Post from Lake Kutubu to the Orokana area now before you for consideration, the development of a road system in the general Orokana area with the objective of finally linking up with the existing road in the Lower Nembi Valley is being pursued. The route outlined by Mr. McQuilty is one of three possible routes.

(Para 53-56) Investigation of the possible aerodrome site at Getagaipu can be postponed until a decision is reached on the future of the present Patrol Post.

3. There was a considerable time lapse between completion of the patrol and receipt of the report at this office. The Assistant District Commissioner is being contacted for an explanation.

4. A good patrol and an interesting report.

submitted by Mr. N.S. Moolgobey, Patrol Officer, with notes on the 1957 and 1958 Census Statistics.

(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

The following extracts on the patrol are submitted (page numbers and paragraph numbers are the same as used in the report).

(11/10) I suggest the travelling difficulties in getting the hospital to people return to their own village. In some cases there are many people on land belonging to another village in the case of some return.

(11/11-12) In considering the introduction of additional food in the form of vegetables and such the C.I.C. should be approached. It might be possible to have a market at the patrol to give the people a supplementary diet and the C.I.C. has realized the importance of this.

(11/13) As a Council has now been established at the village the Council could possibly give more interest in introducing a variety of crops with any assistance in the area. In the field work done and not been completed and credit for the work done to the Patrol Officer for having introduced such a scheme in the area.

(11/14-15) In view of the recommendation that the patrol station should be located at the centre of the area, the area should be investigated. Perhaps you would consider that the suggested patrol site should be investigated.

(11/16-17) An interest of some kind should be given to the local people in the area. The area should be investigated and the area should be completely under control. The area should be investigated and the area should be completely under control. The area should be investigated and the area should be completely under control.

An interesting report submitted by an officer stationed with the hospital at the village at present. It is a very interesting report and the area should be investigated. The area should be investigated and the area should be completely under control.

Assistant District Commissioner
D. R. Marsh

67-2-4

Sub-district Office,
MENDI
Southern Highlands District

28th September 1966

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District
MENDI

LAKE KUTUBU PATROL NO.1 of 1966/67
FOI'I AND PASU CENSUS DIVISIONS

Attached please find two (2) copies of a report submitted by Mr. N.B. McQuilty, Patrol Officer, Lake Kutubu on the FOI'I and PASU Census Divisions.

2. The patrol was primarily for the purpose of undertaking Local Government Council elections and this was satisfactorily completed. In addition, general administration tasks were accomplished.

3. The following comments on the patrol are submitted: (page numbers and paragraph numbers are the same as used in the report)

(2)(19) I support the patrolling Officer's action in having the Kagatunai'ia people return to their own tribal area. In most cases where one group resides on land belonging to another there is friction of some nature.

(2-3)(22-28) In achieving the introduction of additional food in the form of vegetables and fruit the O.I.C. Nipa is to be complimented. In fringe areas such as Lake Kutubu it is most important to give the people a supplementary diet and the O.I.C. has realized the importance of this.

(5)(49) As a Council has now been established at Lake Kutubu the Council could possibly give some thought to introducing a Truancy Rule to cope with any absences in the area. In the Mendi area truancy has now been overcome and credit for this is due to the Mendi Council for having introduced such a rule in their area.

(5)(53-56) In view of the recommendation that Lake Kutubu station should be resited at Oyekana the remarks of the O.I.C. are pertinent. Perhaps you would consider that the suggested airfield site should be investigated.

(6)(59-64) The introduction of area administration to the Lake Kutubu is another step forward in bringing the Mendi sub-district completely under Council Administration. By all accounts the elections were a success and the enthusiasm of the people should see the Council through its initial problems associated with the establishment of Councils.

3. An interesting report submitted by an officer obviously with the interests of the people at heart. It is a pity that typographical errors spoilt the overall presentation of the report. Camping allowance claim is attached and a map has been submitted.

J. Young-Whitford
J. Young-Whitford
Assistant District Commissioner

c.c. Officer-in-Charge, LAKE KUTUBU

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

LAKE KUTUBU Patrol Post,
MENDI Sub-District,
Southern Highlands District.

11th July, 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
M E N D I.

LAKE KUTUBU PATROL REPORT NO. I-1966/67.

Patrol conducted by : Mr. N. C. McQuilty, Patrol Officer.
Area patrolled : FOI'I and FASU Census Divisions.
Patrol accompanied by : 1 Poll Clerk,
3 Police,
1 A.P.O.,
3 Interpreters,
38 Carriers.
Duration of patrol : 12.7.66 to 1.8.66.
21 days.
Last patrol to area : FOI'I C/D; 2.66
FASU C/D; 12.65
Map reference : Journal of Kutubu and Map attached.
Objects of patrol : I. L.G.C. elections,
II. Compile electoral roll and tax Register,
III. General Administration.

N. C. McQuilty
N. C. McQuilty.
Patrol Officer.

LAKE KUTUBU PATROL REPORT NO. I-1966/67:

PATROL DIARY:

Folios 75 to 82 of the Field Officers Journal refer.

Tuesday, 12th July, 1966:

Last minutes patrol preparations.

0930 - Patrol cargo and gear departed the station in canoes. Self departed station 1000 in dinghy arriving Kese 1130. Waited for cargo until 1354.

1354 - 1150: Patrol walked to Hegiso Village.

Camp set up - carriers paid.

Village Officials informed of the patrols program.

Patrol slept Hegiso Village.

Wednesday, 13th July, 1966:

0800 - 0930: Waited for Kese group to arrive.

0930 - 1010: Gave talk to the people on the workings of L.G. Councils, why councils, taxation and the procedure for the elections.

1010 - 1210: Elections carried out.

1210 - 1220: Ballot papers counted and the result announced.

1220 - 1335: Lunch, broke camp and packed up.

1335 - 1352: Patrol walked to Heribo Village.

Informed people of the patrols intentions on the morrow. Village and Aid Post inspected.

Council Tax Roll for Hegiso compiled.

Patrol slept Heribo Village.

Thursday, 14th July, 1966:

0900 - 0940: Spoke to Baurutage and Heribo groups on the workings of L.G. Councils, taxation and elections procedures.

0940 - 1215: Carried out elections and count.

1215 - 1245: Lunch - camp broke.

1245 - 1335: Patrol walked along track to Pimaga Rest House.

Inspected Pimaga and Damai'iu Villages.

Paid carriers.

Wrote out Tax Roll for Baurutage and Heribo.

Patrol slept Pimaga Rest House.

Friday, 15th July, 1966:

0900 - 0945: Spoke to people re. purpose of L.G. Councils, workings of council, and election procedures, etc.

0945 - 1210: Elections carried out for the Tunuhugu and Damai'iu groups and counted.

Lunch.

Tax Register for the above two groups compiled.

Patrol slept Pimaga Rest House.

Saturday, 16th July, 1966:

No work until 1200 due to rain.

1200 - 1300: Spoke to Getagaipu and Pimaga groups re. L.G. Councils, L.G. elections, work of council, why L.G. Councils, etc..

1300 - 1530: Elections carried out for the above two groups (Ward 2) and results made known.

Patrol slept Pimaga Rest House.

II.

Sunday, 17th July, 1966:

Patrol remained Pimaga Rest House.
Compiled Tax Register for Ward 2.
1200 - 1325: Inspected possible airstrip site near Tunuhugu Village.
Patrol slept Pimaga Rest House.

Monday, 18th July, 1966:

0800 - 0850: Patrol departed Pimaga Rest House and walked to Eragahugu Village.
0940 - 1150: Carried out L.G. Council elections for this ward - ballot papers counted.
1150 - 1220: Patrol departed Eragahugu and walked to Dogabari Village.
Lunch.
Camp set up.
Tax Register compiled.
Patrol slept Dogabari Rest House.

Tuesday, 19th July, 1966:

0830 - 1215: L.G. Council elections carried out and counted.
1215 - 1300: Patrol departed Dogabari Rest House and walked to Harabu'iu Rest House.
Camp set up.
1340 - 1610: L.G. Council elections for this ward carried out for this ward and the results announced.
Tax Register compiled.
Patrol slept Harabu'iu Rest House.

Wednesday, 20th July, 1966:

0830 - 1415: Patrol departed Harabu'iu Rest House and walked to Kafa Rest House. Last carriers arriving some two hours later.
Camp set up.
Village inspected.
Patrol slept Kafa Rest House.

Thursday, 21st July, 1966:

0900 - 1320: Patrol departed Kafa Rest House, crossed Mubi River in canoes and walked to Sorotagi Rest House. Last carriers arriving 3 hrs. later.
Camp set up.
Patrol slept Sorotagi Rest House.

Friday 22nd. July, 1966:

1050 - 1345: L.G. Council elections carried out for ward one - BOROTAGI. Results announced.
Spoke to people re. sanitary housing, child brides, pigs, etc.. Also organised canoes for to-morrow.
Patrol slept Sorotagi Rest House.

Saturday, 23rd July, 1966:

0830 - 1345: Departed Sorotagi Rest House in canoes - down Soro River to Mubi River thence down to where Kaibu Creek joins it (45 mins.) thence up Kaibu Creek to the abandoned Tamadigi Village - last canoe arriving one hour later.
Camp set up in old village.
Patrol slept old Tamadigi Village.

III.

Sunday, 24th July, 1966:

0800 - 1420: Patrol departed old Tamadigi Village site and walked to Manu Village in the Fagu Census Division. Last carriers arriving 1900.

Camp set up. Informed the people of the patrols program for this C/D.

Patrol slept Manu Rest House.

Monday, 25th July, 1966:

Patrol remained Manu Rest House - waiting for Hedinia group to arrive.

All book work completed and the patrol rested.

Patrol slept Manu Rest House.

Tuesday, 26th July, 1966:

Patrol again remained Manu Rest House waiting for Hedinia group to arrive.

Discussions with various Village Officials and leaders.

Hedinia group arrived 1800.

Patrol slept Manu Rest House.

Wednesday, 1966; 27th July:

0930 - 1140: Carried out L.G. Council elections for Ward 12 (Manu, Tamadigi, Ai'iu, Anuwabi and Hedinia) - spoke to people re. L.G. workings etc. and announced results of elections.

1140 - 1210: Several disputes heard and settled.

1210 - 1315: Patrol walked to old site of Hedinia Village.

1350 - 1525: In canoes down Ai'iu River to Hebai'iu Village.

1525 - 1720: Patrol walked from Hebai'iu to Iorogobai'iu Village with last carriers arriving 1800.

Village inspected.

Camp set up.

Patrol slept Iorogobai'iu Village.

Thursday, 28th July, 1966:

0900 - 1130: L.G. Council elections for ward 11 (Iorogobai'iu, Auwabai'iu and Hebai'iu) carried out, results announced and spoke to people re. housing, sanitation, Local Government etc..

Rubbish hole dug under patrol supervision.

Complaints heard and settled.

Patrol slept Iorogobai'iu Rest House.

Friday 29th July, 1966:

0820 - 1120: Patrol departed Iorogobai'iu Village and walked along rough bush track to Papato Bush camp - last carriers arriving 1455.

Camp set up.

Patrol slept Papato Bush Camp.

Saturday, 30th July, 1966:

0755 - 1255: Patrol departed Papato Bush Camp and walked over rough bush track to Kaipu Village - carriers arriving 1455.
Camp set up in Kaipu Rest House.
Village informed of patrols program.
Patrol slept Kaipu Rest House.

Sunday, 31st July, 1966:

Day of rest - observed Kaipu Village.
Note sent to the station to inform of the patrols arrival and to organise canoes for the patrol gear.
Patrol slept Kaipu Rest House.

Monday, 1st August, 1966:

0830 - 1050: Gave talk to Kewodigi, Sonagadigi, Sisibia and Kaipu on Local Government Councils, and carried out L.G.C. elections - result announced.
1050 - 1305: Patrol walked from Kaipu to Moro airstrip.
1305 - 1445: Waited for carriers and cargo to arrive.
1445 - 1530: In dinghy to station.

Patrol stood down.

INTRODUCTION:

The main object of this patrol was to carry out the initial elections for the Lake Kutubu Local Government Council. At the same time the Electoral Roll and the Tax Register were compiled. Local Government propaganda was also carried out.

2. Extensive general administration was included in the patrols program and included advising the people on road and walking track construction, housing and sanitation, decimal currency, etc..
3. All objects of the patrol were completed successfully.
4. Although the patrol covered the FOI'I and FASU Census Divisions it only visited one or two villages in each Local Government ward because of the time factor and the late mounting of the patrol due to unforeseen circumstances.
5. The climate and topography of both Census Divisions is consistent with other areas in Papua with the same altitude, i.e. 1,300' - 2,700' a.s.l., and both are of limestone formation.
6. The FASU Census Division is south west of Lake Kutubu between the lake and the Kikori River and runs in a northwest - southeast direction parallel to the lake.
7. The FOI'I Census Division is southeast and southsoutheast of, and including the lake with the majority of the villages and population in the Mubi Valley.

RECEPTION OF PATROL:

8. The patrol was received warmly by all groups and co-operated readily with the patrol in supplying carriers, canoes and food.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

9. No new appointments or dismissals are recommended as a result of this patrol.
10. Although all Village Constables and Councillors seem to be doing a reasonable job and what is expected of them it is felt that they do not have as much support and respect from the people as a person in their position should. There does not seem to be an immediate answer to this state of affairs.
11. The Village Officials have been informed, and accept the fact that they will be surplus as soon as the Local Government Council is opened.

VILLAGES:

12. Housing in both Census Divisions was found to be of a very good standard. Several houses were found that were not being maintained and the relevant instructions were given.
13. Site and Water Supply: All villages are built on good sites. They are usually built on ridges above flood level with a good, clean spring within 200 yards of the buildings.

VILLAGES: (Continued)

14. Standard and Type of Housing: As mentioned above the standard of housing is very good but it requires constant instructions from patrols to keep it that way. The villages consist of one long house, for the men and several women's houses, the number depending on the village population. These are built on stilts and are of a good quality last for up to 3 or 4 years.

POLITICAL SITUATION:

15. There are no cults movements or organisations in the area patrolled.

16. The native situation in all groups is very good and is consolidating even more with the enthusiasm and combined work connected with the opening of the Local Government Council.

17. The Unevangelised Fields Mission at Orokana, in the Mubi Valley and Inu on Lake Kutubu have a stabilizing effect on the people and their relationship with the people and the Administration is good.

18. The majority of the absentees from the area have either joined the Highlands Labour Scheme or walked to Kikori to work on plantations. Their families and aged people are looked after quite adequately by native custom.

19. Whilst the patrol was at Iorogobai'iu a Village Councillor from Baina in the Gulf District approached the patrol and requested that his group, Kagatamai'iu return to their own land in the Lake Kutubu Administrative Area. It appears that 3 - 4 years ago due to a misunderstanding or misinterpreting of a remark from a Kikori patrol these people migrated from Kagatamai'iu to Baina. The Baina people have given them a very small and insufficient amount of land and sago palms. With the recent migration of the Tamadigi group to the same area the land and food situation has become acute. Kagatamai'iu is ~~only~~ three days walk from Baina but only five hours relatively easy walking from Hebai'iu. The people were told that they could return and construct a village on their own land and in the mean time Headquarters and the A.D.C. Kikori would be approached on the matter.

20. As mentioned in Lake Kutubu Patrol Report No. 4-1965/66 several villages were going to move to the Soro River. Hedinia is the only village that has moved so far and going on reports from the other villages it will be the only one. Hedinia is still within the Local Government ward boundary.

21. Sorotage village has also been shifted from the mouth of the Soro River upstream to where the Kafa road meets the Soro River. A men's house is yet to be constructed.

AGRICULTURE:

22. The diet of the people in the Foi'i Census Division is adequate with the staple being sago but sweet potatoes, taro, tapioca and various greens also play a big part. The four villages in the lower Foi'i also have some coconut palms. Only one of two in each village are bearing at the moment ~~x~~ but within three years each village should have between 10 and 20.

23. Fish and various wild animals and birds are also included in the diet.

AGRICULTURE: (Continued)

24. The Fasu people, who until recently lived on sago and sago alone, have at last begun building gardens. Sweet potatoes, taro, and various greens have been introduced into the diet and a plentiful supply were sold to the patrol.

25. All of the Fasu villages have two or three coconut palms planted from coconuts that they have brought back from Kikeri on their various trips to that area. Some seed coconuts are to be supplied by D.A.S.F. for planting in the Mubi Valley to further supplement the diet there.

26. Various European vegetable seeds will be distributed on the forthcoming Local Government tax patrol, mainly in the Fasu Census Division.

27. It is hoped that the Local Government Council will make available to the people day old chicks, citrus trees and vegetable seeds at a reasonable rate. It is also hoped that a decent boar can be purchased to service the native pigs and thereby hope to improve the size of the litter, and the size and weight of the offspring.

28. Tropical fruits such as bananas, paw paws, pineapples, and watermelons are plentiful in all areas.

LIVESTOCK:

29. The only livestock in the area patrolled is the native pig and a few fowls purchased from the Unevangelised Fields Mission. A rather impressive and colourful rooster was seen at Kafa village but unfortunately he was a prestige symbol only as he has no mates.

FORESTS:

30. Approximately two thirds of the land in the two Census Divisions is covered by forests, consisting mainly of softwoods. The only commercial use made of this is by several pit-sawer teams who sell the timber to the Unevangelised Fields Mission and the Administration.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY:

31. There are three trade stores in the Poi'i Census Division but nil in the Fasu Census Division. The one at Lake K Kutubu Patrol Post is owned by Coscon Pty. Ltd. and the other two are owned by the Unevangelised Fields Mission at Orokana and Inu.

32. The only other commerce carried on in the area is the traditional trading of the Tigaso tree oil to the Highlands people for use as a skin dressing during native ceremonies.

COMPLAINTS AND COURTS:

33. Very few complaints were brought before the patrol. Probably because the people were too busy talking about and discussing Local Government and the elections and forgetting about petty differences. Let us hope that this remains the case.

COMPLAINTS AND COURTS:(Continued)

34. It was only necessary to hold one Local Court hearing during the patrol. This was at Iorogobai'iu village which seems to be a cesspool of sorcery, lying and insults and in general a village where Reg. 7I needs to be enforced.

REST HOUSES:

35. All villagers have a rest house or share a rest house with a neighbouring village that are within ten minutes of one another as do Pimaga and Damai'iu. All rest houses are adequate and are maintained properly.

CARRIERS AND CANOES:

36. Carriers and paddlers came forward readily to be hired by the patrol as this is one of the main sources of cash in the area. with the Local Government Council being set up in the near future they realize that they will require money for taxes.

37. They are hired at the rates of ten cents per hour or twenty cents per day and food. They are usually hired on a village to village basis and can expect to be away from their home village for no more than three days.

38. All walking times, both personal and carrier are included in the patrol diary.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE:

39. A.P.O. KUITOEC, from the Heribu Aid Post accompanied the patrol and treated those who required it.

40. The Administration has Aid Posts at Lake Kutubu Patrol Post, Heribu and Hedinia Villages. The one at Hedinia had been shifted to the new village site but because the other villages and therefore the majority of the population are still in the vicinity of the old site the Aid Post is to be re-set up at Hebai'iu Village.

41. The Unevangelised Fields Mission station at Inu on Lake Kutubu run an Administration subsidised Aid Post and Infant welfare Clinic. Their station at Orokina also have an Administration subsidised Aid Post with in-patient facilities.

42. The areas that are not covered by Aid Posts ie. the KAIPU village complex, the lower Fof'i area and Iomezi village will be patrolled regularly by P.R.P. staff from this station.

43. Malaria is very common amongst the people and pneumonia is also found mostly in the very young and aged people. Several Tropical Ulcers were also treated. In the Fasu Census Division tinea or sipoma is very common. This probably comes through from the Kikori area.

SANITATION:

44. All villages have several pit latrines built and are used.
45. All village surroundings and houses were found to be in a sanitary condition although several villages ie. Iorogobai'iu and Kaipu, were allowing pigs to enter the village and therefore making them insanitary. The necessary instructions were given.
46. All villages have a rubbish hole where the village rubbish is deposited and burnt once a week.

EDUCATION:

47. The Education Department has a school at Lake Kutubu Patrol Post and an annex to this school on Wasemi Island. It also subsidises the school run by the Unevangelised Fields Mission at Orokana.
48. The Administration school at Lake Kutubu takes pupils from prep. to standard V whilst the annex at Wasemi only takes prep. and standard I. The U.F.M. school at Orokana takes pupils through from prep. to standard IV.
49. The number of pupils attending regularly compared to those that could attend is very poor. This is possibly due to the labour requirements for the young girls for washing sago and the independence and arrogance amongst the young males.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

50. No vehicular roads are built in the Fasu Census Division and none are recommended. The reasons for this are set out in Lake Kutubu Patrol Report No. 4-65/66. However walking tracks link the Kaipu village complex and the Iorogobai'iu Manu village groups.
51. All the villages in the Foi'i Census Division are linked with walking tracks or rivers capable of taking canoes.
52. The track from Kese to Dogabari is a bench cut and is now being cut wider, drains dug, and bridges and culverts built to convert it into a vehicular road. From there a track is being cut along the south bank of the Mubi River to below where the Wage River joins it, thence across the Mubi River and along the south bank of the Kokoma River to Iomesi village. When this section is completed it will continue on up the Kokoma River to try and find a route to the Kuduru or Kundjulu valleys and then onto the Nembi valley.

AIRFIELDS:

53. The only two airstrips in the area patrolled are the Administration strip at Moro; 3,200' by 200' and open to Category B aircraft at the very best of times, and the U.F.M. strip at Orokana; 1,570' by 200' and open to mission aircraft and category D commercial aircraft.
54. When the patrol was at the Pimaga Rest House the O-i-C patrol inspected a possible airstrip site near Getagaipu village approximately two miles west south west of the Orokana strip. This site was also inspected and surveyed and reported on by Mr. A.D.O. McNeill/6

AIRSTRIPS: (Continued)

..... in Lake Kutubu Patrol Report No. 2-64/65. This site is by far the best seen by this officer in this area. It is situated on the top of a ridge so drainage is no problem but winds may be. As Mr. A.D.O. McNeill mentioned, earth moving would be a major problem especially when compared to the labour force available. The people informed the patrol that they are prepared to work on it no matter how hard or how long it would take. They could express a different opinion when it comes to the actual hard work.

55. If it is thought that the time and effort would not be wasted, a much more comprehensive survey will be carried out when the next patrol visits the area.

56. There is also the possibility that the U.F.M. will build an airstrip, for mission planes between Iorogobai'iu and Awabai'iu villages in the Fasu Census Division.

PERSONNEL:

57. The following are the comments on the patrol police, a copy of which have been forwarded to the Commissioner of Police:

Const. I/C Reg.No. 9231 MONA;

Steady N.C.O. - conduct good.

Const. Reg.No. 8646 KINGBU;

Reliable constable - conduct good.

Const/Bug. Reg.No. M1045 KAREKO;

Good junior constable - satisfactory conduct.

58. All the other patrol personnel carried out the duties required of them.

LAKE KTUBU LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL:

59. The initial elections for the Local Government Council were carried out successfully during the patrol. The Roll of Electors and the Tax Register were also compiled.

60. A separate report on the elections is to be submitted under separate cover so they will not be elaborated upon in this report.

61. Even though a Local Government Training School and Local Government propaganda had been carried out prior to this patrol it was found that the people knew next to nothing about Local Government. This propaganda and school probably consisted of elaborating to the people at great length the history of Local Government and the technicalities, when, from experience with these people, these people are only interested in what part they are to play, how this will effect them and what actually happens in their Local Government Council. Prior to the elections in each ward discussions were held with the people on why they were electing Councillors, what the councillors are to do, what the council is to do, taxation, why more than one village in each ward, Council meetings, Council President, the connection with the House of Assembly, etc..

62. It has been strongly stressed throughout these discussions

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LAKE KUTUBU LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL:(Continued)

.....that this is their council and that they will be putting forward the capital and it will be through their efforts or otherwise if the council is a success or failure. It was also stressed that they cannot expect too much from the council at the beginning as it is in a very low income area and the budget will be a small one.

63. The realisation that they will have to pay tax has had a great effect on the people. Since the patrol returned to the station people have been coming in every day looking for work and a greater number than ever before have been seeking to join the Highlands Labour Scheme. Unfortunately there is insufficient work and funds available to please everyone.

64. The people are very enthusiastic about the council and they will give it all the backing and co-operation that is required at least for the first couple of years.

CONCLUSION:

65. This patrol has been a very successful one and marks ~~the~~ a turning point in the development of this area.

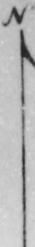
66. All objects of the patrol were accomplished.

67. No hostile or untoward incidents were experienced during the course of the patrol

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Scale: Fourmil.

Patrol Route: - - - - -

Ward Boundaries: - - - - -

Aid Post: •

