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CHINBUL PROVINCE

GIRNINE 1969 - 70.

2A. 1969/70 T. BAKER SALT CENSUS DIVISION.

DISTRICT OFFICER  
KUNDIAWA



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## PATROL REPORT

District of CHIHBURU Report No. 24 of 1969/70

Patrol Conducted by J. RAKER P.O.

Area Patrolled SALT CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans P. McGILL APO

2 MEMBERS R.P.N.G.C. 1 INTERPRETER

Natives.....

Duration—From 31/10/69/19 to 26/11/69/19

Number of Days 27

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 6/8/1969

Medical 9/1969

Map Reference MELIGI GOOKA, KOURUMI, KANTAWA

Objects of Patrol CO-PATRITION-TAX/CENSUS SHEETS, ROAD SUPERVISION,

POLITICAL EDUCATION, PUBLICISE PROSPECTING AUTHORITY

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ / 19 District Commissioner

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

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

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

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District Office,  
Chimbu District,  
KUNDIWA.

R/V  
22nd January, 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
GUMINE.

GUMINE PATROL REPORT NO. 2A of 1969/70  
P. McGILL, A.P.O.

Thank you for Mr. McGill's report, which I have read as supplementary to that submitted by Mr. Baker.

I will retain a copy here but will return the others to you rather than forward them to Headquarters.

When forwarding first reports from junior officers, make certain in future that statements such as that contained in Page 6, Law and Order, with reference to the Nomane murder, do not escape your attention.

It is preferable to make no reference to the mechanics of a police investigation unless the patrol report is a special report actually covering a murder investigation.

At time of writing, the Political Education Officer has just received two film strips related to Council Tax and Members of the House of Assembly. Presumably there are many more copies of these available. Titles are "WOK BILONG KAUNSIL TAKIS" and "WES MAN BILONG IUMI".

Mr. McGill has submitted an excellent first report, and I look forward to his next submission.

(L.J. DOOLAN)  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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Department of the Administrator,

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Division  
Sub-District Office,  
GUMINE  
Chimbu District.

67-1-1

12th January 1970.

District Commissioner,  
Chimbu District,  
KUNDIWA.

GUMINE PATROL REPORT NO. 2A of 1969/70

Attached please find the above report submitted by A.P.O. McGill.  
As this was Mr. McGill's first patrol he was requested to submit a report as a  
training exercise. The full report on the patrol has been submitted by Mr. Baker,  
refer my 67-1-1 of 12/1/70.

Mr. McGill is to be congratulated on the submission of his first  
Patrol Report, it is concise and shows that he took notice of what was happening  
around him. It is hoped that future reports will be of the same standard.

For your information, please.

  
G.J. Reid.  
Assistant District Commissioner.

Report Number: Cumine 24 of 1969/70  
Sub-District: Cumine  
District: Chimbu  
Non Council Area:  
Patrol Conducted by: Joseph A. Baker Patrol Officer  
Area Patrolled: Salt Census Division  
Personell Accompanying:  
Const. 1st Class Corawa  
Const. Komogui  
Interpreter Sime Bimere  
Duration of Patrol: 31/10/69 to 26/11/69 27 days  
Objects of Patrol:  
Read Supervision  
Political Education  
Publicise Prospecting Authority  
Last Patrol to Area: D.P.A. 6/8/69 to 4/9/69  
Population of Area Patrolled: 8,386  
Map Reference: Milinch Coroka, Fourmil Marimui  
Village population register not enclosed.

PATROL DIARY

- 31.10.69 0730 Preparing for patrol 11/5 Left Cumine per Toyota, heavy rain started 1300 stopped by major landslides (2) at Olui. As no villagers could be located, walked to Olui and talked to Councillors told them to fix the road early next morning. Slept Olui.
- 1.11.69 0730 Supervised work on road. 1030 road cleared - car came from Cumine. Two more landslides on route - arrived Nomane 1500. Slept Nomane.
- 2.11.69 Sunday - rested Nomane.
- 3.11.69 0800 Arbitrations etc. with P.O. Mr Baker. Afternoon visited hospital being built, also prepared for forthcoming patrol. Slept Nomane.
- 4.11.69 0900 Left Nomane for Dulai inspecting road en route 1130 arrived Dulai, paid carriers. Afternoon - discussions with people and compilation of Tax Census Sheets. Slept Dulai.
- 5.11.69 0900 Census 1645 sat in on local court with P.O. Mr Baker. Slept Dulai.
- 6.11.69 0800 Census 1430 completed 1530 discussions with people on local government. Slept Dulai.
- 7.11.69 0800 - 1200 Dulai to Kilau. Afternoon sat in on local arbitrations. Slept Kilau.
- 8.11.69 0800 - 1745 Census.
- 9.11.69 Sunday rested Kilau.
- 10.11.69 0800 - 1645 Supervision of labour on Kilau Mogiagi road. At night showed strip films to villagers. Slept Kilau.
- 11.11.69 0830 - 1630 Census. 1630 Sat in on local courts and arbitrations. At night showed strip films to villagers. Slept Kilau.
- 12.11.69 0830 - 1000 Kilau to Mogiagi. Discussions with people 1330 - 1710 Census. At night showed strip films to villagers. Slept Mogiagi.
- 13.11.69 0900 - 1730 Census. Slept Mogiagi.
- 14.11.69 0830 - 1800 Sat in on local courts and arbitrations. Slept Mogiagi.
- 15.11.69 0830 - 1215 Departed Mogiagi for Oinima. Discussions with villagers. Slept Oinima.
- 16.11.69 Sunday. Rested Oinima.
- 17.11.69 0900 - 1730 Census. At night showed strip films to villagers. Slept Oinima.

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PATROL DIARY

18.11.69      0900 Census 1600 Sat in on local courts and arbitrations.  
                  Slept Oinima.

19.11.69      0830 - 0930 Oinima to Yobai. Meeting with villagers 1230 - 1730  
                  Census. Slept Yobai.

20.11.69      0830 - 1700 Census. Slept Yobai.

21.11.69      0900 - 1500 Sat in on local courts and arbitrations. A note was  
                  received from Const. Boki ( Nomane ) that a woman had been  
                  murdered. 1830 - 2110 Return to Nomane by car.

END OF PATROL

2110 - 2330 Accompanied P.O. Mr Baker with questioning of  
                  suspect Kal Kauba.

22.11.69      A.M. Taking statements on death of Bomai Keba. Body, witnesses  
                  and Const. Boki sent to Gumeine. P.M. Erected radio aerial  
                  for new Nomane radio. Slept Nomane.

23.11.69      Sunday - rested Nomane.

24.11.69      0630 prepared gear for move to Cerema. 0830 - 1135 Nomane to  
                  Gerema. P.M. Searched suspect's house etc. 1730 Patrol  
                  joined by L/Cpl. Borane and Const. Boki. Slept Gerema.

25.11.69      0900 left Cerema for Nomane 1035 Location of body reached -  
                  area searched - nothing found. 1230 Arrived Nomane.  
                  P.M. Accompanied P.O. Mr Baker with taking of statements.  
                  Slept Nomane.

26.11.69      A.M. Supervised clearing of land at Nomane. P.M. Packed  
                  gear and waited for car from Gumeine. 1645 - 2130 Nomane to  
                  Gumeine.

SITUATION REPORT

1.

POLITICAL

The main talks with the people were the establishment of the SALT - NOMANE Local Government Council. At each rest house a talk was given in the local dialect by the village representative who recently returned from the Political Education Tour of the District. The Tour was composed of village representatives from the Salt and Nomane Census Divisions who travelled through the Chimbu District visiting Councils seeing how they operated and attending meetings. While the representative was giving his speech, most of the people appeared to be interested and a few questions were asked at the end of each talk.

Because of the area's remoteness and transport difficulties the Salt Census Division ( and Nomane Census Division ) are behind other areas in community development. The people realize that with the establishment of the proposed Council, the money they pay in taxes will be spent in their local area thus improving aid post services and schools. Although the people may talk about the proposed Council it is doubtful if they will understand the mechanics of the Council.

The people do not understand the work of the House of Assembly and as yet they cannot see a Council in action. One object of the patrol was to show strip films ( see Miscellaneous ) to the people. One of these films showed the people how their votes were counted etc. when an election had been completed. It is doubtful if the message was conveyed to everyone although a few of the younger people ( 12 - 15 ) seemed to understand. When the novelty of looking at strip films subsides ( if the practise of using them is continued ) then their Political Education value could become quite substantial.

ECONOMIC

The only economy of the area is the selling of coffee plus a minor income from selling vegetables and firewood to the various Missions. All the rest houses in the Salt Census Division have a suitable climate for the growing of coffee - it is noticeable by the different standards of living where the more prosperous areas are. Oinima and Kilau, having large populations and situated close to the feeder road have an abundance of European clothes (mainly men), umbrellas, sunglasses etc. whereas the small village of Mogiagi which is far away from the road and has only a small population had a noticeable lack of money.

A new cash crop has been introduced and supported by the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries - this is the growing of passionfruit. The seedlings are being distributed by the Dept. of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries and the latest figures available are :-

Kilau..... 19,495 seedlings

Yobai..... 3,225 "

Oinima..... 6,810 "

Distribution was started in July, 1969 and it is hoped that the people will be able to sell their first produce in 1970/71. Cottee's have agreed to buy the passionfruit for as long as the road remains open. This is the only obstacle that causes difficulty as the road is frequently closed because of landslides. The situation will improve with a proposed road near Dulai through to Chuave, though this road will not be finished for many years.

The areas around Yobai and Oinima would be suitable for cattle grazing but because of transport difficulties no projects are encouraged.

The Dept. of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries are also distributing a small number of vegetable seeds e.g. onions, cabbage, carrots, peas and beans. This food is a variation in diet for the people and any food that is not eaten can be sold to the Missions or bought to Cumine for selling to the Government Station - although this can only provide a meagre income for the grower until the food could be grown in commercial quantities and once again transport to markets improved.

To help the people the Dept. of Agriculture, Stock and

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Fisheries will try to establish an Agricultural Base Camp at Oinima in 1970/71 under the control of a Rural Development Assistant - however there are no definite plans at this stage.

3.

SOCIAL

Education - There are three Primary 'T' Schools in the Salt Census Division. Two Administration and one Mission. The Mission School is located at Banewere and has an expatriate priest in charge. The Administration schools are situated at Oinima and Kilau - it is hoped to have this last school expanded next year. At the moment it caters for only one preparatory class. All schools are of a poor standard and all are constructed ~~EX~~ from bush materials.

Missions - The three main Missionary bodies in the Salt Census Division are the Roman Catholic's, Lutherans and Seventh Day Adventists.

There are many Bible Schools and bush material churches throughout the Census Division. The most influential of the missions would be the Roman Catholics especially with ~~EX~~ their running of the Primary 'T' School at Banewere.

There is a European family at Oinima financed by the Summer Institute of Linguistics but no church has been provided.

Health - A Health Patrol visited the area in ~~EX~~ September to give Penicillin and antibiotic shots against the recent influenza epidemic. All villagers appear to have returned to normal now although some deaths had occurred since the visit of the Health Patrol.

The Public Health Department have plans to establish an Aid Post at Gugu. This village is situated between Oinima and Kilau and will serve quite a large area of population, it is hoped to have this station established in early 1971.

Law and Order - As usual the courts and arbitrations during the patrol involved either pigs, land or women.

At the end of the patrol a murder had been committed at Nomane. On searching of the suspect's and other houses (at Gerema in the Nomane Census Division) a pack of playing cards (made from cardboard) was found hidden in each of the three men houses' searched. All were destroyed. In another of the houses searched a small bilum of poison was found and was taken back to Nomane.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Strip Films - For the first time in the Salt Census Division strip films were shown ~~FOR THE FIRST TIME~~ by a D.O.A. Patrol. Although the films were not the most suitable e.g. A history of boats, Road making with heavy machinery and a three part film on the Northern Territory of Australia, they were avidly watched. The film that received the most reaction was a "How To Vote" film, which showed the people what happened to their votes after they had been put in the ballot box. Another reason that it received so much reaction was that it showed natives in some of the main roles.

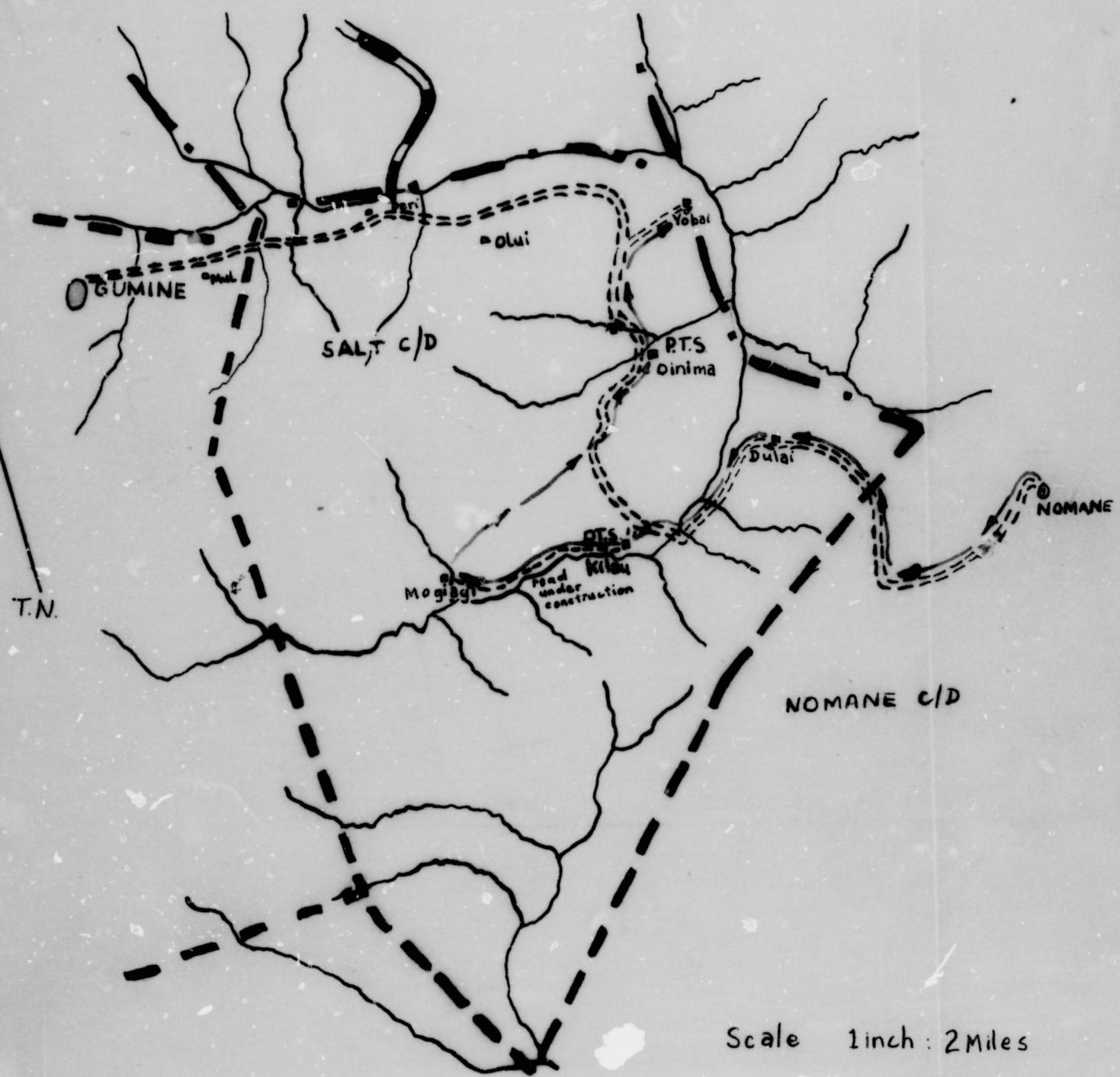
All the films were appreciated by the people to the extent that they wanted the pictures to go on even though rain was falling. These films will be invaluable in expanding the peoples' Political Education, especially if more suitable films could be made available.

Kilau - Mogiagi Road - One of the objects of the patrol was to supervise construction on the Kilau - Mogiagi road. Because of the recent Influenza epidemic the people have been unable to allocate the necessary time needed to complete the road, it is thought that now the road will not be finished before March, 1970.

The road will be an invaluable link bringing ~~THESE~~ these people (from Mogiagi) into greater contact with other areas. The road is also the first stage of a proposed road through to Karimui - which is in the early stages of planning now.

Peter T. McGill

Assistant Patrol Officer



Scale 1 inch : 2 Miles

- Sub-District Headquarters.
- Base Camp.
- Rest House
- Patrol Route.