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NORHTERN DISTRICT

PATROL REPORTS

1970-1971

IOMA & AFORE

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer conducting</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
<u>IOMA</u>		
1-70-71	R. HEADLY	Binandere Census Division.
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2-70-71 (not enclosed)	T. A. LESA	Report (Not Enclosed)
3-70-71	PHILLIP ROFE	Managalase and Musa C. D.
4-70-71	J. M. LAND	MaMagalase and Musa C. D.
5-70-71	M. J. DILENA	Musa and Managalase (Part)

Amount Returned to Store



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN Report No. 1-70/71
 Patrol Conducted by PHILLIP ROFE, PATROL OFFICER
 Area Patrolled MANAGALASE and MUSA CENSUS DIVISIONS.
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Mr. I.A. Murray, APO (Part - Bariji area only)
 Natives 1 R.P.N.G.C. and Constable and Interpreter
 Duration—From 25/5/1970 to 3/9/1970
 Number of Days 71

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No
 Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 20/10/1969
 Medical 6/1970 (Anglican Mission)

Map Reference.....
 Objects of Patrol Familiarization, Census Revision, General Administration.

Director of District Administration,
 PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

29/3/1970

[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

[Signature]

KJH:JO

67-5-28

KONEDOBU, PAPUA.

2nd August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POFONDETTA.

AFORE PATROL NO. 1 OF 1970/71.

Your reference 67-1-1 of 29th March, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census, Area Study and Situation Report by Mr. P. Rofe of MANAGALASE and MUSA Census Divisions.

I attach a copy of a statement made by the Secretary for Law on the subject of a Review of Lower Courts. The Review of Lower Courts is necessarily involved with proposals for the appointment of village constables.

Mr. Rofe has provided much interesting information.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

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67-5-28
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

67-1-1

Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
POPONDETTA. Northern District.

29th March, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

AFORE PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 1970/1971.

Please find enclosed herewith a report of a Patrol embracing the whole of the Afore Administrative area, conducted by Mr. P.I. Rofe, Patrol Officer, together with covering remarks by Assistant District Commissioner, Popondetta.

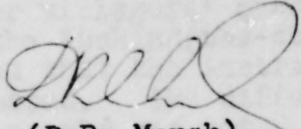
Also enclosed is an area study of the Managalase division.

The key to the development of the Managalase is road communications - this aspect is being steadily pursued at all levels and I am confident that the major problems will be overcome in the not distant future. These are (i) the location of a suitable road link to the coast and (ii) the positioning of earth moving equipment in the area.

The report shows reasonable development in cash cropping - particularly coffee - and a substantial potential for cardamon and European type vegetables; the latter two will be realised within next half decade.

I concur with Mr. Rofe (at para 89 ff of the Situation Report) that there is distinct need to fill the vacuum caused by the termination of the village Constable system. His proposal for the appointment of "village inspectors" vested with some police powers and also empowered to oversee Council Rules has substantial merit, although I consider it undesirable that these positions be the subject of political appointment - the Central Government would need to be the controlling authority. I understand that this matter is under active consideration at policy and planning level and would be pleased to receive advice as to the position now current.

Assistant District Commissioner, Popondetta has commented in full on the Report and Area Study. With the exception of para 69 of the latter, which leaves me slightly bemused, I find both documents to be clear, concise and informative and provide a good picture of the Afore Administrative area.


(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

File: 67-1-1

Sub-District Office,
POPONDETTA, N.D.

18th March, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

AFORE PATROL No. 1 of 1970-1971

1. Forwarded, at last, are three copies of the report of the above patrol covering the MUSA and MANAGALASE Census Divisions of this Sub-district. No map has been provided, but no new ground, geographically speaking, has been covered. Also three copies of the Managalase Village Population Register is attached. No Musa figures have been received at this office as yet.

2. The patrol was completed on 3rd September, 1970. This office has assisted with the typing and proof-reading of the report which was received in toto early this month after many requests and reminders. Mr. Rofe's comments on the delay in submitting are noted.

3. I am advised that the Area Study of the Musa Census will be forwarded when compiled and typed.

4. Points for comment follow:

SITUATION REPORT

Para.3 This is inevitable. The Council is centred at AFORE. Villages in the Musa Division are up to 4 days' walk away from the Council centre! Musa tax has been used mainly for councillors' fares to attend meetings and practically no benefit has been seen by Musa tax-payers. Some consideration is overdue of the problem of rationalising Council boundaries.

Para.7 The transition from direct rule through Village Constables to Local Government has left a vacuum which the Police Force cannot fill in village life. No-one has taken, legally, the village constables' places in the community - Mr. Rofe's plan has merit.

Para.18 Possibly, as roadwork progresses, the attitude of the the SILIMBO people will change.

Para.19 An access road from the coast is essential if economic advancement is to progress.

Para.24 It is difficult to answer villagers' questions if we do not know more of the 'behind-the-scenes' picture. It is believed that the Australian Government is not interested. The different attitudes of the young and old are noted.

- Para. 26 When a decision is made, planning can follow. One cannot formulate a plan until the situation is clarified and known.
- Para. 30 The figure should be six cents and not point six cents. A road is the key. Light aircraft freighting goods in this situation is not acceptable.
- Para. 32 Would the visit of a Business Advisory Officer be of any use now that little money is left from the land purchases?
- Paras. 33&34 Cardamoms could be a useful source of income and it appears that they might be - interested parties are very satisfied with trial results.
- Para. 37 The Department of Education at Popondetta say that for the 1971 school year both Administration and Mission high schools in this District had intakes of comparable levels of achievement.
- Para. 40&41 The District Health Officer has been advised. Local results when spray contains malathion have been encouraging in regard to bedbugs - the main and irrefutable objection of the people to anti-malarial spraying.
- Para. 44 No census patrols were conducted at Afore in the time of the previous O.A.C. Mr. Rofe was bound to have difficulties. The present system of recording names does not help either.
- Para. 45 Mr. Rofe displays a profound knowledge of Hindi as I do not think that when he writes 'dawks' he means furrows.

(Mr. Rofe will be requested to incorporate proposed amendments to the Village Directory into a separate letter.)

5. MANAGALASE AREA STUDY

Introduction: This is the first comprehensive area study of the Managalase since the station was opened.

Population Distribution and Trends:

- Para. 11 This reaction is not unusual. A neo-mortality survey should really only be conducted by either (i) qualified female medical staff; or (ii) persons who are well-known in the area.

Social Groupings:

- Para. 17 S.I.L. teams in the area would have confirmed or otherwise the number of language/dialects in the area. The names of the languages/dialects noted by Mr. Rofe are translations of phrases such as "What are you saying?" and "Some people are coming".
- Para. 22 The tradition that 'they came from the ground' is common to most of the Mountain men of this District. It is found in the upper Kumusi valley, amongst the Biage and the Koiari. There is a depression in the rock - almost a hole in broken rock - near EMO village in the upper Kumusi valley which is claimed as the point of origin of the Wawonga, Biage, Koiari et al.

Leadership:

Para. 26 As Councils are a new concept it is natural to expect the younger men to accept them more readily possibly only to throw off the yoke of authority imposed upon them by their elders. Their desire to stand for Councillor would follow. It is the writer's experience that older traditional leaders in other areas have said 'This is a new thing, let the young men do it. We are old.' - in effect we are too old to change.

Para. 29 This, and succeeding paras. are noted.

Land Tenure & Use:

Para. 39 to 41. These comments are noted.

Literacy:

Para. 47 Remarks as under comment on para. 37 of the Situation Report apply.

Para. 52 A Northern District broadcast station is eagerly awaited.

Standard of Living: Comments are noted.

Missions: Comments are noted.

Communications:

Para. 59&60 An internal road network plus access to the coast must encourage the expansion of the economy, and a road to the coast is vital.

Para. 63 The people at GORA should be actively discouraged from building a strip until it has been proved feasible.

Political Development:

The hyper-conservative reaction of the people to the concept of self-government is not unusual.

Para. 69 Only 2% of the population knowing the names of their respective representatives is suspect. If this is so, it shows either a complete dis-interest in politics (possible) or a communication break-down (probable). Certain passages in this paragraph are obscure - the phenomenon of polysyllabism (?) has its place no doubt, somewhere.

Para. 70 Nympholepsy does not mean what it appears to mean at first sight.

Economy of the Area:

Comments under this heading have been noted.

Para. 78 The D.R.D.O. has been advised. There is no need for D.A.S.F. to buy on credit and it is against their policy. Anyway D.A.S.F. staff in the area should be able to handle this problem.

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- Para. 81 Indigenously-owned trade stores are not economic entities but social entities - especially in the village environment. Chinese-owned stores are no more expensive than those operated by well-known merchant houses, especially in this District!
- Para. 82 Listing of bank accounts together with credit balances could be useful. However this information must come voluntarily from the depositor. Banks do not give out information considered confidential.
- Para. 83 Approval to increase the male tax rate in the Managalase to \$6 per annum has come through.

Expanding the Economy:

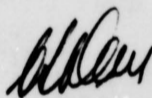
- Para. 85 Those concerned are optimistic about the future of cardamom as a cash crop in the Managalase. This good weight/value commodity should increase significantly the per capita income of the area.

Attitude Towards Local Government:

- Para. 91 This paragraph carries the essence of the section. Support is engendered by the fact that a Council is Administration-sponsored.

6. Mr. Rofe has gone to a lot of trouble with this report. It is a well-compiled and useful document. It is also unique being the only Area Study of the Managalase that we can discover since the station was opened. The officers immediately prior to Mr. Rofe recorded very little. It is unfortunate that work commitments caused Mr. Rofe to delay the submission of this report for five months - possibly the time taken in searching the dictionary for long and obscure words also helped in this delay. Julius Caesar's Commentaries on the Gallic and Civil Wars have always been held up as a very good example of clear and simple reporting because they were clear and simple. Milton and Tennyson were often satisfied with words of one syllable. Luckily the writer owns a 23 lb. Shorter Oxford Dictionary as certain sections of this report are farcate with pedantry.

7. Forwarded for your information, please.



(C.G. Day)
Assistant District Commissioner

Copy to: O.I.C.,
AFORE.

For your information please.



(C.G. Day)
Assistant District Commissioner.

In order to stop any third or subsequent officer wasting time in searching out the meaning of obscure words, the following Glossary is humbly submitted. Word meanings are taken from the 'Shorter Oxford Dictionary' - Third Edition.

- dawk** Anglo-Indian word from the Hindi: Post or transport by relays; a relay of men or horses for carrying mails..... p.456.
- esurient** Hungry; often in Juvenal's sense of 'the needy and greedy'..... p. 636
- farctate** Staffed..... p.675/6
- hierophant** An official expounder of sacred mysteries or ceremonies, an initiating or presiding priest, the minister of any 'revelation', the interpreter of any esoteric principle... p.900/901
- esoteric** - intelligible to the initiated only - et al. p.633
- Nympholepsy** An ecstasy or frenzy caused by desire of the unattainable P. 1347
- olio** Hotchpotch P. 1366

(Not every meaning of the word is given - only that considered closest to the writer's intention.)

The Area Study was typed at your office three months ago.

The Situation Report is compiled basically from material received on this patrol, but so that it is not rendered stale, it has been amended to bring it up to the current position as at the end of February.

Rather than delay matters further the Area Study of the Muna, being prepared at the moment, will be forwarded later, although the main topics of Political and Economic Development have been comprehensively outlined in the Situation Report.

P. H. K. P.
 (P. H. K. P.)
 OFFICER IN CHARGE

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Ref: 67.1.1

Department of the Administrator,
Patrol Post,
AFORE. Northern District

4th March, 1971.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
POPONDETTA.

AFORE PATROL REPORT No. 5-69/70.

Appended are a Situation Report for the Managalase and Musa Census Divisions and an Area Study of the Managalase.

2. The reports are unfortunately tardy but by no means useless. Work commitments have necessitated that these reports be compiled piecemeal in my own spare time, and the main drawback was the onerous time consuming correlation of census figures.

3. The Area Study was typed at your office three months ago however because of my temporary transfer to Rabaul and Council Taxpayers Meeting Patrol immediately after I returned, submission of the Situation Report has been delayed until now.

4. The Situation Report is compiled basically from material reaped on this patrol, but so that it is not rendered stale, it has been amended to bring it up to the current position as at the end of February.

5. Rather than delay matters further the Area Study of the Musa, being prepared at the moment, will be forwarded later, although the main topics of Political and Economic Development have been comprehensively outlined in the Situation Report.

P. I. Rofe
(P. I. Rofe) *RP*
Officer in Charge.

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PATROL DIARY.

- 25.5.70 To Kawowoki Village, 1 hour 10 minutes. Census revision and compiling Council Tax-Census Sheets.
- 26.5.70 Census of Dareki at Kawowoki. Political education talks. Numerous minor complaints (including bride price and paternity cases) Departed 1500 for Sila - 1 hour 20 minutes. Discussion A.R.D.O, camped Agriculture station.
- 27.5.70 Heavy rain, census delayed. To Sakarina Anglican Mission - 10 minutes and discussion with the Rev. W. Houghton. To Sila for 2 p.m. Sked to Afore. 1430 Census of Avaro, intermittent showers, census finalised 1725 hours.
- 28.5.70 Arbitration at Kaura. Census revision of Kaura 900 hrs thence political education (Avaro also) and collection Area Study information. Finalized 1815 hrs.
- 29.5.70 To Numba Village - 20 minutes. Census including Siurenda. Rain delayed proceedings. Political Education and Area Study survey. Returned to Sila 1950 hours in heavy rain.
- 30.5.70 Saturday. To Kwena 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours. Inspected village. Local Court S.84(2) Native Regulations (Papua).
- 31.5.70 Sunday Observed.
- 1.6.70 Census of Kwena, compiling Local Government Council Tax census Sheets, delayed by rain, finalised 1750 hrs. Numerous sick people ordered to Sakarina Hospital.
- 2.6.70 Political Education and Area Study information 1300 carriers to Dea, self to Sakarina Mission, discussions with the Rev. Houghton and Sister Vestpermen. At 1530 to Dea village - 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ hrs, via Tabueni (building new village).
- 3.6.70 Census of Dea and Tabueni. Books in a mess and hard to follow.
- 4.6.70 Completion of census Political education and Area Study. Complaint from Aid Post Orderly.
- 5.6.70 To Dea Aid Post, inspection and discussion with orderly and people, who are not assisting with maintenance and are dissatisfied with orderly. To Silimbo - 20 minutes. Census 1330 to 1830 hrs.
- 6.6.70 Saturday. Political Education, and in evening Area Study information reaped.
- 7.6.70 Sunday. Observed.
- 8.6.70 People carrying coffee to Sila for sale. Complaints and arbitration. Local Court, 2 cases, Animal Trespass Ordinance.
- 9.6.70 To Natanga via Gulala - 1 hour 25 minutes. Inspection of village. Complaints, enquiries and arbitration.
- 10.6.70 Census of Natanga. Non arrival of Kiara people. Political education and area study information, finalized 1655.

- 11.6.70 To Gora, self 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ hrs, carriers 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. Track rugged and beches plentiful. Arrived in heavy rain.
- 12.6.70 Census pages for Gora, Gorabuna, Kero and Savarihambo missing from Census book. Runner sent to Afore. Two arbitration cases. Complaint from Evangelist an old woman is teaching two male porteges the art of rain making. Heavy rain all day.
- 13.6.70 Saturday. Return of runner, supposedly census pages not at Afore. Another runner sent back to Afore to get Council tax register.
- 13.6.70 To Kero - 15 minutes - inspected school and old airstrip site. Returned to Gora and inspected new airstrip construction.
- 14.6.70 Sunday. Observed.
- 15.6.70 Political Education and area Study compilation. Local Court - A.L.G.C. Road Maintenance Rule.
- 16.6.70 Census of Kero, Gora and Gorabuna. Mass migration from Gorabuna to Asapa, Kokoda Sub-district. Census onerous as Council tax register has male taxpayers names recorded only. Rain hampered proceedings and census conducted in rest house.
- 17.6.70 To Natanga. Census and talks for people of Kiara - finalized 1910 hrs.
- 18.6.70 Local Court - S.8(a) P.O.O. (Papua)
To Kwarue stopping at Kiara enroute, arrived 1420 hrs. Complaint and arbitration. First aid to man with badly severed foot,
- 19.6.70 Census of Kwarue and Tahama. Political education and area study survey.
- 20.6.70 Saturday Local Court - S.8(d) P.O.O. (Papua)
Departed for Afore arriving 1800 hrs (3 hrs arduous walk)
- 3.7.70 Census of Afore, Niniure, Bua and Samara villages at Afore village. Mr. Murray APO accompanied.
- 4.7.70 Saturday. Political education and area study information for above villages.
- 14.7.70 Departed Afore 1120 for Toma, Mr. Murray accompanying arrived 1415. Inspected village and native enquiries.
- 15.7.70 Political education and area study information. Census previously conducted by Mr. Gehora, P.O. Delayed by scattered showers.
- 16.7.70 To Gewoia - 3 hrs 10 minutes. People finally assembled at 1500 - political education talks until 1730 hrs.
- 17.7.70 Area Study information collected. Inspected Anglican Eshooh, S.D.A. Mission centre and aid post.
- 18.7.70 Saturday. Departed Gewoia to Toma - 4 hrs 10 minutes thence to Afore 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ hrs.

- 21.7.70 To Uoive by motorbike, inspecting road works, thence to Ondoro, which is in a state of ruin. Census Uoive, Ondoro and Monuse at Uoive. Local Court - A.L.G.C Hygiene and Sanitation Rule. Returned to Afore 1820 hrs.
- 30.7.70 Carriers and cargo to Uborowo. Self awaiting special patrol advance.
- 31.7.70 Departed Afore 1450, arrived Kwarue 1710, talked to people regarding forthcoming Army Civic action patrol (20 minutes) thence to Umborowo arriving 1845.
- 1.8.70 Saturday. Census of Umborowo and Sagamaisa 1100 to 1530 hrs. Local Court - Gaming (Playing Cards) ordinance. Complaint of theft. Finished 1915 hrs.
- 2.8.70 Sunday. After village church services political education and area study information collected. Another complaint of theft.
- 3.8.70 Arbitration over custody of child. Mother threatened suicide. Rather a job pacifying her. Local Court - Animal Trespass Ordinance - long and tedious - compensation ordered. Departed 1445 hrs, diverted to Selepuna village and discussion with Evangelist, then to Kokora arriving 1630 hrs.
- 4.8.70 Census Kokora (Selepuna) and Kuai. Poled and area study. Local Court - A.L.G.C. Road Maintenance Rule.
- 5.8.70 Arbitration and three minor complaints. Met Rev Houghton on patrol, discussions.
- To Kuai - 40 minutes. Local Court - civil case Local Court - ALGC Hygiene and Sanitation Rule, for most residents.
- From Kuai 20 minutes to Gogama. Talks with school teachers and aid post orderly. Classrooms in dilapidated state, with large holes in the roof of each village also in mess.
- People told to cut grass on airstrip for coffee buying next week.
- 10 minutes to rest house at new village site of Naukunari.
- 6.8.70 Census at Naukunari for Itogama, Ufia and Modokolo. Poled and area study information.
- Local Court - S.468 Q.C.C. Finished 1825 hrs.
- 7.8.70 To Itogama. Local Court - ALGC Hygiene and Sanitation Rule, thence to Madloko Local Court and onto Ufia Local Court - Hygiene and Sanitation Rule. Ufia to Umwate - 1½ hrs.
- 8.8.70 Census of Umwate. Only ten Gare people turned up and committeeman sent to summons remainder of people. Gare previously joined and censused with Aiare (Musa Census Division) however they have now moved back to their former village site in the mountains - after a clash with the Aiare people over a football match.
- 9.8.70 Sunday. Gare people arrived 1635. Census. Area Study information collected at rest house 2000 to 2340 hrs. Good attendance and response.

- 10.8.70 Political education 730 to 1030 hrs. Packed cargo and departed for Aiare - 2½ hrs plus spell at Moni River.
- 11.8.70 Census delayed until 1230 as most men out hunting to gather game for Bishop David Hand's baptism patrol, due here September 19th.

Census of Aiare and Suwari. Census books hard to follow - finished 1850 by light of lamp.
- 12.8.70 Area Study information and political education - very little interest from people. Complaints and enquiries.
- 13.8.70 Departed 1010 after minor trouble obtaining sufficient carriers for Sibia - self 4½ hrs, carriers 6 hrs. Track rugged, leeches plentiful. Sibia village now relocated on new site half an hour closer to Namudi.
- 14.8.70 Census of Sibia and Deune. Political education and area study information. At 1630 to Namudi - 1½ hours.
- 15.8.70 Saturday S.D.A. sabbath. Discussions with landowners of Namudi airstrip and mission station land, regarding purchase.
- 16.8.70 Sunday.
- 17.8.70 Census of Namudi (including Bore and Oiso) and area study and poled talks.
- 18.8.70 Marking out and supervising cutting of boundaries of Mission station and airstrip.
- 19.8.70 Chainage of airstrip to length of 3500 links (approximately 700 metres) and width 350 links (approx. 70 metres). Pegs placed at corners. Considerable trouble encountered using SUUNTO Compass could not obtain closure. Heavy rain in afternoon. Extra time could not be spent here, and investigation will be completed later when time permits.
- 20.8.70 Renewing shotgun licences and arbitration awaiting heavy rain to subside. To Awala self 2½ hrs, carriers 3 hrs.

Discussion with Evangelist. Two complaints Summons issued.
- 21.8.70 Census of Awala, drawn out as new tax-census sheets not completed and reference had to be made to old book divided between the seven villages that amalgamated to form Awala (i.e. Liamu, Moikodi, Ariari, Bedila, Maioke, Buludi and Imurawake). 830 to 1745 hrs.
- 22.8.70 Saturday. Political education - interest good area study information and Musa Hydro Scheme talks.

Inspected and measured airstrip 35 minutes from village. Total length 3423 links (658 metres) and width 240 links (48 metres), divided into two sections both patholed by bandicoots. First section 1950 link requires little work to bring it up to a satisfactory standard, however second section will require fill and compacting. Instructions given. Returned to village 1835. Local Court - Animal Trespass Ordinance. Many shotgun licence renewals and queries regarding War Gratuities. Finished 2145 hrs.

- 23.8.70 Sunday. Agency work. Departed 1050 by rafts (13 used - one for each of patrol personnel and patrol boxes) to Moro, arriving 1515 hrs.
- 24.8.70 Riot over land - six arrested, just prior to census revision.
Census of Moro, Umauma and Asanga. Enquiries and Agency functions finalised 1920 hrs.
- 25.8.70 Political education area study and talks on Hydro-Electric Scheme. Local Court - S.8(e) P.O.O (Papua)
- 26.8.70 Complaints, banking and renewal shotgun licences. Inspection of Moro. All latrines full of water. To Bibira No.2 via Umauma and Asanga, arriving 1425 hrs. Arbitration, complaints, banking, shotgun licence renewal and War Gratuity queries.
- 27.8.70 Census of Bibira No.2, Jari, Kosirawa Nos 1 and 2, Aimare and Bofobe. Political education and area study. Interest keen in self government and Hydro Scheme. Local Court - case dismissed.
- 28.8.70 Inspected trade stores. Departed for Safia stopping en route at Bofobe. Arrived Safia Patrol Post 1130. Discussions with Project Manager, Mr. Neale, and two surveyors regarding C.D.W. work in the area.
To Safia village. Discussions and enquiries. Returned Patrol Post and unsuccessfully tried to raise Popondetta on C.D.W.'s radio. Returned Safia village. Agency functions, slept at rest house.
- 29.8.70 Saturday. Census of six of nine villages in area. Committeeman despatched to summons Auwaka people - Finished 1750 hrs.
- 30.8.70 Sunday. Observed.
- 31.8.70 Census of remaining villages. Start of Political education talks - disrupted by heavy rain. Inspected aid post and discussions with orderly and Malaria services personnel. Attempted to restart talks, rain again. Shotgun licence renewals. Explanation on income tax and business principles to store keepers at rest house in the evening.
- 1.9.70 Area Study information and political education talks. People very verbose especially regarding Hydro Scheme. Enquiries especially regarding War Gratuities.
- 2.9.70 Gear packed and transferred to patrol post. C.D.W. moved out 31.8.70 to their camp near the Musa Gorge. Local Court - Animal Trespass Ordinance.
- 3.9.70 Numerous complaints just as patrol ready to depart. 0900 hrs arrival Patair service flight. Pilot refused to divert to Afore and self to Popondetta.

End of Patrol.

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SITUATION REPORT

MANAGALASE AND MUSA CENSUS DIVISIONS.

POLITICAL

(A) LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The multi-racial Afore Local Government Council was inaugurated in 1967 and covers both Census Divisions patrolled. The Managalase is represented by 15 councillors and the Musa 8 councillors.

2. Most people are beginning to realise the basic functions of the Council and are looking to it to satisfy their aspirations, in some instances to too large an extent, e.g. Managalase villagers have at times requested the Council purchase a bulldozer to assist with road works, which is the councils main field of participation (see Economic).

3. The Musa people have received little from the Council, and discontentment is commencing. Taxation contributions are nearly proportional to returns, however unfortunately most of this money (60%) is spent on airfares transporting councillors from Safia to Afore, for bi-monthly meetings.

(B) LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILLORS.

4. The third general elections for the Council were held last October. There are now two literate councillors (one from each Census Division) and the previous only non-indigenous member was defeated at the elections.

5. Port folio position have recently been introduced for Agriculture, Health, Education and Labour. Results are yet to fructify.

6. Councillors, not unexpectantly for the present, do not fully comprehend their duties, and are parochial in outlook. A couple of councillors feel the Meetings are primarily for grievances and unnecessary vindictiveness has reoccurred time and again.

7. Similar to many other Council areas, Councillors are involved in village law enforcement. This regrettably is often unavoidable as the average villager looks to the Councillor, as their leader and elected representative (closely associated with the Administration), to assist them. Patrols attempt to utilize village committeemen to attend to litigious and mundane matters and the council is in the process of purchasing badges for Committeemen. However as the Councillor in fact appoints the Committeeman, he is always directly or indirectly associated in his activities. See paragraph 89 of Managalase Area Study.

(C) HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

8. Members for both areas are Mr. W. Fielding, Northern Regional, and Mr. Paulus Arek, Ijivitari Open.

9. Mr. Arek has not visited the Managalase since his pre-election patrol, however has returned to the Musa on a few occasions visiting villages close to Safia airstrip.

(D) POLITICAL EDUCATION.

10. From June 1970 to February 1971 there have been three patrols of the Managalase and two to the Musa dealing fairly comprehensively on general political dissemination and especially questions raised by the Select Committee on Constitutional Development.

11. The people are basically unsophisticated and parochial and because most political topics are abstract the majority of people show little outward interest in learning. In fact at Safia a couple of men stood and said the people weren't interested and didn't wish to hear any more. All topics were correlated to their local council to give them a basic understanding and the only subject to spark discussion was self government.

12. For detailed comments see paragraph 64 of Managalase Area Study for that Division.

13. The Musa people (like the Managalase) do not want self government in the foreseeable future. Their main fear stems from their realisation of their small population and isolation. They fear domination by a larger more sophisticated group.

14. Many of their reasons were said in parables:

- (a) Is there a money factory in Papua and New Guinea?
- (b) See this 20¢ piece. What name is on it?
It has Australia's name therefore Australia should look after us.
- (c) If a father or mother let their child go unattended he will fall down and break an arm, leg or even die.
- (d) Only the people in towns want self government for personal reasons - they do not think of their brothers and sisters in the villages.
- (e) Only the patrol officer, Father and Bishop visit us and see how we live. Paulus Arek has been here once only and he comes from Tufi where they have had ~~maney~~ more years of contact than us.
- (f) We have had the Local Government Council, Mission and coffee plants for a short time and dont want self government until we are fully familiar with them and have "good businesses" in the area.

15. Each of their points was discussed fully and their fear of Australian money and personnel disappearing after self government, although not fully allayed, is gradually lessening.

ECONOMIC.

16. The Afore Council is in receipt of R.D.W. funds to assist with road and airstrip construction in the Managalase.

17. The Afore - Sila road (7.2 miles) is progressing very satisfactorily and could be opened to access standard this fiscal year. Pertinent problems are more adequate drainage and surfacing as well as three creeks that require bridging or fording.

18. The Silimbo people refused to allow the consultant surveyor, who surveyed the Afore-Sila-Itogama road (about 24 miles) as far as Korua last November, through their land at the wear of their village. They have not changed their minds although they want a road built along the present walking track alignment, which is impossible if rural development standards are to be maintained. Lengthy discussions have taken place several times, but nothing definite formulated as it will be quite some time before the road reaches Silimbo.

19. No work is being done on the proposed external road to the coast until a route is defined and approved. Refer to paragraph 60 of Managalase Area Study. The route from Dareki to Leibei is unfeasible and I still feel a bulldozer would prove cheaper in the long run.

20. Itogama airstrip pegged by P.W.D. to improve the standard and of which the Council has \$1000 of R.D.W. funds to carry out improvements has had a little work done by the people helped by the Itogama school teacher. An officer from Afore will be proceeding to Itogama to supervise completion in late March.

21. Detailed economic comments are under "the Economic of the Area" paragraph 71 to 84 in the Managalase Area Study, for that Division.

MUSA CENSUS DIVISION:

22. The Administration purchased 17,500 acres of land suitable for pastoral purposes in 1969, however all development of the Musa Area hinges on C.D.W. investigation results of the proposed Musa Hydro Electricity Scheme.

23. C.D.W. tests were completed in December and if the damming of the Musa River is feasible it would be the largest dam in T.P.N.C., having an inundation area of 360 square miles and capable of turning out 400 mega watts although 200 M.W. would be regarded as the optimum initially (according to C.D.W. Project Officer). It would be envisaged that in conjunction with the Rouna and Ramu Schemes a national grid system could be set up. Needless to say the benefits to the Territory would be enormous.

24. This in turn would necessitate the resettlement of most of the people in the Musa Valley, from the villages of Silimidi in the east to Awala in the west. The District Commissioner's 35.11.2 of 6th August 1970 relating to various phases of investigation and possibilities of development, if the project is feasible, were fully explained to the people. As this was not the first of such talks (see Popondetta Patrol Report 6 of 1969/70 by Mr. W. Johnston, D.D.A.), reaction was less than anticipated. Generally the older men were adamant they would not sell and leave their land whilst the younger men were more interested in compensation. To illustrate this a few points they raised were:

- (a) (From an old village leader at Moro) I will not move. If the dam is built I will stay here and be covered by water.
- (b) The Administration must compensate us for our ancestors who are buried in this ground.
- (c) (From a young man) The government should hurry up and build the dam so that the old people can see it, then move to the mountains and be buried there. It is no good them dying here, being buried, then the water covering their graves.
- (d) We want \$1 million for each man, woman and child,

(this was later changed to \$2 million) to pay for our land, heritage and ancestors.

- (e) We want payment for the Musa River also.
- (f) Payment for sago, coconuts and economic trees should be made first before the land is purchased.

25. The people have deep rooted affiliations with their land and forefathers, however having seen the C.D.W. teams in action around the area apparently realise that if the Administration is keen to proceed with the dam they will not be able to stop it. Providing adequate compensation is offered I feel opposition will be smoothly overcome.

26. The people were non committal to where they would move if the valley was flooded, although I feel those with land in the surrounding mountains would wish to settle there. Those without high-up land would be best to resettle further up the Musa Valley or in the Managalase, possibly near Afore where land is being purchased for cardamon growing. They refuted a suggestion of moving to the Kokoda Sub-District, the outskirts of Popondetta or elsewhere out of the area.

27. Last December C.D.W. geologists finalised testing the strength of rock formations around the perimeter of the valley and word leaked back to the people that some formations were not strong and could crumble under pressure causing earthquakes. The people were naturally disturbed. A geologist confirmed to me th's could be so, however would not definitely be known until headquarter's tests were finalised, and that a possible solution would be a slow gradual build up of water thus eliminating sudden pressure on the rock faults.

28. The peoples fears were, I feel successfully allayed by showing film slides on the Snowy Mountain Scheme by the Political Education Officer at Safia. Fortunately the slides were shown just after the start of the rumour and it was explained the Administration would not waste over \$100 million if the dam was going to fall down.

29. It was stressed a decision had not been made as yet to go ahead with the dam and that they would be informed of all future developments.

30. The Department of Agriculture started to promote coffee in 1963 and over recent years chillis. Plantings are not extensive and are mostly immature. This year (1970) 1½ tons of coffee (mainly Robusta) and ¾ ton of chillis were produced. As there are no external roads all produce must be airfreighted out and at 0.6 cents per pound from Safia, returns are low and growers disgruntled. To my knowledge the people have at least twice lamented to Mr. Arek about road access to the coast.

31. Little money is left from the Administration purchase of 17500 acres of land for pastoral purposes as the recipients have wasted it flying often to Port Moresby and Popondetta having a good time. It is extremely difficult to estimate the per capital income as the people rely on relations working outside the area to send money home to them 39.3% of working age males are employed away, mainly on plantations around Cape Rodney, Central District and to a lesser degree in Port Moresby and Popondetta.

32. Very little money is raised internally and even though there are 25 trade stores most are for ever void of goods. Stores cater mainly for the immediate clan and these affiliations couple with lack of capital and business nous render them

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uneconomic. It is recommended a Business Advisory officer visits the area and holds a training course for storekeepers. A wholesale or Buyers society store to distribute to the smaller trade stores would be of most benefit.

23. Investigation for the purchase of 2500 acres of land in the Managalase around Ninure (two miles from Afore) for the purpose of sub-division and cardamon growing has been completed and awaiting finalisation by the Department of Lands. This will be the only non-indigenous enterprise within the whole area, with Mr. Breay hoping to obtain 1000 acres. He has already established a nursery and has been of assistance to villagers with their plantings obtained from D.A.S.F., who have distributed about 900 seedlings.

34. DASF at Sila have had excellent results from their trial block, even though the cardamons are only planted under coffee shade trees and not natural primary vegetation. Cardamons are easier to maintain and income higher (up to \$4 per lb depending on quality) than coffee, however the picking period must be judged correctly for best results and similarly drying and processing can be difficult. As this is a pioneer industry tremendous impetus can accrue to the Managalase with Mr. Breay's lead.

SOCIAL:

35. There are three registered schools in the Managalase - Afore (Standards 1, 3 and 4), Sakarina (Std 1 to 6 with two classes for both St 2 and 4) and Itogama (St 1 and 3) - and two in the Musa - Moro (std 2) and Awala (st 2, 3 and 4) which has moved from Safia at the beginning of 1971. Also the Anglican Mission has schools run by evangalists at Gewoia (St 1), Uoive (St 1 and 2), Natanga (St 1 & 2) and Aiare in the Musa (St 1 and 2). The S.D.A. Mission started a school at Toma in 1971 teaching Standard 1. Only Afore and Moro are staffed by Administration teachers.

36. The Anglican Mission moved its school from Safia to Awala at the beginning of 1971 primarily because of the indolence and unco-operativeness of the villagers around Safia.

37. Selected children from minor mission schools passing respective standards proceed to Sakarina for completion of primary education. Boys gaining 72% or more are accepted at Martyrs Memorial School Popondetta and those over 68%, if there are vacancies, can go to the Popondetta High School. Girls proceed to the Holy Name Girls High School in Milne Bay.

38. The Anglican Mission has its headquarters at Sakarina with an Australian and indigonous Father and at Safia with an indigenous Father. They have the dominant influence throughout the area and have Evangalists in the major villages. The S.D.A. Mission only has limited influence in the Bariji area (Toma to Gewoia), Sibia, Namudi and Moro, in the Musa.

39. The Summer Institute of Lingaisties has teams of husband and wife at Numba, Ufia and Moro. Their Numba team has been in the area since 1962 on and off, and the Moro team actually started at Bibira No.1 in 1964 but shifted to Moro three years later because the people were taking unfair advantage of them

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40. Administration aid posts are located at Afore, Uoive and Dea in the Managalase and Safia in the Musa. The Anglican Mission has a hospital at Sakarina Mission station which is in the charge of an Australian nursing sister Miss. N. Vestperman and staffed by three trained nurses and four nursing aids. This mission also has an aid post at Itogama. All aid posts are stocked and run satisfactorily except the S.D.A. Mission aid posts at Gewoia and Moro. At Gewoia the orderly is rarely around and as at Moro has very little in the way of drugs and dressings. The orderly at Moro receives no co-operation from the people and is building the aid post by himself. At present his drugs are unhygienically stored in his house.

41. Malaria Services have a team permanently stationed at Afore who spray the houses in the Bariji area at least twice a year and the rest of the Managalase once a year. The Bariji villages of Toma, Manana, Biriri and Gewoia are about 1000 feet lower than the rest of the Managalase and more prone to malaria. There is also a team based at Safia that spray the Musa irregularly. The Musa people lamented that spraying dramatically increased the number of bed-bugs in their houses.

MISCELLANEOUS:

42. Papuan Nickel, P.A. 49(P), is prospecting around Silimidi and Wowo Gap in the far east of the Musa, and have their helicopter shutting stores and personnel in and out of Safia. There are three geologists contracted from Geophoto Enterprises (a subsidiary of Texas Instruments) and Exploration Enterprises (of Port Moresby) provides field personnel and services. Traces of lateritic nickel have been found but nothing to indicate commercial quantities.

The landowners are keen to have them prospect in their area as they realise it may be the only way they can possibly better their lot.

CENSUS:

43. Copies of 1970/71 Village Population registers for both Managalase and Musa are appended.

44. Much difficulty was encountered correlating the Managalase Census to that of previous years. It will be noted there is a discrepancy of 140. One of the two new Census books could not be located and the old edition which had not been entered up since 1964 had to be used. Added to this, the other new book had been marked so as to indicate census revision in 1969/70 however a population register apparently was never compiled by my predecessor, and therefore there is little continuity between the last recorded census in 1968/69.

45. Gorabuna and Savarihambo (115 and 77 respectively in 1967/68), (1968/69 figures not on file here), have migrated to Asapa in the Kokoda Sub-District. Even though "dawks" were sent twice to Afore from Gora to find any semblance of a census book, it was not found until I returned after patrol. Consequently census for Gora, Kero, Gorabuna and Savarihambo was revised from the Council tax register, and the handful of families remaining at Gorabuna were included in the figures for Gora. Therefore migrations out to Asapa are not known exactly and this explains the census discrepancy.

46. Absent workers, male and female, inside and outside the district equal 8.58% (Managalase) and 16.21% (Musa); and absent adult males over 16 years of age 26% (Managalase) and 39.32% (Musa). Managalase workers in the main find employment around Sogeri, whereas the Musa's mostly work on plantations around Cape Rodney in the Abau Sub-district.

47. Doma and Arai'ia (population 9 and 8 respectively) both located high in the Owen Stanley Ranges in the south of the Musa have migrated to the Abau Sub-District around IANU (Cape Rodney) to which they are administratively and communatively closer. Ianu village linked by road to the Cape Rodney road network is the focal point of Musa people travelling to find employment in that area and is 4 to 6 days walk from the Musa Census Division.

48. I have now heard (in February 1971) that most people of Gorabuna and Savarihambo have returned from Asapa. This is yet to be confirmed. I recommend that Doma and Arai'ia be deleted from the Village Directory and in reference to my 14-2-1 of 2nd July 1970 that Umauma and Asanga (both included with Moro) be included in the Directory, as they are well established and quite sizeable.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
POPONDETTA. Northern District.

29th December, 1970.



The Departmental Head,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

not enclosed. Report covers

AFORE PATROL REPORT NO. 2 OF 1970/1971
MANAGALASE AND MUSA DIVISIONS

Please find enclosed a report of a patrol mounted specifically to conduct the Afore Local Government Council elections prepared by Mr. T.A. Lesa, Trainee Patrol Officer.

I concur with the covering remarks of Assistant District Commissioner, Popondetta; an interesting and perceptive report marred by a poor command of written English.

The appendix showing distribution of shotguns starkly reveals the reason for the almost complete absence of pig, wallaby and other wild life once so abundant in the Musa.

no report submitted
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(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of the Administrator,

Sub District Office,
POPONDETTA. ND

23rd December, 1970



The District Commissioner
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

AFORE PATROL No. 2 of 1970/71.

1. I attach in triplicate copies of the report on the above mentioned patrol, and a claim for camping out allowance in favour of Mr. Lesa.
2. The patrol was mounted solely to conduct Afore Local Government Council elections. This patrol was completed on 7th October 1970, and the completed report received by me on 23rd December 1970. It had been sent back once for correction in that time.
3. Points of note are:
 - (1) The assessment of a Papuan officer of the attitudes of villages to Councils, councillors, Politics, Self-Government etc.
 - (2) Mr. Lesa sees a need, in the Managalase, of providing more avenues for spending money.
 - (3) I note rates paid by the Afore Council on the Afore-Sila-Itogama road.
 - (4) Problems of teachers and controlling truancy. I strongly recommend expulsion for consistent truants.
 - (5) Mr Lesas' comments on Bishop Hand's patrol.
 - (6) I am not quite sure on Mr. Lesa's comments on Gora airstrip but think that 1,480 feet of runway exist and that a total length of 2000 feet is possible.
 - (7) Surely the Afore Council could take up the cause of an Aid Post at Namudi if warranted. I believe the orderly was removed from there because of local non-cooperation. This Aid Post has been established and closed about 3 times now.
4. It is a pity that Mr. Lesa's command of English ^{is} militates against his presenting a coherent report. The ~~start~~ of his thinking is apparent but it is not made manifestly clear. I have requested OICs of Stations to proof read patrol report drafts prior to final typing.

(C. G. Day)
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Officer in Charge,
AFORE.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN Report No. MORE No. 3 of 1970/1971
 Patrol Conducted by PHILLIP ROFE, Patrol Officer
 Area Patrolled MANAGALASE & MUSA CENSUS DIVISIONS
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans J.M. LAND, A.P.O.
 Natives L. MEATERE, T.P.O. & DAIA ARIMAMA, Council President
 Duration—From 28/1/1971 to 21/2/1971

Number of Days 23

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 16/9/1970 to 7/10/70

Medical ... Anglican Mission

Map Reference Majority in Milinch Bibira Fournil Morasby Overlapping into Fournil Buna and Tufi.

Objects of Patrol Council Taxpayers Meeting & Political Education.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

29/4/1971

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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KONEDOBU. PAPUA

10th August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

AFORE PATROL NO. 3 OF 1970/71.

Your reference is 67-1-1 of 28th April, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of abovementioned Patrol
Report by Mr. P. Rofe.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
POPONDETTA. Northern District.

28th April, 1971.



The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

AFORE PATROL REPORT NO. 3 OF 1970/1971.

Attached please find a Report of a Patrol, compiled by Mr. P. Rofe, Patrol Officer, of the Afore Administration area for the primary purpose of conducting Tax Payers meetings. Also enclosed are practice reports submitted by Assistant Patrol Officer, John Land and Trainee Patrol Officer, Lautel Meatere.

Mr. Rofe submitted a comprehensive study of the Afore area vide Patrol Report No. 1 of 1970/1971; this current report is brief but adequate.

Mr. Land's report - his first attempt - is a particularly good effort - informative, analytical with commendable lack of padding and irrelevant observation.

Mr. Meatere's report, also a first attempt, is well above the average standard of first endeavours; it does however contain some errors in fact which will be brought to his attention - e.g. his population figures at P. 4 should read Managalase 5708 and Musa 2571.

The covering remarks of Assistant District Commissioner, Popondetta, adequately deals with the point raised in the three reports and additional detailed comment is not required.

(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

c.c. The Assistant District Commissioner,
POPONDETTA. (2)

The foregoing is for your information, please.

Please instruct officer-in-charge, Afore not to initiate any airfield project without obtaining (1) prior permission from this Headquarters (which in turn is required to seek approval from the Secretary for Transport) and (2) an Engineering feasibility study.

(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

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Sub District Office,
POPONDETTA. ND

23rd April, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

AFORE PATROL No. 3 of 1970/1971.

1. This report is submitted in 3 parts, each written by one of the three officers stationed at Afore. Claims for Camping Out Allowance for Messrs. Meatere and Land are attached. I note NO Field officers journals have been received to cover period claimed and no certification by me has been made.
2. The patrol was primarily mounted to observe and assist with Afore Council Tax payers meetings. Political education activities and airstrip location tasks were also carried out. Officers should not conduct the meetings.
3. Points for comment follows:
Mr. Rofe's section:
 - (a) No untoward reaction from the tax payers was reported.
 - (b) The effect on Mr. Arek of the haranguing would not be hard to gauge.
 - (c) Aiare Airstrip - this is unfortunate but effort is sometime needlessly expended on futile work. I should recommend DCA approval before any work is commenced. The Directorate of Transport and DCA must approve any development in this field.
4. Generally Mr. Rofe's comments reveal nothing untoward in the area. Indiscriminate construction of Airstrips, unplanned and undesigned is a complete waste of effort.
5. Mr. Land's effort is praiseworthy - his first patrol report.
Points for comment are:
 - (a) President Dala has started his term of office in an impressive manner.
 - (b) The problem, geographical, of the Musa will not be solved easily. Afore is the logical centre for a Council. The Musa will only progress when some venture of economic worth is started there - possibly the hydro-electric scheme and/or mining ventures. A separate Musa Council could be argued.
 - (c) Because their council is a concrete fact, the difference in interest levels remarked upon by Mr. Land is predictable. However repetition of major themes of a political nature must bear fruit. Unfortunately concentrations of relatively mature students do not occur in the area so approaches must be on a "Villager" basis.

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- (d) Parochial outlook is one of the major obstacles to national unity. This will only change with time.
- (e) Again, communications is the key to economic progress - all else being equal. The establishment of easy and cheap access to markets must be a priority.
- (f) One cause of Musa apathy must be the pusillanimous policies regarding the future of the area.
- (g) The success, or otherwise, of the proposed cardamon project could have far reaching effects. It must work and the Breays seem to think it will. The granting of the lease should be expedited.
- (h) No further comments on the Musa Hydro scheme are offered.
- (i) Remarks on airstrip appear above.
- (j) The access road from the coast must remain the capital works priority. Routes can be found but, as yet, not within the limitations set.
- (k) The tendency to disperse is throughout the District in varying degrees. A cause, no doubt, is the introduction of resettlement and Land tenure conversion whereby a villager becomes a home-steader.
- (l) The establishment of a Patrol Post at Safia could do a lot towards improving the area. The misunderstanding between the Education authorities, Fr. Reynold and the Safia people about the closure of the Safia school should occupy part of the energies of the Education authorities - a visit to a council meeting to explain would not go astray if indeed this is the case.
- (m) Remarks on Health are noted.

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Mr. Meatere's effort is also his first and commendable.

Points for comment are:

- (a) It is surprising the number of local officers who have no knowledge of Police Motu or Pidgin.
- (b) Comments on the preference for the Australian Flag are noted.
- (c) Comments on the Councils are noted.

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It is noted that these reports appear to be also reports on Tax Payers Meetings which should be a separate document prepared by the Council Adviser. Also the conduct of taxpayers meetings should be left to the councillors. We should only observe and advise.

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The training exercise of each junior officer compiling his own report is appreciated.



(C. G. Day)
Assistant District Commissioner.

Copy: Officer in Charge,
Afore.

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PATROL DIARY

- 28-1-71 Council Taxpayers Meeting, compilation of 'Needs List' and Political Education at Afore Village. Accompanied By Council President and Messrs Land and Meatere.
- 29-1-71 To Toma village, 2½ hours, talks and discussions, returned to Afore 7pm.
- 30-1-71 Patrol cargo and personnel to Kaura. Self per motorcycle p.m., talks at Numba, then self returned to Afore.
- 1-2-71 To Silimbo. Talks. At 3.40pm to Natanga - 1½ hours
- 2-2-71 To Gora, 2½ hrs. Discussion with Deputy Lands Titles Commissioner, Mackenze Tigigo, in area assisting Demarcation Committee.
Measured Gora airstrip.
- 3-2-71 Meeting for Gora, Kero and Gorabuna. Messrs Land and Meatere measuring acceptable length and direction of airstrip.
- 4-2-71 Hobbled to Natanga with sprained ankle, arriving 2pm. Meeting for Kiara and Natanga. Complaints and arbitration in evening.
- 5-2-71 To Kiara, measured proposed airstrip site. To Korua 1½ hrs. Local Court. Meeting for Umborowo, Sagamaisa and Korua 3.15 pm to 7pm
- 6-2-71 Arbitration. To Tahama, 1 hr., complaints. To Selopuna 1½ hrs thence Kokoro ½ hr. Local Court (2). To Itogama via Kuai 2 hrs, arriving 6pm.
- 7-2-71 Sunday. Meeting after Church services. Inspected Itogama airstrip.
- 8-2-71 Inspected Itogama water supply. Airstrip investigation recommenced. Discussion with P.T.S. teachers. To Umwate 1½ hrs thence Aiare 3 hrs, arriving 7.20pm after being delayed by flooded Girua river.

- 9-2-71 Measured proposed airstrip site - too short. After talks pegged new airstrip alignment.
- 10-2-71 Perused Anglican Mission school. To Namudi via Sibia, en route measuring bridges over Moni river (3) - RDW projects.
- 11-2-71 Meeting for Sibia and Namudi. Poor attendance as many Namudi people have migrated back to former villages of Bore and Oiso in the mountains.
- 12-2-71 Inspected Namudi airstrip, thence to Awala 2½ hrs. Meeting for Awala.
- 13-2-71 Complaints and arbitraion. Discussion with teacher - Safia P.T.S. recently transferred here. Awala bridge measured. To Moro by raft 3½ hrs. Met American S.I.L. couple based here.
- 14-2-71 Sunday observed.
- 15-2-71 Meeting for Moro, Umauma, Asanga, Bibira 2 and surrounding hamlets. Local Court.
- 16-2-71 Inspected Moro airstrip and Primary T School. By raft 2 hrs and ¾ hr walk to Bibira No.1, thence 1¼ hrs to Safia (patrol post).
- 17-2-71 Discussion with Fr. Reynold. Meeting at Safia village for Obeia, Domara, Bibira 1 and Safia.
- 18-2-71 Complaints and enquiries. Maintenance around patrol post and preparing shelter for next days meeting.
- 19-2-71 Arrival and meeting of Select Committee on Constitutional Development.
- 20-2-71 Publicity of application for PA 136(P)
- 21-2-71 Sunday. Returned by aircraft to Afore.

End of patrol



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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No. 67-1-1

Department of the Administrator,
Patrol Post,
AFORE,
Northern District,

15th March, 1971

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
POPONDETTA

AFORE PATROL REPORT No.3 of 1970/71

Introduction

The patrol had a fivefold purpose -

- (a) to conduct the Afore Local Government Council's annual taxpayers Meeting;
- (b) to compile a 'needs list' for the Council;
- (c) dissemination of political information before the final visit of the Select Committee on Constitutional Development;
- (d) assistance to villagers with airstrip construction; and
- (e) field training and familiarization of the area for Mr J.M. Land, APO, and Mr L. Meatere, TPO.

All facets were completed satisfactorily.

Taxpayers Meetings

2. Meetings were held at thirteen venues - Afore, Toma, Numba, Silimbo, Gora, Natanga, Koria (Kwarue) and Itogama in the Managalase Census Division and Aiare, Namdi, Awala, Moro and Safia in the Musa. All villages are sizable and central to population distribution thus allowing a comprehensive coverage to the whole area.

3. The Council President, DAIA ARIMAMA, also accompanied and his diligence is commendable. He interpreted the first quarter of the talks into the vernacular, and in following meetings solely propagated Council achievements and aspirations, which dispersed with fiery oratory later engendered overall raises in taxation.

4. The tax rate, applicable to males only, was \$4.00 in the Managalase and \$3 in the Musa. Generally the Managalase people readily proposed an increase in the tax rate, except for the Bariji area (Toma to Gewoia) who like the Musa taxpayers (with the exception of Aiare) wanted the rate unchanged.

5. The initial meeting held at Afore (the President's home village) decided upon a rate of \$6 per male and this directed future discussion, promulgated by the Council President. In the Managalase suggestions varied from \$4, \$5 and 20 cents for women, to \$6 for young men only.

6. Aiare was the only place where the majority desired an increase in taxation in the Musa Census Division, although there were several isolated individual requests for the same. The Bariji and other Musa people sympathetic to Council causes claimed they hadn't the resources to support an increase.

7. Attendance was good to poor and interest keen in comparison to the political side.

Needs List

8. A 'needs List' compiled for future council planning is appended for information. In all cases the people were asked what the council could do to help them. The patrol prompted no suggestions, but gave advice. Except for Silimbo where the people requested a bulldozer other suggestions were within reason.

9. Water wells and airstrips (see this section) were the main needs. It is difficult to envisage wells as the answer to Managalase water problems as general altitude of the plateau is 2500' with the villages requiring wells situated on high dissected regions up to several hundred feet above the water table level. The council has previously purchased well liners, pipe and cement for wells to be located at Numba, Dea and Itogama. The Local Govt Engineer has recently visited Numba and made recommendations to reticulate water to the village from a creek an half mile away. The problems at Dea and Itogama are identical and it is hoped the Territory Water Survey Team to visit the Northern District in the future will be able to assist.

10. The D.L.G.O. is organising the movement of a water well and components, already purchased, from Popondezta to Safia. No problems should be encountered siting it.

Political Education

The questionnaire of the Select Committee on Constitutional Development was discussed at all venues in preparation of their meeting at Popondetta on February 17th and 18th and Safia on the 19th. In the course of the patrol seven people, including Councillors, were nominated to fly to Popondetta and represent the Managalase. The patrol terminated at Safia with the visit of the Committee, which proved quite successful.

12. Mention of self government and the proposed name and flag were the only topics to spark comment. The other questions although fully explained, correlating them as much as possible to their Local Government Council, were by being intricate, abstract and consequently received with little interest. Visable methods, principally films, are needed to positively elicit answers to such questions.

13. The Select Committee's meeting at Safia was brief and obviously restricted by time. Only a third of the questions were asked. The meeting was orderly and replies to questions concise, a pleasant change from a people renowned for their verbosity and completely contrary to expectation as gauged from village talks beforehand. The Council Vice-President (from Safia) acted as spokesman and said the people would like self government not before 1972. He later said the younger men were willing to "try" it.

14. After the close of the formal meeting Mr Arek addressed the people as their member (Ijivitari Open) and asked if they had any problems. He received an haranguing from several men saying he had not honoured his election promises and done nothing to develop the area (they wanting an external road to the coast to promote business). Mr Arek was also asked to secure the permanent posting of a Patrol Officer to Safia patrol post.

Airfields

15. Interest in airfields is at a peak, the people wrongly or rightly considering this an answer to their communicative problems. Commercial airstrips are located at Afore and Sila, both category D, and Safia category B. The patrol was interested in private or proposed airstrips, dealt with singularly hereunder -

(a) Itogama

This is a private airstrip under the auspices of the

Summer Institute of Linguistics. It is proposed to purchase then to lengthen and upgrade the surface of the strip to commercial standard, from 1600' at present to 2300'. Partial compilation of investigation documents and a survey were carried out by an officer from Popondetta in the latter part of 1970.

Purchase documents were near completed in the time permitted. Survey pegs defining the proposed commercial site on the southern end could not be located. An officer is in the field at the moment physically defining the boundaries, completing the investigation and supervising Council R.D.W. extensions and improvements.

(b) Namudi

As the people had again failed to cut the boundaries around the Mission station adjoining the airstrip nothing could be done in the time available. After Itogama an officer will be moving to Namudi to finalise survey and investigation.

(c) Gora

The Anglican Church previously had a 'restricted' airstrip at KERO village, ten minutes walk from Gora. After a mishap involving one of their aircraft in 1967 the Mission Aviation Fellowship refused to land, until drainage and the surface of the strip were improved. The people decided to construct another airstrip at Gora in preference to upgrading Kero (which was subject to hazardous cross winds). The people began construction on their own initiative with help from an indigenous DASF officer. Unfortunately the alignment was unsatisfactory - the splay area to the south being well in excess of the allowable three degrees.

On this patrol a new and acceptable site was marked out within D.C.A. requirements. The new alignment has been turned from the old 300 degrees to 310 degrees and measured to 515 metres X 50 metres, with pegs placed at the corners and every 50 metres along the centreline. The siting has the same base on the SE end, thus utilizing about half the area already cleared by the people.

It is desirable for the people to have some sort of access for their coffee and as a road to either Popondetta or the proposed internal Sila-Itogama route would be difficult due to the rugged topography, an airstrip seems appropriate. At present the people carry their produce to either Sila or the Girua Bridge, on the outskirts of Popondetta, an arduous two day walk either way.

the Afore Council has agreed to assist the villagers by supplying tools.

(D) Aiare.

The Aiare-Suwari people have made four unsuccessful attempts, on their own initiative, to site an airstrip.

When the patrol arrived at Aiare they were working on their latest attempt, running north-south through the middle of the village. This was an improbable task as a sizeable ^{hill} had to be cut down using hand tools and even had this been completed the overall length would have been restricted to 1100' and the only approach dubious.

A new site was physically defined, running east-west at 110 degrees partially through the village at one end and the mission area at the other. It was measured to 430 metres X 60 metres and pegs were placed every 50 metres along the centreline, and the laterals were marked at the corners and centre. Much levelling and filling will be required, however unfortunately this is the only possible site in the vicinity. Road access is out of the question as Aiare is situated high in the precipitous Sibium Mountains. The Council has agreed to provide tools.

(e) Awala.

Awala airstrip constructed last year, on a kunai grass plain, is approximately 685 X 48 metres and on the western perimeter of the inundation area of the proposed Musa Hydro Electric Scheme, if proved feasible. No aeroplanes have landed as yet and the strip was overgrown when the patrol was here.

Later at Moro the Mission Aviation Fellowship pilot informed me he had been granted permission by D.C.A. to land at Awala; but he required certification that the strip was safe beforehand. The patrol out at the moment will scrutinize the surface, and align and paint corner and threshold markers.

(f) Moro.

Moro airstrip privately utilized by the S.I.L. and S.D.A. mission is 2000' X 100', category D, and Mr H. Weimer an American Linguist residing at Moro maintains it. The people and PTS teacher are anxious the airstrip be opened to commercial aircraft. Mr Weimer has no objection providing he isn't burdened with the necessary improvements. The surface of the strip has a distinct dip on the eastern half which will require fill and

and levelling; the runway will need widening and high trees on the eastern end lopped down.

Reasons for upgrading the airstrip are - (i) the schoolteacher cannot obtain carriers to bring school supplies from Safia airstrip, and (ii) the people see an easier way of selling their small amount of coffee and chillis.

This matter was debated at the Council meeting the week following the return of the patrol and a letter written to D.C.A. (who apparently have no knowledge of this airstrip). The Council has agreed to supply tools providing the villagers carry out necessary improvements without remuneration. The residents of Moro are the most indolent of the Musa people, lacking in all public spirit, primarily Mr Weimer feels (and I concur) because of the petty jealousies and disputes arising from the very partisan clans within the village - reservations are held to the success of this venture.

(g) Kiara.

The people of Kiara are keen to have an airstrip, and proposed a site to the patrol, running the length of their village. It was measured but found too short, being 238 metres long with no possibility of extension. A couple of other sites have also been proposed but found unsatisfactory.

As the Sila-Itogama road alignment is within $\frac{1}{2}$ hour downhill walk away, the people have been discouraged from building an airstrip, and the importance of working on the above road impressed.

Miscellaneous

16. Two prospecting companies are active in the area - Papuan Nickel N.L. operating out of Safia; and U.S. Steel (their consulting geologists Cundill Meyers & Associates) being based at Afore. Prospecting authority PA 135(P) A.O.G. Minerals Pty Ltd was publicised at Safia, and the people had no objections. Throughout the area the residents are keen to have these prospecting companies as they are generating employment.

P.I. Rofe
P.I. Rofe
Patrol Officer

APPENDIX A

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Needs List</u>
1. Afore	Water Well
2. Toma	Coffee Machine
3. Numba	Water Well
4. Silimbo	Water Well; Bulldozer to make a road
5. Gora	Assistance with airstrip; road access and a coffee machine
6. Natanga	Airstrip (Kiara) and road access. Also a coffee machine.
7. Korua	Road access (Sila-Itogama Rd passing through here).
8. Itogama	Completion of survey from Tahama to Itogama Rd route. Radio and nails for P.T.S.
9. Aiare	Airstrip. Wire for two bridges before and after Aiare on Moni River.
10. Namudi	Sarifs, spades & wheelbarrows for airstrip. Coffee machine.
11. Awala	Tools for airstrip & coffee machine.
12. Moro	Tools for airstrip
13. Safia	Water Well. Wire for pig pens (50/50 cost with council). A market.

Amount
Returned
to Store



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN Report No. Hyde 4-72/71.

Patrol Conducted by J.M.LAND. ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled PERAKIASSA AND MUSA CRUISES DIVISIONS.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives ONE R.P.N.G.C. CONSTABLE.

Duration—From 23./3./19.71 to 23./4./19.71

Number of Days 31

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 22./2./19.71

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

Map Reference MILIMBI BILERA FOURMIL MORESBY.

Objects of Patrol BUY TWO AIRSTRIPS & MISSION LEASES.

IMPROVEMENTS TO ITOGAMA AIRSTRIP.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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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16th August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

AFORE PATROL NO. 4 OF 1970/71.

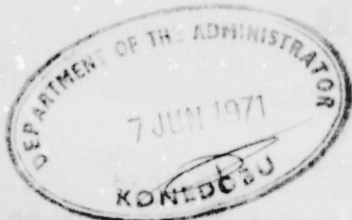
Your reference is 67-1-1 of 3rd June, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of
abovementioned Patrol Report by Mr. J.M. Land.

T. W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
POPONDETTA. Northern District.

3rd June, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

AFORE PATROL REPORT NO. 4 OF 1970/71

Please find enclosed herewith a report of a Special Patrol compiled by Mr. J. Land, Assistant Patrol Officer, together with covering remarks by Officer-In-Charge, Afore and Assistant District Commissioner, Popondetta.

Mr. Land has carried out the duties laid down in his patrol instructions in a very satisfactory manner.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D.R. Marsh".

(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

c.c. The Officer-In-Charge,
AFORE.

For your information, please.

An informative and intelligent report by Mr. Land.

Would you please confirm that correspondence arising from the objects of the patrol have been completed - i.e., land investigation report, advice to Public Works Department on the Mumba Water Supply Project and a report to M.A.F.

If the coffee trees at Itogama were removed after the initiation of purchase action, then these improvements will appear in the investigation report, however it needs to be clearly understood that compensation for economic trees in Rural Development Works do not attach compensation from the Administration to the project.

The difficulties for the teacher at Moro are understood - in an effort to alleviate at least part of his problems, the District Superintendent is liaising with S.I.L. aircraft with a view to moving supplies by air. Additionally, it might be that our officer, who is reopening Safia at the end of this month, may be able to inspire some small degree of enthusiasm in these people.

In conclusion I direct your attention to chapter IV paragraph 5 of Departmental standing instructions wherein it is stated that the report of a Special Patrol, even if only of 2 or 3 days duration will contain a "Situation Report".

(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

C.C. The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
BOPONDETTA.

This is a 'fresh' report...
The problem described of students not being able to gain...
The report...
Mr Land was conducted a considerable patrol, especially...
considering this is his first solo effort.

[Signature]
District Commissioner

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Patrol Post,
AFORE,
Northern District,
19th May, 1971

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
POPONDETTA

AFORE PATROL REPORT No.4 OF 1970/71

Appended are four copies of the above report by Mr J.M. Land, Assistant Patrol Officer, and a claim for Camping Allowance.

2. Comments are:-

NUMBA Public Works Department pro-forma has been completed and forwarded to their Headquarters. We now await a decision as to the best method to reticulate water to Numba Village.

ITOGAMA Mr Land's remark regarding interim payment will be passed onto the Afore Council. It has merit, but all levelling will have to be completed this fiscal year. Investigation Report is being correlated at the moment.

NAMUDI This airstrip will only be used spasmodically, by the Anglican Mission and for coffee buying. Length of 700 metres will be sufficient for intended purposes. Investigation Report is forwarded under separate cover.

AWALA This is a 'restricted' airstrip. It is on the far western perimeter of the considered inundation area of the Musa Hydro Electric scheme which is being investigated by C.D.W. Extensions are not warranted or recommended at this stage.

MORO Refer to my section (f) of Afore Patrol Report 3 of 1970/71

I concur with Mr Land's observations regarding the Moro people. The Council has provision for tools in their Draft Estimates for next year, but it is dubious whether the people will exemplify themselves

There are too many contingencies to overcome before applying to have this airstrip approved to commercial standard.

EDUCATION The problem described of students not being able to gain acceptance to secondary schools is not uncommon. I am informed students proceeding from Sakarina to Popondetta High must attain 68% or more in their examinations.

The Moro schoolteacher is fighting a losing battle with the parents and citizens. The District Superintendent of Education is aware of the situation. The people have had numerous expostulations such as Mr Land's, with negative results. As with their airstrip, unless the people exemplify their desire to retain their school, it might be best to remove it to a more salutary village.

Mr Land has conducted a commendable patrol, especially considering this is his first solo effort.


Officer in Charge

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Sub District Office,
POPONDETTA. ND

31st May, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

AFORE PATROL NO. 4 of 1970/71.

1. Attached in triplicate is the report of the above patrol. Also attached are claims for COA in favour of Messrs Refe, Lands and Makai.
2. This patrol was of a Special nature and was mounted to cover outstanding land work in the Managalase. Land investigation reports relevant to this report have been forwarded yours separately.
3. Copy of Mr. Refe's covering remarks is also appended for your information.
4. Mr. Land has carried out instructions satisfactorily. Active interest by patrolling officers could re-instigate enthusiasm regarding the maintenance of airstrips.



(C. G. Day)
Assistant District Commissioner.

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Patrol Post,
AFORE,
Northern District,

18th March 1970.

Mr J.M. Land,
Assistant Patrol Officer,
AFORE.

Dear John,

AFORE PATROL No. 4 of 1970/71:

As verbally advised please prepare to depart on patrol no later than Tuesday 23rd March. The objects of the patrol are:-

1. NUMBA WATER SUPPLY:

Refer file 39-3-3. Public Works 12-05-001 of 19th February, 1971 is self explanatory. Take with you FWD drawing B 21379 and survey the required route A to B of approximately an half mile.

2. ITOGAMA AIRSTRIP.

Refer Pepondetta (Special) Patrol Report No. 3 of 1970/71 by Mr McCrum, APO, and partially completed investigation documents prepared by him. In essence you will have to start the investigation again from scratch as the "Schedule of owners" is the only item recorded and it is dubious whether this is entirely complete.

(11) The airstrip has been surveyed and a map drawn. Unfortunately the pegs defining the commercial site at the southern end cannot be located. With compass and map you are required to re locate the boundaries and physically define all corners with permanent markers (a hardwood post encased in stones or a mound of earth).

(111) The Afore Council has an allocation of \$1000 from R.D.W. funds to lengthen and upgrade this airstrip. Organise the people to follow the District Works Engineer's 65-06-001 of 7th October 1970 (our file 4-4-1). Remain at Itogama until this work is satisfactorily completed.

(1V) Investigation and airstrip improvements should take no longer than two weeks to finalise. The Council has decided to reward the people for their effort by purchasing food for a feast, to celebrate completion of work.

3. NAMUDI AIRSTRIP.

Refer file 35-2-1. This investigation has been outstanding for some time and except for a sketch map and brief notes I have compiled, appended for information only, a completed investigation report and survey are required.

4. AWAIA AIRSTRIP.

The Mission Aviation Fellowship has been given approval by D.C.A. to land at Awaia airstrip. Peruse this airfield and ensure the grass is cut and safe to land upon. Correctly align corner and threshold stone markers and paint white (Refer D.C.A. requirements file 4-1-1). The M.A.F. pilot requires certification to this effect.

5. GENERAL

No doubt complaints will be brought before you. Attempt to arbitrate. Those of an adverse or complex nature refer to Afoss. Make yourself familiar with the Council Rules beforehand. Constable, 2396, KIL will accompany the patrol.

This patrol because of its nature, will for reporting purposes, be regarded as a 'special patrol'.

P.I. Rofe
Officer in Charge

AFORE PATROL 4-70/71.

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PATROL DIARY

- 23/3/71 Departed Afore motor bike 1400 hrs, arrived Numba 1500 hrs. Had look at lie of land re water supply survey line. Overnight Numba.
- 24/3/71 Cut line. Overnight Numba.
- 25/3/71 Departed Numba 0800 hrs, arrived Silembo 1000 hrs. No carriers so obliged to overnight Silembo.
- 26/3/71 Departed Silembo 0830 hrs, changed carriers Tahama 1130 hrs, arrived Itogama 1400 hrs. Defined boundaries of land to be purchased. Overnight Itogama.
- 27/3/71 RE surveyed Mission Lease. Unable to gather sufficient people to complete land purchase. Overnight Itogama.
- 28/3/71 Gathered people and collected all available names re land purchase. Overnight Itogama.
- 29/3/71 Started work on airstrip. Erected 4 permanent markers. Rained off 1500hrs. Overnight Itogama.
- 30/3/71 Worked airstrip. Overnight Itogama.
- 31/3/71 Worked airstrip. Neighbouring villages arrived to help. Overnight Itogama.
- 1/4/71 Worked airstrip. Third wheelbarrow arrived from Afore. Overnight Itogama.
- 2/4/71 Worked airstrip. Overnight Itogama.
- 3/4/71 Worked airstrip. Overnight Itogama.
- 4/4/71 Sunday observed. Overnight Itogama.
- 5/4/71 Worked airstrip. Overnight Itogama.
- 6/4/71 Worked airstrip. Overnight Itogama.
- 7/4/71 Worked airstrip. Overnight Itogama.
- 8/4/71 Worked airstrip. Overnight Itogama.
- 9/4/71 Completed extension. Good Friday observed. Overnight Itogama.
- 10/4/71 Intended depart Aire, Bariji flooded and unfordable. Overnight Itogama.
- 11/4/71 Easter observed. Overnight Itogama.
- 12/4/71 Difficulty getting carriers. Departed Itogama 1030hrs arrived Iaire 1645 hrs. Overnight Iaire.
- 13/4/71 Departed Iaire 0845 hrs, arrived Namudi 1630 hrs. Bridge over Moni destroyed so had to raft. Overnight Namudi.
- 14/4/71 Surveyed airstrip and Mission Lease. Overnight Namudi.
- 15/4/71 Surveyed Mission Lease again. Plotted it. Installed permanent markers. Overnight Namudi.
- 16/4/71 Finished installation of permanent markers. Took names for purchase in the evening. Overnight Namudi.

- 17/4/71 Departed Namudu 0830 hrs, arrived Awala 1130 hrs ⁶
Marked out airstrip. Overnight Awala.
- 18/4/71 Sunday observed. Overnight Awala.
- 19/4/71 Supervised grass cutting of strip. Departed
Awala 1230 hrs by raft, arrived Moro 1545 hrs. Overnight
Moro.
- 20/4/71 Gathered carriers in readiness to depart. Heavy
rain did not permit. Talked to people re building house
for school teacher. Overnight Moro.
- 21/4/71 Departed Moro 0730 hrs, arrived Barariba 1600 hrs
Overnight Babariba.
- 22/4/71 Departed Babariba 0830 hrs, arrived Gewoia 1530 hr
Overnight Gewoia.
- 23/4/71 Departed Gewoia 0830 hrs after looking at a
prospective site for airstrip. Arrived Toma 1230 hrs,
changed carriers. Departed Toma 1515 hrs, arrived Afore
1740 hrs. End of patrol.

3rd May, 1971.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
POPONDETTA.

PATROL REPORT No 4-70/71.

INTRODUCTION

The purposes for which this patrol was conducted are listed hereunder:

- 1/ To survey a line to establish a feasible route by which to bring a water supply pipe from a spring to Numba village, as instructed by the Department of Public Works.
- 2/ To finalise the purchase procedure of Itogama airstrip and Anglican Mission Lease.
- 3/ To supervise the people in effecting improvements to Itogama airstrip.
- 4/ To carry out the purchase procedure of Namudi airstrip and Anglican Mission Lease and to erect permanent markers on the appropriate corners of these pieces of land.
- 5/ To inspect and install flight markers on, Awala airstrip in order that a report may be made to the Mission Aviation Fellowship as to its suitability for usage.

NUMBA WATER SUPPLY

Mr D. Hughes of P.W.D. had previously surveyed a route from a spring to Numba village. This route however circumnavigated a large hill and was both excessive in length and erratic in direction. P.W.D. wished for a more direct route to be taken over a saddle on the higher ground. The proposed survey line shown on a map supplied by P.W.D. was deviated from to a certain extent in order that the line in actuality might be kept to the lowest level possible. Clinometer readings and measurement of distances were recorded as instructed.

ITOGAMA AIRSTRIP

Purchase procedure of this together with the adjacent Anglican Mission Lease had been instigated but not completed by Mr McCrum A.P.O. last October. The markers erected by Mr McCrum to define the boundaries of the Mission Lease and the commercial site at the southern end had been removed and these had to be re surveyed. The full compliment of names and all possible

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signatures obtained. Permanent markers, i.e., hardwood posts encased in mounds of earth, were erected at each corner of the airstrip and the commercial site.

During Afore patrol No 3-70/71 the people had been advised that the council intended to make available the sum of \$1000 with which to hire labour to work on upgrading Itogama airstrip. At a later date this plan was rescinded and it was decided, in lieu of wages, to provide the village with food for a feast (sing sing) upon completion of work. The people of Itogama and surrounds were not aware of this change in policy and, upon being informed, appeared to lose some of their enthusiasm. It was therefore expected that attendance of labourers would be disappointing. This apprehension in actuality proved to be ill founded. Attendance was good and people from as far away as Iaire, 7 hours distance, arrived to work. On some days as many as 150 workers were in evidence.

The original airstrip was built by the S.I.L. missionary, Mr Olsen formerly of Ufia village, who now resides at Itogama. This strip has only a narrow, rather unlevel, landing section down the centre. It is some 1700ft in length and at certain points the laterals fall away sharply, the entire strip being located on the top of a ridge. An extension of 600ft was surveyed by the Popondetta patrol last October. It was decided to first concentrate on upgrading the extension in order that it might be used in conjunction with the airstrip. This prolongation had a considerable lateral slope. It was determined to cut the top soil from the upper portion of the slope and use the resultant excess earth as fill on the lower portion, making a landing strip 110ft wide. As much as 18 inches was removed in this manner and the fill in some spots exceeded 2.5ft. This represented, over a distance of 600ft, the removal of a considerable volume of earth and took two weeks to complete. It is estimated that a further two weeks with a comparable labour force would be required in order to upgrade the remainder.

Progress was unfortunately restricted by a shortage of wheelbarrows throughout. Two wheelbarrows in a disassembled state had previously been sent, but these had no bolts with which to be put together and no axles. Black palm was initially used as axle shafts until some 8 inch nails were found which served as sound substitutes. A third wheelbarrow was sent from Afore during the second week but as many one dozen could have been usefully employed. Men used stretchers with which to move earth, but it made hard work for four men to move as much fill in this fashion as for one woman with a wheelbarrow. Some of the better examples of local femineity moved large quantities of earth upon their heads where the ground could be dug up in clods; one woman being capable of the portage of as much on her head as two strong

strong men could lift there.

It is recommended that the council provide the necessities for a feast as remuneration for the work completed. Parsimony at this stage would constitute a false economy and would be reflected by a lack of co-operation when subsequent improvement work is undertaken.

Some 80 mature coffee bushes encroach upon the fly over areas of each side of the extension. The owners wished to gather the coffee crop before removing the plants. This was a reasonable request and was complied with. These two men together with a third, informed me that they still await compensation for some 100 coffee bushes which were ripped up by the D.A.S.F. last August in order to make way for the extension. They have in the meantime lost the potential crop had the coffee plants still existed and are understandably unhappy about this.

NAMUDI AIRSTRIP

This airstrip together with the ⁿ contiguous Anglican Mission lease was surveyed and procedure undertaken for the purchase of these pieces of land. Upon completion of this, permanent markers were placed at each corner of the airstrip and at four of the more prominent corners of the Mission lease.

The airstrip was surveyed to a length of 700 metres and a width of 70 metres. It could be extended by at least a further 400 ft at the Western end if required, this being level ground partly covered by bush timber and partly garden. The airstrip is comparatively level and has a gravel subsoil which extrudes to the surface in many places. This area is in fact the former site of Namudi village. The Moni river runs close to the Northern side of the strip and Mission lease. A cliff of approximately 60ft falls down to the river. This cliff intrudes into the edge of the airstrip ~~at the~~ to a distance of 1 metre in one spot. Upon enquiry it was elicited from the villagers that the river had for some years been moving away from this bank, and that further erosion was not expected in this quarter.

AWALA AIRSTRIP

Awala airstrip was inspected and flight markers (flat stones painted white) were placed in position.

The length of the airstrip ~~is~~ at present is 540 metres and width ~~is~~ ⁶¹ metres. 200 ft overshoot areas were allowed for at each end and markers placed every 200 ft along the laterals of the landing strip, spaced to give this a width of 148 ft.

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Awala airstrip impresses by its virtue of its obvious potential for extension both in length and width. It is estimated that with minimal effort the strip could be lengthened to 3000 ft and widened to 250 ft should this ever be required. The ground offering itself for this expansion is level and covered only by thick kunai. The section at present cleared is naturally level. The people have introduced a grass something akin to couch on certain portions. Where this has become established it has succeeded in smothering the kunai and presents a good easily maintained surface growth.

The airstrip was not cut when the patrol arrived. The people were started on this. They will be considerably encouraged in the maintenance of the airstrip when planes start to use it.

The S.I.L. missionary at Moro was informed that the strip was safe to land on and he in turn promised to advise the Mission Aviation Fellowship of this in order that the Anglican Mission school at Awala could fly in supplies and personnel.

MORO

The patrol's objectives were achieved with the conclusion of work at Awala. It was decided however to take a different route back to Afore via Moro. The people here, as mentioned in the previous report expressed themselves anxious to upgrade their (S.I.L) airstrip. This is over 1800 ft and has a landing strip 100 ft wide. 25 ft fly over areas could easily be added by simply cutting the kunai. At approximately the 1000 ft mark at the Eastern end the surface drops sharply to a lower level. The Moro villagers wish the council to provide them with wheelbarrows so that they can remedy this by levelling with river gravel. It is the S.I.L. member's opinion, and also mine, that this desire to upgrade the strip does not extend to the stage where actual physical effort has to be expended. The Moro people excel only in their diligence for hunting the pursuit of which absorbs the greater part of their time and their income (for cartridges). Notwithstanding this it would not overtax the council's resources to provide them with two wheelbarrows on the premise that they might possibly exculpate themselves.

EDUCATION

The Anglican Mission school at Itogama is functioning successfully, apart from some problems with absenteeism, and has a total of 83 pupils; 42 in standard one and 41 in standard four.

Two lads from Itogama had recently successfully finished standard six at Sakarina Anglican Mission school, but upon application to enrol at Popondetta High school had been refused.

~~Both these boys~~

Both these boys spoke good English and were keen to further their education. Moreover their parents were prepared and able to pay the schoolfee of \$32, a considerable sum for this area. Their lack of success had been identical with that of other standard six pupils leaving Sakarina who had attempted to enroll at Popondetta High school. Something appears to be amiss here.

The Anglican Mission school at Safia has been closed and moved to Awala due to lack of support from the parents there. At present standards two and four are taught; 43 attending the former and 27 the latter. One of the teachers informed me that co-operation from the local people had been excellent. Next year they hope to be allotted an additional two teachers, thus enabling them to teach standards one, three, five and prep. No children from Safia have been sent to this school due, I was told, to resentment over their own school being closed.

The Moro people had previously agitated ^{at} for a teacher to be sent to open their school. Upon acquiescence to this demand, the teacher was promptly ignored and left to his own devices.

This teacher, a sedulous individual, is genuinely interested in his work and is endeavouring, in the face of many adversities, to make a success of the school. At present he is trying, unaided, to build a house in order that his wife is able to join him. The school house roof leaks so profusely when it rains that school work has to be postponed until the downpour ceases. The school supplies have to be carried from Safia where difficulty is experienced in finding carriers.

The councillor and as many people as could be found were gathered and remonstrated for their apathy and the likely outcome of this (loss of school and teacher) made perspicuous to them. Whether this expostulation had the desired effect is open to doubt.

CONCLUSION

It is considered that the objectives of this patrol were achieved. The section dealing with education, while ^{not} strictly relevant to a report of this nature, ^{is} nevertheless deemed to merit mention.



J.M.I.M.D. A.P.O.

Amount Returned to Store



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN Report No. APRE 50/70/71

Patrol Conducted by M. J. DILENA A.P.O. ADVISER ATORE L.G. COUNCIL

Area Patrolled MUSA AND MANAGLASE (PART)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives ONE PAULUS UREIA (INTERPRETER)

Duration—From 27/4/1971 to 3/5/1971

Number of Days 7

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 16/9/70

Medical ANGELICAN MISSION

Map Reference MAJORITY IN MILLINCH BIBIRA FORMIL MORESBY OVERLAPPING INTO FOURMIL BUNA & TUFU

Objects of Patrol L.G. BY ELECTION, FAMILIARISATION, DISCUSSION

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

J. H. Marsh

District Commissioner

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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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KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

16th August, 1971.

**The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.**

AFORE PATROL REPORT NO. 5 OF 1970/71.

Your reference 67-1-1 of 26th July, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol
Report by Mr. M.J. Dilena.

T. W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

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District Commissioner.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
POPONDETTA. Northern District.


26th July, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

AFORE PATROL REPORT NO. 5 OF 1970/1971

I attach two copies of a brief report of a patrol from Safia to Afore conducted by Mr. M.J. Dilena, Assistant Patrol Officer, Adviser to the Afore and Ilimo Local Government Council, together with covering remarks by Assistant District Commissioner, Popondetta and the District Local Government Officer which covers the report adequately.

Public Health Department have indicated that it will re-establish Namudi Aid Post as soon as the Airfield at the location is opened to commercial traffic - probably within one month.


(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

(Att. 4)

PATROL DIARY

APRIL 71 School to POPONDETTA by Dapaha, via SAKIA, Sakia
to CHITLAGOCH OCHA. 57.1.1

APRIL 71 Conducted local Government Meeting at OCHA.
Discussed local Government. Sub District Office,
POPONDETTA.
Walked to KINTA 2 via SAKIA. Northern District.

2nd June, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

AFORÉ PATROL REPORT No. 5 of 1970/71.

1. Attached please find 3 copies of the above report.
2. The patrol was to conduct a by-election in Ward 21 of the Afore Local Government Council and also a familiarization trip for the Council Adviser.
3. Mr. Dilena gives a concise picture of the situation as seen by him and his comments are noted and covered with. His comments re patrol equipment have been voiced before.
4. Forwarded for your information and advice please.

(C. G. Day)
Assistant District Commissioner.

Copy: ~~D.L.G.O.~~ Popondetta.

~~C.I.C.~~ Afore.

M.J. Dilena Esq,
Kokoda.

PATROL DIARY

- 27 APRIL 71 Kokoda to POPONDETTA by Toyota. Plane to SAFIA. Walked to OBEIA. Slept OBEIA.
- 28 APRIL 71 Conducted Local Government Election (WARD 21) at OBEIA. Discussed Local Government. Walked to BIBIRA 2 via SAFIA. Slept BIBIRA 2, after holding meeting.
- 29 " 71 Walked to AWALA (bridge damaged by flood) Held L.G. meeting. Slept AWALA.
- 30 " 71 Walked to SIBIA. Held L.G. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Meeting. Slept SIBIA.
- 1 MAY 71 Walked to AIARE. Held L.G. meeting. Slept AIARE.
- 2 " 71 Walked to ITOGAMA. Some discussion but no meeting (RAIN). Slept ITOGAMA.
- 3 " 71 Walked to AFORE, via KOKORA. End of patrol.

F.J. THOMAS D.L.S.C.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS

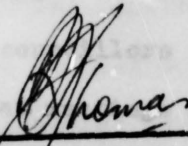
Mr. M.J.DILENA, accompanied by Mr. PAULUS UREIA (Interpreter) will travel by air to SAFIA on the 27 APRIL 1971 and will -

1. Conduct a Local Government BY- ELECTION for WARD 21 (Obeia, Silimidi, Ube, Ibau villages). The election to be held at OBEIA on the 28 APRIL 1971.

2. When he will walk through the MUSA and MANAGLASE to AFORE PATROL POST for the following,

a) In order to familiarise himself with the area and people, so that he may more accurately advise the AFORE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL.

b) To give instructive talks ,where possible on local government, and answer any queries or problems arising from same.



E.J. THOMAS D.L.G.O.

NOTE -

ONIA - Were planning to build a vehicular road to SAFIA, and asked

if they could expect assistance from the Council, an explanation

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SITUATION REPORT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The area covered in this patrol (both MANAGLASE and MUSA) is part only of the AFORE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL confines. This council covers a large area (see Appendix A - map) and presents large communication problems

e.g. 7 of the MUSA Councillors must fly into AFORE for meetings through necessity , otherwise they would have to walk as much as 6 days in to the meetings. The annual cost air fares and diversion fees is very nearly equal to the total tax obtained from the MUSA per annum.

The AFORE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL is a young council (incorporated in 1967) in a reasonably undeveloped area. It is comprised of 23 Councillors ... 8 MUSA and 15 MANAGLASE.

Meetings and discussions were held throughout the patrol and the principles of Local Government were explained. Care was taken to explain the following:

That

- 1) THE Council was a council of the MUSA and MANAGLASE people .
- 2) All Tax monies, etc. received by the Council was spent on developing the MUSA and MANAGLASE.
- 3) The Government was giving money, where possible, to the Council, to help this development.
- 4) The people should elect strong councillors (men of authority) who are not afraid to stand up at meetings and express the desires and opinions of the people.
- 5) The people should NOT expect things to happen to quickly. The Council is only young and developing, it has little money, thus it must proceed slowly and surely to develop the area.
- 6) There was a great deal of difference between the old VILLAGE CONSTABLES and COUNCILLORS. A detailed explanation was given.

All meetings were well attended, and in all places visited local government was welcomed as a means to help the people.

Points mentioned in the various villages.....

REFERENCE -

OBEIA - Were planning to build a vehicular road to SAFIA, and asked if they could expect assistance from the Council. An explanation

OBEIA (cont.)

as to the enormous task they had set themselves was given. The road would have to cross the ADOU RIVER (approx. 250 yds. etc.) It also was explained that the Council was fully committed on road-building for several years.

YODO (Benjamin) the hereditary chief expressed his wholehearted support for local government.

Vice-president BADARA (Safia) attended the meeting.

BIBIRA 2 - Also interested in building a road to SAFIA.

Vice-president BADARA and Cr. BARASI (More) attended.

AWALA - Voiced many problems in developing outlets for cash-cropping i.e. Improving the airstrip, erecting a permanent foot-bridge over the Awala River.

SIBIA - Want to build an airstrip, and asked if the Council could supply tools. An AID POST is desired, And they too need a permanent foot-bridge.

AIARE - Have shown remarkable staying power and have shown there sincerity in trying to build their own airstrip. They require tools to construct same.

A permanent bridge is also needed here.

ITOGAMA -No meeting was held (rain). Inspection confirms that a well is unfeasable, however a hydraulic ram may be feasible.

All villages visited have rather ambitious plans for developing their area and it is hoped that the Council can assist, at least partially, these projects.

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

In my opinion, the area patrolled has a very superficial and hazy understanding of central government.

They have a vague idea of the HOUSE of ASSEMBLY only, however all knew their member, Mr. PAULUS AREK. However it is doubtful if they really understand his role. They certainly have trouble in understanding the function of government because most still think parochially.

i.e. these people think in terms of the village unit, and possibly are beginning to think in terms of the Council area, but as yet the concept of a central government appears too big for

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POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

men to grasp.

Self Government and Independence tends to frighten them, and by far the majority claim that they need time for education and development of their area.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

GENERAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT Is slow , primarily due to lack of outlets for cash crops (see LOCAL GOVERNMENT re roads and airstrips)

The people appear keen to develop cash crops (coffee, chillies, vegetables, etc.), however they are deterred by the great difficulties in transporting these crops to market. And even if more airstrips are opened up, air transport costs are prohibitive.

D.A.S.F. make periodic buying trips throughout the area, however the villagers are rather distrustful of Indigenous D.A.S.F. workers.

N.B. The area as a whole is distrustful of Indigenous Administration Officers,

SOCIAL -

Many people showed concern over the long distances necessary for their children to travel to schools. This being mainly due to an under populated, rather large area.

There are: 2 Govt. Primary schools

5 Anglican " "

1 S.D.A. " "

No details are necessary because they are adequately covered

in AFORE PATROL 3 - 70/71.

A permanent material classroom is being constructed at AFORE, and should be completed by Aug./Sept. 1971.

Also a Truancy Rule has recently been passed by the Council, but has yet to be policed.

HEALTH

Health appeared to be reasonably good throughout the area, except for the usual skin diseases.

One very large Axillary boil/tropical ulcer (armpit) was Seen and treated at SIBIA. It was noted that there is NO Aid POst between

HEALTH (cont.)

SAFIA and ITOGAMA (leaving BIBIRA 2-- AWALA-NAMUDI-SIBIA-AIARE) without nearby medical aid) I understand that the NAMUDI people lost their A.P.O. because of their lack of cooperation. Perhaps a resighting of the Aid Post in this area would be possible.

MISCELLANEOUS

Whilst at AIRE, it was stated that because of the mountainous terrain the carriers found that patrol boxes were cumbersome, awkward, and unnecessary heavy (i.e. made of iron). They suggested that it would be a far better idea if the Administration were to buy RUCKSACKS and asked if this were possible.

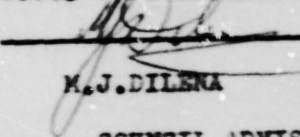
I am inclined to agree with them. Many Patrol Officers that I have talked with have told me that they have encountered difficulties in obtaining carriers in the following areas:

- a) In mountainous terrain,
- b) In more developed areas, where the people tend to think it is rather degrading to carry patrol boxes.

All officers with whom I have discussed this idea agree that rucksacks could be the answer to the problem.

SUMMARY

1. The Local Government By-Election at OBEIA was carried out, and a Councillor elected.
2. Valuable experience and knowledge, of the area and the people was obtained for my role as COUNCIL ADVISER.
3. Meetings were held at OBEIA, BIBIRA 2, AWALA, SIBIA, and AIARE and the objects, aims, and practicalities of Local Govt. were discussed. They appeared to be successful.


M. J. DILENA A.P.O.

COUNCIL ADVISER

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PATROL EXPENSES

Route	No. Carriers	Hourly Rate	Hours Travelled	TOTAL COST
SAFIA to OBEIA	9	15	3	4- 05
OBEIA " SAFIA	9	15	3	4- 05
SAFIA " BIBIRA 2	9	15	3	4- 05
BIBIRA2 AWALA	9	15	7	9- 45
AWALA BRIDGE CROSSING	9	30 each		2- 70
AWALA to SIBIA	9	15	7	9- 45
Raft CROSSING	9	30 each		2- 70
SIBIA To AIARE	9	15	8	10- 80
AIARE " ITOGAMA	9	20 (SUNDAY)	8	14- 40
ITOGAMA to AFORE	9	15	8	10- 80
			TOTAL	72- 45

