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EASTERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1964/1965

KEROWAGI & GEMBOGL

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
<u>GEMBOGL</u>		
1 - 1964/1965	W.H. Biscoe	Niglkande Census Div.
2 - 1964/1965	W.H. Bisco & R. Orreill	Bendam, Womatne
6 - 1964/1965	H.L. Dreise	Mitnande Census Div . (Keglsugl Airstrip)
<u>KEROWAGI</u>		
1 - 1964/1965	J. Biltris	Kerowagi Sec.of Waghi Valley
2 - 1964/1965	D.Lewis	Kup Census Div.
6 - 1964/1965	A. Akins	Kup Census Div & West Koronigl.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of EASTERN HIGHLANDS (CHIMBU) Report No. KEROWAGI NO.1 OF 1964/65

Patrol Conducted by J. BILTRIS PATROL OFFICER GRADE 1

Area Patrolled KEROWAGI SECTION OF WAGHI VALLEY

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives MR. SIWI M.H.A.

Duration—From 7/7/1964 to 13/7/1964

Number of Days 7 camped 4

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? no

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

Medical/...../18.....

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol To report on land available for alienation in the

Kerowagi section of the Waghi Valley

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

22/10/1964

[Signature]
District Commissioner

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

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

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

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67-13-26/35-20-13

8th March, 1965.

District Commissioner,
Eastern Highlands District,
GOROKA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1 - 1964/65 - KEROWAGI;
LAND FOR RESETTLEMENT:

Memorandum 67-2-4 of 21st July 1964 forwarded under cover of your 67-3-1 dated 22nd October 1964, refers.

2. I have confirmed verbally with the Director of Lands that he is prepared in certain circumstances to consider a conditional purchase.
3. From Mr. Biltris' report it is clear land is not abundant to these people and it would be quite reasonable that a condition of sale be that land sold be used exclusively for the resettlement of Chimbu people only.
4. Have you considered a tenure conversion approach? This may or may not be feasible in this area. It could work along the following lines - Take the DAGE group - they have approximately 6,500 acres of land; would the people themselves agree to set aside say 1,200 acres of land suited to tea or other crops and divide this into say 200 x 6 acre blocks, which by agreement of the people and through the Land Titles Commission, could be converted under the Land (Tenure Conversion) Ordinance 1963. The end result is virtually a registered freehold title. There is more to it than the simple outline above, but that is the general idea. D.A.S.F. should be consulted on matters of soil suitability for economic crops and the minimum block size on conversion.

(T.G. Aitchison)
A/DIRECTOR.

TLH

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67-13-26

22nd February, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
Eastern Highlands District,
G O R O K A

PATROL REPORT NO. 1 - 1964/65 - KEROWAGI

Receipt of the above mentioned report together with covering memorandum is acknowledged with thanks.

From the report, I gather that there is some form of land dispute between the DAGE (YOGMBO) and DAGE (MINNA) people. Please advise.

What is the purpose of the projected land alienation?

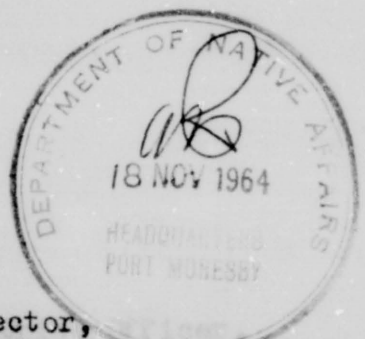

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

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67-3-1

GRB/jt



District Office,
Chimbu Division,
Eastern Highlands District,
KUNDIAWA.

22nd October, 1964.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT KEROWAGI 1-64/65

The attached report is forwarded herewith. I am unable to advise as to why this report was not forwarded before this. I have the following comments to make:-

1. There is not title sheet attached to the report as required by standing instructions.
2. No map accompanies the report as required by standing instructions.
3. This was a special patrol to endeavour to determine what was the availability of land for alienation along the Waghi Flats for resettlement purposes. Much of this low country has for many years not been effectively utilised due to the high incidence of malaria amongst people who endeavour to use it. With the current Malaria eradication campaigns proceeding satisfactorily, it is hoped to alienate as much of this land as possible, but efforts to date have not been very satisfactory. As is indicated indicated in the report the owners are not prepared to alienate unless they can have some say as to whom the land will be alienated to. This has been the subject of much discussion with the District Economic Development Committee, and at its recent meeting the Director of Lands, Surveys and Mines, in a letter to the Secretary stated that under certain circumstances he was prepared to consider land alienation with conditions as to whom the land should be alienated. The Assistant District Officer, Kerowagi, will continue efforts to obtain land in this Waghi Flats area.

*Director of Lands -
Mr. D. Stone -
informed that in relation
to the above mentioned conditions
should be included - the fact that people this
This has not been done before but is possible*

[Handwritten Signature]
S. R. BURFOOT
a/ DISTRICT OFFICER

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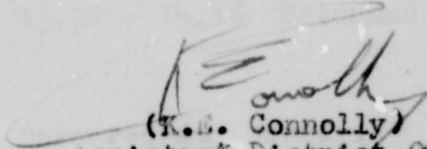
FILE: 67-2-4
Sub-District Office,
KEROWAGI,
Chimbu Division,
Eastern Highlands District.

July 21st, 1964.

The District Officer,
Chimbu Division,
KUNDIAWA.

KEROWAGI PATROL NO. 1/64-65.

1. Reference the above-numbered report.
2. It would appear that the owners of the land in the Waghi valley are most reluctant to dispose of any. The figures given by Mr. Biltris were based on the formula supplied by our Directorate, and no persuasion was used other than to advise the people that the land was required for future economic development.
3. I feel that the marked reluctance to sell is probably due to fear of expatriates or other tribal groups settling in the area. If assurances were given that only Chimbu people would be settled there, then their attitude would be entirely different. However, this is a matter of policy. As things stand, the attitude expressed by Councillor KAMBU of the Kamanegu area, is fairly typical of the general attitude.
4. Forwarded for your information please. A follow up investigation would probably be desirable in view of the change in policy regarding land alienation.


(K.E. Connolly)
Assistant District Officer.

Patrol to determine land available for alienation in Kerowagi section of Waghi.

PATROL DIARY

Tuesday 7th. July, 1964 08.00 - 12.00 Prepared for patrol. Talks with M.H.A. Siwi re ground. 13.30 - 16.30 Prepared for patrol awaited transport. 16.30 To Kup.

Wednesday 8th. July, 1964 08.00 - 16.30 Familiarization of area between Minj border and Kup. Most People preparing for Council opening.

Thursday 9th. July, 1964 Attended Kerowagi Council opening at Kup.

Friday 10th. July, 1964 08.00 - 10.00 Talks with Village officials at Kup re land availability. 10.00 - 12.30 Addressed meeting re above - advised no land available for alienation. 12.30 - 14.30 Proceeded to Awagi rest house with Mr. Siwi. Inspected ground en-route. 14.30 onwards. set up camp, talks with Councillors and land owners re alienation.

Saturday 11th. July, 1964. 08.00 - 11.00 Talks re alienation of ground at Awagi. Good attendance. 11.00 - 12.00 Proceeded to Gagu. 12.00 - 13.30 Talks re alienation of ground at Gagu. 13.30 - 14.15 Returned to Kerowagi.

Sunday 12th. July, 1964 Observed at Kerowagi

Monday 13th. July, 1964 08.00 Proceeded by L/R to Kunabau, there held talks re alienation of ground. 11.00 Proceeded by L/R to Gagu for further talks re land alienation. 13.00 - 14.15 Returned to Kerowagi. 14.15 - 16.15 Prepared map of Kerowagi section of Waghi Valley.

END OF PATROL.



Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference.....

If calling ask for

Mr.....

Sub-District Office,
KEROWAGI.

15th. July, 1964

The Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
KEROWAGI.

LAND SURVEY - WAGHI FLATS - KEROWAGI

1. Herewith please find report on availability of land for alienation in the Kerowagi section of the Waghi Flats.
2. The survey was done in company with Mr. Siwi, M.H.A., who was of great assistance in finding ground sites and in advising on local land tenure systems and current thoughts on alienation.
3. I will treat this report on the basis of Old Census Divisions, as thoughts and circumstances vary from place to place.
4. Separate meetings were called of all groups concerned and a check of land belonging to each group was made. Meetings were well attended and in all cases local Councillors were present.
5. (1) DAGE (YOGMBO)
Statistics:-
Area :- approx 10 square miles.
Population :- 1150
Persons per sq.mile. 115
Natural increase 1.2%

Waghi flats approximately $3\frac{1}{2}$ sq. miles of which $\frac{1}{2}$ sq. mile is swamp country.

Attitude of people :-

Concern was expressed over a group of people who were using flat ground belonging to Dage (Yogmbo) and were now receiving good pay for the coffee produced.

These people were not making any payment to the Dage (Yogmbo) people for use of the ground and it was thought that if the Government bought any more of their ground and scaled it out to other people for economic planting, then the present people from Dage (Minna) should not have use of the land for nothing but should in some way recompense the Dage (Yogmbo) group for land usage rights.

Councillor TEI stated that it was a good idea to allow people with ground unsuitable for economic planting to work the flats but he was concerned about the future land availability for the children of his group.

Ex Tul Tul Siwi stated that the people on top (Dage Minna) who were related to his own group could come down and grow crops in conjunction with Dage (Yogmbo) but they could get ownership to the land.

not.

No effort would be made to evict them when their produce was ready for market.

He also advised that several relatives of his from Moromaule (Gumine) were already settled and planting on Dage (Yogmbo) ground.

Councillor TEI also said that if the Government wished to purchase land for other people to settle on, it should purchase back part of the Mission leases in the area and use that ground.

Further He stated that everybody allowed to use the land should have to pay tax to the Kerowagi Council from money earned by working the ground.

COMMENTS.

It was unanimously stated by the people that they did not wish to sell the ground.

It appears that their attitude towards people coming onto their ground is quite reasonable and I consider when looking at the statistics that these people could hardly afford to alienate any further ground.

KAMANEGU

Statistics:-

- Area:- Approx. 7½ sq. miles
- Population :- 820
- Persons per sq. mile 110
- Natural increase 1.4%

Approximately 1½ sq. miles on Waghi flats. Little ground lost through flooding and nearly all Kamanegu ground is arable.

ATTITUDE OF PEOPLE :-

When first visited 10.7.64
Councillor KAMBU stated it is a good idea to afford other less fortunate people the opportunity of planting business blocks but our ground is not very good and the Waghi being wide here takes up a large area. Also we have marked the flat area out for planting by ourselves.

He said further that the Government will buy the ground for very little pay and give it to other people who will work the ground and gain big sums of money from their produce.

He also expressed concern over future land availability for his line's children.

When re-visited 13.7.64
Councillor Kambu advised that they had again talked about land alienation and had decided to put aside a parcel of ground - GWI - of approx. 150 acres for sale to the Government.

He stipulated that only people related to his line should be granted leases by the Government.

COMMENTS :-

The ground offered is bordered on two sides by the Waghi and a small creek and appears to contain good soil.

Statistics would suggest that this land could be alienated but any further alienation would strain future resources.

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KOMBUKU

Statistics :-

Area:- 7 sq. miles
Population :- 339
Persons per sq. mile 45
Natural increase 1.3%

ATTITUDE OF PEOPLE

Ex. Tul Tul Kurumba states that Kombuku ground is stony and has little top soil and coffee will not grow well. What ground is suitable for planting has been marked out and will soon be planted.

He said further that the arable ground is only sufficient for themselves and they do not have any to sell.

Councillor Wandu stated that 3 lines from Kombuku have settled in Nondugl and that they still own land at Kombuku. Consequently they are unable to sell ground as these people might soon be coming back to claim their ground.

Councillor Tai'a said his line had no land for alienation as the Mission had received a large tract of the best ground at Kondiu and the remainder was only sufficient for their own needs.

He also said that once before the people from the hills had come down to work the Waghi flats but had returned because they were afraid of contracting Malaria.

The ground they occupied is now being used by Tai'a's line.

COMMENTS

If the Nondugl groups return, and it is believed that their number exceeds the existing population, then the number of persons per sq. ml. could be around 110.

The Waghi flat ground belonging to these people appears to be of poor quality and it is doubted whether the top soil would be sufficient to support coffee. The best of Kombuku soil is contained in Kondiu R.C. lease.

The people claim that very small areas of the flat ground is suitable for growing crops and they intend to utilize it for pig grazing grounds.

Taking into account the return of the Nondugl groups, I consider that $\frac{2}{3}$ to 1 sq. ml. of Kombuku ground could be alienated without long term injury to ground availability.

It is highly unlikely that all of the Nondugl people will leave their cultivated ground ~~at~~ and return to Kombuku.

KUP AND ENDEGWA 3

Statistics :-

KUP
Area:- approx. 60 sq.mls.
Population :- 5817
Per Sq. Ml. 91
Natural Increase 1.2%

ENDEGWA 3
Area:- Approx. 20sq.mls.
Population 1992
Per sq. mile 100
Natural Increase 1.2%

ATTITUDE OF PEOPLE

Cr. Sunin (Council President) stated that all Kup and Endegwa 3 ground around the Waghi Valley has been allocated and a large portion is now being occupied . He said that shortly all of the ground will be in use and that they have none for alienation.

Further, the people on the higher ground have planted pyrethrum and have no need of further ground for economic planting.

He also said that they have enough ground for any of their relations who wish to work the flats in conjunction with them , but these people would not be offered ownership . No other people excepting relations would be allowed to settle on the ground.

Cr. Maima. ' We have no ground available for sale to other people although we think it a good idea to find land for less fortunate people to work business on.' ' We intend to set a lower rate of tax for people in the council area who do not have economic blocks.'

M.H.A. Siwi stated that he would try in the House of Assembly to have portions of previously alienated land which was not being used, handed back to the Government for distribution to people who do not have good ground.

COMMENTS.

Ground belonging to these two groups in the Waghi Valley would amount to about 6 sq. Miles. About 2 sq. Miles of this is not arable and the remaining 4 sq. miles has nearly all been allocated for development by the two groups.

Figures would suggest that land could be alienated from Kup ground , however about 1/4 of the Census Division's ground is on the Bismarck ranges and is virtually inaccessible. Deleting this area would give the Kup and Endegwa 2 areas , 130 persons per sq. mile.

It would be difficult to recommend any ground for alienation under these circumstances.

CONCLUSION

The ground which could be alienated would amount to about 750 acres.

Of this 400 acres is, to my untrained eye, of poor quality and would not be suitable for growing any existing economic crops.

This then, would leave approx. 350 acres suitable for development; or , 10 acres each for 35 families.

It is clear , that with one exception, people are not willing to dispose of their land .

I suspect also that the offer of 150 acres made by Kamanegu may be withdrawn after the matter is given further consideration.

All reasons offered for not wanting to alienate any further ground are based on land shortage.

For your information, please,

J. Biltris
J. Biltris.
Patrol Officer

Amount
Returned
to State



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of EASTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. KEROWAGI NO.2/64-65

Patrol Conducted by DAVID LEWIS PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled KUP CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans R.CATCHLOVE C.P.O.

Natives POLICE: 2 41 HEREBEBE
7664 RABU
8764 MINAFA Interpreter GUMAGOGL

Duration—From 17/8/1964 to 5/9/1964

Number of Days 20

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services MAY /19 64

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol CENSUS REVISION , ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

6/11/1964

[Signature]
District Commissioner

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

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund ... £.....

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

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67-13-25

8th December, 1964.

District Commissioner,
Eastern Highlands District,
GOROKA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2-64/65 - KEROWAGI:

Receipt of the abovementioned patrol report and covering comment is acknowledged with thanks.

2. The attitude of the Kup groups is heartening, but do not let them expect to get benefits from the Council without contributing something themselves.

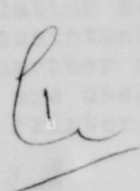
3. Further efforts should be made to ensure that fringe groups have something symbolical of their progress from their councils. Do not make the mistake of concentrating all material benefits around the immediate area of the Council House. I hope the tax collectors do not press the Enduga and Bandi groups too much in collecting tax at this stage.

4. You will have to watch carefully the entry of the people into the Minj area from the Karembal group.

5. I become worried when road systems are extended too far. How shall we maintain them? Are the people capable of maintenance without immediate direction from our officers?

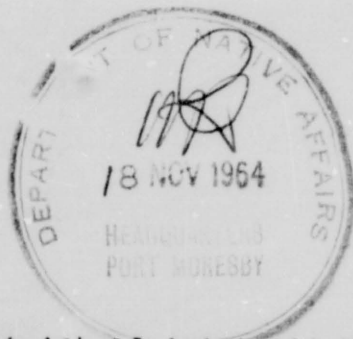
6. The re-establishment of the Wagi River bridge is highly creditable and perhaps answers my earlier query.

7. A very interesting and informative report. I am most unhappy at losing Mr. Lewis' services.


(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

67-3-2

RB/jt



District Office,
Chimbu Division,
Eastern Highlands District,
KUNDIAWA.

6th November, 1964.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

KEROWAGI PATROL REPORT 2-64/65

The above mentioned report is forwarded herewith, together with a copy of the Assistant District Commissioner's comments and patrol instructions.

There is no preamble or map accompanying the report as required by standing instructions, and the Cadet Patrol Officer, Mr. Catchlove, should have been instructed to submit a diary to accompany the report.

I have the following comments to make:-

(Bracketed numbers refer to paragraphs in the report.)

(13) The movement of the IUNDE Group to Minj was in conjunction with members of the same group from the Gumine area. Your 51-1-15 of 22nd October, 1964 refers.

The Assistant District Commissioner Kerowagi will be instructed to inform the remainder of the IUNDE Group at KUP of the contents of your memorandum.

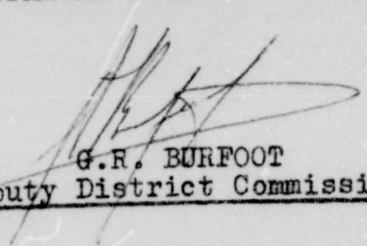
(15) This road is being sponsored by the District Economic Development Committee and the District Commissioner has made limited funds available.

(19) The MORIMU bridge has been included as an item on Design List "A" of 1964/65 at an estimated cost of £30,000.

(26) The Director of Lands has advised that trade stores are not permitted on mission leases. I will ask the Assistant District Commissioner to supply me with full details so that appropriate action may be taken.

(37-39) Refer my remarks in my 67-3-4 in relation to Chauve Patrol Report 5-63/64.

Only one copy of the Village Population Register was submitted, and this on the old forms. The Assistant District Commissioner will be instructed to furnish another copy, and in future to ensure that the new pro formas are used. The new forms are available from the Government Printer.


G.R. BURFOOT
a/Deputy District Commissioner

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Sub-District Office,
KEROWAGI,
Chimbu Division,
Eastern Highlands District.

October 21st, 1964.

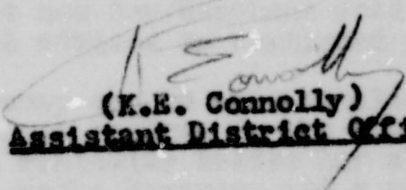
The District Officer,
Chimbu Division,
KUPDIANA.

KEROWAGI PATROL NO. 2/64-65.

1. I attach:

- (a) Original and 2 copies of the above-numbered report.
- (b) Camping allowance claims duly certified.
- (c) Original and 2 copies of memorandum 67-2-4 of 21/10/64, being my comments on the patrol.
- (d) Three copies of memorandum 67-1-3, being my patrol instructions to Mr. Lewis.

2. A good patrol well conducted. Delay in forwarding this report is regretted, but due to pressure of other urgent field work.


(K.E. Connolly)
Assistant District Officer.

67-2-4

(15)

Sub-District Office,
KEROWAGI,
Chimbu Division,
Eastern Highlands District.

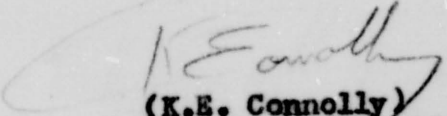
October 21st, 1964.

The District Officer,
Chimbu Division,
KUNDIAWA.

KEROWAGI PATROL NO. 2/64-65.

1. Reference the above-numbered report.
2. Paragraphs 7 to 12. One of the main purposes of this patrol was to try and convince the people of this census division that a uniform tax rate was much more desirable than having two different rates in the one Council. As was anticipated, there was some opposition amongst the older people, (who wanted a lower rate for the Kup), but their fears were overcome when it was explained that the Tax Tribunal had power to exempt or reduce tax where applicable. No further comment is necessary, except that at the last meeting of the Council, a resolution was carried for a uniform tax rate of £2 for adult males, and 2/- for females who voluntarily enrolled as electors.
3. Paragraph 13. No further comment is required on this dispute, but the situation will be observed closely.
4. Paragraphs 14 to 18. The new Kup/Genabona road is progressing well. You will be kept advised on continued progress.

It is hoped that some money can be made available for the reconstruction of the Moruma foot bridge. In the meanwhile the possibility of constructing a vehicular bridge has already been investigated by the Regional Works Manager, and a report made to the District Economic Development Committee.
5. Paragraphs 37 to 40. This is not an uncommon request, but these people have been told that the establishment of more schools is dependant on the availability of trained teachers.
6. Paragraphs 20 to 24. Refer paragraph 4 of this memorandum. One of the main objects of this road is for the development of the pyrethrum and other industries mentioned in Mr. Lewis' report.
7. Matters not commented upon are self explanatory. For your information please.


(K.E. Connolly)
Assistant District Officer.

67-1-3

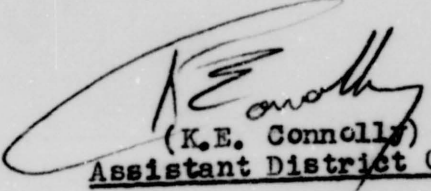
Sub-District Office,
KEROWAGI,
Chimbu Division,
Eastern Highlands District.

August 13th, 1964.

Mr. D. Lewis,
Patrol Officer,
KEROWAGI.

Patrol Instructions
Kerowagi Patrol No. 2/64-65.

1. Please conduct a routine administration and census patrol of the KUP Census Division.
2. Make arrangements to depart Kerowagi no later than August 17th. I will endeavour to arrange transport for you as far as Kup Bass camp, however it may be necessary for your patrol gear to via Moruma, and thence by carrier to Kup.
3. Mr. Catchlove, C.P.O., will accompany you for the majority of the patrol. This officer is to be trained in all aspects of patrol work, including the taking of census. He must remain under your direct supervision at all times.
4. Rations are short due to lack of supply from Government Stores at Lae, but they can be supplemented by the purchase of native foods during the course of the patrol. Patrol gear may be drawn in the usual manner. You should draw a cash advance before departure.
5. Please check on all trade stores operating in the area. It is possible that some stores now operating, are not only trading illegally, but may also be occupying land illegally. Obtain a list of trade stores together with their owners and other relevant details, for office records.
6. Do your best to bring the District Officer's views to the Kup people, regarding a uniform tax rule for the Kerowagi Council. It may not be easy to convince some of the older people, but with explanation, I am sure they will see the advantages of this policy.
7. Before departure, please check through the files and deal with all matters requiring attention. Matters requiring court action should be forwarded to Kerowagi.
8. I wish you a pleasant patrol.


(K.E. Connolly)
Assistant District Officer.

A. INTRODUCTION.

1. The Kup Census Division lies south of Kerowagi and on the southern side of the Waghi River. The Waghi forms the northern border of the census division, which is bordered to the south by the Wikauma Census Division, to the east by the Dom Census Division and to the west by the South Waghi Census Division of the Western Highlands District. The Kup has an estimated total area of 100 square miles.

2. Since the last census patrol into Kup (June 1963), a base camp has been established (September 1963) and a feeder road constructed providing, with the successful completion of the Waghi River Bridge at Kondiu, a reasonably direct means of access to the area from Kerowagi.

3. On July 9, 1964, the Kerowagi Native Local Government Council was officially opened at Kup Base Camp before a crowd of some 12,000 people and 40 new Councillors were presented with their badges of office by Mr T.G. Aitchison, Chief of Division (G. & R.). Twelve of these Councillors were Kup men, elected by their people to represent them in the new Kerowagi Council, which replaces the old Koronigl N.L.G.C. and comprises the East and West Koronigl census divisions and the Kup. The introduction of the Kup people to local government was made even more notable when one of their number, Cr Tsumun, was elected to the office of President of the council.

4. There are four main tribal groups within the Kup: KUMAI (population: 2,876); BANDI (2,583); ENDUGA (2,032) and IUNDE (424). A total population of 7,915.

5. The Kup country, sloping from the light brown soils of the Waghi River flats through red clays and limestone to the top of the Kubor Range, is rugged and cut by numerous watercourses. The cold upper regions are heavily timbered and uninhabited. The population is centered in the lower northern sector of the census division - a living area of approximately 50 square miles, with altitudes ranging from 4,500 to 7,500 feet above sea level. The highest point in Kup is Mount Kubor, 14,500 feet above sea level.

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B. PATROL DIARY.

- August 17, 1964. Departed Kerowagi by Land Rover. 4 hours walk, Kondiu - Moramambuno. Talks with village officials and people on proposed new tax rule. Slept Moramambuno.
- August 18, 1964. Census revised YAERINGGAUMA, GWOIEGAUMA, KIRINGGAUMA, NUMAIKANI, & MAIMANGGAUMA. Visited Neramgaima Catholic Mission; Trade Store, Aid Post inspected. Minor Arbitration. Slept Moramambuno.
- August 19, 1964. Patrol to Gurual. Talks with village officials and people on proposed new tax rule. Census revised DAMAGAUMA NO. 2, KUGAMIGAUMA, KAWANGGLAUMA & PENDAKU. Slept Gurual.
- August 20, 1964. Census revised AGAURO, DAMAGAUMA NO. 1, MORONGGAUMA, DARALGAUMA, BAGLGAUMA, SUMBAIGAUMA & KOBIRIGAUMA. Inspection Aid Post. Talks with village officials and people. Slept Gurual.
- August 21, 1964. Patrol to Bi. Census revised PUNGGAMA, BORE & KANGGUMA. Inspection Aid Post. Talks with village officials and people on proposed new tax rule. Minor arbitration. Slept Bi.
- August 22, 1964. Patrol to Iuage. Minor arbitration. Aid Post inspection. Slept Iuage.
- August 23, 1964. Sunday Observed. Slept Iuage.
- August 24, 1964. Census revised KUGAKU, KUMAITAMBUNO, ENDATAMBUNO, DINGGANGGAUMA, BENGGANDI, DIMBOGO, KUNGGAMAKANE & URUMAGAKANE. Minor arbitration. Talks with village officials and people on proposed new tax rule. Slept Iuage.
- August 25, 1964. Patrol to Muru. Camp established. Self and C.P.O. Catchlove to Kerowagi for Kerowagi N.L.G.C. General Meeting and Goroka Show details. Evening return to Muru. Slept Muru.
- August 26, 1964. Census revised GOGUMKANUM NO. 1, BOLDIM, KUNANGGLABAM, KINDINGGAUMA, KURUPOIKANUM, KOMBANKANUM & DIKUNGGABAM. Talks with village officials and people on proposed new tax rule. Inspection Aid Post. Slept Muru.
- August 27, 1964. Reconciliation of books. Minor arbitration; 1 C.N.A. case referred to Kerowagi. Further talks with village officials and people of Muru. Patrol to Karembal. Slept Karembal.
- August 28, 1964. Patrol remains at Karembal. Self and C.P.O. Catchlove to Kerowagi, then to Goroka for Goroka Show. Slept Goroka.
- August 29, 1964. Exhibit work at Goroka Show. Slept Goroka.
- August 30, 1964. At Goroka. Arrived Kerowagi 0200 hours.
- August 31, 1964. Station work at Kerowagi.

B. PATROL DIARY (cont.)

- September 1, 1964. Departed Kerowagi and returned to patrol at Karembal. Slept Karembal.
- September 2, 1964. Census revised MIANKANE, KURIGAGLMA, ERIMAIENGGAGLMA, DOMKANUM, KOMINOGAGLMA, TENDIGLGABAM, ENDUKANUM NO.1, KUNGGOGABAM AND ANUNGGABAM. Talks with village officials and people on proposed new tax rule. Minor arbitration. Slept Karembal.
- September 3, 1964. Patrol to Gamar. Census revised TEMINGGU, UGUMKANUM, ENDUKANUM NO.2 and TEMILKANUM. Talks with village officials and people on proposed new tax rule. Inspection of Gamar Aid Post. Minor arbitration. Slept Gamar.
- September 4, 1964. Patrol to Kup Base Camp. C.P.O. Catchlove to Diramugl to make investigation into land application by B.R.Heagney. Census revised WIBUKANUM, KOGUP, GELPINGGAGIM, PAWAKANUM, MANDAGU, and KORIKUP. Talks with village officials and people on proposed new tax rule. Inspection Kup Aid Post. Slept Kup.
- September 5, 1964. Minor arbitration. Further talks with Kup village officials and people. Patrol departed for Kerowagi.

Patrol Ends.

C. ATTITUDES.

6. All Kup groups have welcomed their inclusion in the Kerowagi N.L.G. Council and are looking forward to the future benefits the council will be able to give the area.

The Proposed New Tax Rule.

7. During the patrol I held taxpayers' meetings at each rest house to explain to the people the proposed new tax rule of the council - a head tax of £2 per man and two shillings per woman (women being under no compulsion to contribute tax). This tax rule is already in effect for both Koronigl census divisions (the old council area), but the Kup people have previously paid only ten shillings per man, the government tax rate for this area. Thus the proposed new rate represented a 300% tax increase.

8. As anticipated, I met with difficulty in some areas when it came to explaining the desirability of passing this rule and the ultimate benefits it would bring to the people of Kup. The people of the Bandi and Enduga groups have a very low economic status and, quite naturally, their main concern was where they would find the money to pay this new tax.

9. To these groups it was stressed that the Tax Tribunal would give exemptions to those unable to afford the new tax. It is hoped that the council tribunal will be very lenient with these people - the high and precipitous Bandi and Enduga-Bi areas do not support coffee, local vegetables and fruits are poor in comparison with those of the lower areas, and the first crops of pyrethrum are only now being harvested. Money is a scarce commodity - some men have areas of land lower down on the Waghi Flats and have a source of regular income, but such men are few.

10. At all taxpayers' meetings the benefits of the proposed rule, as compared with one tax rate for the Koronigl divisions and a separate (and lower) tax rate for Kup, were explained. It was socially desirable that the Kup people not be regarded as a lower class, a "poor cousin" being supported by the Koronigl peoples. The new tax rule will ensure an equitable project allocation of council funds to the Kup and Koronigl areas, which would not be possible if a lower tax rate applied to Kup.

11. At all meetings the people agreed with the benefits of the proposed rule but, as stated, the Bandi and Enduga peoples were wary and worried. The Kumai and Iunde peoples, now in a reasonable economic position, wholeheartedly endorsed the proposed rule, stating that the £2 rate was what was needed to get the Kup area moving.

12. At all rest houses the people gave their councillors their agreement to vote for the passing of the proposed tax rule - the Kumai and Iunde groups did so with enthusiasm, the Enduga and Bandi did so on the understanding that the council exercise leniency in their uneconomic areas when it came to collect taxes.

C. ATTITUDES (cont.)

The Kumai-Iunde Dispute.

13. The land dispute between the Kumai and Iunde groups at Karembal (detailed in Kerowagi Patrol Report No. 1 of 1963-64) now seems to be dormant. The pressure has been eased by the voluntary action of Lulmai Iaumau of Iunde and much of his line (sub-clan Erimaienggaglma) in departing Karembal for new areas of land near Minj, where many of Iaumau's Gumine relations are settled. In all, some 60-odd people of Erimaienggaglma (one-third of this sub-clan's population) have left for Minj with the possibility of even more going later this year. The area of traditionally-Kumai land held by Erimaienggaglma at Karembal (approximately two square miles) has been much-coveted by the Karembal Kumai groups in recent years, and was the crux of the dispute between the two tribes. Also, Lulmai Iaumau apparently had a personality which rubbed the Kumai headmen up the wrong way, so his voluntary departure early this year has eased the emotions and the land pressure. It is pleasing to note the friendly rapport between the Kumai and Iunde councillors now in charge at Karembal - Cr Tolya and Cr Au respectively. Prospects for the two groups now look good and the chances of the dispute flaring up again seem remote. But population pressures in the years ahead could alter the situation.

D. ROADS, BRIDGES AND AIRFIELDS.

14. In October, 1963, a road linking Kup Base Camp with the newly completed Waghi River Bridge at Kondiu was constructed. Since the bridge's opening earlier this year the road has seen much traffic, mainly through traffic to and from Minj (the road is an extension of the Minj-Kup road). It now takes only an hour's drive to reach Kup Base Camp from Kerowagi - compared with the previous 3-hour route via Minj. The road has numerous small bridges and culverts, now feeling the toll of traffic and in need of replacement, and at this stage could not be classed as a wet-weather road - a steep section several hundred yards long leading up to the Kup plateau needs surfacing.

15. Work has now commenced on the Kup-Genabona Road, which is expected to link all Kup rest houses and Neragaima Catholic Mission. From Neragaima it will proceed to join the new Dom-Genabona Road, which branches off the Kundiawa-Gumine Road. The Kup-Genabona Road will prove to be a vital artery for the Bandi and Enduga people in particular, providing access for Kundiawa and Kerowagi agricultural officers to purchase pyrethrum crops.

16. The Kup-Genabona Road is planned to commence from a point on the Minj-Kup Road near Gamar Aid Post, proceeding to Gamar rest house, thence to the rest houses of Karembal, Muru and Iuage. The route from Gamar to Iuage has not at the time of writing been surveyed, but should not present any difficulty - the country is not severe and there are some reasonably straight sections. The number of watercourses to be bridged is not excessive. From Iuage there is a steep climb to Bi which will prove difficult to survey. Limestone country is entered. The route has been pegged from Bi to Gurual to Moramambuno to Neragaima, on the Kup-Dom border. The country here is precipitous, with limestone in abundance, and the altitude varying between

D. ROADS, BRIDGES (cont.)

6,000 and 7,000 feet - the marking of the route has proven difficult. Roadwork has already been commenced in some sections - between Moramambuno and Neragaima - by the Bandi people. All Kup tribal groups are eager to commence work in their respective sections.

17. Earlier this year the present Waghi River suspension footbridge below Moruma was swept away by the swollen river, leaving only four slack heavy-gauge wires and broken supports on both banks. After investigation by Native Affairs officers it was decided that a winch would be needed to put the bridge back into working order and that P.W.D. might have to do the job. To the Kumai people on the southern bank of the river and the Dage (Kerowagi) people on the northern bank, this decision was unsatisfactory. They believed action by P.W.D. would not be quickly forthcoming, so they decided to do the job themselves without European assistance. To the Kumai, the Moruma Bridge is a necessary outlet for their tobacco crops - the bundles of tobacco leaf are carried over to the other side of the river where they are purchased by the Kerowagi agricultural officer. To the Dage, the bridge has no such economic importance. But with the opening of the Kerowagi Council soon to take place at Kup Base Camp, and the sing-sing and food-exchange tied in with the opening, the Dage were anxious to be able to cross to the Kup side of the river.

18. The reconstruction of the bridge was an engineering feat. The Dage lines worked on their side of the river, the Kumai on theirs. Huge timber uprights and crossbars were cut and dragged to the river banks and placed under the slack wires. By team strength the timbers were lifted into position, pushing up the heavy wires. The wires were then re-planked, using split casuarinas and vine lashings. Then woven vine hand-rails were fashioned and put into position. Stone and timber approaches to the bridge were re-made and the job was completed. The Kumai are selling their tobacco again and the Dage attended the council opening sing-sing en masse.

19. It is hoped that the present Moruma footbridge will soon be replaced by a permanent vehicular bridge.

E. AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK.

20. There are approximately 75,500 coffee trees in the Kup Census Division, owned by about 800 growers. Coffee is the main cash crop of the area. The best coffee is owned by the Kumai people, who live in the lower Kup regions; more than half of the Kup growers are Kumai. There are about 250 Bandi growers, but they own only small areas of coffee and the quality is poor due to the high altitude at which the Bandi live. Amongst the Enduga there are about 100 growers.

21. Second most important cash crop at the moment is tobacco - once again mainly the concern of the Kumai people. There are 10 acres of tobacco leaf on the Kup side of the Waghi Flats, and since January of this year the Kerowagi Agricultural Officer has spent approximately £394 in purchasing leaf from Kup (at 1/8d per pound).

E. AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK (cont.)

22. In the higher altitudes of Kup, pyrethrum is commencing to flower. There are now 70 planted acres of this new crop, of which 30 are now flowering. Purchases of Kup pyrethrum have been negligible to date, but recent purchases in the neighbouring Dom Census Division have caused some unrest amongst the Bandi and Enduga peoples. The Bandi and Enduga have been under the impression that the sale of pyrethrum would bring them a lucrative income, comparable to the sale of coffee. The low prices given to the Dom people have thus caused dismay. Paying price for pyrethrum is now 1/6d. per pound, and there is a lot of work involved in picking a pound of pyrethrum flowers.

23. On the Waghi Flats there is a native-owned cattle project under way, and once again the Kumai people are concerned. Six head of cattle have been purchased, the grazing area has been fenced, and the cattle are progressing well.

24. The Catholic Mission at Kup Has interests in coffee and cattle.

F. TRADE STORES.

25. There are no native-owned trade stores at present in Kup. One was in existence until only recently, but the owner has closed down and is preparing a new site on his own land at Gamar.

26. The Catholic Missions at Kup and Neragaima each have a small trade store situated on the mission leases, and B.R. Heagney has a flourishing store at Diramugl, near the Kondiu Bridge. Heagney is now negotiating to change the site of his store, hoping to place the new one on a Kup Road frontage. All above stores were inspected; licences to trade with natives were sighted and found to be in order.

G. MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

27. Aid Posts in Kup are situated at Moramambuno, Gurual, Bi, Iuage, Muru, Gamar and Kup. All were inspected; those at Moramambuno, Muru and Gamar were not satisfactory. Main complaint with the above is the state of deterioration of ward-beds. Village officials in each area were asked to see that the pit-pit & timber beds were replaced.

28. The large Aid Post at Kup Base Camp has several government doctor-boys, one Catholic lay nurse and one Mission Sister in charge. The Kup people have great faith in the work that this team has been doing.

29. The general health and cleanliness of the Kup people was found to be satisfactory. There were isolated cases where parents were rebuked for child negligence; and several people were sent to the Aid Post at Kup for treatment of minor complaints.

H. LAW AND JUSTICE.

30. A great number of minor disputes were heard during the patrol and all were settled.

I. MISSIONS.

31. Roman Catholic Mission stations in Kup are situated at Kup Base Camp and at Neragaima. Both have European Fathers in charge and the Catholic missions have great influence throughout the area.

32. The staff of the Kup Base Camp station consists of Father Bohlen, three Sisters of Mercy, and a lay nurse. Two of the Sisters teach at the mission's school, and the other works with the lay nurse at Kup Aid Post.

33. The Lutheran Mission also has several small stations throughout Kup, but has no Europeans in the area. The Catholic Mission has by far the major influence in this census division.

J. HIGHLAND LABOUR SCHEME.

34. No Highland Labour Scheme volunteers were accepted on this patrol.

35. Labour availability figures for the Kup are as follows:

33 1/3% of male (16-45) Labour Potential	:	655
Number of Able-bodied Men		
Absent at Time of Patrol	:	276
Number of Men Available for H.L.S.	:	379

K. BLUE ENSIGN.

36. The Blue Ensign was flown every day during the patrol, and lowered with due ceremony at sunset of each day.

L. EDUCATION.

37. No Government school exists at Kup. The Catholic Mission at Kup teaches to Standard III and is doing a commendable job. Classes are full, and all lessons are conducted in the English language. There are, of course, a number of Catholic and Lutheran mission schools teaching to preparatory standard scattered throughout the census division.

38. There is a great need for a Government school at Kup, and the people were outspoken in expressing this belief. There is one scheduled for Kup in a few year's time, but there is much impatience amongst the people. An area of land has been "marked" for the desired school at Gamar - a large area of the Gamar plateau with a frontage on the Minj-Kup Road.

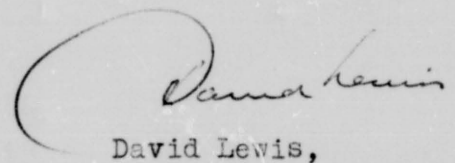
39. The people stated to me that the date marked for the Kup Government School (1968) was too far away, and that this date was fixed while the people were still "bush kanakas" - the Kup people are now in a council area, anxious for symbols of progress, and wish for the date to be revised and brought forward.

40. It should be noted that the "Students Absent From Village" figures compiled during this patrol do not present a true picture of the Number of Kup schoolchildren, since the census was partly revised during a school holiday period and most schoolchildren were able to line for census revision.

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M. CONCLUSION.

41. The people of Kup have welcomed the advent of local government to the area and are looking forward now to further progress. Tangible symbols of this progress - roads, government school, etc. - are eagerly awaited. The people are more than willing to do their share of work towards this progress, and have faith in the Kerowagi N.L.G. Council in assisting the area to "go ahead". But the Kup people seem very much unsure of themselves and believe that without European guidance they will flounder.



David Lewis,
Patrol Officer.
September 21, 1964.

APPENDIX "A".

TO ACCOMPANY KEROWAGI PATROL REPORT NO. OF 1964/65.

CENSUS AND STATISTICS, KUP CENSUS DIVISION.

POPULATION 1963 7,809
POPULATION 1964 7,915
POPULATION INCREASE 106

BIRTHS 250
DEATHS 119
NATURAL INCREASE: 131

MIGRATIONS OUT 151
MIGRATIONS IN 126
MIGRATORY DECREASE 25

thus, OVERALL INCREASE 106.

BIRTH RATE PER THOUSAND 31.58
PERCENTAGE BIRTH RATE 3.158
DEATH RATE PER THOUSAND 15.03
PERCENTAGE DEATH RATE 1.503
NATURAL INCREASE PER THOUSAND 16.55
PERCENTAGE NATURAL INCREASE 1.655

David Lewis,
Patrol Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of EASTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. KEROWAGI No. 7 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by ALAN JONES PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled THE CENSUS DIVISION OF WEST KOBONIA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans H. DEETS C.P.O.

Natives 2 POLICE

Duration—From 4 / 5 / 1965 to 14 / 5 / 1965

7 / 6 / 1965 to 11 / 6 / 1965

Number of Days 17 Days

Did Medical Assistant accompany? NO.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services SEPT. / 1964

Medical / / 19

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol LAND INVESTIGATIONS AND LAND MATTERS IN GENERAL.

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 £.....

67-13-77

2nd August, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
Eastern Highlands District,
GOROKA.

KOROWAGI PATROL REPORT Nos/64-65

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a Patrol Report
by Mr. Akins covered by your memo 67-3-2 of 2nd July, 1965.

2. Mr. Akins has accomplished the task set quite ably: No
further comments.

3. Your comments are noted.

(T.G. Aitchison)
A/DIRECTOR.



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District Office,
Chimbu Division,
Eastern Highlands District,
KUNDIWA.

2nd July, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,
KEROWAGI.

KEROWAGI PATROL No. 6

Receipt is acknowledged of a report covering the above patrol, submitted under cover of your 67-2-5 dated 22nd June, 1965.

You will note the number of this report and I request your records be amended accordingly.

The report was of a special nature and matters investigated are covered in separate correspondence.

Mr. Akins claim for camping allowance is returned for payment once funds become available.

L.J. DOOLAN
Deputy District Commissioner

Minute to:
The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Copy of report goes forward for your records.

L.J. DOOLAN
Deputy District Commissioner

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PATROL DIARY

Tues. 4th May, 1965.

0800 - 1530 Departed KUNDIAWA by L/Rover for KEROWAGI. Discussions with Mr CALCUTT re. patrol. Collected Mr Dred C.P.O. & proceeded to DENGE at 1600 hrs.

Wed. 5th May, 1965.

0800 - 1200 Held discussions re: land Resettlement in the DAGI Area, also enquired into disputes between DAGE 'MINNA' & DAGE 'YOGMBO'. People stated that they needed a day to bring these matters up with all concerned.

1300 - 1700 Business Lease DENGE. McGregor & Coleman Renewal. Did a survey of the block. Held discussions with the owners who were a little reluctant to renew the lease.

Thurs. 6th May, 1965.

Work interrupted by KEROWAGI COUNCIL Meeting. People holding own discussions about DAGE 'MINNA' & DAGE 'YOGMBO' dispute. Discussion with Mr Rectian re: KEWAMUGL Primary 'T' School. Completed Transfer of Land Documents.

Proceeded with Land Investigation Report for McGregor & Coleman Lease.

Fri. 7th May, 1965.

0800 - 1700 Lengthy discussions held with DAGE 'MINNA' & DAGE 'YOGMBO' people re: Land Dispute. The hearing of the dispute occupied most of the day; there being about 500 people in attendance. This afternoon held discussions re; Land Resettlement but so many arguments arose that talks had to be dropped.

Sat. 8th May, 1965.

0800 Further discussions with the owners of the DENGE land. Terms of renewal of lease altered considerably.

1000 Proceeded to AWAGI. Work held up in afternoon because of KEROWAGI COUNCIL Tax Patrol's arrival. Had discussions with owners of the AWAGI - L. Nolan Land.

Sun. 9th May, 1965.

OBSERVED AT AWAGI.

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PATROL DIARY (Cont'd)

Thu. 10th May, 1965.

0800 - 1000 Held discussions at AWAGI re; land & lease of L. NOLANS Store.
1000 - 1230 Proceeded from AWAGI to KUP.
1300 Had discussion with Catholic Priest re; native gardens being built on KUP airstrip.

1400 Discussions about the proposed Mission Hospital and the leasing of land to them. Walked the boundaries of the land known as KUP.

1730 Further discussion with the Mission Priest at KUP to ascertain what had been done previously about the land. Our files being a little incomplete.

Fri. 11th May, 1965.

0800 Discussion with owners of land known as 'KUP'. Did a chain & compass survey of the land. Boundaries were walked with all the owners. Started Land Investigation Report. Discussion with Mr Johns re; land value in the area. An assault case brought to me but referred to A.D.C. KEROWAGI. Surveyed the KUP Airstrip to find that the native gardens in question were just on the border of the airstrip. Mr CALOUTT arrived by L/Rover for short discussion. This evening started on the genealogy for owners of the land known as KUP.

Sat. 12th May, 1965.

0800 - 2000 Discussion held at KUP re; owners of the land known as KUP; proposed KEROWAGI COUNCIL HEALTH CENTRE site. Worked on the genealogy of people claiming ownership to the land.

Sun. 13th May, 1965.

0800 Proceeded to GAMAR. Heard two land disputes. GOLAGU CLAN Vs. KUTNAY CLAN and GOLAGU CLAN Vs. BONGAGU CLAN.

Mon. 14th May, 1965.

0800 Worked on the WIBIGANUM's Clan genealogy for the land known as KUP.
1100 L/Rover arrived to take the patrol back to KUNDIAWA.

PATROL

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PATROL DIARY (Cont'd)

Mon. 7th June, 1965.

0800 Preparing for another trip to KEROWAGI to hear land matters. On arrival had discussion with Mr GALCUTT re; his plans for the patrol. Departed KEROWAGI for KUP arriving in the afternoon.

Tue 8th June, 1965.

0800 Proceeded to GAMAR Rest House from where I walked to the MINJ boundary to inquire into the dispute between the KEROWAGI & MINJ people. The latter wanting to put a road through the farmers gardens. An agreement regarding compensation for gardens had to be arrived at.

Wed. 9th June, 1965.

At GAMAR - Proceeded to do a chain and compass survey of the land known as 'GAMAR'. Held discussions with those concerned in the dispute then proceeded to KUP.

Thu. 10th June, 1965.

Held discussions with the owners of the gardens through which the proposed road from the MINJ boundary to GAMAR Rest House will pass through. We arrived at a reasonable compensation price for the garden produce which will be damaged and people of the MINJ Subdistrict notified of these payments.

Fri. 11th June, 1965.

This morning proceeded to straighten out a few matters concerning the patrol report and awaited for the arrival of transport from KEROWAGI to pick me up.

Sat. 12th June, 1965.

Discussion with Mr GALCUTT re; land matters attended to during this patrol and informed him of the still outstanding matters. This afternoon proceeded to DENGE to carry out a chain & compass survey of a block which had previously been done incorrectly by an other officer.

Sun. 13th June, 1965.

OBSERVED.

Mon. 14th June, 1965.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY.

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PATROL DIARY (Cont'd)

15th June, 1965.

Proceeded to do a survey of a block of land known as 'MOGOGL' in the WEST KORONIGL Census Division. This land has been under dispute and a survey had to be done in order that an Application could be made to the Land Titles Commission.

16th June, 1965.

A full day spent preparing maps and plans for my patrol report.

17th June, 1965.

AS ABOVE.

18th June, 1965.

AS ABOVE. Completed patrol report and proceeded back to KUNDIANA.

END OF PATROL

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INTRODUCTION :-

The purpose of this patrol was to visit certain places in the KEROWAGI area which had outstanding land matters. Amongst these land matters were disputes, land investigations, applications for renewal of leases and various other small matters which were attended to during the patrol.

The outstanding land matters were no where near completed and it will be necessary for another patrol to go out and deal specifically with these matters.

As soon as the people of the area heard that the purpose of the patrol was purely to enquire into land matters the patrol was met by many groups and individuals who had land problems both small and large.

It was found that land to the people of this area is a very important aspect of their life, for throughout the patrol it was continually being emphasised to me that there was not an abundance of good land for commercial crops to be had.

Of late there seems to have developed in the area a resentment towards European operated trade stores. On two occasions I was approached by councillors of the KEROWAGI Local Government Council asking that I do something to have these stores removed. I believe that this attitude has developed as a result of the competition the European Stores are providing local stores owned by councillors.

The patrol was favourably met in all places that it visited. No new Anthropological data was discovered but it is interesting to note that the people of the KUP area trace their origin to a snake.

Sub-District Office,

KUNDIWA.

18th June, 1965.

The Assistant District Commissioner,

KEROWAGI.

LAND MATTERS--KEROWAGI AREA.

1. Herewith please find report on an investigation of land matters in the KeroWagi Sub-District.
2. Half of this patrol was done in the company of Mr. Dreiss G.P.O. who was instructed in the methods of carrying out land investigations etc.
3. This patrol was broken for 3 weeks in order that I take over as Advisor to the Yonggamugi Local Govt. Council, and spent 2 weeks in the Gomeil area supervising road work and the construction of the Clerk's house and a rest house for myself.
4. Due to staff shortage at KeroWagi and the increasing number of outstanding land matters there; I was sent from Kundiwa only for the purpose of this patrol to help in trying to clear up some of these matters. Therefore, as I was instructed to deal only with land matters for this special patrol it was felt that there was no need for me to submit a formal patrol report.

KEWAMUGI PRIMARY "T" SCHOOL.

3. While at DENGE the documents for the "Transfer of Land by a Native to the Administration" were completed and it was found that the owners of the land had already been paid. This completed the sale of land to the Administration.

BUSINESS LEASE - "DENGE" MCGREGOR & COLEMAN IA 7647

6. On inquiry into whether or not the 3 owners (who were all present) of this land, wanted a renewal of the lease, it was found that they had mixed feelings about the matter. At first it was brought to my notice that a Councillor who owned a store no more than 100yds. from the one in question was bringing a certain amount of pressure to bear on the owners of the land to try to get the stores removed for it was providing a little too much competition for him.

7. Degenl acting as spokesman for the 2 other owners of the land requested that the store be removed from their ground.

8. He stated that when there was only a store at Kerowagi it was a good thing for the people to have the (DENGE) store. Now that there are several other stores in the area he wishes to have the store removed.

9. Further questioning revealed that the 3 men wished to use the store building for a store of their own. They seemed to feel that the building should remain without payment from them, as additional payment for the use of their ground.

10. Apparently BOINA-KONMA acted as the agent for these men when initial negotiation began. At the time none of the 3 owners were present and were allegedly unaware of BOINA'S actions.

11. After talking over this matter of renewing the lease again the three men decided that they would allow the renewal of the lease on the following conditions.

1. That they receive payment of £5.0.0 per year.
2. The contract be made for a maximum of 5 years.
3. The store owners considerably enlarge the existing store and stock a larger range of goods.

12. A fresh Land Investigation Report, locality sketch and survey plan was done for the block and is attached herewith.

13. Buildings at present on the land are a small corrugated iron and wood store and one kumai and pit pit house for the store man.

14. All were in agreement that the following were the three owners of the land.

KUMAN - KUA

KONMA - KUA

DEGENI- WI

15. These 3 owners were all present at the time of the investigation.

NATIVE LAND DISPUTE DAGE "YOGMBO" & DAGE "MINNA"

16. Councillor TEI acting as spokesman for the DAGE "YOGMBO" group stated that his line didn't really have a dispute with the DAGE "MINNA's" but the only dispute that was currently causing friction between the two groups was started when a member of the "YOGMBO" line built a house on a piece of land known as "MOGOGL" which P.O.'s for many years have told the two groups that they mustn't build or garden on this particular piece of land in question.

17. This piece of land is bounded by two water-courses and for many years the ownership of it has been in dispute.

18. I was told that the boundary dividing the two lines is quite well known, having been decided upon by a P.O. somewhere around 1957. I believe that the "YOGMBO" line have most of the choice gardening land on the WAGI flats but seeing the plight the "MINNA'S" were in regarding their shortage of good gardening land decided to allow the latter group the right to make their gardens both subsistence and commercial on some of the flat land near the WAGI RIVER.

19. Now I believe that some of the DAGE "YOGMBO" who have seen the success that the "MINNA'S" have had with their cash crops and the money they are making on this land are becoming a little upset about the present situation. I was told by some of the Councillors that things are not as really bad as they sound. Most people belonging to the two lines realize that they are closely related and are quite willing to continue together in both subsistence and commercial enterprises.

LAND RESETTLEMENT - DAGE GROUP.

20. Discussions with the "DAGE" people both at DENGE and ANAGI were extensive regarding the projected land alienation of these people for the exclusive use of a resettlement programme for CHIMBU people only.

21. It was explained to the people that the idea of this land alienation was so that CHIMBU people in the more populated areas who were without land might be allocated small blocks on which they could carry out any form of subsistence or commercial gardening that they desired.

22. Having established that the people fully understood what this land alienation was about I sought their agreement on allocating some land for this purpose.

23. There were at least 500 odd people at the meetings I held and at times throughout the discussion groups broke into violent outbursts of conversation, which nearly resulted in riot. The people impressed upon me that they were suffering from a terrific population pressure in the area and could not see how their children were going to be able to make a livelihood from the existing land if the population continued to increase.

24. Coffee is becoming increasingly important in this area as it is on this crop that the economy of the people is based. More and more people are becoming involved in the production of this crop and see a shortage of land arising from any increase in the planting of Coffee.

25. For the above reasons the people of the DAGE group feel that they cannot afford to part with any of their land as even now there are many disputes arising over boundaries and small pieces of ground which to them are quite significant.

26. The peoples reaction was such that I feel that it would be quite difficult to get these people to agree to a projected land alienation even if it was strictly for the purpose of resettling CHIMBU people only.

BUSINESS LEASE - "ANAGI" - NOLAN.

27. It appears that the lease for this land expired in 1960. Since then the present permanent materials building has been left vacant. Recently the owners of the store began restocking it and are presently carrying on business as normal.

28. There was very little on file in KEROWASI regarding this store and as far as I know there has been no application for the renewal of the lease.

29. During the next patrol I believe a fresh land investigation report is going to be carried out for this land known as "ANAGI".

30. During discussions with the people about the renewal of the lease for this store, councillor TBI had a great deal to say, even though he is not an owner of the land. As at "DENGGE", the councillor of the area was exerting a fair amount of pressure on the owners of the land to have the stores removal.

31. It appears that the owners of the land are :-

- RENGE - ABA
- DILU - ABAX
- AGAI - ABA
- YAUNDO - ABA
- MONDO - ABA
- WILE - ABA
- KURIKI - TI

who were all in agreement that the store should remain and that a fresh licence be issued for it.

NATIVE LAND DISPUTE - GOLAGU Clan Vs. KUTNAI Clan - GAMAR

32. Through mutual agreement and a handshake the leaders of these two clans have decided to abandon their dispute. The land the KUTNAI Clan now occupy is not very large in area and the GOLAGU Clan have decided to relinquish their claim to the land.

The two leaders who arrived at this agreement were BOMBA - YEMBE (GOLAGU Clan) and HIA - TUNI (KUTNAI Clan)

33. The real argument arose because many years ago ancestors of the GOLAGU Clan gave this small section of land to the KUTNAI Clan but since, the KUTNAI Clan haven't been reciprocating the generosity of the GOLAGU with their women as much as they should have.

34. The both clans have agreed that if they let this land matter die there would be a lot more intermarriage between the two groups.

SPECIAL PURPOSE LEASE - KUP - CATHOLIC MISSION - LA3538 6NG

35. Attached as an appendix to this patrol report please find a Land Investigation Report for the land known as 'KUP'.

36. Originally this land was applied for by the Catholic Mission KUP but between the time the application was made and the Land Investigation Report carried out the owners of the land had decided against giving more land to the mission and have decided that the KEROWASI COUNCIL should purchase it for exactly the same project; the building of an aid post with hospital.

37. The Council have taken this project up and materials for it are now starting to arrive at the site of the present aid post at KUP.

38. The actual site for the proposed aid post is very conveniently located at KUP; having a road from KEROWASI through to NIW passing through the land.

39. It is also very conveniently located in relation to KUP airstrip which is no more than half a mile from the aid post by good road.

KUP AIRSTRIP

40. It was brought to my notice by the Catholic Mission Priest at KUP that the natives in the area were starting to build their gardens on the end of the airstrip which he claimed was part of the airstrip lease.

41. I investigated this matter at his request and found after having resurveyed the airstrip with a chain that the gardens in question were actually sweet potato gardens on the very border of the strip. The people concerned were told that they mustn't encroach any further onto the strip and that any further gardens built near the airstrip must contain only sweet potato & or other small crops which would not hazard at all the clear approach of any aircraft.

42. The airstrip at KUP is 1,100 yards in length and is practically alongside the present Catholic Mission land holding and very near the proposed hospital there.

NATIVE LAND DISPUTE - GOLAGU Clan Vs BONMAGU Clan - GAMAR

43. I have attached as an appendix to this report an Application and all relevant material pertaining to land disputes to be sent to the Land Titles Commission in order that they settle this land matter.

44. I thought I may have been able to settle this dispute through mutual agreement of the parties concerned so spent some time with the two clans listening to their claims of ownership to the land.

45. There was much heated argument about this piece of land known as 'GAMAR' and from the differing stories that were told to me it was very hard to get a true picture of who would be the rightful owner to the land.

46. It was claimed by the GOLAGU Clan that their forefathers were the first to settle on this land. The BONMAGU Clan claim that they intermarried with the GOLAGU's and so they both ~~settled~~ decided to occupy the same piece of land. The BONMAGU's planted their gardens and casuarinas, cut them down and replanted again and then left the land to lie idle for a period. When the BONMAGU Clan began clearing the land once again the GOLAGU Clan began arguing as to really had rights to the block.

ROAD SURVEY - MINJ BOUNDARY to GAMAR REST HOUSE

47. I completed a survey of a road from the MINJ boundary to meet the main road at GAMAR Rest House. This road is being constructed by the MINJ people but the road will cut through several gardens belonging to the KEROWAGI people. The only condition on which the KEROWAGI people will allow this road to go through is that they receive some compensation for damage done to their gardens.

48. The MINJ people agreed quite readily to pay compensation to the KEROWAGI's as they stated that this road was going to benefit them immensely. They stated that they would first approach District Office in MINJ to see if they

could get any aid from the money point of view to assist them to pay the compensation. Failing that they would pay the compensation for the gardens out of their own pocket. A list of garden owners and the produce contained therein is as follows:-

- BBO - OGIN 26 Bananas 1 Fruit Tree
 7 Marita 1 Tapiok
 2 Small Casuarinas 1 Sugar Cane
 2 Large Casuarinas 1 Sweet Potato Garden @ £3
- BOMAI - KOMBUK 2 Sweet Potato Gardens 1 @ £2 & 1 @ 15/-
- BIASL - WIGLGE 7 Sugar Cane
 10 Banana
 1 Sweet Potato Garden @ 10/-
- BURA - KABAGL 11 Casuarinas
- BISIPI - WIGLGE 4 Large Coffee Trees
- BOMIA - BARIOL 7 Large Coffee Trees
 3 Small Casuarinas
- BIH - WIGLGE 5 Large Casuarinas
 10 Marita
 1 Sweet Potato Garden @ £2-10-0
- BUNUN - WIGLGE 36 Small Coffee Trees
 1 Casuarina
- BAUSA - KAIM 11 Marita

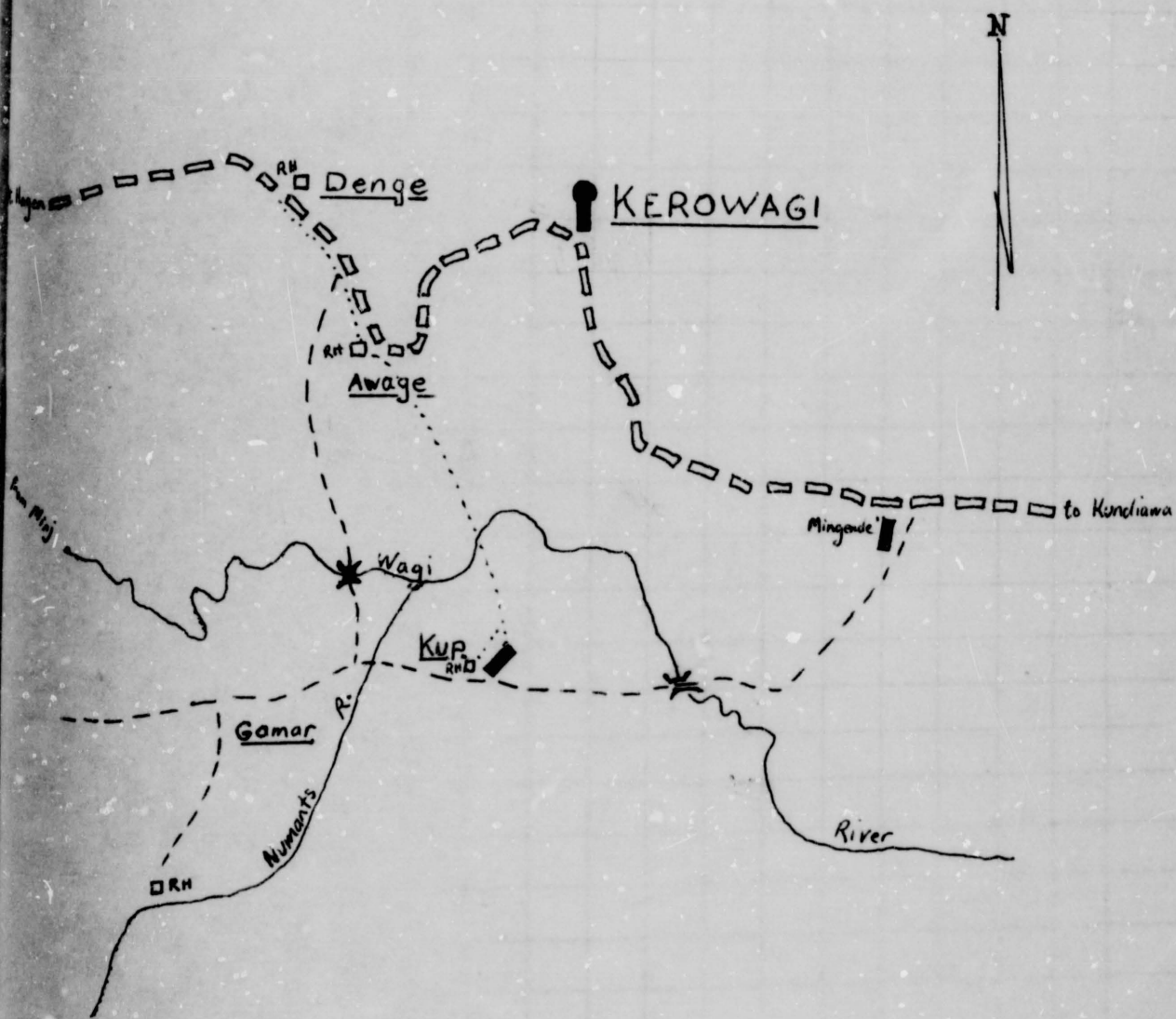
The rates for the payment of compensation were decided as follows:-

Bananas	2/- a stick
Marita	5/- ea.
Small Casuarinas	3/- ea.
Large Casuarinas	5/- ea.
Sugar Cane	2/- ea.
Fruit Tree	1/- ea.
Tapiok	1/- ea.
Small Coffee	3/- ea.
Large Coffee	10/- ea.

The rates for the sweet potato gardens were decided on the spot and are above with the owners of the garden.

John P.O.

Patrol Route
West Koronigi & Kup
Census Divisions



Schedule

Highlands Highway	
Minor Roads	
Patrol Route	
Airstrips	
Rest Houses	

Scale: 1" = 2 miles