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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN Report No. 1 of 70/71 WEST

Patrol Conducted by L. A. BERA (PATROL OFFICER)

Area Patrolled KWAIJI AREA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives CONSERVABLE I/C DEKHA STAN - NO. 0565  
I/C UKIJA CIVIRI - NO. 1579

Duration—From 21/9/1970 to 3/10/1970

Number of Days 13 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 23/4/1970

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

Map Reference BORDER SPECIAL SHEET NO. 9

Objects of Patrol BORDER RECONSTITUTION

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

10/11/1970

[Signature]  
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... \$.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... \$.....

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Western District,  
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10th November, 1970.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub District Office,  
MORUWAI.

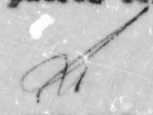
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4. In conclusion, an effective patrol followed by a clear report.

  
(I.A. HOLMES)  
District Commissioner.

c.c. The Departmental Head,  
Department of the Administrator,  
MORUWAI.

Two copies of the report herewith.

  
(I.A. HOLMES)  
District Commissioner.

c.c. Officer in Charge,  
Patrol Post WEAM.

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Division of District Administration,

KONIGDONU. PAPUA.

30th November, 1970.

The District Commissioner,  
WEAM.  
Western District.

WEAM PATROL NO. 1/70-71

Your reference 67-8-1 of 10th November, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report  
by Mr. L.A. Bera, Patrol Officer of the KEARI area.

An informative and well presented report adequately  
covered by your comments and those of the a/Assistant District  
Commissioner.

*T. S. Ellis*  
(T. S. ELLIS)  
Departmental Head.

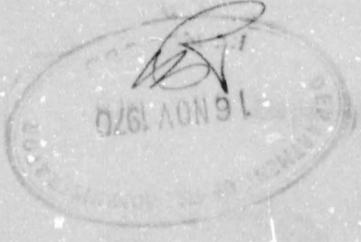
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DARU.

10th November, 1970.

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District Commissioner.

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KONEDOBU.

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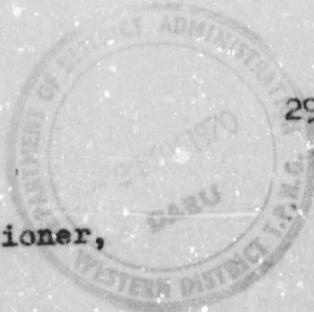
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Patrol Post

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Department of the Administrator,  
Sub District Office,  
MOREHEAD.  
Western District.

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29th. October, 1970.



The District Commissioner,  
Headquarters,  
Western District,  
D A R M.


Weam Patrol Report No.1 of 1970/71

Mr. L. Bera, P.O.

Attached please find three (3) copies of the above report.

2. This was a Border Patrol, undertaken to clean the Border helicopter pads and for general surveillance, and as such no contact was made with villagers in the Weam area.
3. It appears that all is quiet along this stretch of the border. G. Tomkap is a leftover from the earlier spate of refugees and has now been returned, of his own volition, to West Irian.
4. Mr. Bera has done well under difficult conditions. His report, while not following the required format, is well written and clear. It adequately covers the situation in this unpopulated border strip.
5. No claims for Camping Allowance were forwarded with the Report. I presume they have already been forwarded to you under separate cover.

For your information and forwarding, please.

  
(W.A. Cawthorn)  
a/Assistant District Commissioner

cc. Officer in Charge,  
Patrol Post, WEAM.



INTRODUCTION.

The aims of the patrol followed the pattern of other routine border patrols conducted during the last year. These being:-

1. Investigate on border movements.
2. Maintain helicopter pads en-route.
3. Checking on the condition of border warning signs.

Due to the fact that all personnel conducted themselves well, the patrol ran on smoothly to the finish. A couple of the carriers proved very handy with their knowledge of the bush and particularly to the picking up of the overgrown tracks. The two constabulary men were fit and reliable but both were new to the area. However after a couple of patrols in the same area they will prove to be useful I hope. I am sure that their knowledge of the has benefited from this patrol.

Water was scarce on this patrol as this is the dry season. Only small maddy and stale pools were found in the ~~river~~ creek beds. The rivers were low but the water they provided was much better than that found in the creeks.

SITUATION REPORT.

Observations made by the patrol show that there has been recent movements in the general KWARI area and west towards the border. It is assumed that these signs were either made by crocodile hunting parties or wild game hunting parties. Their operations were located close to the rivers mainly the WANGGEE.

The KWARI movements were largely the ones indicated by GERARDUS TOMKOP (topic of WEM I/R No.3 - 1970/71). and were located northwest of the KWARI camp site.

Along the WANGGEE river, traditional crossers from ERWBO would be the most likely lot.

MASAU, BULMAI, BAKUTI, PARANGI, DIBIKAWA, and KAMUKAMU did not show any signs of activity. Except for the signs along the banks of the creeks from Pad No.1. to Pad No. two it is not known who built the hut just outside of BOIO further up the creek. It is estimated that the person or persons concerned were there for some time and had abandoned the camp approximately two months earlier. The hut was destroyed.

Tracks and helicopter pads were overgrown. The rainy season being over the whole area looks very brown. The deer seen in the area look thin and bony.

The ERWBO border sign is in good condition with a couple of scratches on it made by border crossers. Noticed mold growing on the face in some patches but the whole outlook is clear.

I still think that the sign is where I have indicated in the map. (Refer also to WEM PATROL No.10. of 69/70). Going by canoe in the No.10, and now on this patrol overland I have a fair idea of the area and this confirms it. However I could still be wrong here. Walking distance and paddling distance prove a little shorter than as shown on the maps. This confirms it further.

OBSERVATIONS:Border Movements:

The patrol encountered the first possible instance of movement when it reached BOIO. There was a hut further north of the camp. This was observed by Constable I/c LAMATA while a party was searching for water further down the creek. The constable estimated that it was used for some time and abandoned it about two months earlier. There were also coconut husks lying around but where these coconuts were brought from is not known. There are no known coconut stands in this area. The nearest coconuts would be near Pad No.2., and the next would be the KWARI ones. This hut was probably used during the wet season. Where they had come from it is not known. The best carriers did not know either where they had originated from. The hut was automatically destroyed and the party returned to report the matter and also that they had found some dirty water in the river bed which was half an hour's walk away.

The second instance was that at KWARI. Most of the KWARI area was intact except for the tracks made by TOMKOP and family. (Subject of W.M. I/R No.3 70/71). TOMKOP'S house is hidden in among thick bush in a very isolated spot. No wonder the patrols that have been searching the KWARI area since about August last year could not locate it. TOMKOP did not know of any other people living in the area nor did he encounter any people moving through the area.

The third instance was noticed while crossing swampy area towards the border. Someone had been through here. At least two men had been involved. It is presumed that they were hunting crocodiles. Their track followed approximately parallel to the river. We lost the track about two and a half hours later. It headed in the general direction of SIBBO. Most likely this was a crocodile hunting party from SIBBO. No signs were noticed in the vicinity of the border sign except for the scratches noticed on the face of the sign. It is likely that a lot of movements take place in the immediate border area but they are very careful in leaving any obvious signs that we can pick up.

WATER TRAVEL.

Canoes left at BAWUTI were used to transport patrol personnel up to MGSW as the track across the river from BAWUTI was overgrown and the possibility of water shortage was possible as experienced by previous patrols. Being on dry land for some period they proved very unstable and two almost capsized. No equipment was lost and the patrol reached MGSW safely. Used again on the return trip to BAWUTI and left on high ground in the camping area for the next patrol.

HELICOPTER PADS.

All helicopter pads were maintained except for the one at BUNAI which is subject to floods during the rainy season. This was dry now and moss like grass was growing on it. It didn't need any cleaning by any means. All pads were overgrown with tall grass and young trees and much clearing had to be done to restore them. Growth will be slowed down due to the dry until the heavy rains begin.

BORDER SIGNS.

Only one border sign was inspected and that was the SIBBO border sign. It stood clear and is right on the track facing west towards the border. Mold was noticed on the face of it in small patches. Efforts made to remove it with a handkerchief proved worthless. However it will remain in good order for the next year or so before a new replacement can be made. The sign on the road near SIBBO is affected.

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in the same manner. The ones at BERONK and KAIUKATU would be in the same situation being subject to the weather in the open. As mentioned earlier they would need re-painting or else replacement in the next year or two.

CARRIERS.

Carriers were hard to obtain in the first place, as nobody was anxious to carry. The complaints being that they were busy with their gardens. With a little bit of persuasion recruitment was made. Most of them had been on border patrols before and were excellent with their knowledge of the tracks. SIEKU, MONI, PAWI and PETEMI were the best of the lot. The majority of them speak MALAY and the interpreters chosen were MOLI and SINAFAT. This being to check on each others interpretation as a measure of precaution. The two clowns on this patrol were BIROT and JIMAR both ~~SM~~ from WELLENVARE and new to the area. It would be advisable for future patrols to avoid this two chaps. All in all they were an excellent lot.

FRESH FOOD.

As a substitute for rice sago was made at IWARI while searching the area there. Fresh meat was in abundance and the carriers enjoyed it.

WATER.

The hard part of the patrol was the scarcity of water along the route between PAD No.1 and BANUTI. In this area all the creeks were dry and small pools in the creek beds were subject to the wildlife in the immediate area. They were muddy and had a foul smell. The patrol had no sterilising tablets and it was made sure that this water was boiled before consumption. Only at KAIUKATU did we have to dig a hole to obtain water to quench our thirst after working on the helicopter pad there. As for the rest of the route fresh water was obtained from the rivers.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA  
DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Folio No. 55

Name L.A. BERA

Station WEAM

FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL

Date	Para No.	
21/9	380	0730 hrs departed by river-truck to Werauere village with Diamond and Police personnel. Arriving Werauere at 0815 hrs. Carriers assembled and departed Werauere <sup>0845 hrs</sup> for Pad No. 1. Diamond returned to Station with river-truck
	381	1000 hrs. rested. At approx 10 <del>4</del> 2 passed through Wapohy. 1215 rested at a coconut spot and drunk coconut juice. Pushed on to Pad No. 1 arriving 1415 hrs. Water in the creek dry except for a couple of waterholes which were fairly stale. No sterilizing tablets so advised patrol personnel to boil water before drinking. Made camp.
	382	1520 hrs. went up to the pad which is ten minutes walk from the camp. Cleared the grass and small trees. Four carriers were sent further up the track for coconuts. Returned to camp ahead of party and conducted the radio sled at 1600 hrs. No contact made. Tried again at 1700 and 1800 hrs but again no contact made. Stand-down.
22/9	383	0725 hrs departed Pad No. 1 and headed for Pad two. On crossing the creek as shown on map followed track close to the creek. The main track rather goes around <sup>and</sup> on a bend to Pad No. 2. This short cut took us to Pad No. 2 quicker arriving there 1016 hrs.
	384	On the way up along creek noticed a lot of recent activity which as SIEXU, MONI and YAKKO all WERAUERE said was made by SERISA (MERU) people hunting for crocodiles. (In earlier patrols you'll notice on the maps of this particular area showing their garden areas too). Cleared the pad and at 1211 pushed off towards the old INDOAN-CAMP. Grass along track very high and the sun

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Folio No. 56

Name L.A. BORA

Station NEAM

FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL

Date	Para No.	
22/9	384	fairly hot.
	385	Arrived old Indon camp at 14.26 hrs. made camp as in between here and the next stretch to Pad No 3. There is no water, being the dry season. 1500hrs approx. heavy rain fell, but this did not improve the water situation. It all thinned out or rather got soaked into the ground in no time. Further down the creek a couple of pools were found containing only stale water again.
	386	1500hrs radio aerial was put up, during rain. Almost everyone stood in the rain to get rid of the days sweat. 1600hrs radio shed. This again proved unsuccessful. Tried again at 1700hrs and 1800hrs but to no avail. Stood down.
23/9	387	0700 hrs departed camp for Pad No 3. This is off the road to the west. Walked non-stop for 2 hrs 15 mins. before arriving at KURIVER. This spot gets flooded during the rainy season. Actually a sort of water hole but at present. A lone pig dug the bottom of this into bed to a depth of about 2 feet but with no success of getting water so abandoned it, to leave a gaping hole. Rested here for some thirty minutes before pushing off. Our throats were dry by now. Reaching Pad No 3 12.06 hrs. Cleared pad of young trees and scrub and pushed off west to the next expected water-hole at BOLO. This track from KURIVER through Pad No 3 and on to Bolo is now hard to define as it is avoided by many patrols. However we made it to Bolo but before I got astray in thick bush where everyone pushed here and there to find the proper track. Rescued about an hour later by SIKKE, GINGAM and BIKOT. Found only small waterhole in creek bed - stale as

G.P.-P&NG/450.

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Folio No. 57

Name L. A. BERA

Station WEAM

FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL

Date Para No. G.P.—PNG/450.

23/9 357 usual. Set up radio aerial.  
358 Const. I/c DAMAVA on a reconnaissance patrol up creek found a hut - he estimated it was used about two months earlier - and filed the house (hut). This was probably during the wet season. Who used it is not known. This is way out of the normal walking tracks.  
359 1600 hrs had a go again at the AS10 hut again unsuccessful. I then decided that it was useless to set up aerial and radio if there can be no contact made. The canners were exhausted after a hot and long hazardous walk.  
1800 hrs stand down

24/9 366 0715 hrs departed Bolo for BAKUTI-KATUKATU. This track too proved difficult to follow and a general direction of KATUKATU was taken and except for a few occasions of seeing it in the wrong direction we managed to get there in good time, arriving 1015 hrs.

371 I supervised the clearing of the pad and cutting and chopping of narrow trees in the way and burning of logs around the pad. Both Const. I/c UKAIA and DAMAVA searched the old camp site for traces of activity but none was located. I checked on the track heading west toward the border but that was overgrown and there were no signs of activity.

372 The clearing and the searching completed we headed for the best possible water split and this was BAKUTI. This track too is hard to define and it was at the first confusion that we accused a wild boar and had Const. I/c DAMAVA blasted the shotgun in time it would have possibly gored him before we could get to do anything to save him. He was carrying the only shotgun on the patrol (the DDA one). The pig was cut up and carried in bark to the next

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DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Folio No. 58

Name L. A. BEREA

Station WEAM

FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL

Date	Para No.	
24/9	372	camp.
	373	Passed through old Inoon camp - rested there but water there in the pool was rather milky and stale, looked as though some pig had been wallowing around in it just before we got there. Passed through PARANGI on the way to BARUTI. No sign of activity there.
	374	Arrived BARUTI 1547 hrs. made camp and cleared the Hippod of grass and small trees. The river bed level was very low and logs were sticking up above the water. Canoes left at high water level were on dry ground now and four were chugged down to the river by use of rollers. One of these, the large canoe proved difficult to pull down early in the morning. Stand down.
25/9	375	0715 hrs. departed by canoe for the BARUTI & KWARI river junction. This proved a little difficult with the canoe dried out and very unstable in the water. Two of the canoes almost got swamped however the personnel dived over board quickly and left the canoe balancing upright with the patrol gear nothing was lost. Somehow everyone had a feel of it quick enough and the journey up to MASRAI didn't prove too difficult after all. Reached MASRAI 1505 hrs. Tied up canoes here and pushed off to BARUTI.
	376	From BULMAI with three other canoes I walked overland to the KWARI & BARUTI river junction, no signs of activity were located. From the junction to MASRAI Const 11's UKAIA and three other canoes followed the river's <sup>edge</sup> but no signs of activity either.
	377	Opposite KWARI we built a rough raft and shuffled the <del>the</del> patrol gear across. Arrived KWARI proper 1815 hrs. Make camp.

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DEPARTMENT OF I [redacted] ADMINISTRATION

File No. 59

Name: R. A. BEKA

Station: E. OPM

FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL

G.P. - PANG/450.

Date	Para No.	
26/9	378	0700 hrs. cleaned out camp roughly. 0800 hrs. mess parade and at 0830 hrs cleaning up of the H.Pad. Grass and trees were cleared.
	379	New toilet built south of camp. Finished cleaning up of camp.
	380	Const. 1/c UKARA was instructed to take some carriers down to make sage, as the rice supply was getting low. Left Const. 1/c DAMAVA at camp and with two other carriers reached west of camp. Returned to camp at 1554 hrs.
	381	Aerial set up and radio contact was tried again <sup>1100</sup> but no gain. Again at 1200 hrs but this proved nothing either.
	382	18.0 hrs. Rice sago makers return to camp. Reported no signs of activity in the sage area south of camp. Stand down.
27/9	383	0700 hrs. clean up of camp. Track to the river was cut to a reasonable width.
	384	0900 hrs with Const 1/c DAMAVA searched northern area of KAWARI for 3 hrs. found some signs of activity but lost track of tracks and no success. Returned to camp 1147 hrs.
	385	1400 hrs searched further south with two other carriers while Const 1/c DAMAVA with two other searched north-west of camp. About 25 minutes walking distance he found footprints in mud around some <del>small</del> <sup>small</sup> <del>clumps</del> <sup>clumps</sup> . Following up tracks led to a house in thick jungle. He at once returned to camp and down south <del>and</del> <del>about</del> <del>for</del> <del>me</del> <del>to</del> <del>get</del> <del>some</del> <del>for</del> <del>to</del> <del>get</del> <del>some</del>
	386	House searched and retrieved calendar in wall. Made out in pencil. All dates of months crossed up to the twenty-seventh. Beside twenty eighth he put a tick against it. This gave me a clue that the persons concerned would return on that date. There was no near activity around the house so <del>we</del> <sup>we</sup> <del>proceeded</del> <sup>proceeded</sup> that

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DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Folio No. 50

Name LIA. BERA

Station WIRANI

FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL

Date Para No. G.P.-P&NG/150

27/9 386 he was either out fishing in the swamp area further north or at SOKI as a couple of g. belongings had the markings of SOKI TRADE STORE. Returned to camp and detailed 3 parties to watch the house the next day.  
Stand down.

28/9 387 0545 hrs. Const 1/2 UKAIA and four carriers were located to the house and ordered to stay hidden in the bush near the house. Returned to camp. The camp was very quiet.

388 1116 hrs approx. a carrier ran into the camp and ~~was~~ passed on to me that a man and his wife with two kids were caught.

389 I went up to the site and ~~was~~ all brought them down to camp with all their gear. Interviewed them (Ref. to W/Comm I/R Nos. 70/71).

390 Tried that afternoon to contact Ucan but to no avail.  
390 Stand down.

29/9 391 0700 hrs departed KWARI and headed for MACAPU. Picked up canoe and headed down river to the KWARI - BOKUTI junction. Left Const 1/2 UKAIA and rest of carriers with the W/5 and family with strict instructions and headed down river to the BARD junction. Left canoe there and headed on inland to the border sign. Noticed recent activity in the swampy areas now dry.

392 1600 hrs exactly arrived at old camp site. Left camp there and headed to the border sign 10 minutes away. Cleared grass and burnt logs in the way. Returned to old site 1600 hrs and made camp.  
Stand down.

30/9 393 0735 departed for KWARI - BOKUTI junction.

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Folio No. 61

Name L.A. BERA

Station NEAM

FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL

Date	Para No.	
30/9	394	Cut through swampland and low hills and arrived at the BAKO + KWARI junction at 1021. Canoe was further down river. Pushed off to main party arriving 12 43 hrs. Canoe doubled up for more comfort and pushed off to BAKUTI. By-passed BULMAI and arrived BAKUTI 1805 hrs. A very slow trip. Made camp.
1/10	395	0745 hrs. departed BAKUTI after pulling up all canoes to <sup>slip</sup> high water level. Took the better of the two tracks leading to Parangi. Noticed that this track hasn't been used by other parties. The reason here is <del>not</del> brown.
	396	A couple of creeks crossed where there was no water at all. No signs of activity noticed along this track. Arrived KURIVER 1211 hrs. Throat dry and thirsty. Moved on again and rested after one hour. The sun getting hotter + hotter each minute. From here down to Indora Camp about 45 minutes. Made camp. Stand down.
2/10	397	0700 hrs. departed camp for Pad NO2 and rested there. Thence headed for TAPO. This meant we were taking the short cut to WEREWERE. The sun proved equally hot as other days. Rested twice en-route before reaching TAPO at 1200 noon. Rested and waited for the rest of the line to catch up. It was brought to notice that two of the carriers were sick. While resting I switched look and advised Const/ie DAMOVA to bring up rear with the two sick. The stronger ones to come along with me to WEREWERE and cook KAI and I put up tents.
	398	1600 <sup>self</sup> arrived WEREWERE - <del>rest</del> informed village people that <sup>the rest of the party</sup> <del>was</del> <sup>was</sup> following up. 1645 departed

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Folio No. 62

Name L. A. BERG

Station WEAM

FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL

Date	Para No.	
2/10	398	Weaveve for Weam arriving 1915 hrs. Fairly worn out (approx 12 hrs walking).
	399	Picked up medicine from Medical (Heldy) and returned to Weaveve by River Truck. Slept Weaveve.
3/10	400	Departed Weaveve 0700 hrs, arriving 0930 hrs. Assured N/S and wife at the house 'kalahossi' for time being.
	401	Patrol personnel dismissed.

End of WEAM

Patrol No. 1 of 1970/71.

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WEAM BORDER PATROL REPORT NO.1 OF 70/71.

INTRODUCTION.

The aims of the patrol followed the pattern of other routine border patrols conducted during the last year. These being:-

1. Investigate on border movements.
2. Maintain helicopter pads en-route.
3. Checking on the condition of border warning signs/

Due to the fact that all personnel conducted themselves well, the patrol ran on smoothly to the finish. A couple of the carriers proved very handy with their knowledge of the bush and particularly to the picking up of the overgrown tracks. The two constabulary men were fit and reliable but both were new to the area. However after a couple of patrols in the same area they will prove to be useful I hope. I am sure that their knowledge of the has benefited from this patrol.

Water was scarce on this patrol as this is the dry season. Only small muddy and stale pools were found in the ~~river~~ creek beds. The rivers were low but the water they provided was much better than that found in the creeks.

SITUATION REPORT.

Observations made by the patrol show that there has been recent movements in the general KWARI area and west towards the border. It is assumed that these signs were either made by crocodile hunting parties or wild game hunting parties. Their operations were located close to the rivers mainly the WANGOE.

The KWARI movements were largely the ones indicted by GERARDUS TOMKOP (topic of WEAM I/R No.3 - 1970/71). and were located northwest of the KWARI camp site.

Along the WANGOE river, traditional crossers from ERAMBO would be the most likely lot.

MAGAU, BULMAI, BAKUTI, PARANGI, DIBIKAMA, and KATUKATU did not show any signs of activity. Except for the signs along the banks of the creeks from Pad No.1. to Pad No. two it is not known who built the hut just outside of BOIO further up the creek. It is estimated that the person or persons concerned were there for some time and had abandoned the camp approximately two months earlier. The hut was destroyed.

Tracks and helicopter pads were overgrown. The rainy season being over the whole area looks very brown. The deer seen in the area look thin and bony.

The ERAMBO border sign is in good condition with a couple of scratches on it made by border crossers. Noticed mold growing on the face in some patches but the whole outlook is clear.

I still think that the sign is where I have indicated in the map. (Refer also to WEAM PATROL No.10 of 69/70). Going by chance in the No.10, and now on this patrol overland I have a fair idea of the area and this confirms it. However I could still be wrong here. Walking distance and paddling distance prove a little shorter than as shown on the maps. This confirms it further.

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WPMI BORDER PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 70/71.

OBSERVATIONS:

Border Movements:

The patrol encountered the first possible instance of movement when it reached BOIO. There was a hut ~~in~~ further north of the camp. This was observed by Constable I/c DAMADA while a party was searching for water further down the creek. The constable estimated that it was used for some time and abandoned it about two months earlier. There were also coconut husks lying around but where these coconuts were brought from is not known. There are no known coconut stands in this area. The nearest coconuts would be near Pad No. 2., and the next would be the KWARI ones. This hut was probably used during the wet season. Where they had come from it is not known. The best carriers did not know either where they had originated from. The hut was automatically destroyed and the party returned to report the matter and also that they had found some dirty water in the river bed which was half an hour's walk away.

The second instance was that at KWARI. Most of the KWARI area was intact except for the tracks made by TOMKOP and family. (Subject of WPMI I/R No. 3 70/71). TOMKOP'S house is hidden in among thick bush in a very isolated spot. No wonder the patrols that have been searching the KWARI area since about August last year could not locate it. TOMKOP did not know of any other people living in the area nor did he encounter any people moving through the area.

The third instance was noticed while crossing swampy area towards the border. Someone had been through here. At least two men had been involved. It is presumed that they were hunting crocodiles. Their track followed approximately parallel to the river. We lost the track about two and a half hours later. It headed in the general direction of ERAMBO. Most likely this was a crocodile hunting party from ERAMBO. No signs were noticed in the vicinity of the border sign except for the scratches noticed on the face of the sign. It is likely that a lot of movements take place in the immediate border area but they are very careful in leaving any obvious signs that we can pick up.

WATER TRAVEL.

Canoes left at BAKUTI were used to transport patrol personnel up to MACAU as the track across the river from BAKUTI was overgrown and the possibility of water shortage was possible as experienced by previous patrols. Being on dry land for some period they proved very unstable and two almost capsized. No equipment was lost and the patrol reached MACAU safely. Used again on the return trip to BAKUTI and left on high ground in the camping area for the next patrol.

HELICOPTER PADS.

All helicopter pads were maintained except for the one at BULMAI which is subject to floods during the rainy season. This was dry now and moss like grass was growing on it. It didn't need much clearing by any means. All pads were overgrown with tall grass and young trees and much clearing had to be done to restore them. Growth will be slowed down due to the dry until the heavy rains begin.

BORDER SIGNS.

Only one border sign was inspected and that was the ERAMBO border sign. It stood clear and right on the track facing west towards the border. Mold was noticed on the face of it in small patches. Efforts made to remove it with a handkerchief proved worthless. However it will remain in good order for the next year or so before a new replacement can be made. The sign on the road near KOTA is affected.

NEAM BORDER PATROL REPORT NO.1 OF 70/71.

in the same manner. The ones at BERONK and KATUKATU would be in the same situation being subject to the weather in the open. As mentioned earlier they would need re-painting or else replacement in the next year or two.

CARRIERS.

Carriers were hard to obtain in the first place, as nobody was anxious to carry. The complaints being that they were busy with their gardens. With a little bit of persuasion recruitment was made. Most of them had been on border patrols before and were excellent with their knowledge of the tracks. SIERU, MONI, PAHI and PETEMI were the best of the lot. The majority of them speak MALAY and the interpreters chosen were MONI and SINAKAI. This being to check on each others interpretation as a measure of precaution. The two clowns on this patrol were BEROT and JLAAR both ~~fr~~ from WEMENEVERE and new to the area. It would be advisable for future patrols to avoid this two chaps. All in all they were an excellent lot.

FRESH FOOD.

As a substitute for rice sago was made at KWARI while searching the area there. Fresh meat was in abundance and the carriers enjoyed it.

WATER.

The hard part of the patrol was the scarcity of water along the route between PAD No.1 and BAKUTI. In this area all the creeks were dry and small pools in the creek beds were subject to the wildlife in the immediate area. They were muddy and had a foul smell. The patrol had no sterilising tablets and it was made sure that this water was boiled before consumption. Only at KATUKATU did we have to dig a hole to obtain water to quench our thirst after working on the helicopter pad there. As for the rest of the route fresh water was obtained from the rivers.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA  
DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Folio No. 55

Name L.A. BERA

Station WEAM

FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL

Date	Para No.	G.P.—P&NG/450.
21/9	380	0730 hrs departed by river-truck to Werauere village with Diamond and Police personnel. Arriving Werauere at 0815 hrs. Carriers assembled and departed Werauere <sup>0845 hrs</sup> for Pad No. 1. Diamond returned to station with river-truck.
	381	1000 hrs rested. At approx. 1047 passed through Wapoti. 1215 <sup>hrs</sup> rested at a coconut spot and drunk coconut juice. Pushed on to Pad No 1 arriving 1415 hrs. Water in the creek dry except for a couple of waterholes which were fairly stale. No sterilizing tablets so advised patient personnel to boil water before drinking. Made camp.
	382	1520 hrs. went up to the pad which is ten minutes walk from the camp. Cleared the grass and small trees. Four carriers were sent further up the track for coconuts. Returned to camp ahead of party and conducted the radio check at 1600 hrs. No contact made. Tried again at 1700 and 1800 hrs but again no contact made. Stand-down.
22/9	383	0705 hrs departed Pad No 1 and headed for Pad two. On crossing the creek as shown on map followed track close to the creek. The main track rather goes around <sup>and</sup> on a bend to Pad No 2. This short cut took us to Pad No 2 quicker arriving there 1016 hrs.
	384	On the way up along creek noticed a lot of recent activity which as SERU, Momi and YAKKO all WEREAUERE said were made by SERISA (MERU) people hunting for crocodiles. (In earlier patrols you'll notice on the maps of this particular area showing these garden areas too). Cleared the pad and at 1211 pushed off towards the old INDOEN-CAMP. Grass along track very high and the sun

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Folio No. 56

Name L. A. BERA.

Station WEAM

FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL

Date	Para No.	
22/9	384	fairly hot.
	385	Arrived old Indian camp at 1426 hrs. made camp as in between here and the next stretch to Pad No 3. - there is no water, being the dry season. 1500 hrs approx. heavy rain fell, but this did not improve the water situation. It all thinned out or rather got soaked into the ground in no time. Further down the creek a couple of pools were found containing only stale water again.
	386	1500 hrs radio aerial was put up, during rain. Almost everyone stood in the rain to get rid of the days sweat. * 1600 hrs radio shed. This again proved unsuccessful. Tried again at 1700 hrs and 1800 hrs but to no avail. Staid down.
23/9	387	0700 hrs departed camp for Pad No 3. This is off the road to the west. Walked non-stop for 2 hrs 15 mins. before arriving at KURIVER. This spot gets flooded during the rainy season. Actually a sort of water hole. Dry at present. A lone pig dug the bottom of <del>the</del> its bed to a depth of about 2 feet but with no success of getting water so abandoned it, to leave a gaping hole. Rested here for some <del>minutes</del> minutes before pushing off. Our Chroats were dry by now. Reaching Pad No 3 1206 hrs. Cleared pad of young trees and scrub and pushed off west to the next expected water-hole at B010. This track from KURIVER through Pad No 3 and on to B010 is very hard to define as it is avoided by many patrols. However we made it to B010 but before I got astray in thick bush where everyone pushed here and there to find the proper track. Rescued about an hour later by SICKU, GINGAM and BIKOT. Found only small water hole in creek bed - stale as

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Folio No. 57

Name L.A. BERA

Station WEAM

FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL

Date	Para No.	
23/9	357	usual. Set up radio aerial.
	358	Const. 1/c DAMAVA on a reconnaissance patrol up creek found a hut - he estimated it was used about two months earlier - and fired the house (hut). This was probably during the wet season. Who used it is not known. This is way out of the normal walking tracks.
	359	1600 hrs had a go again at the A570 hut again unsuccessful. I then decided that it was useless to set up aerial and radio if there can be no contact made. The cameras were exhausted after a hot and long hazardous walk. 1800 hrs stand down.
24/9	360	0715 hrs departed 8010 for <del>BOKUTI</del> KATUKATU. This track too proved difficult to follow and a general direction of KATUKATU was taken and except for a few occasions of veering off in the wrong direction we managed to get there in good time arriving 1016 hrs.
	371	I supervised the clearing of the pad and cutting and chipping of narrow trees in the way and in many of logs around the pad. Both Const. 1/c, UKAIA and DAMAVA searched the old camp site for signs of activity but none was located. I checked on the track heading west towards the border but that was a greyson and there were no signs of activity.
	372	The clearing and the searching completed we headed for the best possible water split and this was BAKUTI. This track too is hard to define and it was at the first confusion that we aroused a wild bear and had Const 1/c DAMAVA blasted the shotgun in time it would have possibly killed him before we could get to do anything to save him. He was carrying the only shotgun on the patrol (the DDA one). The pig was cut up and carried in bark to the next

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Station WEAM

FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL

Date	Para No.	
24/9	372	camp
	373	Passed through old Inoos camp - rested there but water there in the pool was rather milky and stale. Looked as though some pig had been wallowing around in it just before we got there. Passed through PARANGI on the way to BAKUTI. - No signs of activity there.
	374	Arrived BAKUTI - 1547 hrs. made camp and cleared the 4/5 part of grass and small trees. The river <del>at</del> level was very low and logs were sticking up above the water. Canoes left at high water level were on dry ground now and four were dragged down to the river by use of rollers. One of these, the large canoe proved difficult and was brought down early in the morning. Stand down
25/9	375	0715 hrs. departed by canoe for the BAKUTI & KWARI river junction. This proved a little difficult with the canoes dried out and very unstable in the water. Two of the canoes almost got swamped however the personnel dived over board quickly and left the canoe balancing upright with the patient gear. Nothing was lost. Somehow everyone had a feel of it - quick enough and the journey up to MAOAN didn't prove to be difficult after all. Reached MAOAN 1505 hrs. Tied up canoes here and pushed off to KWARI.
	376	From BULMAI with three other canoes I walked overland to the KWARI & BAKUTI river junction, no signs of activity were located. From the junction to MAOAN coast 1/2 UKAIA and three other canoes followed the river <sup>edge</sup> up but no signs of activity either.
	377	Opposite KWARI we built a rough raft and shuffled the <del>the</del> patient gear across. Arriving KWARI proper 1815 hrs. Made camp.

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Folio No. 59

Name L. A. BERA

Station WEAM

FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL

Date	Para No.	
26/9	378	0700 hrs. cleaned out camp roughly.
		0800 hrs. mess parade and at 1830 hrs cleaning up of the H.P. area. Grass and trees were cleared.
	379	New toilet built south of camp. Further cleaning up of camp.
	380	Const. 1/c UKARA was instructed to take some carriers down to make sago, as the rice supply was getting low. Left Const. 1/c DAMAJA at camp and with two other carriers reached west of camp. Returned to camp at 1554 hrs.
	381	Aerial set up and radio contact was tried again but in vain. Again at 1700 hrs but still proved nothing either.
	382	1800 hrs. <del>at</del> Sago makers return to camp. Reported no signs of activity in the sago area south of camp. Stand down.
27/9	383	0700 hrs. clean up of camp. Track to the river was cut to a reasonable width.
	384	0800 hrs with Const 1/c DAMAJA searched northern area of KWARI for 3 hrs. found some signs of activity but lost sight of tracks and no success. Returned to camp. 1147 hrs.
	385	1400 hrs searched further south with two other carriers while Const 1/c DAMAJA with two other searched north-west of camp. About 25 minutes walking distance he found footprints in mud ground some sago cluster. Following up tracks led to a house in thick jungle. He at once returned to camp and down south <del>and</del> to get me.
	386	House searched and noticed calendar on wall. Made out in pencil. All dates of months crossed up to the twenty seventh. Beside twenty eighth in part a tick against it. This gave me a clue that the persons concerned would return on that date. There was no recent activity around the house so <del>it</del> presumed that

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DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Folio No. 60

Name LIA. BERA

Station KWARI

FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL

Date	Para No.	
27/9	386	he was either out fishing in the swamp area further north or at SUKI as a couple of his belongings had the markings of SUKI-TRADE STORE. Returned to camp and detailed 3 parties to watch the house the next day. Stand down.
28/9	387	0545 hrs. Const i/c UKAIA and four carriers were escorted to the house and ordered to stay hidden in the bush near the house. Returned to camp. The camp was very quiet.
	388	1116 hrs approx. a carrier ran into the camp and <del>was</del> passed on to me that a man and his wife with two kids were caught.
	389	I went up to the site and <del>was</del> brought them down to camp with all their gear. Interviewed them (Ref. to Wcam I/R No 3. 70/71).
	390	Tried that afternoon to contact Wcam but to no avail.
	390	Stand down.
29/9	391	0700 hrs departed KWARI and headed for MABAU. Picked up carriers and headed down river to the KWARI-BAKUTI junction. Left Const i/c UKAIA and rest of carriers with the W/I and family with strict instructions and headed down river to the BPRO junction. Left camp there and headed inland to the border sign. Noticed recent activity in the swampy areas now dry.
	392	1500 hrs exactly arrived at old camp site. Left gear there and waded to the border sign 10 minutes away. Cleared grass and burnt logs in the way. Returned to old site 1600 hrs and made camp. Stand down.
29/9	393	075 departed for KWARI-BAKUTI junction.

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Name L. A. BERA

Station NEAM

## FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL

Date	Para No.	
30/9	394	Cut through swamp land and low hills and arrived at the BARU + KUMARI junction at 1021. Canoe was further down river. Pushed off to main party arriving 12 42 hrs. Canoes doubled up for more comfort and pushed off to BAKUTI. By-passed BULMAI and arrived BAKUTI 1805 hrs. A very slow trip. Made camp.
1/10	395	0745 hrs. departed BAKUTI after pulling up all canoes to <sup>high</sup> water level. Took the better of the two tracks leading to Parangi. Noticed that this track has not been used by other parties. The reason here is not known.
	396	A couple of creeks crossed where there was no water at all. No signs of activity noticed along this track. Arrived KURIVER 12 11 hrs. Throat dry and thirsty. Moved on again and rested after one hour. The sun getting hotter + hotter each minute. From here down to Indon Camp about 45 minutes. Made camp. Stand down.
2/10	397	0700 hrs. departed camp for Pad No 2 and rested there. Thence headed for TAPIO. This meant we were taking the short cut to WEREWERE. The sun proved equally hot as other days. Rested twice en-route before reaching TAPIO at 1200 hrs. Rested and waited for the rest of the line to catch up. It was brought to notice that two of the carriers were sick. While resting I switched loads and advised Const 1/c DAMAWA to bring up rear with the two sick. The stronger ones to come along with me to WEREWERE and cook KAI and I put up tents.
	398	1600 <sup>self</sup> arrived WEREWERE. Informed village people that <del>the rest of the party</del> was following up. 1605 departed

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DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Folio No. 62

Name L. A. BERA

Station WEAMM

FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL

Date	Para No.	G.P.—P&NG/450.
2/10	398	Weaveve for Weam arriving 1915 hrs. Early work out (approx 12 hrs walking).
	399	Picked up medicine from Medical Store and returned to Weaveve by River Track. Slept Weaveve.
3/10	400	Departed Weaveve 0700 hrs. arriving 0830 hrs. Showed W/S and wife at the house 'calabassi' for lunch being.
	401	Patrol personnel dismissed.

End of WEAMM

PATROL No. 1 of 1970/71

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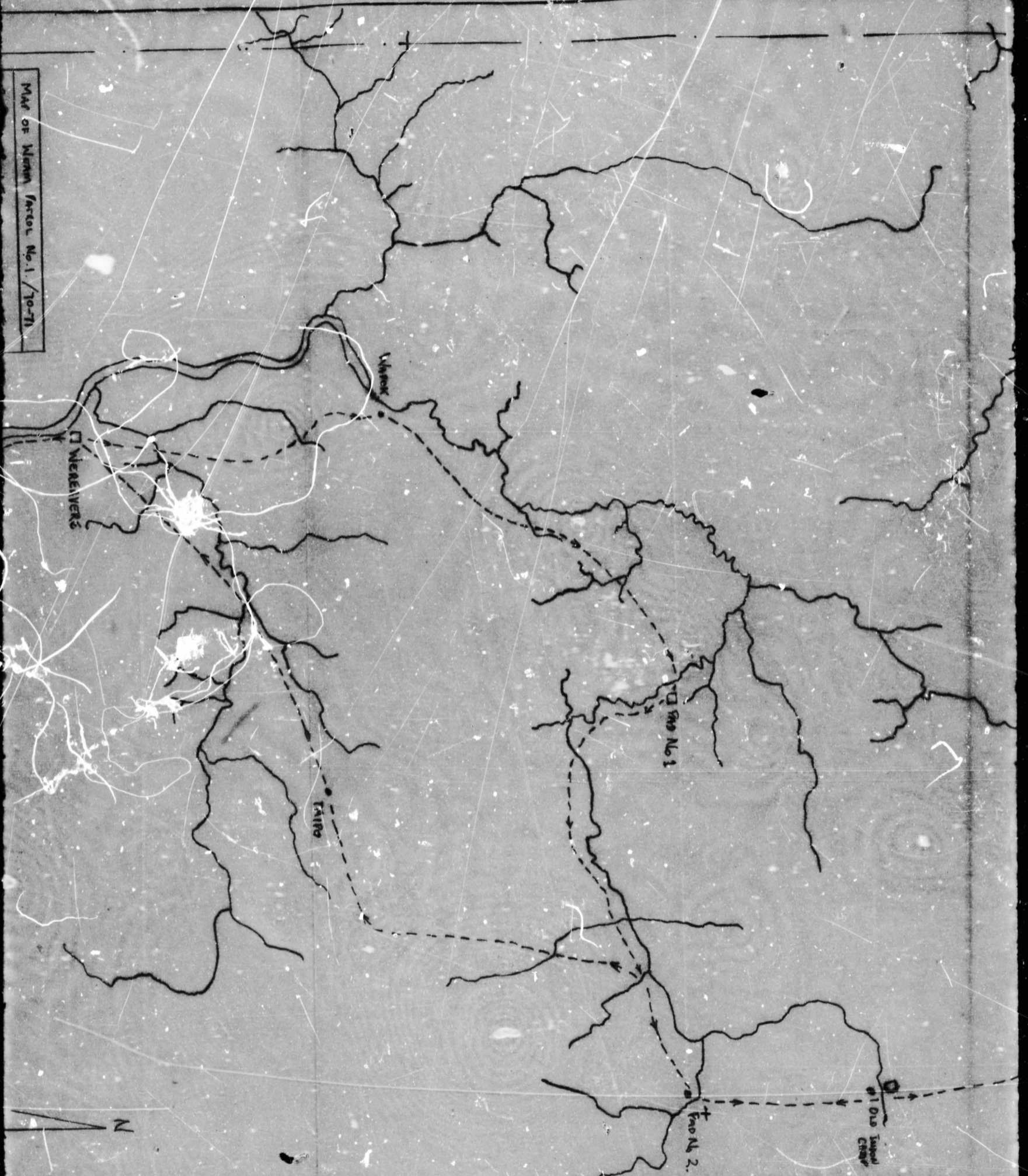
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MAP OF MICHIGAN PARTIAL No. 1 / 70-71



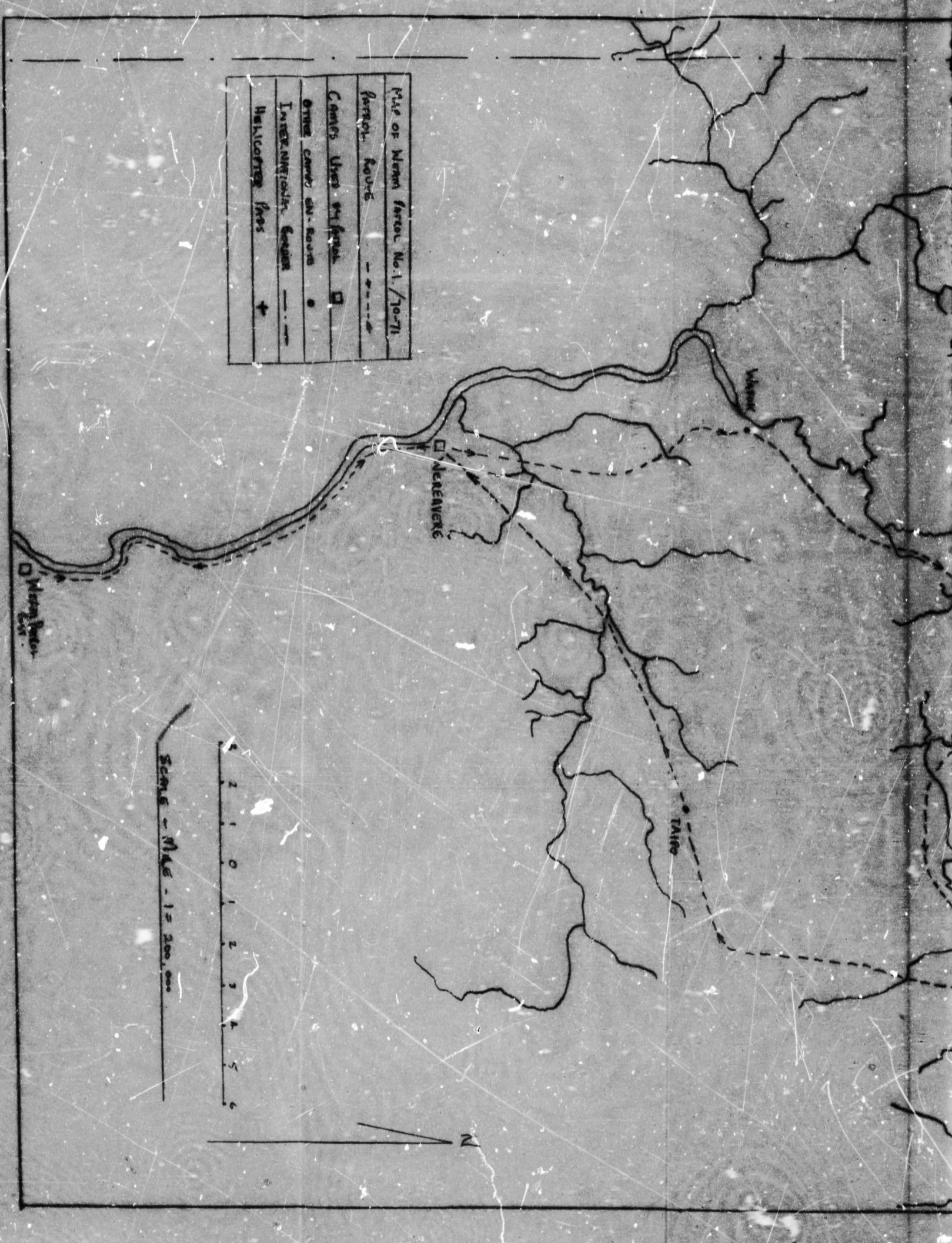
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TAPPAN

Trail No. 1

Trail No. 2

Old Tappan Camp



Map of Merna Forest No. 1/10-71	
Forest Route	— · — · — ·
Routes Used by Forest	□
Other Camps etc. Routes	●
Intermittent Routes	— · — ·
Helicopter Lines	+



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN Report No. WEAM NO.2 of 70/71

Patrol Conducted by C.MIDDLETON (PATROL OFFICER)

Area Patrolled KWARI AREA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Const. 1/C DAMAUA 0565 Interpreter THOMAS

Natives " " KOKOI 1594

Duration—From 18/1/1971 to 23/1/1971

Number of Days FIVE (5) DAYS

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NIL

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 21/9/1970

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

Map Reference BORDER SPECIAL SHEET NO.9

Objects of Patrol SPECIAL BORDER RECONNAISSANCE

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

9/2/1971

*M. Salen*  
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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KJH:LB

67-3-35

KONEDOBU.....PAFJA.  
23rd. March, 1971.

The District Commissioner,  
Western District,  
DARU.

BEAM PATROL NO.2 - 1970/71

Your reference 67-3-1 of 10th February, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special  
Report by Mr. G. MIDDLETON to BENSBACH Census Division.

Mr. Middleton has carried out a good patrol  
under arduous circumstances.

(T. W. ELKS)  
Secretary



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-3-35

Telegrams  
Telephone 67-8-1  
Our Reference  
If calling ask for RAC. jfh  
Mr.



In Reply  
Please Quote  
No. 67-8-1

Department of the Administrator,

Western District,  
DARU.

10th February, 1971.

The Officer-in-Charge,  
Patrol Post,  
WEAM.

Neam Patrol 2/70-71.

Receipt is acknowledged, with thanks, of four copies of this short report of your five day patrol of the Kwari area, North of Weam. Your camping claim has been funded and will be returned to you for payment. A copy of the report will be sent to Morehead with this memo.

2. You have done as good a job as could be humanly expected in the time available. I would have thought, though, that you should have either deferred the Sotar meeting or else postponed this patrol until later, as the three gentlemen you were looking for are expert at skulking in the bush and may well have been expected to avoid the more obvious camp sites, which are known to the Indonesians as well as ourselves. If my deduction is correct, and always assuming that they did in fact cross into Papua, the beaten track was not the one to look at. Be that as it may, you have done a good patrol and proven a land patrol can move swiftly over this area at the height of the wet season. Your carriers may not agree with me in this assessment, but they received their pay and got home much more quickly than they might have anticipated.

3. Good work.

R. A. Calcutt  
(R.A. CALCUTT)  
a/District Commissioner

c.c. The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONE DOBU.

Two copies of this report herewith. Would you please bring it to the attention of the International Relations and Internal Affairs Section.

R. A. Calcutt  
(R.A. CALCUTT)  
a/District Commissioner

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub District Office,  
MOREHEAD.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone 67-1-3

Our Reference.....

If calling ask for

Mr. ....

Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
Patrol Post,  
WEAM

28th January, 1971

The District Commissioner,  
Western District,  
DARU

WEAM Special Patrol Report No.2 of 1970/71:

1. Herewith four (4) copies of the above special report. The report has been forwarded directly yours for covering comments and onforwarding because of the absence of an Assistant District Commissioner at MOREHEAD due to the departure of Mr.W.CANTHORNE.
2. Because of the time factor the patrol was broken into two sections (refer diary, 20.1.71), this is not good patrol procedure, but could not be avoided.
3. Reference para.1., could a copy of the 'note' (which was handed to the a/Deputy District Commissioner Mr.A.MARKS) be forwarded to this office for our records. It is believed that the three men are still in WEST IRIAN.
4. Camping allowance claim and Field Officers Journal for January are attached.

*C. Middleton*  
C.Middleton  
Officer in Charge

PATROL DIARY:

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- Monday  
18.1.71
- 1020 After attending to Station matters, departed WEAM. The carriers had departed at 0920.
- 1230 Arrived WEREAVE and had to wait for carriers to arrive. Inspirational talk given.
- 1400 Departed WEREAVE with walking very difficult. Water up to two feet in places.
- 1545 Arrived at newly constructed garden house to the south of WAPOK (erected by the WEREAVE villagers) and waited for patrol to arrive. Const. 1/C DAMAUA's right leg swollen (might have to send him back to the station if the patrol's progress is impeded).
- 1630 Departed and passed through Old WAPOK (No.2) at 1645. Walking through a sago and coconut stand and then out onto wooded savanna.
- 1800 Stopped at small running stream and set up bush camp. A magani shot for the carriers. Total walking time ; 5 hours and 35 minutes.
- Tuesday  
19.1.71
- 0600 Broke camp and walked in darkness until 0645.
- 0700 Crossed the BENSACH R. after heading W passed Pad No.1 at 0710.
- 0735 Crossed over small tributary stream and waited for the rest of the patrol to arrive. Decision made to send Const. ~~DAMBA~~ and one carrier back to the Station.
- 0815 Departed and at 0830 one large pig was shot.
- 1035 Arrived at Pad No.2 and continued onto the Old Indon. Camp. Pad No.2 was referred to by the carriers as Old WAPOK No.1
- 1245 Arrived Old Indon. Camp and had dinner, as carriers becoming tired.
- 1430 Departed for DIBIKAWA, walking very difficult, with the area completely inundated with water in some places up to three feet. Patrol caught in a very heavy thunderstorm.
- 1615 Passed waterhole (dry season) and track leading to Pad No.3 and KATU KATU.
- 1745 Arrived DIBIKAWA and waited for the rest of the patrol to arrive. Carriers did not arrive so Interpreter, Domestic, WEREAVE villager and self made rough bush shelter and slept night DIBIKAWA. Total walking time 6 hours and 55 minutes.
- Wednesday
- 0930 Waited for carriers to arrive, which they did at 0915. After unloading and repacking the patrol boxes to make them lighter, leaving one box behind under cover at DIBIKAWA, departed for BAKUTI.
- 1115 Passed Old W.I. Camp at PARANGI, track indefinable in heavy bush, eventually arriving BAKUTI canoe place at 1230.
- 1300 Three canoes found and emptied of water and then patrol departed upstream for the WANGGOE R. Junction.
- 1715 Arrived at BARO/WANGGOE R. Junction. Decision made to divide the patrol into two parties; Interpreter THOMAS and Const. KOKOI and 5 carriers to go to KWARI, while myself and 6 carriers would paddle down the WANGGOE R. A rendezvous was set at the BARO/WANGGOE R. Junction for midday tomorrow. Continued down the WANGGOE R.
- 1830 Passed KARAU/WANGGOE R. Junction continued on down WANGGOE R. for 5 minutes looking for suitable camp site Site located on S bank in bamboo outcrop. Slept night bush camp.

PATROL DIARY (Cont.):

Thursday 0545 Broke camp and started paddling down the WANGGOE R. in  
21.1.71 darkness.

0710 Noticed turtle shell and coconut husk hanging from a  
stick on the N bank.  
River very high.

0805 Passed mouth of KATU KATU Creek.

0830 Arrived at coconut area where several houses had been  
dismantled. Inspected Border sign and helicopter pad.  
Deer caught in midstream and killed with an axe and  
loaded into canoe.

0930 Departed for return to the BARO/WANGGOE R. Junction.  
Paddling in very heavy rain.  
Turtle/Coconut sign inspected, possibly two to three  
weeks old.

1220 Arrived KARAU/WANGGOE R. Junction and continued onto the  
BARO R. Junction, arriving at 1320. The other party had  
not arrived, A sign was left for the patrol, then  
continued on down to BAKUTI.

1720 Stopped and emptied flooded canoe which we had discover-  
ed the day before and then continued onto BAKUTI with  
one of the carriers paddling the second canoe.

1745 Arrived BAKUTI and decided to make camp and cook the  
Deer meat.  
Slept night BAKUTI bush camp.

Friday 0600 Departed BAKUTI and canoed for 10 minutes further down  
22.1.71 the BARO R. and then beached the canoes. Started walking  
to DIBIKAWA.

0915 Arrived DIBIKAWA, repacked patrol box to make it lighter  
and leaving two carriers behind to wait for the rest of  
the patrol to arrive, departed for Pad No.2 at 0930,  
walking as fast as was possible over the flooded  
country.

1045 Passed track leading to KATU KATU.

1235 Arrived Old Indon. Camp and light meal of rice cooked as  
the carriers had not had morning meal.

1400 Departed for Pad No.2.

1505 Arrived Pad No.2 (Old WAPOK No.1) and continued on for  
WEREAVE taking the direct route through TAIPO (abandoned)

1730 Arrived TAIPO

1745 Departed TAIPO for WEREAVE.

1840 Stopped to light pressure lamp and at 1850 continued on  
to WEREAVE. Walking much slower because of darkness.  
Walking through sago swamps.

2238 Arrived WEREAVE, carriers exhausted.  
Slept night WEREAVE Rest House.  
Total walking time 14 hours and 50 minutes.

Saturday 0740 Departed WEREAVE for WEAM walking fast to arrive at the  
23.1.71 station in time for the District Sked.

1000 Arrived Station just in time for the Sked.

The other section of the patrol slept the night at  
WEREAVE arriving there at 1730.  
Interpreter THOMAS was picked up on Sunday (24.1.71) at  
WEREAVE by river's truck and 35 hp Merc. to accompany  
self and a/ADC MOREHEAD to SOTA for a liaison meeting.  
Const. 1/C KOKOI and the rest of the patrol arrived in  
the station at 1630.

Patrol Stood Down.



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WEAM SPECIAL BORDER PATROL NO.2 of 1970/71:

DESCRIPTION:

1. This special patrol was mounted after receiving a report (handwritten note) from the BRIMOB detachment at SOTA on Saturday 15th January, that three villagers from AGAR village near MERAUKE had crossed the border and were believed in the KWARI area, the subject of WEAM coded telegrams 249 and 250 to DISCOM, DARU and ADSEC, KONEDOBUBU.
2. The patrol was to be very short in duration as this officer was required back in WEAM to accompany the a/Assistant District Commissioner, MOREHEAD Mr.W.CANTHORN to SOTA for a liaison meeting with the BRIMOB. It was restricted to the searching of the two most likely areas that the crossers would probably be in, ie; the KWARI camp or along the WANGGOE R.
3. The area is not unfamiliar to this officer, for in September 1969 during the height of the border emergency, did accompany an Army patrol from KWARI down the WANGGOE R. and thence to WEAM, although this was the first time that he had patrolled the area in the 'wet' season.

GENERAL SITUATION REPORT:

BORDER RECONNAISSANCE:

4. Because of the time factor involved, on arriving at the BARO/WANGGOE R. Junction, it was decided to divide the patrol into two parties; Const.1/C KOKOI and Interpreter THOMAS and 5 carriers to travel to KWARI and search the surrounding area, while self, Council Committee of WEREAVE and 6 carriers would paddle down the WANGGOE R.
5. No evidence of movement from across the border was found, with most of the old camp sites along the BARO and WANGGOE rivers now all underwater. The section of the patrol led by Const.KOKOI and Interpreter THOMAS did find at KWARI signs of movement but this was of villagers from the SUKI area who had come over on a hunting and sago making trip, remains of a cassowary and crocodile which they had killed were found. The patrol also found two SUKI made paddles in the new bush house they had made. Carved on one of the trees near the track was the name KUSUBA TAGORA (who the Interpreter states comes from AEWVA village near SUKI). The turtle shell and coconut husk sign mentioned in the patrol diary, Thursday 21.1.71 was most probably left by them as they made hunting and fishing excursions out from KWARI.

WATER TRAVEL:

6. With the 'wet' season well into its second month all the rivers and most of the countryside was inundated with water up to 2 feet in places, this made walking very arduous. Three canoes and paddles were found at BAKUTI and a fourth one found some 10 minutes further up the BARO R. All were understandably full of water. They were left at BAKUTI on the return trip to be used by the next patrol to the area. One canoe was found at KWARI which had been used by the AEWVA villagers. Paddling times on the WANGGOE R. are good but must be considered in the light that a lot of short cuts were taken advantage of because of the high water.

HELICOPTER PADS:

7. The helicopter pads that this patrol visited (Pads Nos.1&2) both require clearing again, but this will have to wait until the wet season is over. The helicopter pad close to the border marker on the WANGGOE R. was inundated with water.

BORDER SIGNS:

8. One border sign was inspected, that being the ERAMB sign on the WANGGOE R., which was standing in 6 inches of water. The sign as mentioned by Mr.BER A in his Patrol Report No.1 of 70/71 is covered with a fungus growth, efforts to wipe it clean proved useless.

CARRIERS:

9. The carriers were a motley bunch who were not very anxious to carry for the patrol and on two occasions an inspirational talk had to be given. Admittedly the carrying was difficult and the weather conditions trying (rain fell everyday), but the bare minimum of patrol gear was taken to minimize the load for the carriers and bedsleeves and blankets were forgone. The swiftness of the patrol in covering the usual 14 day patrol in 5 days is commendable.

10. The Council Committee, SEKU of WEREAVE who is au fait with the KWARI area was used as a guide and proved very useful, especially in locating the walking tracks which in places were either overgrown or flooded.

FRESH FOOD:

11. Generous food rations of rice and tinned meat were issued and this was supplemented by pig, magani and a deer which the patrol was fortunate in killing as well as the purchase of fresh food from WEREAVE.

CONCLUSION:

12. The patrol was satisfactory in the respect that the area was reconnoitred with the result that the three border crossers were not located. It had been hoped that if the 'crossers' were in the area, that the patrol had a good chance of locating them as they would not be expecting a Government patrol to the area because of the difficulties imposed by the wet season.

13. This patrol did show that the area can be patrolled in the wet season, if, and when the occasion arises. Unless there is further reports of movement I do not envisage another patrol to the area until the end of the wet season whereupon all helicopter pads can be cleaned.

*C. Middleton*  
C. Middleton  
Patrol Officer  
28th January, 1971.

APPENDIX 'A':

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COMMENTS ON PATROL PERSONNEL:

Const. 1/C DAMAUA 0565:

Had to return to the station after one day out, with a swollen leg. This could prove a liability in future patrol.

Const. 1/C KOKOI 1594:

Average patrol policemen. Lacks initiative.

Interpreter B. THOMAS:

Excellent. Literate, speaks; English, Pidgin, Police Motu, Malay, Suki (MOREHEAD) and Boazi (BOSSET) languages. Trustworthy.

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APPENDIX 'B':

PATROL MAP:

Attached.

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Police comments have been entered in their respective record of service and RS Form 1.

*C. Middleton*  
C. Middleton  
Patrol Officer  
28th January, 1971



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN Report No. 3 OF WEAM 1970/71

Patrol Conducted by L. A. BEFA

Area Patrolled BENSBACH CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives.....

Duration—From 7./5./1971 to 29./5./1971

Number of Days 20 days (12 nights)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../1./1970

Medical ...../19

Map Reference AS SHOWN

Objects of Patrol FOLLOW UP OF AREA STUDY AND ANNUAL CENSUS REVISION.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... \$.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... \$.....

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund .....

*Miss Mary S. Lee*



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of the Administrator.

Western District,  
DARU.

30th August, 1971.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBUBU.

WEAM PATROL REPORT No. 3 of 1970/1971

Two copies of this long delayed report  
by Mr. L. Bera PC, for your comment please.

2. I am disappointed that Mr. Bera could not  
find the time to submit the report earlier, particularly  
as it is well known that the work-load at Weam is very  
light.

3. I, too, don't blame the 926 people in the  
Weam area for knowing little about what is going on if the  
O.I.C. has not troubled to mount patrols to inform them.

4. Other matters in the report are adequately  
covered by the A.D.C. who has taken pains during a recent  
inspection visit to give on-the-spot training to Mr. Bera.

*K.A. Brown*  
(K.A. BROWN)  
a/District Commissioner.

Encls.

- c.c. Assistant District Commissioner...MOREHEAD
- Officer-in-Charge .....WEAM
- Mr. L. Bera,



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone  
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Mr.

Department of District Administration,

Sub-District Office,  
MOREHEAD,  
Western District.

23rd August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,  
District Office,  
DARU.

Weam Patrol 3/70/71 - Bensbach C/D.

Herewith three copies of the above area study amendment/census patrol to the Bensbach census division conducted by Mr. Bera, Patrol Officer. The report is accompanied by a patrol map and camping claim but, as received here, did not have the Village Population Register compiled nor were patrol instructions attached. The report was submitted late and a further delay has resulted in order to rectify the above omissions.

2. The patrol was uneventful and has done a reasonable job of updating the previous area study although it reveals a few faults mainly due to the officers inexperience. For example he has not commented on the outcome of the two previously pregnant women in Appendix B of Weams patrol 9/69/70, nor has he taken note of the <sup>presently</sup> previously pregnant women to continue information into the neo-natal mortality rate. The census has been carried out in as reasonable a manner as could be expected from someone who has had no previous experience or training in the subject. My recent station inspection at Weam covered most of the grounds on census matters and Mr. Bera has been shown how to compile the Village Population Register. His next census patrol and V.P.R. figures should show greater reliability. The main thing with his V.P.R. figures is that the actual numbers of names in the census books corresponds with the 'Grand Total' figure shown opposite each village groups figures. Too many officers seem to think it is sufficient just to 'balance' off the number without any regard to correctness or otherwise of the grand total figure in relation to the actual number of names shown in the census books.

d/c

3. Possibilities of expanding the economy have been given a considerable filip what with the proposed 'reserve' in the Weam/Morehead area and the publication of the C.S.I.R.O. Land Research Series No. 29 detailing the Morehead/Kiunga land systems. Implementation of the former is under way but will 'make haste slowly' in order that thorough investigation may be made inot the subject and the peoples ideas on the subject. The C.S.I.R.O. study will also take a while to bring benefits dependant of D.A.S.F. staff and facilities availability and their acceptance of the results of the study. The area has indeed been the 'forgotten west' as far as economic possibilities go but the promise is there.

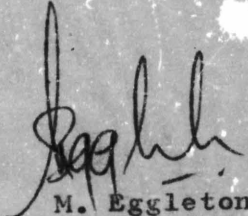
4. I feel Mr. Bera could have looked further into changes in the area on the political side of things even though changes are slow. He has the opportunity to fairly closely follow up any changes due to the previous political study in the area by Mr. Diamond. Another patrol to the area concerned with the 'reserve' investigations, House of Assembly propaganda and general administration and border checks could be mounted shortly.

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5. All in all a reasonable report but not up to Mr. Bera's previous standards however its preparation was interfered with by the Territory census and the House of Assembly common roll preparation.

6. Finally my apologies for the fact that the report has been water damaged following the 'ducking' during the mishap with the Weam tractor and trailer.

7. For your comments.



M. Eggleton.  
a/Asst. Dist. Commissioner.

c.c. Mr. L. Bera.  
WEAM.

C O P Y

Distrof MOREHEAD  
67-1-5

MOREHEAD Sub-District Office,  
Western District.

16th April, 1971.

Mr L. A. Bera, P.O.  
WEAM Patrol Post,  
Western District.

Instructions for Weam Patrol /70/71.

Please find herewith written instructions for a general administration patrol through the Bensbach census division. The Deputy District Commissioner has spoken to you about this patrol and these instructions are intended to explain in detail what is required.

2. The patrol is scheduled to commence as soon as possible next week, and has as its main aim the updating of the area study and census for the Bensbach census division. Records at Morehead indicate that the last census/area study was done during Jan 1970.
3. Please note that you are not required to compile a completely new area study, but to update the current one. This means that you must make an effort to report what new information is available, not merely repeating what has been said before. Should you disagree with what has been reported in the current area study, by all means report accordingly.
4. The census is a fairly routine matter, but should any doubts about it arise, please seek assistance from the District or this Sub-District Office.
5. As you are now very familiar with the area, you may select your own patrol route. It will probably be necessary to 'double back' over part of this, whichever way you go.
6. Unless time definitely does not permit, spend at least one night in every village. This does lengthen the patrol, but it is the best way to gain information for area studies.
7. You may call in at Morehead when you reach ~~ROUKE~~ Rouku village. This will provide an opportunity to discuss any problems with me. (I could be at Lake Murray patrol Post till approx. 25th April)
8. Other tasks fall into the category of routine administration to be carried out throughout the patrol. I would like a detailed report on the main vehicular tracks you follow.
9. I hope you enjoy a successful patrol.

R.M. Diamond.  
a/Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. The District Commissioner,  
Western District,  
DARU.



REPORT OF WEAM PATROL NO.3, OF 7/9/71.

PATROL DIARY.

7/5/71. Departed Weam for INDORODORO per PWD tractor. The road was very wet and boggy between WEAM and KANDARISA. Just outside of Kandarisa on the road to INDORODORO the tractor got bogged and I gave the driver instructions to go back to the station and get the laborers out to get the tractor back to WEAM. Interpreter NEMA and constable TIO walked on with me to INDORODORO, arriving there at 1426. Carriers from Kandarisa and Weam had already arrived there and were in a satisfactory condition although they had to wade through knee deep water on some sections of the road. The people of Indorodoro assembled and annual census and area study conducted. The village looked clean and tidy although more clearing could be done behind the back of the houses. The councilor was away at Morehead so the committee was informed about this. The rest house could also be a little improved. Slept INDORODORO.

8/5/71. Departed INDORODORO for TOKWA. The road between these two villages is the worst section of the MORHEAD-WEAM road during the wet. At this time of the year the roads should be drying up, however as it is there is a lot of rain in the area and this section was completely covered with water making progress very slow. Most of the road was covered with water up to the knee and above and many a time the patrol veered off into the scrub looking for higher ground of which there was none. Rain began to fall about noon and continued till about midnight. Arrived at TOKWA 1530hrs. Slept TOKWA.

9/5/71. It was still raining that morning and ceased at 1000hrs. By 1030 hrs all people had assembled and census revised. Area study followed up with nothing much of interest in it. Rest house good and village clean and tidy. Advised the son of the two infirm couple living by the roadside to take them into his quarters or otherwise build a proper house for them. Noticed the creek below the village had risen and ~~was~~ covered the bridge up to the waist. Slept TOKWA.

10/5/71. During the night it had rained again and the creek was still flooded all over. Departed TOKWA for IOKWA at 0700 hrs. Crossing the bridge the water was up to the waist. Road wet, muddy and slippery. Approaching old site of TOKWA the creek there was also flooded and flowing fairly fast and we couldn't walk across as it was quite deep in the middle so we built a raft loaded the gear and with the help of bush strings we managed to get all the patrol gear across to the other side. Past the old village we met councilors DAKU and DARAM with 14 IOKWA men who had come along to carry the patrol gear. The INDORODORO and TOKWA men returned here. From TOKWA till up to this stage we had seen three aircrafts going across to Weam. At 1600 hrs it began to rain again. Arrived at new village site 1800 hrs. No rest house has yet been built at this site however they had made available one house for the duration of the patrol. A very bad night as dogs kept us awake through till morning.

11/5/71. By 0830 that morning all people present in the village had assembled and census being conducted. Area study followed up. Only one point of interest cropped up and that was the clearing of a site just outside the village for a new rubber experimental block. Site of well pointed out. At present water obtained from creek. An area was also pointed out where the new rest house would be built but could be relocated. Slept TOKWA. Same sing-song with the dogs again.

12/5/71. 0800 hrs departed for ROUKU arriving 0945 hrs. Settled at ROUKU refugee camp. 1030 hrs. conducted census and area study at the village. Village clean and tidy. Returned to camp. 1500 hrs with constable TIO walked over to MOREHEAD. Advised by P.O. NOUATRI that a/A.D.C. DIAMOND in DARU. Slept at Morehead. On morning sked had a word with Diamond in Daru and advised to return to Morehead next day for discussion. Departed Morehead per ~~the~~ rivertruck to Rouku camp. 1100 hrs departed camp for UPARUA. arriving 1205. Census revision and follow-up of Area Study. 1600 hrs departed for Rouku camp arriving 1730. Slept Rouku camp.

13/5/71. 0945 hrs rivertruck arrived from Morehead. Discussion with Diamond on progress of patrol etc. Departed Morehead for camp at 1200 hrs. At 1300 hrs all set and departed for TOKWA. Waters receding but still very muddy and slippery. Arrived TOKWA 1930 hrs. Slept TOKWA.

14/5/71. 0730 hrs departed TOKWA for WEAM. Water still lying in sheets all over the road. Passed through INDORODORO 1155 hrs. Majority of people already gone bush. Moved on to KANDARISA. Rested 20 minutes. Moved on to WEAM arriving 15 54 hrs. Slept on Station.

15/5/71.

REPORT OF WEAM PATROL NO.3. OF 70/71.

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PATROL DIARY(Cont.).

15/5/71. Observed on station.

16/5/71. On station.

18/5/71. On station.

19/5/71. Arrival of weekly flight.at 1157 hrs.Departed WEAM per rivertruck at 1238 hrs for WANDO.Shot one deer on the way.Arriving WANDO 1600 hrs.Councillor SAVERU at MOREHEAD.Advised people of coming census.Slept WANDO.

20/5/71. Departed for BUNDABER per rivertruck.arriving 0930.Census revision and area study follow-up.Planing of route to BULA.Slept BUNDABER.

21/5/71. Departed BUNDABER at 0700hrs for BULA/Carriers with canoes cut through the swamps to Murumbin while I followed the Bensbach river in rivertruck to Tambari and followed creek up.Waited for carriers to arrive.While waiting shot three pigs on little island.Left rivertruck at Tambari creek and paddled through swamps to BULA arriving 1904 hrs.Slept BULA.

22/5/71. 0930 hrs conducted Census and area study follow-up.Village neat and tidy.New rest house being built.Slept BULA.

23/5/71. 0700 hrs departed for WANDO.At Tambari creek carriers took to canoes for WANDO and the rest in rivertruck.Arriving WANDO 1650 hrs.Slept WANDO

24/5/71. 0900 hrs people assembled. Census revised and area study followed up.Village clean and tidy.Old rest house almost crumbling,new rest house to be built. Also one for the carriers.Slept WANDO.

25/5/71. 0700 hrs rivertruck sent back to WEAM with driver.Paddled up in canoes to Pikingtur and walked next 5 miles to KOROMBO.Census AMEX revision and follow-up,of area study.for both KOROMBO and WEREWEVERE.Slept KOROMBO.

26/5/71. 0800 hrs departed for MENGETE arriving 1145 hrs.Census revision and area study follow-up.Village very clean and tidy.The best village in the Bensbach Census Division.Slept MENGETE.

27/5/71. 0800 hrs departed MENGETE for KANDARISA arriving 1030 hrs.Census revision and follow-up of area study.Village not very clean and rest house untidy. Advised that being very KIXIX to the station they should have a better village and show a good example to other outlying villages.Nearly the whole of the other outlying villages pass through here to get to WEAM.Slept KANDARISA.

28/5/71. 0700 hrs departed KANDARISA for WEAM arriving 0945 hrs.Census revision and follow-up of area study at the village.Slept on station.

29/5/71. 0700 hrs Departed WEAM per rivertruck for WEREWEVERE arriving 0745 hrs. Census revision and follow-up of area study.Returned to WEAM 1200 hrs.1330 hrs arrival of District Commissioner Mr.BROWN and INDOONESIAN officials from Daru en-route to MERAUKE.

END OF PATROL.

REPORT OF WEAM PATROL NO.3.OF 70/71.

INTRODUCTION.

1. The main object of the patrol was to make a follow up report on the Area Study and to revise the Census which takes place annually.
2. To check up on the roads in the area and report on the conditions.
3. Apart from that it was a routine patrol. The patrol did encounter difficulty on its way to Morehead being that the area or more correctly the roads were flooded all over making progress very slow and tyreing.
4. All in all the patrol was a good one. Constable TTD and Interpreter NEMA were very helpful on the patrol as well as the carriers.

SITUATION REPORT.

In here I intend to give a broad outline of the area patrolled and also I might be just be a little brief in some cases being only a follow up of the AREA STUDY which has already been compiled by Mr. Diamond in January of 1970.

POLITICAL.

1. Not much in the way of political education has been carried out in the Bensbach area, so I don't blame the people if they don't know much of what is politically speaking is taking place in the Territory. Geographically speaking it's the 'Forgotten West' covered all over by swamps. In my opinion the people here are starting to realise what politics mean not that I mean the whole sense of it but say a broad picture of it.
2. Now that a Council has been established in the area and with voting for candidates and paying Taxes and the Council provides funds and implements to build roads etc., I think much is being learnt this way by putting two and two together.
3. On the whole much is to be learnt yet but at least they are learning and taking part in politics.

ECONOMIC.

1. The Morehead Council has received funds on Rural Development and much of it has been put to use for the building of roads, bridges, wells etc. In the WEAM area during the last dry season the KANDARISA-WANDO road project was started but due to the rainy season work was closed down but with the coming of the dry this year work will again be started to finish off the project. Money for this project was supplied by the Rural Development Board.
2. Departments other than ~~the~~ District Administration.
  - (a) Department of Agriculture Stock and Fisheries (ECOLOGY) SECTION has a station at BALUMOK near WANDO and is doing research on the wildlife on the WANDO-BULIA plains.
  - (b) Department of Trade and Industry based at Morehead helps with the running and management of the Cooperative Stores both at Morehead and WEAM.
3. Up to now there is very little cash cropping if not nil. People only sell food to the station personnel only when the station people ask for it.

SOCIAL. There is only one Administration school, here situated on the station and children from the Weam Administrative area all attend here. The majority of them boarders as their villages are very far. Due to low population density there will be years to come before a new school will be required in the area.

Two Aid Posts operate in the area. One at WEAM and the other at WANDO. Weam Aid Post looks after the northern sector and WANDO looks after the southern sector of the Bensbach Census Division.

Most villagers are law abiding except when they hit the local brew too (TUBA) hard. They end up having brawls or beating up their wives. Within this year alone or the first half of this year three (3) people ~~xx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ have fallen out of the coconuts while attempting to get more TUBA. One died immediately after falling one died in DARU hospital and the other recovered at DARU hospital and returned to the village. This happens every year ~~xxx~~ but they don't seem to realise the dangers of climbing coconut palms while drunk.

A free mail bag operates between here and DARU and mail is flown out once a week on the weekly flight.

A Commonwealth Barking Agency operates at the office and the Clerical Asst. K. PAIWA operates it.

The only mission in the area is the United Church Mission and they have a church at WRAM village and one at WANDO. Both are run by ~~xx~~ indigenes. ~~xxxx~~ Apart from preaching the gospel on Sundays they operate open air services in the evenings and hold Sunday school classes.

A mens soccer team operates on the station and holds games with the Wando area club. The womens club also operates and holds games with visiting groups of villages. These two clubs are run by station personnel but stress is made to the local people to take part and participate in the running of both.

MISCELLANEOUS.

An Army patrol went through the area last year but it was only a routine patrol. The only civic aid of mention was that they put or helped to put up the Morehead Council Chambers.

In the WEAM area a small bridge was put in near KOROMBO. A number of small bridges were repaired during the course of the patrol.

END OF SITUATION REPORT.