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PATROL REPORTS SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT

NIPA 1963/64

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
1-63/64	P. J. Barber	Part Nembi Census Division
2-63/64	P. J. Barber	Wage Census Division
3-63/64	A. S. Wright	Nipa Basin Census Division
4-63/64	P. J. Barber	Margarima Census Division
5-63/64	A. S. Wright	Nipa Basin Census Division
7-63/64	A. S. Wright	Part Nipa Basin Census Div
10-63/64	W. R. Read	Magarima Census Division
12-63/64	W. R. Read	Wage and parts Nipa and Nembi Census Divisions
13-63/64	P. J. Barber	Magarima Census Division
14-63/64	W. R. Read	Wage and small part Nipa Basin Census Divisions
15-63/64	W. R. Read	Nembi Census Division
17-63/64	W. R. Read	Margarima Census Division



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District Office,  
Mandi.  
Southern Highlands District.

14th August, 1963.

Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office,  
Mandi.

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 1963/64.

Thank you for the abovementioned Report which  
was received on the 25th ult.

No comment is required as Mandi Patrol Report  
No. 3 of 1963/64 has been submitted.

Claim for Camping Allowance duly funded returned  
herewith.

*(Signature)*  
(A. C. Jefferies.)  
District Officer.

c.c.

Officer-in-Charge,  
Patrol Post.  
Mandi.

Minute to:

Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.

For your information please.

*Native a  
auka Hahab  
17/10/63*

*(Signature)*  
(A. C. Jefferies.)  
District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 67-2-3

Patrol Post,  
N I P A ,  
Southern Highlands District.

14th. July, 1963.

Assistant District Officer,  
Mendi Sub-District,  
M E N D I .

N I P A PATROL REPORT NO. 1 of 1963/64.

Patrol Conducted By	: Peter J. Barber, P.O.
Patrol Accompanied by	: 9 members R.P.N.G.C. 1 Interpreter 1 Hospital Orderly 37 Carriers.
Area Patrolled	: Uba-Kim-Samin area of Nembu C.D.
Duration	: 8/7/63 to 10/7/63 3 days
Objects	: Investigation of reported assault and riot at Uba.
Map	: Sketch map attached.

*Peter J. Barber*  
Peter J. Barber, P.O.

INTRODUCTION.

The purpose of this patrol was to investigate a report of assault and violent rioting at UBA in the Mendri Census Division. It had been reported that the UBA Village Constable had sustained severe wounds and that the area was in a state of unrest. Prompt action was considered necessary as this area is still trouble spot and the people have not responded too well to our ministrations in the past.

DIARY.

JULY, 1963

8th : Departed Mipa 1005 - via Wolal, Injip, Font - arriving Semin 1200. Talks with Tobus, Lomo, Semin Village Constables re situation at UBA. Slept Semin.

9th : Departed Semin 0630. Arrived Uba 0940 after searching several hamlets on the way. Bit of questioning to ascertain position. Departed for Kam. Met Mendri Patrol, led by the District Officer, half way. Returned to UBA. Discussions. Questioning of Uba, Kam, Tobus, Lomo, Semin and Patun Village Constables. Court of Native Matters held. Food purchased from Uba and Pumberal people. Slept Uba.

10th : Waiting for Kam people to appear. Departed Uba 0830 - via Merut-Semin area, Font, Ebil, Injip, Wolal arriving station 1500.

ENDS PATROL



REPORT.

On the 4th. July, 1963, I received a report from the TOBUA and ENIP Village Constables that the UBA Village Constable, PE, had been attacked and had been shot at with arrows and been unmercifully beaten by a combined UBA-KUM group. They also maintained that the area was seething with unrest and that the Kum, Uba, Petum groups were rioting.

Later that same day I informed the District Officer, Mr. A.C. Jefferies, of this report and it was decided that as the position could be serious it warranted a strong patrol and investigation.

When I arrived at Semin I was informed by the two Semin Village Constables and by the Iomo Village Constable that the Uba and Kum people were preparing for a full scale fight and that they intended killing my policemen and carriers and trapping me up and returning me to Nipa.

Upon reaching the Uba area and visiting outlying hamlets it gradually became apparent that these people were not preparing to do battle and were, in several cases, taken completely by surprise by our presence.

I proceeded to Uba resthouse where I was met by PE. He was in good shape and had only one cut on his head.

After making enquiries I departed intending to visit Kum but met the District Officer halfway and we returned to Uba where investigations were completed.

Mr. Jefferies will be giving a full report on this so mine shall be brief.

The investigation revealed that the reports were grossly exaggerated. There had indeed been a scuffling and a few blows directed at PE, and also a minor riot but the blame may be fairly laid at PE's feet.

It seems that he was trying to force the locals to build houses for the Capuchin Mission which they were disinclined to do. So he took a Mother-of-Pearl shell from one of his group and in the ensuing struggle to get the shell back it was broken. Then he went off to another section of the community to enlist aid, saw a woman leading a small pig along, asked where her husband was and upon learning that he was assisting the KUM Village Constable to build a fence PE beat the pig to death. The pig belonged to the Kum Village Constable and was only being cared for by this Uba man.

Anyway this caused the following actions which led to PE being set down, his garden being trampled, exaggerated reports and our presence. Actually the killing of this pig was the last straw as far as the KUM people were concerned who have contained themselves very well after several similar acts by PE.

It will be noted that my remarks in Patrol Report No. 6-62/63 (NIPA) ~~indicated~~ indicated that I was not happy with the situation at UBA and that I remarked it should be watched. Nothing really serious resulted but it may well have developed into a nasty situation. The action taken can only have beneficial results as once again these people saw that we have not forgotten them and that we will investigate reports of unrest.

*H. J. ...*

*Peter J. Barber*  
Peter J. Barber, P.O.







TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS NIPA Report No. 2 of 1963/64

Patrol Conducted by PETER J. BARBER, P.O.

Area Patrolled WAGE CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

6 members R.P.N.G.C. Natives 1 INTERPRETER

Duration—From 2/8/1963 to 13/8/1963

Number of Days 12

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services APRIL/1963

Medical ?????????/19????????

Map Reference Southern Highlands District and Report no. 9-62/63 maps

Objects of Patrol 1. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION 2. INITIAL HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY PROPAGANDA.

Director of Native Affairs, 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 .....



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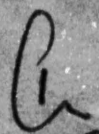
4th December, 1963.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
NSW.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2-1963/C - NIA.

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report and covering comment is acknowledged with thanks.

The general situation appears to be satisfactory and I am gratified to note that the propaganda for the House of Assembly was well received by the people - I agree it must be rather difficult for them to envisage this new political development.

  
(J. K. McCarthy),  
Director.

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RWB:HHK.  
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Sub-District Office,  
Southern Highlands District.  
MENDI.

30th September, 1963.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL NO. 2 OF 1963/64.

Attached hereto please find 2 copies of a report on the above patrol as submitted by P. J. Barber, Patrol Officer Grade 1. The report covers a patrol to the Wage Census Division.

The native situation as reported by Mr. Barber is satisfactory for the amount of contact this Division has had and from the report it would appear that the situation is indeed improving. The fact that the people are more and more bringing disputes to the attention of our patrols is indicative of this. Also the fact that the people are travelling so far to sell their produce and are keen to accept payment in cash is a pleasing development.

Propaganda on the new House of Assembly was well received by the people but it must be rather difficult for them to envisage this new political development.

A well conducted patrol.

(R. W. Blaikie.)  
Assistant District Officer.

c.c.  
Officer-in-Charge,  
NIPA.

Director D.N.A. Korojebu

Yours man 67-15-10 of the list in  
para. 1 refer.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
D.O.  
18/10/63

67-15-10

4th November, 1963.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
LENDI.

WIPA PATROL NO. 2-53/63

The above report has been received. It is noted that it was held by the Assistant District Officer, Lendi for more than a month, apparently without explanation. No copy of the Assistant District Officer's remarks were sent to me.

A circular on various aspects of the House of Assembly elections will be distributed shortly.

  
(J.E. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR

67.15.10

AGJ:BP.

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District Office,  
Mendi.  
Southern Highlands District.

4th October, 1963.

Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office.  
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 2 of 1963/64.

Thank you for the above mentioned Report which was received on the 10th ult.

I note that the Patrol stood down on the 13th August and that the Report was forwarded to you on the 20th August, but that it was not forwarded from your Office until the 11th September, a delay of one month. These delays are quite unnecessary, unfair to the Patrolling Officer and detract from the usefulness of the Report.

The native situation seems to be quite satisfactory considering the degree of contact. However, I agree with Mr. Barber that regular and frequent patrolling is necessary to bring the people into line with other parts of the Mendi Sub-District.

Taking Court action against the recalcitrant <sup>part</sup> people of KAWARI, HEBINJA, PINJIP and UNGURI should have a salutary effect.

In view of Mr. Barber's comments on the need for more talks on the House of Assembly elections you should issue clear and definite instructions to the new Officer-in-Charge, Nipa concerning this all important aspect of his field duties and from your background knowledge of your Sub-District, assist him to prepare a patrol programme for his administrative area.

A well conducted Patrol, camping claim returned under separate cover.

*[Signature]*  
(A. G. Jefferies.)  
District Officer.

Minute to:

Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded for your information please.

*Necessary extract made  
for file 51-1-20.*

*[Signature]*  
(A. G. Jefferies.)  
District Officer.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 67-2-3

Patrol Post,  
N I P A ,  
Southern Highlands District.

20th. August, 1963.

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

N I P A PATROL REPORT No. 2 of 1963/64.

Patrol Conducted by : PETER J. BARBER, PATROL OFFICER.  
Accompanied by : 6 R.P.N.O.C.  
1 INTERPRETER  
40 CARRIERS.  
Area Patrolled : WAGE CENSUS DIVISION.  
Duration : 2/8/63 to 13/8/63 .  
12 days.  
Objects : 1. Initial House of Assembly propaganda.  
2. Routine Administration. etc.  
Map : S.H. District map refers and P.R. No. 9-62/63  
map refers.

  
Peter J. Barber, P.O.

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INTRODUCTION.

The purposes of this patrol were to further stress the Administration's aims and requirements, to present the initial House of Assembly propaganda, routine administration etc. For consolidation and general settling down purposes I felt it was most important that this patrol should take place in August or, at the latest, September.

DIARY.

August:

- 2nd. Departed Nipa 1030 - via Methodist Mission - arriving Arop 1215. Camped. Food purchased. Talks with locals. Patrol settling down. Slept Arop.
- 3rd. Departed 0810. Arrived Hebinja 1045. Fair while for people to materialise. Food purchased. Talks and advised to attend in strength tomorrow morning. Slept Hebinja.
- 4th. Most present. Talks re attitude, sanitation and H of A. General talks. Departed 0930 arriving Kawari 1000. People set to work preparing place. Self inspecting area and Injasujal. All groups assembled Kawari. Quick talk and food purchased. Bridge repairs. Four complaints and C.N.M. Slept PINJIP.
- 5th. Three groups assembled. General talks and pep talk. Departed 1020 arriving Ungubi 1330. Place not in very good shape. People preparing place. Raining from 1400. Food purchased and place cleaned up. Talks with locals and C.N.M. Slept Ungubi.
- 6th. General talks and pep talk. Departed 0930 arriving Halalinja 0955. Area inspected. People assembled. Place etc. in good shape. General talks and discussions. Departed 1100 arriving Hombila 1145. Place and surrounds inspected - good. All present and talks. Plenty food purchased. Three complaints. Slept Hombila.
- 7th. General talks etc. Departed 1125 arriving Sebiba 1220. Area inspection - good. Talks with Obal, Henep, Injahanis and Hulal men. Talks with locals and food purchased. Three complaints heard and straightened out. Slept Sebiba.
- 8th. General talks. Departed Sebiba 1000 arriving 1025. Much improved. Area inspection - very fair. Talks with locals. Plenty food purchased. Three complaints and one C.N.M. Slept Obal.
- 9th. General talks etc. Departed 1030 arriving Hulal 1140. Place in good shape. All present. General talks etc. Departed Hulal 1250 arriving Henep 1300. Area inspection - good. Talks with locals. Food purchased. No complaints. Slept Henep.
- 10th. General talks etc. Departed 1130 arriving Ombal 1140. Area inspection - good. Food purchased. Many complaints and one C.N.M. Slept Ombal.
- 11th. General talks etc. Departed 1020 arriving Injahanis 1050. All assembled. General talks etc. Departed 1200 arriving Songura 1215. Area inspection - good. Food purchased. Four complaints heard. Slept Songura.
- 12th. General talks etc. Departed 1005 arriving Solapem 1020. Area inspection - good. Food purchased. General talks etc. One complaint and one C.N.M. Slept Solapem.
- 13th. Bit more free advice to locals and departed 0815 - via Songura, Woiya, Suma, Soi - arriving Nipa 1115.

ENDS PATROL.

## NATIVE AFFAIRS.

I am still less than satisfied with the attitude of these people situated between Hebinja and Ungubi. I found that little had been done to walking tracks, living areas or patrol accomodation since I was last there. The exception was Injasujal who are doing a good job on everything. Kawari, Hebinja, Pinjip and Ungubi have little excuse for not getting on with it. Certainly they are working at Nipa occasionally but this causes little inconvenience and consumes barely any of their time.

Accordingly several men were goled under the Regulations -Reg. 101(4). I feel quite sure that this action was opportune and the results will be most noticeable to the next patrol. Already the Kawari Village Constable has been to the station reporting progress which sounds as if it is quite reasonable. ~~The~~

The Hombila-Sebiba/Hulal conflict arises from pre-Government enmity and should be watched closely. The argument concerns pandanus trees mainly but manifests itself in many ways: a killing of a Sebiba dog here, the disappearance of a Hombila pig there and harsh words all over the place. Both groups evidently appreciated impartial arbitration and their differences of opinion are settled temporarily but should be watched.

Both these groups have individually proved most cooperative and their housing, tracks, sanitation are as good as any but one has the feeling that they both are trying to con the Government into settling their old grudges and fight their old fights for them.

The Obal group too need watching. They are accused of extracting from Injasujal several pigs and shells by claiming they had my approval and permission. These items so extracted have been returned and court action is pending the appearance of two Kawari men. The matter is well in hand. However, the overall improvement at Obal was most gratifying.

Quite a few complaints were presented for settlement which indicates to me that the people of this area are becoming confident in the Administration's ability to settle satisfactorily local disputes. It seems they are starting to appreciate the impartial arbitration and C.M.N., that they are settling down and that our talks re aims and requirements are being heard and, to some degree, understood.

Once again I am pleased with the general attitude and atmosphere in this Division.

I previously reported that Solapem, Injahanis and Songura men were working on the Nipa airstrip in order that they may earn some money. Now Hebinja, Kawari, Pinjip, Injahanis, Ungubi and Hombila men are coming and will soon be joined by Halalinja, Sebiba, Ombal and Henep.

In addition to this in the past few days those Wage groups have deluged me with vast quantities of local foods in answer to the section of my general talks which dealt with the importance of money. That these people-men, women, children-have travelled so far carrying their kankau indicates a most pleasing prevailing attitude which can be maintained and developed given the chance.

The only discordant note was the neglect of instructions at Kawari, Pinjip, Hebinja and Ungubi but reports since then indicate much activity in these places and I should be most surprised if these groups haven't brought their areas up to standard by next visit. Generally, then, the situation in the Wage is good and improving but cannot be left alone for too long.

### VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

These men are performing their duties with more efficiency all the time. The school held at Nipa during July no doubt has assisted by giving them a definite idea of their duties and also a degree of confidence in their ability to carry them out. With more experience and tuition I feel most of these men will be first rate material.

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### HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Initial propaganda dealing with the why, what, when and how in regard to the House of Assembly was given to each group. They seemed quite interested but it will take quite a deal more talk before they have any full appreciation and grasp about it. The importance and significance of this development can only be taught by repetition. At the moment there is only one Government to these people, and only one place outside their own local area - Nipa.

However, I think a good start has been made.

A highly probable local candidate, FONE Fumbi of INWIP (Nipa Basin) accompanied the patrol and has, no doubt, benefitted by doing so.

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### WALKING TRACKS.

The tracks in the Wage are first rate. The only complaint that may be justified would be in regard to the up/down nature of the country. The Hebitje-Ungubi section should be up to standard very soon.

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### REST HOUSES.

Good throughout. Kawari is the only unit without one but this is being constructed now. Injarul and Chial have constructed new ones and all patrol accommodation is generally very good.

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### MISSION.

No additional activity to that reported after my last visit.

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### MEDICAL & HEALTH.

No serious sickness was reported or found. All groups from Ungubi to Solapen have made giant strides to complete by previous instructions. Latrines and rubbish pits are evident everywhere; cane grass and rubbish has been removed from the immediate vicinity of each house. Drainage is to follow and, perhaps, the next instruction should include preparation and use of cemeteries and separate pig sheds.

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CONCLUSION

Continued and increased participation in station airstrip work and sale of local foods have brought several Wage groups into quite frequent contact with other (Nipa) groups and Government employees. I confidently expect the volume of such visits to increase appreciably from now on and also that more groups will participate.

The Wage people are in a most receptive frame of mind at this moment and will, I'm sure, become most useful citizens if we keep regular contact with them. We cannot neglect them now and we must retain firm control or they will slip back and the answer remains - regular regular patrolling.



Peter J. Barber, P.O.

STORES TAKEN ON PATROL

ITEM	Amount Taken on Patrol	HOW ISSUED					Amount Returned to Store
		Issues to Police	Issues to Carriers	Payment of Carriers	Purchase of Food	Hire of Canoes	
V.S.C							17-8-1
CARRIERS							20-16
CAMPING ALLOWANCE		P.O.					5-15
"	"	INTERPRETER					1-13
					TOTAL		245-12-7



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. NIPA 3 of 1963/64.

Patrol Conducted by A. S. BRIGHT, C.P.A.C.

Area Patrolled NIPA - BIKUPI NIPA BASTI G/D.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

4 R.P. N.G.C.

Netives 1

16 CARRIERS

Duration—From 5/8/1962 to 28/8/1962 (Broken Periods)

Number of Days 21

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 6/1962

Medical 1/1962

Map Reference SEE MAP ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol 1. ROAD CONSTRUCTION, 2. CHAIN AND COMPASS SURVEY OF ROAD, 3. TRUST HOUSE CONSTRUCTION, 4. RECORDING OF LAND DISPUTES, 5. ROUWINE.

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 ...

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: 67-15-11

Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU. Papua.

18th November, 1963 .

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

PATROL NO. 3-63/64

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of :-

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\* Patrol Report No. 3-63/64 NIPA

covering Patrol by ..A.S. WRIGHT.....CPO.....

*W*  
(J. K. McCarthy).  
DIRECTOR.

\* Delete as necessary.



67. 15 .11

ACJ:BP.

67-3-4



District Office,  
Mendi.  
Southern Highlands District.

4th October, 1963.

Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office,  
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL NO. 3 of 1963/64.

Thank you for the above mentioned Report which was received on the 30th ult.

Again I note an unnecessary delay in forwarding from your office, i.e. the Report was posted on the 4th September and forwarded by you to me on the 30th.

Mr. Wright has carried out a first class Patrol. The road link between Mendi and Nipa is most necessary because not only will it open up an area containing approximately 16,000 people, i.e. UNDIRI and LAI Valley Divisions but it will provide a vehicular road link between District, Sub-District and Patrol Post; to date not one Station in the Southern Highlands is connected by vehicular road to District Headquarters and no Patrol Post in Mendi Sub-District is linked to Sub-District Headquarters.

The difficulty in keeping the people to pegged routes is fully appreciated and firm action must be taken on all future occasions where the people disregard the surveyed route. Regular patrolling and the cutting of a "Bench" are the only real solution.

I agree with you that at this stage the people of FOKK should continue to be administered from Mendi. With the extension of Local Government into the LAI these people may want to remain within the KIP Group.

Progress in the NIPA area continues to be sound and the various Officers concerned are to be congratulated.

Camping Claim has been forwarded under separate cover.

(A. G. Jaffaries.)  
District Officer.

Minute to:  
Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBJ.

Forwarded for your information please.

(A. G. Jaffaries.)  
District Officer.

*Tank*



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 67-2-3

Patrol Post,  
N.I.P.A.  
Southern Highlands District  
30 th. August, 1963.

Mr. A.S. Wright,  
The Assistant District Officer,  
MENDI Sub-District,  
M E N D I.

PLEASE REPLY TO: NIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 2 of 1963-64.

Patrol Conducted by: A.S. WRIGHT, C.P.O.

Accompanied by: 4 R.P. & N.G.C.  
1 INTERPRETER

(1) Road clearing and construction: 16 CARREIERS - 8 days.

Area Patrolled: NIPA - STUBBI, NIPA BASIS, CESESE DIVISION

Duration: 5/8/63 to 22/8/63; 26/8/63 to 28/8/63.

(3) Construction of road: 21 Patrol Days. See sketch map attached.

Subjects of Patrol:  
1. Supervision of road clearing and construction.  
2. Continuation of chain and compass survey of road route.  
3. Construction of Rest House and Barracks at TUBIDUAL.

4. Registration of land disputes.  
5. Routine Administration.

As you will know there is an enormous amount of work to be done on this road and not much staff to supervise such work. So make the most of this chance to get the work started.

As your NIPA plans are due in Port Moresby and your Nipa Basis patrol is pending please write your plans so that you will return to Mendi on or about 20th. August. Upon your return you will have a clear idea of what to expect report etc.

*A.S. Wright*  
A.S. WRIGHT, C.P.O.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 67-2-2,

Patrol Post,  
NIPA,  
Southern Highlands Dist,  
2nd. August, 1963.

Mr. A.S. Wright,  
Cadet Patrol Officer,  
NIPA.

INSTRUCTIONS NIPA PATROL NO. 3-63/64.

Please conclude all necessary preparations and be ready to depart for Mulis - Shumbi on 5th. August, 1963.

Four members of the Nipa R.P.N.G.C. Detachment have been instructed to accompany you.

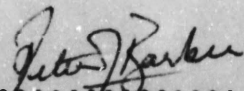
The purposes of this patrol are:

- (1) Road clearing and construction Nipa - Shumbi;
- (2) Continuation and, preferably, completion, of chain and compass survey of this section of the road.
- (3) Construction of Rest House at TUNDUMAL which is the centre of activity of the clearing at the Shumbi end.
- (4) Investigation, registration, survey of all Land Disputes in the area: I believe there are two at Shumbi and two small ones at Egenda.
- (5) Routine Administration.

I have been advised by some of the locals and by Mr. Jefferies, D.O., that the road route pegs put in by Mr. Lucas have since been moved or ignored by the local workers. These will have to be found or replaced where this is the case. Unfortunately this is a common practice in this area and must be contended with.

As you well know there is an enormous amount of work to be done on this road and not much staff to supervise such work. So make the most of this chance to get the work swinging.

As your ASOPA exams are due in September/October and your Nipa Basin patrol is pending please make your plans so that you will return to Nipa on or about 29th. August. Upon your return you will have 4 clear days in which to submit your report etc.

  
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(Peter. J. Barber)  
Patrol Officer in Charge.

INTRODUCTION.

This patrol had five main tasks:-

- a) Road clearing and construction, Mipa - Shumbi area;
- b) Continuation of chain and compass survey of the road route;
- c) Continue construction of Rest House and Barracks at Tundumal;
- d) Registration of Land Disputes in the area;
- e) Routine Administration.

PATROL DIARY.

August, 1963.

- 5th. Patrol gear readied. Departed Mipa 1030 for Mulis, inspecting roadwork by PULIM and EREP groups on the way. Arrived Mulis R/H at 1200. Rain - inspected nearby work after rain finished. Talks with locals after work and arranged for women to carry kuniel to Tundumal to-morrow.
- 6th. Carriers sent to Tundumal to carry on with Rest House construction. Self to supervise road clearing by Egenda group, found they had departed from the pegged route. Put them back on the right track. Back to Mulis at noon and off to supervise Erep mob until 1630. Pop talk to Erep workers and arrived Mulis 1700.
- 7th. Heavy rain started at 0630 and continued until 1000, drizzling until 1400. Word sent out at 0900 cancelling roadwork and advising that all would be required to work to-morrow. After the rain cleared, I pegged the road from the base of Mulis mountain to the last cut section of road near Mulis R/H (this section was not pegged by Patrol 6-62/63 because of rain). One dispute settled.
- 8th. On top to supervise Egenda. Discovered that a lot of the grade pegs were missing. At 1300 off to supervise Erep until 1545, when steady rain set in. Talk given to men. Arrived Mulis 1610 and talks to assembled Egenda men re roadwork, necessity of leaving grade pegs alone etc.
- 9th. Parties to Egenda - Mulis land dispute arrived at 0800 and I went to inspect the land in question. Returned to Mulis R/H at 1100. Statements taken from both parties until 1230. V.C. of SOE arrived complaining that the V.C. of MAPKEBOL and the V.CHR. of MELIA had indecently assaulted his wife. Investigated this, but no witnesses, will look into it further at Shumbi. At 1330 to base of mountain to re-peg road, where marks had been removed. Drenching rain at 1500 interrupted this and continued all afternoon.
- 10th. Departed Mulis at 0815 for Shumbi via Tundumal. Main party in direct to Shumbi. Self stayed at Tundumal for a couple of hours to supervise Police Barracks construction, thence to Shumbi. Large group assembled at Shumbi - talk given re roadwork and told them land disputes would be investigated next week. Several minor disputes settled.
- 11th. Sunday - observed at Shumbi.
- 12th. Supervision of Shumbi, Mapkebol, Mankabon and Meia groups cutting road around Shumbi mountain. Further investigations into indecent assault. Talks with locals when work finished at 1700.
- 13th. Further enquiries into alleged indecent assault. Thence supervision of road construction above Shumbi R/H. Section of road re-pegged. Heavy rain at 1400 later easing but causing interruptions to work throughout afternoon. Heavy again at 1545 and work finished for the day.
- 14th. Supervision and direction of road construction around

PATROL DIARY (Cont.)

- 14th. Shumbi mountain. All concerned in indecent assault sent to Mipa for C.N.M. action with Police escort. All grade pegs checked to top of mountain replacing pegs where necessary. Rain at 1500 which continued so all sent home at 1600 after talk re pegs etc.
- 15th. Away at 0800 to investigate two land disputes. One concerned land known as HIN, near Shumbi-Mapebol walking track. Thence up a vertical mountain to look at the other, known as TAGOLI. Returned to Shumbi about 1300. 1400 to 1545 taking statements from all involved in land disputes. Minor disputes.
- 16th. Started off towards HOBOLT/WOMK land dispute, but driving rain at 0830 forced us to return. Heard the claims of both parties until the rain cleared and then went to inspect the land, known as WAFIM. Following this I did a chain and compass survey from HOBOLT Creek (virtually the boundary between Mipa and Mendi territory) to the place where I commenced the survey (Patrol Report Mipa No. 7-62/63 refers). Returned Shumbi 1430. More rain, talk and disputes.
- 17th. Cargo to Tundumal camp. Self continued chain and compass survey from top of Shumbi mountain to last cleared section of road route below Tundumal camp (PEANK Creek), finishing at 1100. Dispute from Gugup (LAT Valley) settled. Work on Rest House. Police Barracks now completed. Complaint from Shumbi man re a pig being stolen under investigation.
- 18th. Sunday. All day engaged on rest house construction.
- 19th. At Tundumal - supervision of clearing of road route by Shumbi, Mapebol etc. groups. Carriers working on rest house. Work finished at 1645 and various disputes and talk.
- 20th. RAIN! Cleared at 0945 and work commenced on the road. Work continued on rest house construction. Light misty rain throughout day and work finished at 1615 as steady rain fell. Talked to the locals after work.
- 21st. Glorious day. Road clearing supervision and work on rest house. Big complaint settled. Some spades and picks issued after work and a lengthy talk to the roadworkers re necessity of continuing the maximum effort on road work etc. Finished at 1715.
- 22nd. Departed Tundumal at 0815. Cargo and Police escort followed walking track to Mipa. Self and Police via vehicle road route most of the way to the mountain above Milla's R/V. Thence re-pegged the road down to the bottom of the mountain thence to Mipa arriving at 1200. Office duties in afternoon.
- 23rd. to  
25th. At Mipa. Station and office duties.
- 26th. Scheds. Departed station at 0845, supervised Pulim work for a while, thence re-pegged road where necessary between Pulim and Erep work until 1530. Supervised Erep until 1600 thence to Pulim until 1630 and arrived at station at 1700. P.O.C. returned ex Mendi with 6300 for the road.
- 27th. Counting advance for roadworkers. Left station at 0900 and distributed pay to Pulim workers. Thence to Erep work - handed out their pay and then supervised the work. Rain interruptions. Back to Pulim work and commenced chain and compass survey from there to Mipa, arriving at 1700.
- 28th. Counting out cash for roadwork. Off at 0900, words of advice to Pulim and Erep workers and thence to Milla's R/V where the Erep, Shumbi and Mapebol workers had gathered.

DAILY DIARY (Contd)

26th. Paged these people and delivered a rousing speech on roadwork. At 1200 commenced chain and compass survey from below Mulis R/H and continued to where Ereg are working. Had lunch and supervised here, then continued survey through the bush. Drenching rain but finished to the place where I commenced yesterday at 1614. Walked back to the station in pouring rain, arriving about 1645. Patrol stood down.

WIPS PATROL

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The native situation remains good in this area. The people are generally quite responsive to requests made by Patrols and seem pleased when we arrive for a stay. This attitude is more apparent at Shumbi than at Mulis.

There has been a noticeable improvement in the general appearance and tidiness of living areas and ceremonial grounds, particularly at Eenda as a result of instructions given by Wipa Patrol No. 9-62/63.

As usual at Shumbi numerous minor disputes were brought to me for settlement, including some from Lal Valley groups.

The Village Constable of Mapkebol and the Village Councillor of Maia were sent to Wipa during the course of this patrol for C.N.M. action and are both currently in the Wipa gaol as a result of indecently assaulting the wife of the Village Constable of SGI (Wipa Basin). This offence was committed at Mapkebol whilst the patrol was at Mulis.

I was approached by the Village Councillor of POK, who requested on behalf of his group, that they be administered from Wipa instead of Mendi. They claim relationships with the Egenda group and point out that their land, houses, gardens and ceremonial grounds are on the Shumbi side of Bomol Creek, quite close to Shumbi Rest House and not so close to Wip, where they now appear for census. It appears, at least in the local people's view, that the boundary between Mendi and Wipa territory is Bomol Creek. The Village Councillor states that his group want to Wip to be censused prior to Wipa Patrol Post being established but that now they wish to be included in the Wipa Administrative Area. He also added that his people wish to assist the Shumbi men on their section of the Wipa - Mendi road as the POK group have almost completed their section. These requests are submitted for your information and comment.

The people of this area are displaying an increasing desire to earn money and will carry kau-kaui to Wipa from Shumbi and even Mapkebol in order to earn some cash.

To sum up, the native situation is very satisfactory and appears to me to be improving all the time.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

The Egenda group are still engaged in clearing the road route pegged by Wipa Patrol No. 6-62/63. They should complete this work in about a month's time. They have done a fairly good job, being slowed down at first by thickly timbered country around the mountainside, above Mulis Rest House. They are now making good progress through pit-pit country. However they will shortly be working in forest country again.

Unfortunately they haven't worried much about our grade pegs and many were missing. I found it necessary to re-survey the section around the mountain above Mulis Rest House. I also surveyed the section from near Mulis R/H to the base of the mountain, this small section was not pegged by Patrol 6-62/63. The Egenda men had also departed from the pegged route completely, because they felt

CONSTRUCTION (Cont.)

that their route was better, but it involved impossible grades and they were put back on the right track without much wasted effort.

I spent some time supervising the Erep group, who are building the road in the Eganda area and are working towards Nipa, whilst the Fulir group are working from the Nipa end towards the Erep section. This section has not been progressing well lately, but work was speeded up during our visit and I hope it will not be too long before the road is completed between Nipa and Malis.

The Shumbi and Lai Valley groups (Makkebol, Mukebor, Neia) had cleared the road route as far as Tundumal and had returned to cutting the road around Shumbi mountain. This latter work was supervised for one working week (three days), which was as well because I found that these people had not been cutting the road strictly to the grade pegs, resulting in impossible grades, but these sections were corrected and the importance of sticking to the pegs was again impressed on the people.

The following week I moved to Tundumal and the Shumbi and Lai Valley groups were started again on clearing the road route from Tundumal towards their boundary with Eganda.

I believe the clearing of the road route is important as not only does it allow for the chain and compass survey to be continued, it also means that there soon will be a permanent scar on the country side, which will remain throughout the many months of road construction to come.

Once again the importance of not disturbing grade pegs and of following them strictly has been impressed on all groups and it is hoped that more notice is taken from now on in this regard. Grade pegs were checked and some sections were re-pegged, including around Shumbi mountain and also around Malis mountain.

Towards the end of the patrol £300 was allocated to this work and I distributed approximately half of this money to all groups as a progress payment. This should raise the morale of the roadworkers and provide more incentive to get on with the job. Of course £300 is not sufficient for a project of this magnitude and it is to be hoped that further funds can be made available as well as spades and other equipment.

CHAIN AND COMPASS SURVEY.

The chain and compass survey was continued from the top of Shumbi mountain as far as Tundumal Rest Camp. The section from Homol Creek (virtually the Mendi/Nipa boundary) to the place where I started the survey (Patrol 7-62/63) was also completed this trip as this section of road is now almost completed. The section from Malis to Nipa was surveyed this time too.

To date the survey has revealed that the road route distance between Homol Creek and Peank Creek (Tundumal) is about four miles, almost two miles of this having been already constructed. The constructed road is from Homol Creek to almost 1/3rd. of the way up Shumbi mountain.

Near Homol Creek on both the Nipa and Mendi sides, the people have departed from the pegged route. I believe the section on the Nipa side can be corrected without re-routing the road substantially, but on the Mendi side the grades look quite impossible. I understand Mr. A.C. Jefferies, D.C., instructed the people to return to the pegged route when he passed through this area on a recent patrol and I repeated this advice to them.

The chain and compass survey from Malis (near the R/W) to Nipa revealed that the total distance is four miles, 693 yards of which only 1/4 mile remains uncut.

REST HOUSE AND POLICE BARRACKS CONSTRUCTION.

The Police Barracks, construction of which started during Patrol No. 7-62/63, was completely finished.

The Rest House was also completed apart from a few odd jobs.

LAND DISPUTES.

One land dispute in the Egenda/Mulis area was brought to me, investigated and recorded.

Two disputes involving the Nassan (Shambi) group were also recorded.

A fourth dispute involving the Eobolt and Wonk sub-groups of the Kip group (Mendi area) was also investigated as the land in question is easily accessible from Shambi and from what I can ascertain this dispute has not yet been recorded by a Mendi officer.

Details of these land disputes will be forwarded under separate cover to the Assistant District Officer, Mendi.

Tempers flared during the investigation of some of these disputes, but I made it quite clear that no decision would be made by me (or any other D.F.A. officer) other than that those at present in occupation of the disputed land would remain in occupation until a Lands Commissioner reached a final decision. Everyone seemed quite happy about this, but no doubt these disputes will be brought up again and again until a Lands Commissioner finally hears them.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

The village officials are doing quite a reasonable job in this area.

The gaoling of the Mapkebol Village Constable and the Meia Councillor has been dealt with under the Native Affairs section of this report.

MISSION ACTIVITY.

The only mission activity detected in this area is the recent erection of a mission building at Egenda, by the Capuchin Mission.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

Nothing unusual noted in this field. A couple of men who were injured during roadwork were sent to the Nipa Aid Post for treatment.

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK.

The main activity in this area is, of course, the cultivation of sweet potato, plus a few supplementary crops. Ample quantities of good sized sweet potato were offered to the patrol for purchase at all times.

Numerous pigs roam around this area busily engaged in digging up newly constructed road.



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CONCLUSION.

This patrol arrived at a most opportune time as far as road construction is concerned. Grade pegs were missing in many places and the pegged route had been completely abandoned by the Egenda group. These things were corrected and supervision and advice was given to all groups in the area. It will be necessary for officers to check on grade pegs during future road patrol.

As the Egenda, Shumbi and Lai Valley groups will be occupied clearing the road route for some time, it should not be necessary to provide supervision for this work. I think they clearly understand the necessity of following the pegged route and leaving pegs undisturbed, now.

There is a tremendous amount of work ahead in cutting the road between Malis and Shumbi and it will keep the relatively small labour force busy for many, many months.

The chain and compass survey has progressed as far as is practicable at this stage and will be completed when the road route is cleared. At present it is impossible to conduct an accurate chain and compass survey through the thick bush and forest between Tundamal and Malis.

Details of land disputes have now been recorded.

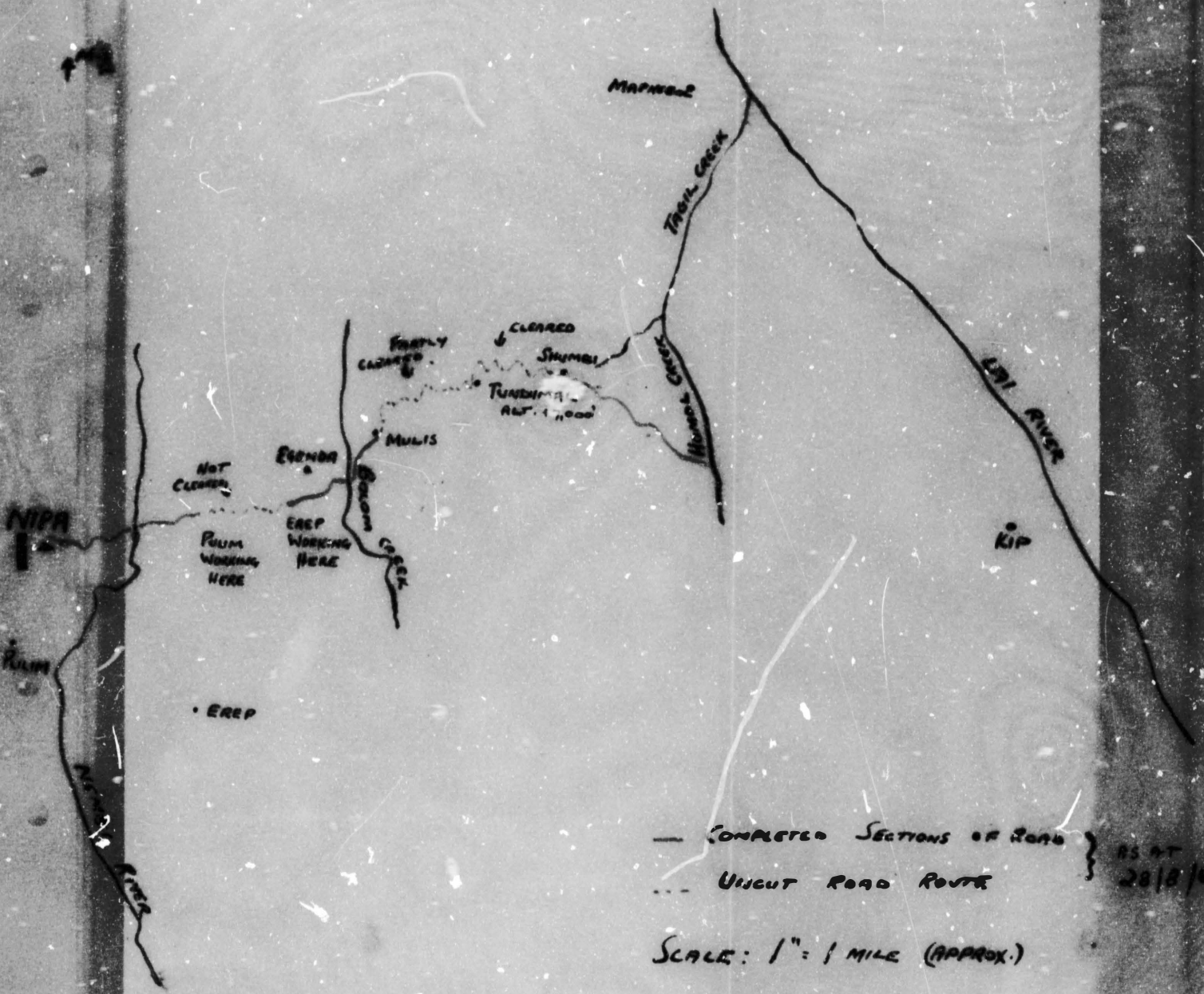
I hope to provide some more supervision of the road work during my Nipa Basin House of Assembly propaganda and routine administration patrol, in this month (September). It may also be possible to complete the chain and compass survey, if road clearing has progressed sufficiently.

On the whole I believe the objects of the patrol have been achieved and that a good deal of useful work was completed during the course of the patrol.

Comments on R.P.C. & G.C. personnel accompanying the patrol have been entered in their Records of Service and Forms BS1 have been forwarded to the Commissioner of Police, TORONTO.

*A.S. Wright*  
A.S. WRIGHT, C.P.O.

NIPA SECTION OF NIPA - MENDI VEHICLE ROAD







TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS NIPA Report No. 14 63/64

Patrol Conducted by PETER J. BARBER, PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled MARGARIMA CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 6 members R.P.N.G.C. 1 INTERPRETER  
1 HOSPITAL ORDERLY CARRIERS.

Duration--From 29./8./1963 to 11./9./1963

Number of Days 14

Di' Medical Assistant Accompany? no NO

Last Patrol to Area by--District Services JAYX/1963

Medical ??????????????????

Map Reference S.H. District and Report 9/62/63 maps refer.

Objects of Patrol 1. HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY EDUCATION. 2. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.  
3. PURCHASE LAND "NUMAIDIA".

Director of Native Affairs,  
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 ... ..  
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Ref: 67-15-12

Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU. Papua.

18th November, 19 63.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

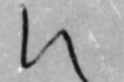
PATROL NO. 4-63/64

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of :-

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\* Patrol Report No. 4-63/64 EIPA

covering Patrol by ....P.J..BARBER...P.O.....

  
(J. K. McCarthy). 7  
DIRECTOR.

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District Office,  
Mendi.  
Southern Highlands District.

4th October, 1963.

Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office.  
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 4 OF 1963/64.

Thank you for the above mentioned Report which was received on the 30th September. The response to the House of Assembly propaganda is common to all areas. However, during my Patrol from Magarima to Tari (memo 51-4-1 of the 10th September, 1963, to the Director refers.), Village Constable NIABE of BIBI gave me a very clear exposition of the forthcoming elections and expressed the desire of the people living in the semi-circle of Villages North West to North East of Magarima to put forward one representative for their Group. I consider this proposition most significant in view of the shortness of contact with these people.

With regard to the establishment of a Patrol Post at Magarima, the Director of Native Affairs has clearly stated that it is not his intention to establish a Post at Magarima at this juncture. The large population administered from NIPA is fully appreciated but I do not consider that the establishment of a Post at Magarima would serve a useful purpose at the present stage of development. Also it should be remembered that with the establishment of a vehicular road between Nipa and Magarima, then the latter area would be about one hours drive - 16/20 miles.

The complaints concerning the Methodist Mission should be treated with caution - I am inclined to the view that this could well be a case of an attempt to influence the Administration against the Mission - its an old trick. However, the matter will be taken up with the District Commissioner.

A useful Patrol.

(A. C. Jefferies.)  
District Officer.

Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded for your information please.

(A. C. Jefferies.)  
District Officer.

RWB:HHK.

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Sub-District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

30th September, 1963.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

KIPA PATROL NO 4 OF 1963/64.

Attached hereto please find 2 copies of a report on the above patrol as submitted by Mr. P. J. Barber, Patrol Officer, grade 1. This patrol was carried out to the Margarina Census Division and was primarily mounted to disseminate propaganda about the new House of Assembly.

The majority of the people grasped the fundamentals of the talks given on the House of Assembly and I do feel that with a further patrol in the area at a later date disseminating this information greater understanding will follow.

For years the Margarina people have been pressing for a Patrol Post and I do see the need for such a station but staff is just not available.

The airstrip at Margarina has been put in first class condition but must have maintenance as it must quickly deteriorate.

The improvement in the attitude of the people as reported by Mr. Barber is most gratifying and should further improve with regular patrolling.



(R. W. BLAIKIE)  
Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote  
No. 67-2-3

Patrol Post,  
N I P A,  
Southern Highlands District.  
21st. September, 1963.

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

N I P A PATROL REPORT NO. 4-63/64.

Patrol Conducted by : Peter J. Barber, Patrol Officer.

Accompanied by : 6 members R.P.N.G.C.  
1 Interpreter.  
1 Aid Post Orderly,  
Carriers.

Area Patrolled : Margarima Census Division

Duration : 29/8/63 to 11/9/63  
14 days.

Objects : 1. Initial House of Assembly education.  
2. Routine Administration.  
3. Purchase "Humaidia" -5 acres Capuchin  
Mission lease.

Map : Southern Highlands District and Patrol  
Report No. 9-62/63 maps refer.

  
Peter J. Barber, P.O.



INTRODUCTION.

I regret the delay in submitting this report but my attendance at the Mendi Sittings of the Supreme Court was largely responsible.

The main purpose of the patrol was House of Assembly education which caused quite a bit of interest and some interesting comment.

The other purposes of the patrol were Routine Administration and the purchase of "Humaidia".

Heavy and constant rain caused a few delays but generally, I feel, we had a successful patrol.

DIARY.

AUGUST:

29th. :Rain. Station check and instructions. Departed Hipa 1000. via Soi, Soma, Woiya arriving Mabera 1300-rain all the way. Rain all p.m. Talks with locals and food purchased. Slept Mabera.

30th. Rain all day. Four complaints heard and area inspection. Slept Mabera.

31st. General talks and instructions. Departed 1025 arriving Paiyera 1045. All present. General talks and instructions, area inspection. Departed 1300 arriving Sambala after looking at some houses 1500. Food purchased; 2 complaints and 1 C.N.M. Area inspection. Slept Sambala.

SEPTEMBER:

1st. General talks and instructions. Departed 1230. Checking housing on the way. Arrived Pingi 1400. Food purchased, talks, 2 complaints Slept Pingi.

2nd. General talks and instructions. Check on local work. Departed 1215. House check on the way, arriving Margarima 1300. Talks with Honei and Pelele people. Food purchased and Slept Margarima.

3rd. Area inspections of Honei and Pelele. Nothing much done and 8 C.N.M. all p.m. Food purchased. Complaints by teacher and Aid Post Orderly that locals not assisting them. This dealt with. Still raining. Slept Margarima.

4th. Raining all day. One C.N.M. Twelve airstrip labourers recruited. Slept Margarima.

5th. General talks and instructions to combined Pelele and Honei group. Departed 1215. Inspection area Kema and Iaru arriving Iaru 1430. Talks with locals. Food purchased. Slept Iaru.

6th. General talks and instructions given combined Kema/Iaru units. 1200 received information that Mr. Jefferies, District Officer, at Margarima. Self to Margarima. Talks with D.C. and returned Iaru just before the rain. Further talks with locals. Food purchased. Slept Iaru.

7th. Departed 0755. Arrived Wangalihunda 1000. Raining again. Area inspection. Two small complaints. Food purchased. Heavy rain p.m. Slept Wangalihunda.

8th. General talks and instructions. Departed 1100-via Ugu arriving

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DIARY (CONTINUED)

SEPTEMBER:

8th.

arriving Tabala 1330. Food purchased. Wambia, Tabala and Ugu grouped for general talks. Check on nearby housing and talks with locals and two complaints. Slept Tabala.

9th.

Tabala, Wambia and Ugu again grouped for general talks and instructions. Departed 1120. Arriving Tiango 1345. Area inspection. Talks with locals-prelim. and general. Food purchased. Slept Tiango.

10th.

General talks and instructions. Departed 1020. House check on the way through arriving Humaidia 1315 via Mabia. Food purchased. Prelim and general talks. Humaidia lease checked and re-surveyed and purchased. Slept Humaidia.

11th.

General talks and instructions to assembled Lamboro, Aruba and Mabia units. All okay. Self to Margarima to await Mendi plane for Supreme Court. Patrol back to Nipa via Kabenda where talks given by Interpreter. ~~Patx~~ Plane in and self out arriving Mendi 1200.

ENDE PATROL..

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NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The Native Situation in the Margarima Census Division has improved slightly. I find that Honei and Aruba(2) are the most resistant but even they have shown some improvement in attitude and I would expect further improvement over the next month or two.

Flagrant disregard to instructions issued under the N.R.O. resulted in Court of Native Matters action - this mainly at Honei.

Other units in this Division proved friendly and cooperative.

Several complaints were presented for settlement and these were satisfactorily fixed up.

I believe the most important point to remember when dealing with this Division is their relative in-the-middle position. Basically they are Kuris but are administered from a different language area - Nipa. Their trade and social contact routes go to Kutubu, Tari and Kandep but not to Nipa. The odd thing is that they - and also a few groups over the border towards Kandep - want to be controlled from Nipa if they can't have their own station at Margarima.

On each of my visits now they have pushed for their own Government representative. No doubt my repeated appeal for a patrol post at Margarima is annoying but this is the Division's biggest talking point. They feel that they are being left out of things a bit. The elongated nature of the Nipa administrative area, does, in fact, leave them out of things.

My thoughts on this subject are that a patrol post at Margarima is important to the Nipa Administrative area as a whole. The strip is there, over 200 acres are available for purchase - awaiting only for approval and funds. A station at Margarima could cope with both the Wage and Margarima Census Divisions thus leaving the Nipa staff free to devote all their time to the more populous Nandi and Nipa Basin Divisions.

We are finding here that over 23000 people in four Census Divisions are too many to adequately cope with and accordingly a Nandi patrol officer was called in to conduct a Nandi patrol.

However, progress in the Margarima area is noticeable (especially in the demand for money) and the attitude towards Administration ministrations presents no problems or worries at this moment. But we must maintain regular contact with this Division and I would suggest the airstrip be utilised to effect this. Even two-three day visits regularly would be a boost.

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### HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

House of Assembly talks resulted in an increase of a kind mentioned under Native Affairs.

All groups responded similarly except the Iaru and Keme units who for some reason were utterly incapable of grasping the implications of the House of Assembly despite 6 hours repetition of the basic points. Discussion was impossible and questions brought answers such as "We want the Government and will do as we're told but don't make us think for ourselves about such complicated matters."

However, all the other groups grasped the importance of the House and saw the main points, functions and system pretty clearly. Unfortunately there is no one in this Division capable of being a candidate at this ~~stage~~ stage - the only reasonable Pidgin speaker from the area is currently in Nipa Corrective Institution for extortion and escaping.

Without fail each unit said they were not happy about a Nipa or Mendi man representing them in the House but would put up with it initially but would want local representation later when they had a man capable of doing the work.

What they want is a member representing the Census Division.

However, their response was pleasing and considering the newness of the idea their understanding and appreciation was surprisingly good. Repeat and expanded talks will be necessary before the elections.

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### VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

These men are performing their duties more efficiently than before. Their bearing and understanding of their duties are clearly better than during my first visit. I attribute this largely to the training school held at Nipa during July, 1963. With more visits and encouragement I believe these men will prove most valuable assets in the Margarima area.

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### WALKING TRACKS.

The track to Pelele from Margarima ~~is~~ was shocking but should be completed by now. The middle sections of the Iaru-Wangelihunde, Tabala-Tiango, Tiango-Iruaidia tracks are grim and are to receive some attention in the near future. Otherwise walking conditions are quite fair.

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### REST HOUSES

Rest houses have been repaired or renewed throughout and are of uniform and quite good standard. Police barracks too are in good condition.

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AIRSTRIIP.

The airstrip fill (Wipa Report 10-62/63) is settling down fairly well but really needs a roller to do the job properly. Kumai and undecirable tufty grass is growing up again and I have recruited twelve labourers to keep the surface, drains etc. in good shape. We received £50 maintenance funds for the 6 months which is adequate. The only things the strip requires are grass, roller and markers.

MISSIONS.

The 5 acres at Hwaidia were purchased for use by the Capuchin Mission.

Not a great deal of activity by either mission at the moment as neither Capuchin nor Methodist Overseas Missions have European staff at Margarima now.

A complaint by the Ugu Village Constable that his people were being forced to give money to the Methodist Overseas Mission was confirmed by the Pastor IGIBELI- of Tabala. The people were informed that attendance and donations to church were completely voluntary and was up to them and them alone.

I shall see Mr. Keightley, the Chairman of the M.O.M., about this in due course.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

Quite a few treatments were given during the patrol and the more serious ones went to the Margarima Aid Post for further treatment. The Orderly stationed at Margarima was once again instructed to patrol the area regularly. He said he had started doing this but was told by to stay on the station by Mr. C.J. HUTTON of the Methodist Overseas Mission. Mr. Hutton has since returned to Australia so this can't be checked on, however, the Orderly, IGILA, understands that he is to move around the area.

The people are gradually concerning themselves with local hygiene and sanitation. Lstrines and rubbish pits are appearing and they are cleaning bush and rubbish from around houses. A lot remains to be done and a close watch should be kept on this activity.

A complaint by IGILA and the teachers at the Margarima Primary 'A' School that the locals had not been giving them any help at all has been straightened out. The locals were told that they may well find themselves without school or Aid Post if they didn't do their bit and this resulted in a pledge of support. They don't want to lose either.

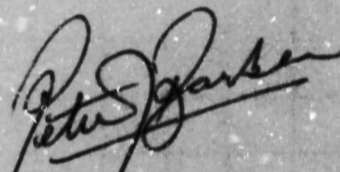
CONCLUSION.

Continued improvement in attitude is good but at this stage of contact I feel the present situation is not good enough yet. We may anticipate further improvement in proportion to the number of patrols into the area.

The House of Assembly caused interest and the reaction too was interesting. Further talks and discussions with these people before the elections take place will be necessary but I feel by then they will have a good idea of what it is all about.

The basic problem in the Margerita area is, I think, the local feeling that they are cut on a limb, neglected, neither one nor the other, -they want to be administered from Nipa if they can't have their own post but feel cut of it because of the language difference.

Regular patrolling is important here and may overcome most of the current problems.

  
Peter J. Barber, P.O.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN DISTRICTS Report No. IPA 20, 2-1961

Patrol Conducted by A.S. WRIGHT, C.P.O.

Area Patrolled IPA BASE CAMP DISTRICT

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans 10

Natives 1

Duration—From 23/9/1961 to 19/10/1961

Number of Days 26

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 6/6/1961

Medical 1/10/1961

Map Reference SOUTH HIGHLANDS

Objects of Patrol 1. AREA VISIT AND ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION 2. ADMINISTRATIVE

OR ECONOMIC PROGRESS 3. POSTIVE CONTACT WITH LOCAL PEOPLE 4. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Director of Native Affairs,  
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 ....

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ACJ:BP.

67-3-4

District Office,  
Mandi.  
Southern Highlands District.

13th November, 1963.

Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office.  
MANDI.

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 5 OF 1963/64.

Thank you for the above mentioned Report which was received this morning. Processing of Reports from your office is still too slow, in this case a delay of three weeks. The Director has adversely commented in this regard and in future you must forward Reports within seven days of receipt. Mr. Wright too has failed to append the date the Report was completed underneath his signature as required by the Instruction issued by the Director vide his memo 67-2 of 21st October, 1963. Please bring this Instruction to the attention of all officers.

Apart from the omission mentioned, Mr. Wright has submitted a first class Report on a most useful Patrol. His style of Reporting, too, is maturing.

The very pleasing state of affairs in the area reflects the work of all patrolling officers from Nipa and the soundness of frequent and regular patrolling combined with the employment of the people on developmental work.


Mr. Haviland will be patrolling the Lai Valley this week and will be taking a tractor and trailer into the Lai to assist in surfacing the vehicular road with gravel etc. As he will be in the vicinity of the Mandi / Nipa turnoff the sight of the tractor should give a fillip to road work generally.

Pent, the village leader from Nipa, who will possibly stand for the Mandi Electorate will be accompanying Mr. Haviland and this fact when it becomes known throughout the Nipa area should stimulate further interest in the Elections.

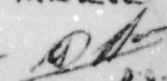
Concerning the need for educational tours, please submit to me the names and particulars of the men you wish to visit outside areas and they will be included in future tours.

Mr. Wright is showing very good aptitude as a field officer and his work is most pleasing.

Camping Claim forwarded under separate cover.

  
(A. G. Jefferies.)  
District Officer.

c.c.  
Officer-in-Charge, Nipa.

cc. The Director - D.H.A. Kumbura  
For your information please  cc.

RWB:HHK.

67-2-3

Sub-District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

12th November, 1963.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

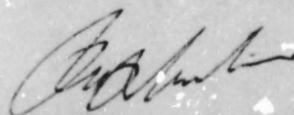
NIPA PATROL NO 5 OF 1963/64.

Attached hereto please find two copies of a report on the above patrol as submitted by Mr. A. S. Wright Cadet Patrol Officer. The patrol was conducted to the Nipa Basin Census Division which is the area surrounding Nipa Patrol Post.

The native situation throughout now appears satisfactory and has certainly improved over the past two years. The acceptance of cash is most pleasing and indicates that the people are desirous of a change in their traditional way of living.

Educational talks on the new House of Assembly were continued and were well received.

Mr. Wright has conducted a sound patrol which should further consolidate Administration influence in the Nipa area.



(R. W. BLAIKIE)  
Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 67-2-2

Patrol Post,  
N.I.P.A.  
Southern Highlands District  
21st. September, 1963.

Mr. A.S. Wright,  
Cadet Patrol Officer,  
N.I.P.A.

INSTRUCTIONS NIPA PATROL NO. 3-63/64.

Please be ready to depart Mipa on the 23rd. September, 1963, to patrol the Mipa Basin Census Division.

Six members of the Mipa R.P. & H.S.C. Detachment have been instructed to accompany you.

The purposes of this patrol are:

- 1) Initial House of Assembly education;
- 2) Stimulation of economic progress - to include importance of roads;
- 3) Routine Administration;
- 4) Check on Skumbi - Hillis roadwork.

The importance of the House of Assembly need not be further stressed to you. We have discussed the best method to approach and explain this subject. My talks with local leaders indicate that much interest has been roused by the pending elections and formation of the House of Assembly. It is also apparent that on some points they are not clear. After you have given your initial explanation I suggest you lead each group into a discussion and question time from which you will be able to judge the degree to which the House of Assembly and all its ramifications and implications are understood.

It is better to spend an extra day with each unit than to leave them with only half a picture or a hazy one.

The people of this Division have shown a pleasing approach to most projects over the past six months. Their growing interest in both economic and political spheres is to be encouraged and reasons and importance of economic growth are to be explained.

The village sanitation position was quite reasonable during my patrol in May/June but Pulin, Erap, Ugun, Konia and Egenda were below standard and should be checked closely.

This Division has settled down well recently, and should present you with no problems but don't hesitate to ask if you are unsure about anything.

Finally, disputes arising from acts prior to the establishment of Mipa Patrol Post in 1959 may be presented but unless they are likely to cause trouble it is wise to leave them alone as they are time consuming, have been presented before and the solution is often more unacceptable to one or both parties than the grievance. Any Courts of Native Matters cases should be sent promptly to the Station.

The patrol should take about three weeks to complete. Your report should be submitted on the fifth day after your return.

(Peter J. Barber)  
Patrol Officer-in-Charge.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 67-2-3

Patrol Post,  
M.I.P.A.  
Southern Highlands District.  
17th. October, 1963.

The Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office,  
M.E.N.D.S.

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 5 of 1963-64.

Patrol Conducted by: A.S. WRIGHT, Cadet Patrol Officer.  
Accompanied by: 6 M.P.A.S.S.C.

1 M.P.A.S.S.C.  
1 M.P.A.S.S.C.  
21 CARABINS.

Areas Patrolled: NIPA BASIC SERVICE DIVISION.  
Duration: 23/9/63 to 2/10/63; 8/10/63 to 14/10/63.

20 Patrol Days.  
CHECK MAP ATTACHED.

Map Reference:  
Objects of Patrol: 1. INITIAL PHASE OF DISTRICT  
ORGANIZATION.

2. STIMULATION OF ECONOMIC PROGRESS.
3. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.
4. CHECK ON MILLS - SUPPLY

*A.S. Wright*

(A.S. WRIGHT)

Cadet Patrol Officer.

INTRODUCTION.

The main purpose of this patrol was to acquaint the people of the Nipa in Census Division with the fact that the House of Assembly is to be formed next year and to explain to them the basic details of the House of Assembly and the Elections.

Secondary objects were to stimulate economic progress; check on and explain reasons for village sanitation and hygiene; and finally to check on progress of the Nipa - Mandi road in the Nulia and Shambi areas.

PATROL DIARY.

September, 1963.

- 23rd. Departed Nipa 1010, arrived Pulin 1035. Inspected living areas - good. Camp set up, kau-ka purchased. All assembled and talks given on House of Assembly etc. 2 males to Nipa for G.M.M. Medical treatments given. Some more talk with the locals. Slept Pulin.
- 24th. Departed Pulin 0810, arrived Erep 0855. Inspection housing. 1 male to Nipa for G.M.M. Medical treatments. Talks on House of Assembly etc. Discussions. Slept Erep.
- 25th. Left Erep 0820, arrived Kobil 0850. Inspected living areas. Medical treatments and two complaints. Talks on House of Assembly etc. until 1120. Thence to Erep, inspecting housing on the way, arrived Ugar at 1010. Medicine dispensed. Talks with locals and V.C.'s of Genin and Ebil. Inspection of housing and sanitation. 1 dispute settled. Slept Ugar (Nont).
- 26th. Talks to Ugar people on House of Assembly, village hygiene, economic development etc. Discussions. V.C.N.R. elected by small unorganized group who appeared for this patrol. 1 male sent to Nipa for G.M.M. action. Left Ugar 0950, arrived Ebil 1015. Inspected place. Gave medical treatments. Talks postponed until morning due to poor roll up of Ebil people. Slept Ebil.
- 27th. All turned up and talk given on House of Assembly etc. Departed Ebil 0920 and arrived Injip 0950. 1 male from Ebil sent to Nipa for G.M.M. Inspected living areas at Injip. Talk to Injip people on House of Assembly etc. Discussions. Medical treatments. Talk to V.C. of Ondol and Arop re patrol's movements. Slept Injip.
- 28th. Departed Injip 0850, arrived Ondol 0910. Inspected living areas. Talks on House of Assembly etc. Further talk. Medical treatments. Departed 1050, arrived Arop 1125. Inspected living areas. Usual talk given and discussions after rain. Medical treatments when rain finished. Slept Arop.
- 29th. Some rain. Dep. and Arop 0915, arrived Kalal 0955. Inspected living areas. Talks and discussions and medical treatments given. Left at 1150 and arrived Kalal 1200. Area inspection and advice. Medical treatments. Further rain. Slept Kalal.
- 30th. All Kalal in by 0830. Usual talks on House of Assembly etc. Discussions. Departed at 1010, arrived Tombera (1) 1035. Medical treatments. Some work with the locals. Intermittent rain. Slept Tombera (1).

PATROL DIARY (Cont.)

October, 1963.

- 1st. Inspected living areas at Tombera (1). Talks on House of Assembly etc. Discussions. Departed 0950, arrived Boia 1030. Area inspection. Medical treatments. Talks with the locals. Dispute settled. Slept Boia.
- 2nd. Talk given on House of Assembly etc. Left Boia 0930, arrived Ugun 1010. Area inspection. Medical treatments. Rain in P.M. Note from G-2-C advising me to come into Nipa on Saturday to meet new G-1-C. Slept Ugun.
- 3rd. Talks to Ugun people on House of Assembly etc. Left for Alsmanda at 0920, arrived 0945. Cargo to Woiya. Area inspection. Medical treatments. Dispute settled over pandanus trees. Talks to Mangan and Kanjua people re House of Assembly etc. Departed Alsmanda 1120, arrived Woiya 1215 in light rain. Area inspection. Medical treatments and then heavy rain set in. Slept Woiya.
- 4th. All Woiya people assembled and given talk on House of Assembly etc. Discussions. Departed Woiya 0930, arrived Tombera (2) 1025. Area inspected. Medical treatments. Talks and discussions on House of Assembly etc. Slept Tombera (2).
- 5th. Departed Tombera (2) 0840, arrived Suma 0905. Area inspection. Talks on House of Assembly etc. Departed 1020, arrived Nipa 1120.
- 6th. At Nipa - arrival of new P.C.I.C. Patrol gear and rations re-organized.
- 7th.
- 8th. Departed Nipa 0950, arrived Woiya 1000. Checked place. Medical patients sent to A/C Post and M.O.M. Talks on House of Assembly etc. Discussions. Left Woiya 1130, arrived Sol 1210. Inspected housing. Medical treatments given. One dispute settled. Talk. Slept Sol.
- 9th. Sol people lectured on House of Assembly etc. Discussion. Departed 0930, arrived Nipa 1010. Area inspection. Medical treatments. Talks to some of the locals. Slept Nipa.
- 10th. All Nipa assembled and usual talks given. Discussion. Departed Nipa 0930, arrived Mak 1010. Medical treatments given. Area inspected. Then talk given on House of Assembly etc. Discussions. Slept Mak.
- 11th. Left Mak at 0835, arrived Egenda 0925. All assembled. Medical treatments given. Talks on House of Assembly etc. Area inspection. Discussions. Departed 1120, arrived Egenda 1210. Some words with the locals. Area inspection. V.C. Nahon complains that one of his five wives has deserted him! Other complaints. Slept Egenda.
- 12th. All Egenda present and usual talks given. Discussions. Departed Egenda 0950, arrived Shumbi 1150. Inspected roadwork progress en route. Two disputes settled.
- 13th. Talks to Shumbi people on House of Assembly etc. Discussion. Area inspection. Roadwork inspected and advice given where necessary. Slept Shumbi.
- 14th. Walking track, self by vehicle road route to instructions and advice re roadwork issued. Inspected on a rep and Palis roadwork. Further instructions issued. Arrived Nipa 1200. Patrol stood down.

### NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The native situation in this Division is very satisfactory, in my opinion, considering the relatively short length of contact. A change in the attitude of most of these people has been apparent over the past 6 - 9 months. They are now co-operating well in all fields and seem quite happy to do so. I believe they are beginning to realize that instructions such as to clear good walking tracks and generally clean up their living areas, benefits themselves rather than the Officers who issue the instructions. They appreciate the peaceful existence that they now lead and I am sure they are glad that the Administration established itself amongst them. In fact at Alameda one fellow delivered quite a rousing speech thanking the Administration for interfering in their old way of life, stopping tribal fighting and teaching them to clean up their housing areas. This view was expressed at a number of places.

A friendly and co-operative attitude was displayed at most units, although the spirit of co-operation was not so apparent at Ngur (Mont), Ebil and Esalal.

Mr. P. Barber, P.O., reported (Patrol Report 9-62/63) an unsatisfactory position at Erep, Ngur, Lonia and Egenda. However I found that these people have decided co-operation is the best policy and all seemed well at these units.

Six persons were sent to Nipa for C.E.M. action. A number of minor disputes were settled by me.

These people, I feel, are just about convinced now that the Government is in fact here to help them.

### HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY EDUCATION.

The people were lectured on the basic details of the House of Assembly and Elections, and all seemed to grasp this information.

I encouraged them to ask questions and then let this ~~new~~ develop into a discussion, although this did not always work out, perhaps because of the timidity of some of the people.

I found that most of these people were interested in the House of Assembly, although I doubt if they are able to fully appreciate its significance. They also find the concept of Papua a New Guinea difficult to comprehend, but further explanatory talks should overcome this problem.

At Pulia and Weiva the view was expressed that "we are still similar to wild pigs" and that the Government had not seen established long enough at Nipa for them to be included in such a startling development as representation in the House of Assembly. I explained to these people (and all groups) that all the people of the Territory were to be represented in the House of Assembly, which would be invaluable experience for further political advancement, as well as giving a taste of unity to the people of Papua. New Guinea and that the House of Assembly would be a training ground for future political development.

They seemed very pleased to learn that their members would not be administering them or hearing courts, but would simply be representing them in the House of Assembly. They are obviously quite happy with the present set-up of Administration including judicial justice.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TALKS.

I explained to these people the limited avenues open to them to earn money, viz; sale of kau-kau, firewood and timber to Nipa station; labouring on the Nipa airstrip; and working on the Nipa - Mendi vehicle road. This has been explained to them before and the response now is quite overwhelming, in the case of kau-kau and firewood, in fact beyond the station's buying capacity. The people's acceptance of cash has been quite astounding.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TALKS. (Cont.)

Six months or so ago they were very interested at all, now they don't want anything but money.

The importance of vehicular roads to the development of the area was stressed and they were told they may expect such things as Aid Posts and Schools in the bush eventually, provided they had a vehicle road.

Above all I pointed out that they and their area could develop by one means only - WORK.

## HEALTH.

### a) General.

The health of these people is generally satisfactory, considering the lack of medical facilities.

The Nipa Aid Post and the Methodist Mission's small hospital serve this area. Sister H. Young staffs the M.C.M.'s hospital and she visits some of the nearer villages, engaged mainly in child clinic work. The Aid Post is staffed by an A.P.O. and a Hospital Orderly.

A.P.O. Komi accompanied this patrol and gave treatments with sores, cuts and coughs predominating.

### b) Village Hygiene and Sanitation.

Housing areas were inspected at all units and the hygiene and sanitation position is generally very satisfactory. An honest attempt has been made by nearly all groups to bring their places up to scratch.

However more propaganda is needed to educate the people to use such things as latrines and rubbish pits, that they are not merely to be built for Officers to view.

Perhaps the next step should be to introduce caretakers.

## SHUMBI - MULIS ROADWORK.

The clearing of the road route between Mulis and Tundruul (Shumbi area) is progressing slowly.

Unfortunately the Lei Valley groups assisting Shumbi had left the road clearing work and gone back to cutting the road near Shumbi. They did this because three of them were injured by falling timber during road clearing and they decided cutting the road was a safer occupation. They have now been started again on clearing the road route in an effort to finish this task.

In the forested areas, much time has been wasted by the men cutting timber unnecessarily on both sides of the road route. They have been instructed to clear along the road route only in future.

It is planned that I will return to the road in a week or two and endeavour to see the completion of the road clearing between Mulis and Shumbi.

## WALKING TRACKS AND OTHER ROADS.

Walking tracks throughout the Nipa Easin Division are now generally good. There are still a few stretches not up to standard, but work is progressing on these.

The vehicle road which will eventually go into the Nipari Division has long been constructed to the last pegged section near Ehil Rest House.

The proposed Margarina vehicle road is almost cut to the last pegged section in the Sol area.

Further survey work is needed on both of these roads.



RegisterMISSIONS.

Missions operating in the Nipa Basin area are the Capuchin Mission, the Methodist Overseas Mission and the Apostolic Christian Mission.

Mission influence is quite limited with little activity by Missionaries away from their main station.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Generally these men are doing a good job. There are a few whose work is not entirely satisfactory, but on the whole they are performing a difficult task well.

EDUCATION.

The Nipa Primary '71' School has an enrollment of 28, only 10 of whom are local children.

The M.C.K. also operate a small school. Some groups expressed a desire for schooling for their children, however the teacher tells me absenteeism is frequent amongst those who do attend and parents do not co-operate by retaining children to school.

However these attitudes will change and more adequate educational facilities will be desirable in the future.

CONCLUSION.

This Division has settled down well and the attitudes displayed by the people towards most projects are very pleasing. Further improvement can be expected with further contact in the field and at the station.

As far as the House of Assembly is concerned, the people are interested and have learnt something of it, but I consider that a second round of explanatory talks will be necessary to give these people a good understanding of it.

It would be most useful to send some local leaders to Moresby as Observers after the House of Assembly is formed.

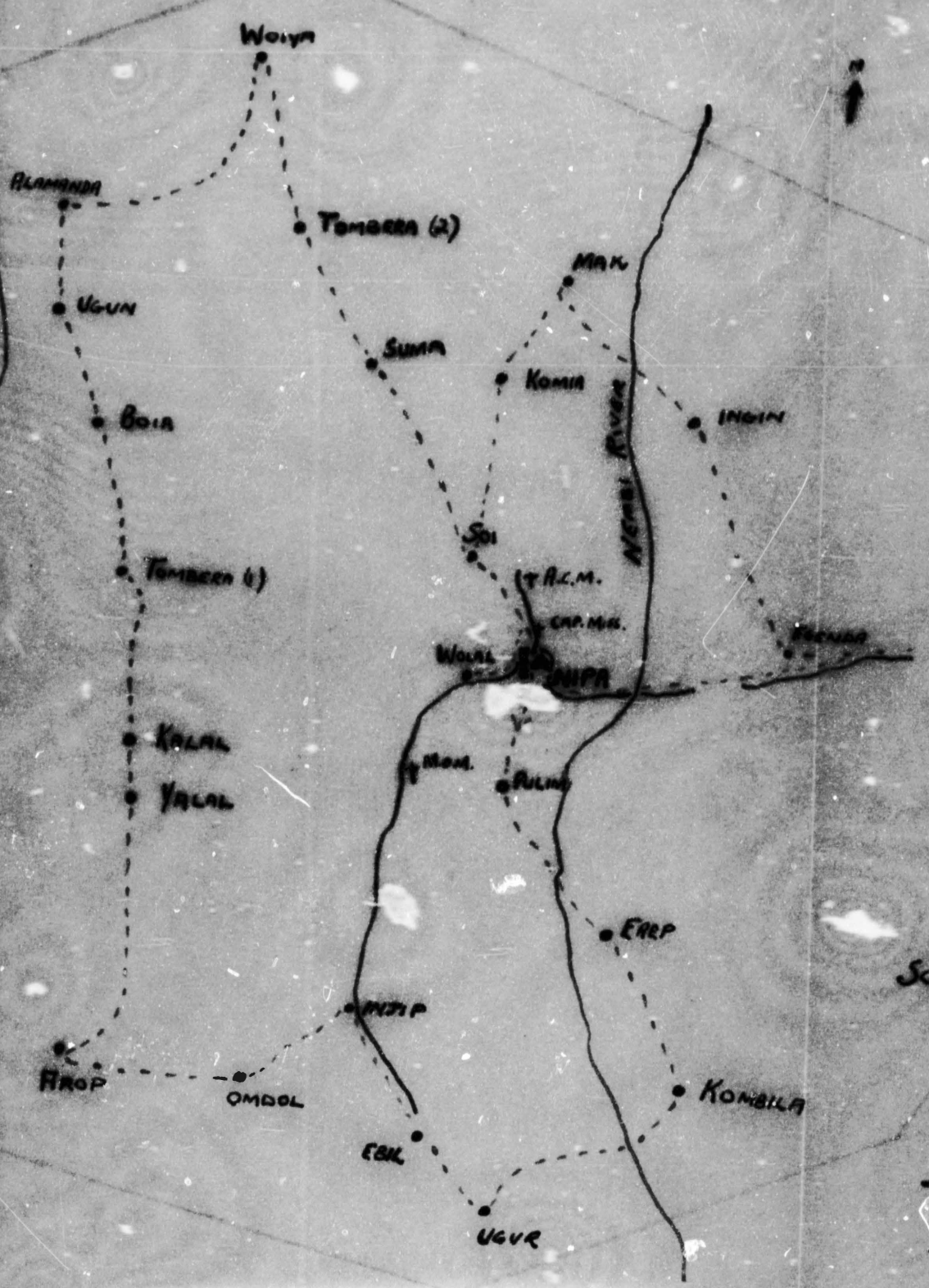
I think that I have conducted the Patrol in accordance with my Patrol Instructions and I consider that the overall position in the Nipa Basin Census Division is very satisfactory.

Comments on K.P.S. N.S.C. personnel who accompanied the Patrol have been entered in their Record of Service and Form PS 1 have been forwarded to the Commissioner of Police, Konedobu.

*A. S. Night*  
 ( A.S. NIGHT )  
 Cadet Patrol Officer.

# NIPA BASIN CENSUS DIVISION

NIPA P/R  
5-63/64



SCALE:  $\frac{3}{4}$ " = 1 mile  
(APPROX.)

-  PATROL ROUTE
-  VEHICLE ROAD
-  MISSIONS





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of **SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS** Report No. **NIPA 7 of 1963-64.**

Patrol Conducted by **A.S. WRIGHT, C.P.O.**

Area Patrolled **NIPA - SHUMBI** **PART NIPA BASIN C/D**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **NO**

Natives **4 R.P. & N.G.C.**

Duration—From **28** / **10** / **1963** to **7** / **11** / **1963**

Number of Days **11**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **NO**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **10** / **1963**

Medical ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Map Reference **SKETCH MAP ATTACHED.**

Objects of Patrol **1. CLEARING ROAD ROUTE MULIS-SHUMBI 2. COMPLETION OF CHAIN AND COMPASS SURVEY OF ROAD ROUTE. 3. ROUTINE.**

Director of Native Affairs,

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 .....

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67-15-26

6th March, 1964.

District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENLJ.

PATROL REPORT NO. 7-1963/64 - NIVA.

Receipt of the abovementioned patrol report is acknowledged with thanks.

2. I agree that Mr. Wright has applied himself to his task and is to be congratulated on the results achieved.

3. Let me know how your application for a motor cycle goes on a subject file.

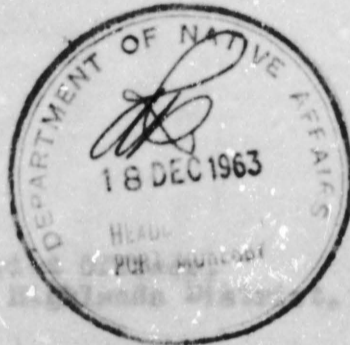
4. I am pleased to note that the people worked well and complaints were few. Mr. Wright appears to be a promising young officer.

  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

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ACJ:BP.

67-3-4.



District Office,  
Mendi.  
Southern Highlands District.

11th December, 1963.

Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office.  
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 7 OF 1963/64.

Thank you for the above mentioned Report which was received on the 4th inst.

Mr. Wright has applied himself to his task and is to be congratulated on the results achieved.

You should now advise Mr. Haviland who is working in the Lai Valley to request the KZMA people to assist on the SHUMBI section of the road.

The question of a motor-cycle for NIPA will be taken up with the District Commissioner, although you will find on your files that a tractor and trailer has been approved for NIPA this financial year. Originally a Land Rover was approved but Mr. Lucas, when he was Officer-in-Charge requested a tractor and trailer instead, on the grounds that they would be more useful.

I agree that Mr. Wright has matured considerably during his tour of duty in this District and his absence at A.S.O.P.A. will be a loss to Mendi Sub-District.

Again I draw your attention to the delay in processing this Report from your office.

Camping Claim has been funded and forwarded to Mr. Wright.

(A. C. Jefferies.)  
District Officer.

Minute to:  
Director,  
Department of Native Affairs.  
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded for your information please.

(A. C. Jefferies.)  
District Officer.

RWB:MHK.

67-2-3

Sub-District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

3rd December, 1963.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL NO 7 OF 1963/64.

Attached hereto please find two copies of a report on the above patrol as submitted by Mr. A. S. Wright, Cadet Patrol Officer and covering memorandum 67-2-2 of 16th November, 1963, from the O. I. C. Nipa.

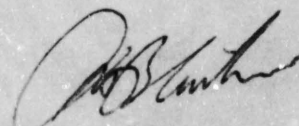
Mr. Wright's report is very well presented and is indicative of how this officer's work has matured in the past eighteen months.

The road from Nipa to Mendi through Shumbi has progressed well but there is still a great amount to be done. I have no objection to the people from KEMA working on the Shumbi road.

The patrol was well received throughout and was afforded every co-operation by the village people.

I agree with Mr. Focken that Nipa now warrants the allocation of a motor cycle and would appreciate if the matter could be brought to the attention of the District Commissioner.

A valuable patrol well done.



(R. W. BLAIKIE)  
Assistant District Officer.

C. C.  
Officer-in-Charge,  
Patrol Post,  
NIPA.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote  
No. 67-2-2

NIPA Patrol Post,  
Mendi Sub-District,  
Southern Highlands District.  
16th November 1963.

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

NIPA PATROL No.7 of 1963/64.

Please find enclosed three (3) copies of the a/mentioned patrol report, together with Mr. Wright's claim for Camping Allowance. Mr. Wright will wish to collect this money prior to departing Mendi for leave.

As Mr. Wright says, it is pleasing to report that the clearing has been completed between Mulis and Shumbi. This means that clearing is complete from Nipa through to the Mendi border, and though most of the road is actually completed (viz. cut to vehicular standard) the big job will now be to cut the Mulis-Shumbi portion which winds over the dividing range (about 7,000 ft. ASL.) between Nipa and the Lai Valley. Sections such as between Pulim and Erep should be completed before Christmas.

Mr. Wright strongly suggests that the KEMA group of people within the Mendi administrative area (near Mapkebol) should assist the Mapkebol and the Shumbis with the cutting of the mentioned Mulis-Shumbi section, that is providing they are not already working in the Lai Valley on the Mendi-Nipa road assisting the Lai people. Would you check on these KEMA people please, and if in fact they are not gainfully employed, strongly suggest to them that their assistance would be appreciated between Mulis and Shumbi. If their help is obtained then progress will be much faster.

The outcrop of rock mentioned in the "chain and compass survey" section of the report can no doubt be left until the tail-end of the cutting, when P.W.D. will be called in to blast.

Nothing untoward is reported during the patrol; complaints were few and villagers generally worked well.

At this stage of road extension within the Nipa administrative area, I think that it would now be advantageous administratively if a motor-bike is sent to Nipa Patrol Post. This is quite obviously a necessity now, and much more so within the next four to six months. At present there is  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles of road from Nipa going in the direction of the Neabi River; a further  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles of finished road to the Apostolic Christian in the direction of Margarina; and of course the Mendi-Nipa road speaks for itself. Nipa certainly deserves a motor-bike, and I would appreciate it if you do your utmost to have one approved for Nipa and forwarded.

Again, a good and useful patrol by Mr. Wright. His knowledge of the "ins-and-outs" of the Nipa Basin particularly, will be missed when he departs for leave.

*R. E. Focken*  
(R. E. Focken)  
Officer in Charge.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 67-2-2

NIPA Patrol Post,  
Mendi Sub-District,  
Southern Highlands District.

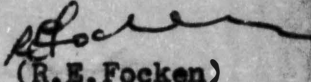
24th October, 1963.

Mr. A.S. Wright,  
Cadet Patrol Officer,  
NIPA.

Patrol Instructions For Nipa Patrol No.7/63-64.

1. Please prepare to embark on a patrol beginning Monday 28th October.
2. The main task will be the final clearing work between Mulis and Shumbi. This in conjunction with the completion of the chain and compass survey of the Nipa section of the Mendi-Nipa road should take you about two weeks, but of course you may take longer depending upon native co-operation and you may stay a few days longer if you think it necessary. Natives hereabouts have reportedly co-operated well in the past so no difficulty should arise in this respect.  

Routine Administrative matters should be attended to as they occur eg. settlements of minor disputes.
3. Four members of the R.P.&N.G.C. will accompany the patrol, together with one Interpreter. I will mark these men tomorrow morning.
4. Your report should be submitted within the desired time-limit. However, I will be on patrol myself until about a week after you complete this patrol, and will comment as soon as I return.
5. I realize that you have spent some weeks in the past on the Nipa section of the Mendi-Nipa so that you are actually best acquainted as to what should be done during these two weeks. Overall, you will act in a supervisory capacity, and the patrol's presence should give the clearing-job the desired boost.

  
(R.E. Focken)  
Officer in Charge.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 67-2-3

N I P A Patrol Post,  
Mendi Sub-District,  
Southern Highlands District.

11th. November, 1963.

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

N I P A PATROL REPORT NO. 7 - 63/64.

<u>Patrol conducted by:</u>	A.S.WRIGHT, C.P.O.
<u>Accompanied by:</u>	4 R.P.& N.G.C.
<u>Area Patrolled:</u>	NIPA - SEJUMBI, PART NIPA BASIN C/D.
<u>Duration:</u>	28/10/63 to 7/11/63. 11 Patrol Days.
<u>Map Reference:</u>	Sketch map attached.
<u>Objects of Patrol:</u>	1. <u>CLEARING OF ROAD ROUTE MULIS - SHUMBI.</u> 2. <u>COMPLETION OF CHAIN AND COMPASS SURVEY OF ROAD ROUTE.</u> 3. <u>ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.</u>

*A.S. Wright*

(A.S.WRIGHT)

Cadet Patrol Officer.

INTRODUCTION.

The main purpose of this patrol was to ensure the completion of the road clearing between Mulis and Tundumal (Shumbi area) and to complete the chain compass survey which was commenced by the writer during Nipa Patrol 7-63/64 and continued during Nipa Patrol 3-63/64.

The Mulis-Shumbi road forms part of the Nipa-Mendi vehicle road, which will be of great importance to the Nipa and Lai Valley when it is completed.

The Tundumal area is a mountainous region, densely forested and is situated over 7,000' a.s.l. The thick forest cover has slowed progress on the road clearing.

PATROL DIARY.

October, 1963.

- 28th. Patrol preparations. Departed Nipa 0930, cargo via walking track and self via vehicle route. Talks to all groups engaged on roadwork en route. Some time spent with Egenda, Shumbi and Lai workers. Arrived Tundumal R/H 1330. Talk to the men after work.
- 29th. Supervision of road clearing near Tundumal until 1630. Short section road re-pegged.
- 30th. Road clearing supervision until 1630. Walked over section not yet cleared.
- 31st. Supervision road clearing all day, finished at 1630.
- November.
- 1st. Road clearing supervision until 1630. Talks with Village Officials during the day. Another fine day - Mt. Giluwe and other peaks clearly visible.
- 2nd. Supervised road clearing until 1300 when Shumbi section completed. Workers allowed rest of day off to attend large sing-sing in Lai Valley. Chain and compass survey conducted from Tundumal (Peank Creek) to Shumbi/Egenda boundary (Ibiap Creek) in afternoon.
- 3rd. Sunday - observed at Tundumal.
- 4th. Road clearing supervision all day. Shumbi/Lai groups put with Egenda and entire road route cleared by 1615. Talk to assembled natives on importance of maintaining fast progress on road and following pegs.
- 5th. Departed Tundumal 0800. Conducted chain and compass survey to Mulis, arrived Mulis 1230. Survey now complete. Checked on road construction by Egenda, Erep and Pulim groups in afternoon. Finished 1630.
- 6th. Direction and supervision of road construction at Mulis during morning. Checked on Erep and Pulim in p.m. Talks to these people after work. Back to Mulis in late afternoon and talk to Egenda men after work at 1630.
- 7th. Departed Mulis 0750 arrived Nipa 0850. Patrol stood down.

\_\_\_\_\_ ENDS PATROL \_\_\_\_\_

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The native situation remains quite satisfactory in this area.

Very few complaints or disputes were brought to me, probably because I was camped at Tundumal most of the time, which is an unpopulated area and also because all activity was directed at roadwork.

The attitude to roadwork was quite reasonable as far as the Shumbi and Egenda groups were concerned. The Mapkebol men were not too enthusiastic about assisting Egenda in the final stages of road clearing after they and Shumbi had finished their section, but I was quite adamant that they would work in Egenda territory whilst I was there in order that the road clearing would be completed.

There was some grumbling at first about it being impossible to finish the clearing work within two weeks but everyone were very pleased with themselves when the job was completed in less than two weeks. These people find it difficult to settle down to hard work if unsupervised and are apt to complain about being worked too hard when you arrive to supervise them, but when they make good progress they become quite pleased and express appreciation of our presence which has enabled the work to be done.

The Erep and Pulim men are now working well and with the completion of their section of road in sight, they are working quite eagerly towards this end.

The Mapkebol people suggested that the KEMA (Lai Valley) group should also assist on the Shumbi road as apparently they are not employed on roadwork in the Lai Valley and could be gainfully employed on this road. I said that I would approach the A.D.O., Mendi about this and if he is agreeable, the next road patrol would request the KEMA men to assist in this work, which will undoubtedly benefit them when the road is completed.

On the whole a friendly reception was accorded to the patrol and the situation in this area is very satisfactory.

ROAD CLEARING AND CONSTRUCTION.

I am pleased to report that the road route between Mulis and Shumbi is now completely cleared.

Now the major task remains - the actual cutting and bridging of this road. This is no mean task, there is not a level stretch of ground between Shumbi and Mulis and most of the road construction will involve cutting quite deeply into the earth as the road winds around steep slopes for most of its distance.

I also checked on road construction by the Erep and Pulim groups, this is the section of road between Egenda and Nipa. They are slowly but surely closing the gap and I would expect this work to be completed within a month. This when completed will open up nearly  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles of road (Nipa-Mulis) and a motor cycle or land rover would then be a valuable asset as road construction beyond Mulis could be readily checked on.

CHAIN AND COMPASS SURVEY.

The chain and compass survey of the Nipa section of the Nipa - Mendi road was completed during this patrol.

Distances are tabulated as follows :-

Nipa - Homol Creek (approximate Mendi boundary) = 2 miles 440 yards.

Mulis Creek - point above Shumbi R/H where road constructed to as at 7/11/63 = 5 miles 1580 yards (approx.) of road not yet constructed.

CHAIN AND COMPASS SURVEY. (Cont.)

Approximate length of constructed road as at 7/11/63, between Nipa and Homol Creek = 5 miles 1660 yards.

Approximate total length of unconstructed road as at 7/11/63, between Nipa and Homol Creek = 6 miles 540 yards.

Refer also Nipa Patrol Report No. 3 of 1963-64.

The chain and compass survey also revealed that there are about 50 small culverts; 21 large culverts; 10 small bridges; and 4 medium-large bridges (viz. Mala Creek (Nipa); Nembi river; Bolom Creek; and Mulis Creek bridges) to be built.

In addition there is one large outcrop of stone just over halfway between Tundumal and Mulis which will require blasting, as well as further smaller scattered stone outcrops also between Tundumal and Mulis, some of which will need to be blasted.

It is obvious that technical assistance from the Public Works Department will be necessary in the case of blasting of stone outcrops and desirable in the case of bridge building.

FORESTS.

There is quite an extensive forest area in the Tundumal region which will be accessible when the road is completed. This forest contains a considerable quantity of timber, particularly hardwoods, the main species is called PEL in the local language. This forest is located generally between Tundumal and Mulis.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

The village officials in this area proved to be as co-operative as usual and are doing a good job.

MISSIONS.

Mission activity in this area is confined to the erection of a Capuchin Mission building at Egenda and a Methodist Church is being built on Egenda land near Nipa. A Methodist pastor conducts a service every Sunday, but it seems that the Capuchins have not yet started evangelizing at Egenda.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

The usual injuries occurred during road work - cuts mainly. A couple of cases were sent to Nipa Aid Post for treatment.

A youth was noticed amongst the Erep workers, suffering from some disease which I could not identify. His ears and nose were badly infected and disfigured and he appeared to be partially blind. I told him to go to Nipa for treatment but he immediately fled into the bush. The Erep V.C. has been instructed to bring him to Nipa as he may well have an infectious disease of some type, although the other Erep men assured me that a "tambran" was the cause.

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK.

The predominant land use type is the cultivation of sweet potato, plus a few supplementary crops.

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK. (Cont.)

Pigs of varying sizes and doubtful breeds constitute the livestock population.

CONCLUSION.

Aided by an unusual run of fine weather the road clearing work was completed in good time. This together with the completion of the chain and compass survey was the object of mounting this patrol.

In addition a couple of extra days were spent directing road construction by the Egenza, Erep and Pulim roadworkers.

On the whole I believe it was a worthwhile patrol, but as I said before the main task now lies ahead - the actual construction of the road between Mulis and Shumbi, about 6 miles over most difficult terrain.

Comments on R.P. & N.G.C. personnel accompanying this patrol have been entered in their Records of Service and Forms RS 1 have been forwarded to the Commissioner of Police, KONEBOBU.

*A. Wright*  
 .....  
 (A.S. WRIGHT)  
 Cadet Patrol Officer.  
 11/11/63.

NIPA SECTION OF THE  
 NIPA - MENDI  
 VEHICLE ROAD.

P/R. 7-62/64

KEMA

MACHOKOL

SAMBO

Terminal  
 R/H.

MALU'S CR.

SENGA

BOHON CR.

PAUM WORKING  
 HERE  
 ERET WORKING  
 HERE

• ERAP

— COMPLETED SECTIONS OF ROAD

..... UNCUT ROAD

SCALE: 1" = 1 mile (APPROX.)

LAI RIVER

KIP

AS OF  
 7/11







TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 9 of 1963/64 ( NIPA )

Patrol Conducted by Mr. Warren R Read, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled (a) MENDI - NIPA Road (b) Section of the NIPA Basin

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Miss Diane Willman Journalist

Natives (a) 4 R.P.&N.G.C. I Interpreter

Duration—From 23./11./1963 to 8./12./1963 ( Slight broken period. )

Number of Days 2 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / / 19

Medical / / 19

Map Reference (a) Become ad fait with the MENDI - NIPA Road.

Objects of Patrol (b) Political Educational Programme concerning House of Assembly et c.

Director of Native Affairs,

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 ....

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67-15-43

11th March, 1964.

District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
SEDI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 9-63/64 - HPA


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

It is gratifying to note that the people maintain their enthusiasm in road work. I have no doubt that it is a symbol of advancement as far as they are concerned.

You are certainly lucky in having Father Bernard, a former Engineering Officer with the American Army, to assist with the design of bridges.

It is Departmental policy not to have private people accompanying patrol.

I am pleased with the line taken by Mr. Read in his Political Education talks.

  
J. K. McCarthy,  
DIRECTOR.

ACJ:BP.

67-3-4

District Office,  
Mendi.  
Southern Highlands District.

5th February, 1964.

Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office.  
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 9 97 1963/64.

Thank you for the above mentioned Report which was received on even date.

Mr. Read continues to demonstrate his ability to conduct a patrol and to report lucidly his observations.

The Mendi - Lai Valley - Kipa road is now exercising the attention of the Western Highlands District. At the present time the bench cut carries on past the road head at TUMIA (25 miles from Mendi) to WINJA via SOBA, however, no bridges have been constructed on this latter section although such bridges as are required are within the resources of village labour. From KANDUP to WINJA is 3 1/2 hours walk over reasonable terrain and the construction of a vehicular road would not be a major task. Again it would be within the limits of village labour. From SOBA (approximately 7,000' above sea level, or thereabouts) it is possible to cut a road across the ridge (8,000' above sea level) to PINGRIP, a road distance of approximately five miles. From PINGRIP a vehicular road exists passing through PENEKI and BELIA to NEN. A medium bridge is required at NEN to cross the MENDI River and from this crossing the vehicular road now exists through EGARI, BIRUP thence KOMIA. Currently the sixteen miles of road between KOMIA and MAILGI Rest House, Western Highlands District is being constructed and at the time of writing, only five miles remains to be cut. From MAILGI the road runs direct to TAMBUL thence MOUNT HAGEN via the IALINU turnoff.

What is now interesting the Western Highlands people is the possibility of travelling to Mount Hagen via the route above mentioned, i.e. the Southern Highlands and thereby obviating the need to travel via WAPHAMANDA, WABAG, TAMBUL, thus reducing the route by approximately forty miles.

Although funds are not immediately available for the road system as existing and proposed, I consider you should at all times point out to the people the advantages of the network as outlined.

The KIP Bridge is not as difficult as it first appeared. Father Bernard of the Capuchin Mission, a former Engineer Officer with the American Army is quite capable and willing to design a suspension bridge similar to his bridge across the TAGARI River at TARI. He could also design a bridge for the MENDI at NEN.

Concerning the House of Assembly talks, I too have found the Hipa people very reasonable in this regard and I consider that progress in this field at Hipa is most satisfactory.

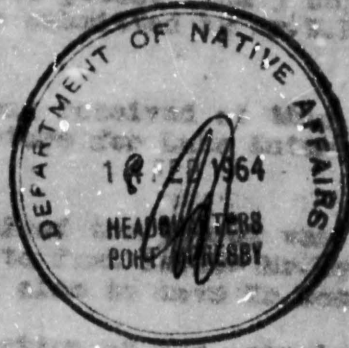
A short patrol but well conducted. I trust it will bear fruitful results.

5th February, 1964.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MELB.

*A. G. Jefferies*  
(A. G. Jefferies.)  
District Officer.

S.C.  
Officer-in-Charge,  
MISA.



Minute to:

Director,  
Department of Native Affairs.  
KONEDOBU.

For your information please.

*A. G. Jefferies*  
(A. G. Jefferies.)  
District Officer.

RWB:HHH.

67-2-3

Sub-District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

5th February, 1964.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL NO 9 OF 1963/64.

Attached hereto please find 3 copies of a report on the above patrol as submitted by Mr. W. R. Read, Patrol Officer grade 1.

This report was received at this office just before my recent departure for Lake Kutubu hence the delay.

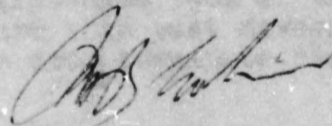
The first part of the patrol was conducted from Mendi to Nipa and was to familiarize Mr. Read with the road and the route and also to move Mr. Read to Nipa.

The second portion of the patrol was to continue the house of assembly educational programme.

The House of Assembly educational talks were reasonably well received by the people and the fact that they thought so far as to question the trustworthiness of a candidate shows that there must be some understanding.

The Mendi Nipa road still requires a great deal of work and it will be some time before the whole project is completed. The bridging of the Lai River at Kip is a major undertaking.

The native situation would appear to be completely satisfactory.



(R. W. BLAIKIE)  
Assistant District Officer.

67-2-3

NIPA Patrol Post,  
Mendi Sub-District,  
Southern Highlands District.

31st December, 1963.

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

Nipa Patrol No.9 of 63/64.

Please find enclosed four copies of the a/mentioned patrol report. Mr. Read's claim for Camping Allowance is attached also, as are the claims for the two interpreters accompanying, one of whom (PUNGU) is a Mendi Sub-District Office Interpreter and will be paid at your office, please.

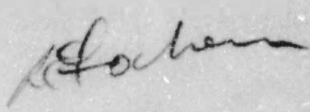
As you can see from my 'Instructions' (memo 67-1-2 of 2nd inst.) to Mr. Read, the Nipa Basin Division was ~~not~~ to have been completed after about three weeks in the field. However, Mr. Read had to rush off to Margarima airstrip soon after arriving back at Nipa on 8th inst, in order to effect repairs there, and the division will now be completed about the end of January.

A detailed comment is not necessary on the House of Assembly education talks. An interested attitude is apparant in the four groups visited. When the whole division is completed a better comment can be made.

Regarding the first part of the patrol, to wit the journey from Mendi to Nipa following the vehicular road and proposed road-route, Mr. Read apparantly did what was required of him viz. to become au fait with the route and general past work and progress. My comments Nipa Patrol 7 of 63/64 are here still relevant.

I am personally pleased that Miss Willman, the Sydney journalist, could briefly accompany a Native Affairs patrol, especially as it was partly concerned with further House of Assembly education talks. Even the initial part will point out that Native Affairs still seems to be the pathway to progress (viz. the Mendi-Nipa road). Her first-hand look at the work will at least give a more accurate picture than past newspaper visitors who glean much of their information from town pubs over a jug of ale.

A brief patrol carried out well.

  
(R.E. Focken)  
Officer in Charge.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

*In Reply  
Please Quote*

No. 67-1-2

NIPA Patrol Post,  
Mendi Sub-District,  
Southern Highlands District.

2nd December, 1963.

Mr. W. R. Read,  
Patrol Officer,  
NIPA.

Nipa Patrol No. 9 of 1963/64.

Patrol Instructions.

1. Please prepare to depart on patrol on or as soon after the 4th inst.
2. As you have with you Miss Willman the Sydney journalist, you will come back to Nipa on the fifth day after departure (Sunday) so that she can catch the Monday's aircraft back to Mendi. Spend the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at Nipa attending to Station and office matters, then continue the patrol. The patrol should take about three weeks. Please see me prior to departure and we will work out a timetable.
3. The main purpose of the patrol is to carry out the second-round House of Assembly/Election education talks to the people of the Nipa Basin Census Division. As you are aware, Mr. A. Wright C.P.O. carried out the first-round talks only two months ago, so the people will probably be a little more politically aware of the issue this patrol. Routine matters such as minor disputes and suchlike will be settled where encountered.
4. Five members of the RP&NGC and one Interpreter will accompany the patrol. These men will be chosen when you see me.

(R.E. Focken)  
Officer in Charge.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

NIPA Patrol Post,  
MENDI Sub-District,  
Southern Highlands District.  
PAPUA

14 th December, 1963.

The District Officer,  
MENDI.  
Southern Highlands District.

NIPA PATROL REPORT No. 9 of 1963/64.

PREAMBLE:

Patrol Conducted by: Mr. Warren R Read P/O.

Area Patrolled: MENDI - NIPA Road - 3 days.  
Portion of the NIPA Basin - 5 days.

Objects of Patrol: First part of the Patrol as per Patrol Instructions 67 - I - 2 of 26 th November, 1963 - whilst on transfer travel along the MENDI - NIPA Road and become au fait with the progress made.  
Second part of the Patrol as per Patrol Instructions 67 - 2 - 2 of 3 rd December, 1963 - conduct educational talks concerning the House of Assembly and the elections amongst four groups of the NIPA Basin.

Duration: First part - 3 days.  
Second part - 5 days.  
Total Period - 8 days.

Personnel Accompanying: Miss Diane Willman a journalist for the full duration of the Patrol.  
First part: 4 R.P.&N.G.C.  
1 Interpreter.  
Second part: 5 R.P.&N.G.C.  
1 Interpreter.



INTRODUCTION:

This report includes two small patrols. One of which was my transfer from MENDI to NIPA and the other when a section of the NIPA Basin was covered in connection with the second educational talks concerning the House of Assembly and the forthcoming elections. On both of these patrols I was accompanied by a journalist Miss Diane Willman who is employed by a prominent Sydney paper the 'Telegraph'. Her intention was to write a number of articles on the life in the Territory and the manner in which patrols are conducted etc.etc.

After spending five days in the NIPA Basin the patrol escorted Miss Willman back to the station where she was able to board an aircraft for MENDI. It was then my intention to attend to office duties for the next several days after which I would return to the NIPA Basin and complete the patrol. Unfortunately owing to the urgent need for maintenance of the MAGARIMA aerodrome which I will have to supervise the NIPA Basin Patrol will not be completed until approximately mid January.

DIARY:Tuesday 26 th November.

Departed MENDI by landrover 1030 hrs. The road was in reasonable condition and the vehicle travelled well.

1400 hrs met Mr. Havilland, Patrol Officer and Mr. Mac'Quilty, Cadet Patrol Officer at TUGURUP. Remained with them until 1430 hrs when tractor arrived with the patrol gear. Departed TUGURUP 1450 hrs and arrived KIP 1500 hrs. Arranged with the locals for the transportation of patrol cargo from the road head across the LAI River and up to the rest house at KIP.

1530 hrs set up camp at KIP.

Heavy rain during the evening.

Wednesday 27 th November.

0730 hrs arranged with the locals for carriers — sufficient recruitments by 0800 hrs. Departed KIP rest house 0815 hrs and the patrol followed the vehicular road which leads to MULIS. The terrain at times was rather rugged, especially between SHUMBI and MULIS where very little of the road appears to have been cut.

Arrived MULIS 1430 hrs and camp was set up.

Thursday 28 th November.

Departed MULIS 0800 hrs travelled along the vehicular road and arrived at NIPA 1030 hrs.

Patrol reported to P.O.I.C. NIPA and then stood down.

Period between 29 th November and 3 rd December spent at NIPA Patrol Post.

Wednesday 4 th December.

Departed NIPA 1000 hrs following vehicular road, arrived EBIL rest house 1230 hrs.

Camp set up and the locals were given a full explanation on the House of Assembly and the elections.

Remained the night at EBIL.

Thursday 5 th December.

Departed EBIL 0800 hrs and arrived HONT rest house 0930 hrs -- camp set up.

Full explanation of the House of Assembly and the elections given to the people.

Several disputes heard and determined.

Heavy rain during the night.

Friday 6 th December.

Departed HONT 0800 hrs. The track inclined to be very steep and going rather rather difficult -- arrived KOMBILA rest house 1100 hrs.

Camp set up KOMBILA.

Full explanation of the House of Assembly and the elections given to the people.

Several disputes heard and determined.

Slight rain during the evening.

Saturday 7 th December.

Departed KOMBILA 0735 hrs and arrived EREP rest house 0915 hrs.

Camp set up at EREP.

Full explanation of the House of Assembly and the elections given to the people.

Remained the night at EREP.

Sunday 8 th December.

Departed EREP 0900 hrs and arrived NIPA station 1130 hrs -- patrol stood down.

END OF PATROL DIARYHOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

This patrol completed for the four groups it visited the second educational talks concerning the House of Assembly and the forthcoming elections. The first of such talks were conducted by Mr A. S. Wright during NIPA Patrol No.5 of 63/64.

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY Cont:

The basic reasons why it was intended to form the House of Assembly were carefully explained to the people. Further more the duties and responsibilities of such an institution were discussed at length with them.

Whilst these talks were being conducted the people lent a very attentive ear, although they failed to ask many questions. This I feel stemmed from a timidity and ignorance ( which is quite understandable ) rather than from a lack of curiosity. The main question which was common to the four groups, was how far could such a representative be trusted once he had attained a seat in the Assembly. Especially if such a person was not a member of their own group or one in the immediate vicinity. Their fears were promptly put to rest on this matter, for they were clearly informed that their representative even if he was not of their lineage was equally responsible to each person within his electorate. However their final trend of thought appeared to be to give whoever they elected a chance to prove himself and should he fail to meet his responsibilities and commitments during his period of office, than another representative would be selected when the next elections fell due. This attitude clearly indicates that these primitive people are commencing to adopt a democratic style of thinking and this is a big step along the pathway of political advancement.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

In accordance with my Patrol Instructions 67 - I - 2 of 26 th November, 1963 whilst on transfer from MENDI to NIPA I was to walk along the MENDI - NIPA Road. Thus to enable me to become familiar with the road, the progress that had been made and what was yet to be accomplished.

The patrol was able to travel by vehicle from MENDI to KIP a distance of some twenty five miles. This large stretch of road is extremely well graded, but it has numerous bridges which although they are capable of giving access to a landrover are inclined to be too narrow and could adequately cope with an extra eighteen inches either side.

At KIP a large bridge will have to be constructed across the LAI River. The total span would be around the one hundred foot mark and the answer appears to be the erection of a suspension bridge, which would be a tremendous undertaking and the work of a specialist. Moreover the approaches on both banks are of mud which obviously offers a poor foundation for the giant pylon towers that would be necessary for such a bridge. Fortunately in the close vicinity of the bridge site there appears to be an abundance of suitable timber that could be utilised in the construction.

From KIP to NIPA a considerable amount of the vehicular road has been cut. A section of eight miles or so between SHUMBI and MULIS will require the greatest concentration of the work effort in the future. This section has extremely rugged terrain and it will necessitate many months of labour before completion will be attained. There are several small bridges and quite a few culverts to be installed, plus a few steep gradients that may require re-cutting.

Whilst visiting a small section of the NIPA Basin in connection with the second round of the House of Assembly talks, the patrol followed for two days what was completed of the NEMBI road. Generally this road is very well cut although not cambered and the gradients are satisfactory although in a few sections go to extremes and in such instances will necessitate a re-survey. This road terminates in the vicinity of HONT.

NATIVE AFFAIRS:

Both sections of the patrol were of a short duration. Thus I was not able to really obtain a complete overall assessment of the native situation.

This was especially apparent whilst on transfer from MENDI to NIPA for the only contact I had with the people was in recruiting carriers and a few general discussions which were conducted during the evenings. However the people although primitive appear content and pleased with the Administration and its work. They willingly performed their duties as carriers and it was pleasing to notice along certain sections of the road groups of volunteers engaged in road construction.

During the second section of the patrol only four groups were visited in connection with the political educational programme and they should now have a better understanding of the House of Assembly and the forthcoming elections.

All rest houses visited were well kept and the surrounding ground very clean.

A considerable number of disputes were brought to the attention of the patrol and in each case they were given prompt consideration and discussed fully.

My general assessment of the native situation, as I was best able to obtain under the circumstances, is that it is most satisfactory.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

Generally considering the primitive state of these people, the Village Constables responsible for each group the patrol contacted appeared to be accomplishing a difficult task extremely well. They are in some cases not entirely sure of what is expected of a V.C. but this will no doubt rectify itself with more contact from patrols.

HEALTH:

The health of all the people contacted was very reasonable. There were a few cases of Hansen's disease and anyone suspected to be suffering from this were immediately dispatched to the station for treatment.

R:P:&:N:G:C:

Whilst on transfer from MENDI to NIPA I was accompanied by four members of the constabulary. During the NIPA Basin Patrol five members accompanied. In both cases these members of the R:P:&:N:G:C: performed their duties to my entire satisfaction. R.S.I forms have been completed for each of them and forwarded to the Commissioner of Police, while duplicate entries have been made in their records of service.

CONCLUSION:

I sincerely feel that the patrol was conducted in sound accordance with my two lots of Patrol Instructions.

The political educational programme for the NIPA Basin will be finalised by the first half of January. This will then mean that all the groups within the basin have been visited twice by patrols with the objective of explaining the House of Assembly and the forthcoming elections. Of course the second visit with this objective merely expands and consolidates the knowledge that was imparted to the people on the first.

As can be seen from the introduction of this report a journalist Miss E Willman who is a personal friend of the District Commissioner Mr. I.F. Skinner, accompanied the patrol. She was in the Territory covering several assignments for her paper and was keen to accompany a patrol and thus obtain a practical picture of what exactly is done. This was the most available patrol at the time and Miss Willman was given the opportunity of joining it and I am sure she was able to collect sufficient information for a good story.

*Warren Head*  
(Warren Head)  
Patrol Officer

17/12/63



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

NIPA

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 10 of 1963/64.

Patrol Conducted by Mr. Warren R Read Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled MAGARIMA Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

3 R.P.&N.G.C

Natives 1 Interpreter.

Duration—From 17/ 12 /19 63 to 24/ 12 /19 63

Number of Days 8

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / /19

Medical / /19

Map Reference See NIPA Patrol Report No. 10 of 1962/63.

Objects of Patrol Supervise maintenance of the MAGARIMA airfield and plant couch grass

Place landing markers in the correct positions over a distance specified by the District Airport Inspector.

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

67-15-53

12th March, 1964.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
M.S.H.D.I.

PATROL REPORT NO. 10-61/64 - NIPA:

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

The job of maintaining the Nagarima airfield has been satisfactorily performed and the people appear most co-operative.

It is gratifying to note that the people are prepared to settle disputes without having to resort to court action.

Mr. Reed has done well.

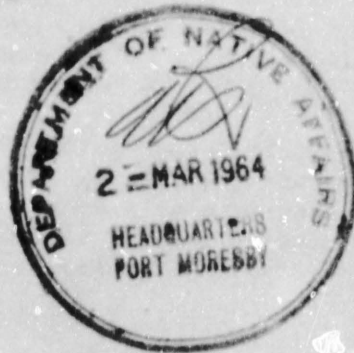


(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

67-15-53

AOJ:RP.

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District Office,  
Southern Highlands District.

25th February, 1964.

Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office.  
MAHA.

NIIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 10 OF 1961/64.

Thank you for the above mentioned Report which was received on the 24th February, 1964.

I gather that the pressure of Election work caused the various delays in processing, however, I note that Mr. Read submitted the Report on the 7th January, 1964.

The Report calls for little comment except that both Mr. Read and the Nagarima people have again demonstrated their abilities to get on with a job and have it completed.

I agree that a vehicular road between Nipa and Nagarima is necessary and you should instruct the Officer-in-Charge, Nipa to have the route surveyed. You should also instruct him to conduct a Local Government Survey of the Nagarima Census Division. There is then an excellent chance to have the road put forward as a Council project. Should such a proposal be accepted then two objects will be achieved (a) Revenue for the Council on a contract basis and (b) visible evidence to the people of typical Council duties with resultant benefits to the people.

A well conducted patrol.

Cheque for Camping Allowance will be forwarded by the District Finance Officer, Mount Hagen.

*(Signature)*  
(A. G. Jefferies.)  
District Officer.

c.c.

Officer-in-Charge,  
MAHA.

Minute to:  
Director,  
Department of Native Affairs.  
KONEDOBU.

For your information please.

*(Signature)*  
(A. G. Jefferies.)  
District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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NIPA Patrol Post,  
MENDI Sub-District,  
Southern Highlands District.  
PAFJA

7th January, 1964.

The District Officer,  
MENDI  
Southern Highlands District.

NIPA PATROL REPORT No. 10 of 1963/64.

PREAMBLE:

Officer Conducting Patrol: Mr. Warren R Read - Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: MAGARIMA Census Division.

Objects of Patrol: As per District Officer's verbal  
Patrol Instructions of 16th Dec-  
ember, 1963.

(a) Supervise maintenance of the  
MAGARIMA airfield and plant  
couch grass.

(b) Place landing markers in the  
correct positions over a dis-  
tance specified by the District  
Airport Inspector.

Duration of Patrol: From 17/12/63 to 24/12/63.

8 days.

Personnel Accompanying: 3 R.P.&N.G.C.

1 Interpreter.

Map Reference:

See NIPA Patrol Report No. 10 of -  
62/63.

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this patrol was to carry out maintenance on certain sections of the MAGARIMA airfield which had become soft. Also to place landing markers, when they arrived, in the correct positions over a distance of 2,700' of the 3,500' airfield.

This report is unfortunately somewhat late in being submitted. The principal reason for this is due to my original intention which was to combine this report with my report for the WAGE patrol. However after discussing the matter with Mr. Fockea prior to my departure for the WAGE, it was finally decided to keep both reports separate and submit them as such.

DIARY:

Tuesday 17th December.

Departed for patrol MAGARIMA 0900 hrs. Walking track good but terrain very mountainous. Arrival MAGARIMA 1700 hrs - camp set up.

Wednesday 18th December.

By 0800 hrs there was a good turn up of workers. After placing them in various teams maintenance work commenced on the sections of the ' field requiring repair.

1700 hrs heavy rain prevented any further work.

Thursday 19th December.

0730 hrs workers started trickling in and by 0800 hrs a sufficient number had arrived to warrant commencement of work.

0900 hrs arrival of aircraft from TARI with seven large bags of couch runners.

Work continued smoothly throughout the day and ceased 1700 hrs.

Friday 20th December.

Work commenced 0800 hrs. Some of the locals attending to the soft sections of the ' field and others planting couch grass.

Arrival of aircraft from TARI 0930 hrs. with four more bags of couch grass.

Work continued throughout the day and resulted in all the couch grass being planted, plus many soft sections being hardened. Work ceased 1700 hrs.

Saturday 21st December.

Good roll up of workers in the vicinity of five or six hundred. Work continued throughout the day and resulted in all the soft areas being fully repaired. Work ceased 1330 hrs.

Sunday 22nd December.

The day observed and patrol remained at MAGARIMA.

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Monday 23rd December.

0800 hrs arrival of an aircraft from MENDI with eighty fibro landing markers and paint.

From 0900 hrs until 1400 hrs time spent assembling and painting markers then placing them into correct position on the airfield.

Heavy rain 1430 hrs.

Tuesday 24th December.

0830 hrs patrol departed MAGARIMA and arrived NIPA station 1530 hrs - patrol stood down.

NATIVE AFFAIRS:

The native situation throughout the MAGARIMA area appears to be most satisfactory. The people only seemed too pleased to co-operate on all matters. They performed the maintenance on the airfield with intense enthusiasm which resulted in the task being carried out with a minimum amount of delay.

Several disputes were heard and settled without the necessity of court action.

On no occasion was any mention made to me by the people of their desire to have a Patrol Post established at MAGARIMA. This desire has been clearly indicated in NIPA Patrol Reports No.9 and No.10 of 1962/63. However they did mention to me that they wished to have the vehicular road cut through from MAGARIMA airfield to NIPA station as soon as possible. Moreover they claim they are more than willing to carry out the manual labour involved, provided the proposed road is first surveyed.

This feeling of enthusiasm for the road to be constructed stems from a fear that the present contact they are receiving from NIPA is insufficient to enable their economic and political development to keep pace with that of the people in the close vicinity of the NIPA station. It is the intention of the MAGARIMA people, once the road has been completed, to participate in cash cropping and they hope to have a tractor cart their produce to the market which will be NIPA. Moreover the people realise that the existence of a road will allow more frequent visits by Native Affairs Officers from NIPA than it is practical and possible to do so at present. MAGARIMA will only be approximately one and a half hours drive away when the road is through.

I assured the people the road would be surveyed as soon as possible after the forthcoming elections and they could then commence work. Then whether their interest will wane once they actually become involved in the heavy manual work which will be required on this road construction is as yet to be determined. Although it must be borne in mind that these people went ahead and ran an airfield without being asked or supervised. And if they maintain this attitude of self-reliance and keen interest whilst they are engaged on the road construction the result could be most pleasing.

WALKING TRACKS:

The walking track between NIPA and MAGARIMA is extremely well cleared. Although there is virtually no flat sections for it is more or less ups and downs all the way. It is a 7½ to 8 hour walk both ways.

R.P.&N.G.C.

The patrol was accompanied by three members of the constabulary all of whom carried out their duties with marked efficiency. R.S.I forms have been completed for each of them and forwarded to the Commissioner of Police while duplicate entries have been made in their records of service.

MAINTAINANCE MAGARIMA AIRFIELD:

The main trouble with the MAGARIMA airfield was that certain sections had become soft and were liable to prove dangerous to aircraft using the field under wet conditions. The other faults were, no landing markers and insufficient couch grass had been planted on the field's surface.

The day following the patrol's arrival work commenced on these soft areas. The soft ground was extracted and replaced with a mixture of loam and small rock which was pounded in until it became extremely hard. This absorbed the bulk of the local labour and the majority of the duration of the patrol was spent supervising replacement of these sections.

A considerable amount of couch grass was flown in from TARI and planted on the airfield. It is anticipated that the grass will be beneficial in holding and preserving the surface of the airfield.

The landing markers arrived on 23/12/63 from MENDI and that day were assembled, painted and placed into correct position, in accordance with D.C.A. regulations, over 2,700' of the 3,500' airfield.

The airfield at MAGARIMA is now satisfactory for use by light aircraft, but the overall surface tends to be slightly spongy. The only way by which this could be eradicated is by rolling the surface regularly with a heavy roller. At present there is no roller at MAGARIMA and I would strongly suggest that one be flown from MENDI in pieces and assembled at MAGARIMA by one of the NIPA officers.

*Warren R Read*  
(Warren R Read)  
Patrol Officer

7/1/64.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

*NIPA*

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. No. 12 of 62/63

Patrol Conducted by Mr. Warren R Read Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled First part - Majority WAGE c/d and small section NIPA c/d  
Second part - Half NEMBI c/d

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil  
Natives First part - 5 R.P.&N.G.C. 1 Interpreter  
Second part - 10 R.P.&N.G.C. 1 Interpreter

Duration—From 7/1/1964 to 16/2/1964 then 30/1/64 to 6/2/64.

Number of Days 10 days + 8 days = 18 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / / 19

Map Reference Medical / / 19  
First part - Southern Highlands District map and NIPA Patrol Report No. 9 of 62/63.  
Second part - NIPA Patrol Report No. 8 of 62/63.

Objects of Patrol The purpose of both patrols was the erection of Polling Houses and further talks concerning the House of Assembly and the forthcoming elections

Director of Native Affairs,

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 .....

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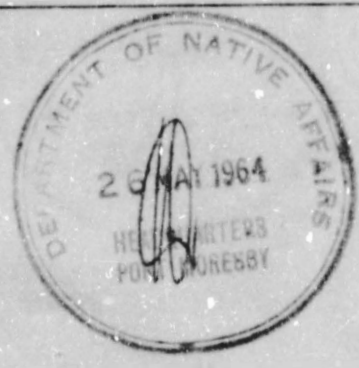
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone  
Telegrams  
Our Reference 92-4  
If calling ask for  
Mr.



District Office,  
Mendi.  
Southern Highlands District.

21st May, 1964.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.

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INSTRUCTION COURSES - VILLAGE CONSTABLES.

Your memo 67-15-59 of the 30th April 1964  
at paragraph 2 refers.

Courses of Instruction are held at regular  
intervals.

  
(A.C. JEFFERIES)  
District Officer.

67-15-59

30th April, 1964.

District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.


PATROL REPORT NO. 12-63/64 - NIPA

Receipt of the above report and accompanying comments is acknowledged with thanks.

Do you hold regular courses to instruct village constables in their duties? If not, they should be instituted.

Mr. Read records well and the content of the report reveals well organised, conscientious work.

A very good record of work well done.

  
J. K. McCarthy,  
DIRECTOR.

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District Office,  
 Mendi.  
 Southern Highlands District.

10th. April 1964.

Assistant District Officer,  
 Sub District Office,  
MENDI.

Mipa Patrol Report No. 12 of 1963/64.

Thank you for the above mentioned Report which was received on the 8th. inst.

Mr. Reed continues to carry out first class work in the field and his Reports make interesting reading.

It is quite evident that in both the Divisions patrolled more intensive administration is required. I consider that future patrols should move through all the village groups at a more leisurely pace giving 'on the spot' assistance to the people with their road work, village and house hygiene etc. Where Village Officials obviously have weak control then every effort should be made in the village to strengthen their position.

The Mipa area generally is still very new and too much should not be expected nevertheless pressure should gradually be exerted to bring the people's development and understanding of the aims of the Administration in line with the remainder of the District.

Concerning the Mendi Division firm handling will be necessary here for a long time yet and only experienced officers should be instructed to patrol this area.

*DA*  
 (A. J. JEFFERIES.)  
 District Officer.

The Director,  
 Dept. of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.

For your information please.

*DA*  
 A. J. JEFFERIES.



RWB:HHK.

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Sub-District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

7th April, 1964.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL NO 12 OF 1963/64.

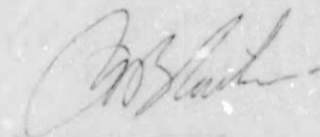
Attached hereto please find three copies of a report on the above patrol as submitted by Mr. W.R. Read, Patrol Officer grade 1. This was received in this office on 26th March, 1964.

The native situation in the Wage Census Division appears most satisfactory and this bears out what previous patrol to this area have reported. From reading Mr. Read's summaries of each group it appears that the native situation varies with the efficiency and influence of the Village Constables.

The situation in the Fenti is not as good as that in the Wage but the situation in various odd groups is satisfactory. Once again this seems to depend on the influence the Village Constable exerts. I have already instructed the Officer in Charge at Nipa to conduct a thorough patrol with a complete revision of census as soon as possible. Such a patrol is to spend as much time as possible in the area moving slowly from group to group.

The polling houses which were constructed by Mr. Read's patrol were substantial buildings and should last for some years.

The standard of Mr. Read's work has increased steadily over the past months and this report is well presented.



(R. W. BLAIKIE)  
Assistant District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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NIPA Patrol Post,  
MENDI Sub-District,  
Southern Highlands District.  
PAPUA

12th February, 1964.

The District Officer,  
MENDI  
Southern Highlands District.

NIPA PATROL REPORT No. 12 of 1963/64

PREAMBLE:

Officer Conducting Patrol: Mr. Warren R Read - Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: First part - Majority WAGE c/d  
and small section  
NIPA c/d.  
Second part - Half NEMBI c/d.

Objects of Patrol: The purpose of both patrols was  
the erection of Polling Houses  
and further talks concerning the  
House of Assembly and forthcoming  
elections.

Duration of Patrol: First part from 7/1/64 to 16/1/64  
10 days.  
Second part from 30/1/64 to 6/2/64  
8 days.

Personnel Accompanying: First part - 5 R.P.&N.G.C.  
1 Interpreter.  
Second part - 10 R.P.&N.G.C.  
2 Interpreters.

Map Reference: First part - Southern Highlands  
District map and NIPA  
Patrol Report No.9 of  
62/63 sketch map.  
Second part - NIPA Patrol Report  
No.8 of 62/63 sketch  
map.

INTRODUCTION:

This report consists of two patrols. The purpose of both being the erection of Polling Houses plus further educational talks concerning the House of Assembly and the forthcoming elections.

The first patrol covered the majority of the WAGE census division and a small section of the NIPA census division, but was terminated when I was instructed to join Mr. Focken at the station and then accompany his return to the NEMBI area. This being due to rather serious friction that had occurred during Mr. Focken's previous visit to the NEMBI, which had forced him to withdraw and obtain additional police plus myself. Of course the duration I was attached to Mr. Focken's patrol while the period of unrest reigned will be covered by his report on the matter.

Due to Mr. Fockens impending study leave which is expected to commence during mid-March and the forthcoming handover/takeover plus unattended clerical duties especially those concerning the elections. It was considered better for me to complete Mr. Focken's initial NEMBI patrol and thus allow him to return to the station. This is the second patrol included in this report and fortunately it was accomplished without any further unsavoury occurrences.

DIARY:

Tuesday 7th January

Patrol departed NIPA 0900 hrs and followed the vehicular road and arrived OMDOL rest house 1100 hrs - camp set up there.

1130 hrs groups of OMDOL and AROP were given a full explanation of the House of Assembly and the impending elections. Then work commenced on the construction of the Polling House at OMDOL. Work ceased 1700 hrs - spent the night at OMDOL.

Wednesday 8th January

Work continued on the Polling House throughout the day.

Several complaints heard and settled and the night spent at OMDOL.

Thursday 9th January

Patrol departed OMDOL 0900 hrs and after rather rough walking arrived at KAWARI 1400 hrs - camp set up at the rest house which is PINJIP.

1430 hrs House of Assembly talks etc given to the lines of KAWARI, INJASULJAL, PINJIP and HEBINJA. Then construction commenced on the Polling House at KAWARI by these four groups. Work ceased 1700 hrs - spent the night at PINJIP.

Friday 10th January

0800 hrs work commenced on the Polling House and continued throughout the day. Work ceased 1730 hrs - spent the night at PINJIP.

Saturday 11th January

Patrol departed PINJIP 0800 hrs and followed a reasonable walking track for 1/2 hour then crossed the WAGE river and proceeded up a steep mountainous path on to rather flat ground for several hours - arrived UNGUBI rest house 1200 hrs.

Talk given to the people of UNGUBI and HALALINJA concerning the House of Assembly and the elections.

1400 hrs commenced construction of the Polling House at UNGUBI. Work ceased 1600 hrs with the onset of heavy rain. The patrol spent the night at UNGUBI.

Sunday 12th January

Continued construction of the Polling House throughout the day until 1500 hrs when heavy rain caused all work to cease. The patrol spent the night at UNGUBI.

Monday 13th January

Work commenced 0800 hrs and continued until 1530 hrs when heavy rain prevented further work. The days effort had resulted in the Polling House being near complete. The night spent UNGUBI.

Tuesday 14th January

Patrol departed UNGUBI 0800 hrs and arrived SEBIBA rest house 1200 hrs after rather tough walking.

1300 hrs talks given to the groups of SEBIRA, HOMBILA and ORAL concerning the House of Assembly and the elections.

1400 hrs work commenced on the construction of the Polling House. Work ceased 1800 hrs. Patrol remained SEBIBA the night.

Wednesday 15th January

Work continued throughout the day on the construction of the Polling House and ceased 1730 hrs.

1900 hrs arrival of a runner from NIPA station with written instructions from Mr. Focken to return immediately to the station on the morrow.

Thursday 16th January

Departed SEBIBA 0830 hrs and arrived HENEP 1030 hrs. Talk given to the people of HENEP and HULAL concerning the House of Assembly and the elections and the Polling House was marked out at HENEP and the people of both these lines were given instructions to build it. Departed HENEP 1030 hrs and arrived OMBAL 1045 hrs and the Polling House was marked out there and instructions given to the people of OMBAL and INJAHANIS were given instructions to complete it. Departed OMBAL 1100 hrs and arrived NIPA 1500 hrs, reported to P.O.I.C and patrol stood down.

Friday 17th January to Wednesday 29th January

Attached to NIPA Patrol No. 11 of 1963/64.

Thursday 30th January

Departed KAM rest house 0800 hrs in the company of Messrs. Focken and Haviland. Mr. Focken departed from patrol line at KALIMILIA for NIPA. Self and Mr. Haviland proceeded on to UBA where a helicopter arrived from MENDI with the District Commissioner Mr. Skinner, the District Officer Mr. Jefferies and the pilot. After brief discussion helicopter departed with senior officers. Self and Mr. Haviland proceeded on to KUM where at 1100 hrs patrol met Mr. Hamual missionary from KAGUA. Self and NIPA police and carriers left MENDI patrol at KUM and proceeded on to KESU. Mr. Haviland and Mr. Hamual pushed on to UNGUBIA.

NIPA patrol arrived KESU 1200 hrs and commenced construction of the Polling House with the assistance of lines of KESU, KUM, PETAMA and KUSA. Work terminated 1700 hrs and talks given to the four groups concerning House of Assembly and the elections.

Guards posted throughout the night.

Friday 31st January

Patrol remained KESU and continued supervision of the Polling House throughout the day.

One dispute heard and settled.

Guards posted throughout the night.

Saturday 1st February

Patrol departed KESU 0810 hrs and arrived TOIAWARO 1200 hrs. Camp set up and Polling House pegged out. Work then commenced on its construction and ceased 1845 hrs.

Guards posted throughout the night.

Sunday 2nd February

Work resumed on the construction of the Polling House and by 1200 hrs the framework had been completely erected.

1300 hrs talks given to the groups of MOMDOMAP, INJA, TIKA and TOIAWARO all of whom had been assisting with the construction of the Polling House. Instructions given to the four groups to complete the building

1500 hrs patrol departed TOIAWARO and arrived MATO 1830 hrs. Camp set up MATO.

Guards posted throughout the night.

Monday 3rd February

0700 hrs work commenced on the construction of the Polling House and by 1700 hrs the framework had been completely erected.

Talk given to the people of MATO and POROMA concerning the House of Assembly and the elections.

Guards posted throughout the night.

Tuesday 4th February

Patrol departed MATO 0705 hrs and arrived UNJUBIA 0915 hrs. Camp set up

Tuesday 4th January cont.

Work commenced on the construction of the Polling House and by 1730 hrs the framework had been completed.

Talk given to the people concerning the House of Assembly and the elections.

Guards posted throughout the night.

Wednesday 5th January

Patrol departed UNJUBIA 0825 hrs and arrived TINDOM 0925 hrs.

Work commenced on the construction of the Polling House and by 1630 hrs the framework was near completed.

Talk given to the three groups KONGU, KOROP and TINDOM concerning the House of Assembly and the elections.

Guards posted throughout the night.

Thursday 6th January

Patrol departed TINDOM 0700 hrs and arrived NIPA 1115 hrs Reported to P.O.I.C and patrol stood down.

END OF DIARY

FIRST PART — WAGE SECTION:

As stated previously the patrol covered a very small section of the NIPA basin and a rather large part of the WAGE. The census groups visited will be dealt with separately and in order of contact.

OMDOL: This group is within the NIPA basin and they displayed much enthusiasm in the construction of their Polling House and in listening to the educational talks concerning the House of Assembly and the elections. It was evident that they were pleased to have the patrol arrive for they turned up at the rest house in full number. Moreover the V.C. appears to be exerting a very satisfactory influence over this group and they themselves are keen to heed the aims and requirements of the Administration. A very good native situation to be found here.

KOROP: This group also falls within the NIPA basin administrative area and are situated reasonable close to OMDOL. These people failed to impress me for they have a very lazy and indifferent outlook. They assisted OMDOL in the construction of the Polling House but it was with a sulky reluctance. The V.C. strives hard to fulfil his duties but I am afraid falls far short of their ~~xxx~~ satisfactory attainment. This being due to a combination of his weak character and the individualistic trait of the KOROP people. This group will need a more constant and patient contact to bring the native situation on a par with that to be found at OMDOL.

PINUP: This group is situated within the WAGE census division as are all the groups discussed hereafter. They seemed keen to assist with the construction of the Polling House which was erected at KAWARI

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PINJIP: It will be used by the groups of PINJIP, KAWARI, INJASULJAL and HEBINJA. They lent an attentive ear to the educational talks and appear reasonable content to listen to and heed the aims and requirements of the Administration. Their walking tracks were clean and well kept, also the V.C. is maintaining a very satisfactory hold over his group. The native situation here is reasonable but will require more constant contact to enable this state to be maintained and improved upon.

KAWARI: The KAWARI people turned out in full strength to give the patrol a friendly reception. They appear to be very content and are settling down well. The work they performed on the Polling House was pleasing and they seemed to be highly interested in the educational talks that were given them. A satisfactory state of affairs appears to reign on the surface here with a V.C. who is suitable for the position.

HEBINJA: A very timid primitive group with a near useless V.C. I strongly suspect many of them are still in hiding and have never appeared for a census. This state I would attribute to the isolated position they reside in. They definitely will require intensified contact preferably from the same officer, before the aims and requirements of the Administration can be fully stressed and appreciated by them.

INJASULJAL: A friendly reception was accorded the patrol here and this group appear willing to co-operate on all matters. On the surface the state of affairs here seems to be satisfactory with a V.C. of average material who is useful.

UNGUBI: A very docile collection of people with a lax V.C. who needs a bit of a push from time to time. However they worked well on the Polling House which they are to share with HALALINJA and they appeared to show an interest in the educational talks. Their houses and walking tracks are extremely clean and well maintained. The situation here is reasonable but bears watching.

HALALINJA: The most satisfactory and stable native situation throughout the entire WAGE area is to be found in this group. The V.C. is a most capable individual and performs his duties with marked efficiency. He maintains a strong hold of power over his group and is extremely useful. The people of course are very willing to heed the aims and requirements of the Administration and are content.

HOMBILA: This group and the groups of SEBIRA and OBAL combined together to construct a Polling House at SEBIRA which is to be used by them all. The HOMBILA people are settling down well and showed interest in the educational talks. Their V.C. bears watching but is efficient. An apparent satisfactory state to be found here.

SEBIRA: These people worked well on the construction of the Polling House and were interested in the educational talks. They are rather a large group who had had contact with KUTUBU a considerable time before NIPA was ever opened. This of course has been beneficial to them settling down. Evidently there has been friction between SEBIRA and HOMBILA in past years and the remembrance of old feuds and hatreds could easily spark of a brawl between them. The V.C. although a little rogue ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ is quite capable in the performance of his duties and holds a good influence over his group. The situation here for the present is reasonable, but there is room for improvement.

ORAL: A reasonably peaceful collection of people who speak the HURI language as well as the NIPA vernacular. They worked well and listened with apparent interest to the educational talks. There appears to be a satisfactory situation here. Although the V.C. is a little old for the job he exerts a good control.

HULAL:) I visited these people on the way back to NIPA to join Mr. Focken and my visit was more or less a very fleeting one. They were given an educational talk and the dimensions of their Polling House was marked out and they assured me they would complete it with a minimum amount of delay. These two groups appeared most co-operative and friendly.

OMBAL:) Again I passed through the territory owned by these two groups INJAHANIS:) rather rapidly and only had time to mark out their Polling Houses which they assured me they would complete with a minimum amount of delay. My stay was insufficient to enable me to obtain a satisfactory assessment of the native situation, but there appeared to be no problems here.

My general assessment of the native situation throughout the WAGE area which was visited by the patrol, is that on the surface it is most satisfactory. Just what lies beneath the surface is very hard to determine at this stage. I do feel that the people have a strong and willing desire to settle down, but there are a few disturbing elements existing which could result in minor flare-ups. However it is imperative at this stage that the WAGE people receive as much constant contact as is possible for us to give them. This will enable the present stable and peaceful state to be maintained and rapidly improved upon.

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

This was the second round of educational talks concerning the House of Assembly and the elections that has been given to the WAGE people. The first of such talks was carried out during NIPA Patrol No.2 of 63/64.

The basic details of the House of Assembly and the elections was carefully explained to all concerned. The people appeared to be interested in what was being told to them, but failed to ask many questions which under the circumstances is understandable for it is due to a timidity and ignorance brought about their primitive and isolated state.

They are extremely disappointed that they have no candidate of their own and openly state they have no desire to vote for a WENDEI man. However time will tell as to whether they will adhere to this intention when the elections fall due.

It seems to be their strong ambition that when the next elections fall due in several years time they will definitely have their own candidate standing.

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POLLING HOUSES:



POLLING HOUSES: cont.

POLLING PLACE	GROUP
OMDOL	AROP, OMDOL
KAWARI	KAWARI, PINJIP, INJASUJAL, HEBINJA
UNGUBI	UNGUBI, HALALINJA
SEBIBA	SEBIBA, HOMBILA, OBAL
HENEP	HENEP, HULAL
OMRAL	OMBAL, INJAHANIS

Unfortunately due to the NEMBI trouble I was unable to push on to SOLAPEM, BOIA and KALAL and supervise the construction of the Polling Houses at these centres. However it is anticipated that they will be attended to on my return from the NEMBI.

R.P.&N.G.C.

The patrol was accompanied by five members of the constabulary all of whom carried out their duties to my entire satisfaction. R.S.I forms have been completed for all of them and forwarded to the Commissioner of Police while duplicate entries have been made in their records of service.

WALKING TRACKS:

The walking tracks throughout the WACE are being reasonably maintained by the local people. Although many parts are extremely steep and make the walking rather hard going at times.

HEALTH:

The health of all the people contacted appeared to be A.I. Although there were several cases of Hansen's disease and one suspected case of framboesia which was sent to MENDI for treatment.

SECOND PART — NEMBI SECTION:

As stated previously the patrol covered half of the NEMBI

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KESU: Here the native situation is quiet. The V.C. appears to be exerting a strong influence and is holding a firm control. This is attributed to his father's position of esteemed prestige within the group which enables the V.C. to hold and maintain power. There are no apparent problems here and the group worked reasonably well on the construction of the Polling House and showed interest in the educational talks on the House of Assembly and the elections.

KUSA: People are behaving themselves but V.C. is exerting little if any control. Although this group tends to be influenced a considerable amount by the V.C. of KESU. However they proved themselves to be co-operative and showed slight interest in the elections and in the construction of their Polling House.

KUM: The native situation here is not really pleasing there is ample room for improvement. The V.C. does not exert much control nor is he a very impressive individual. They showed no interest in the educational talks nor did they seem too enthusiastic in assisting KESU, KUSA and PETUM (PETAMA) construct the Polling House at KESU which is to be used by them all.

PETUM: The native situation here is highly similar to that found at KUM. In short it is not satisfactory.

NENJA: Extremely lazy indifferent collection whose rest house proved to be a shocking uninhabitable disgrace. Some of them seem to wander across into KAGUA territory from time to time. Showed little interest in the educational talks. V.C. is a good man for the job but receives no co-operation from his group. Not a good native situation here and will require intensified constant contact before any great progress can be made with them.

TOIAWARO: Rather a docile group who are by all means interested in the aims requirements of the Administration or of paying any attention to patrols. Not a good deal of interest shown concerning the educational talks and they approached the construction of their Polling House which NENJA, MOMDOMAP and TIGA are assisting them to build at TOIAWARO, with a very lazy outlook. There appears to be malaria present in the area which has resulted in a few deaths. The native situation has room for improvement and the V.C. is slightly useless.

MOMDOMAP: A very similar native situation to that of TOIAWARO to be found here. There is much room for improvement.

TIGA: These people were co-operative and showed some interest in the educational talks. V.C. exerts a satisfactory control and for the present there are no problems here.

POROMA: Rather a primitive timid group who are prepared to listen and heed the aims and requirements of the Administration. They showed interest in the talks and seemed willing to co-operate on all matters. On the surface anyway there appears to be a reasonable native situation here.

MATO: A primitive tough collection who appear to be prepared to listen to the aims and requirements of the Administration. They showed a

UNGUBIA: A very large group who appear keen to heed the aims and requirements of the Administration. They listened very intently to the educational talks and came back with some rather intelligent comments concerning the House of Assembly and the elections which I found very pleasing and satisfying. No apparent problems here.

TINDOM:) No apparent problems here. The native situation is satisfactory  
KONGU:) and the people listened intently to the educational talks and  
KOROP:) they worked well on the construction of their Polling House which was erected at TINDOM. The V.C.s of each of these groups seem to be accomplishing their tasks well.

My general assessment of the native situation throughout the section of the NEMBI covered in this report, is that it is not really of a satisfactory nature. There is much to be accomplished in the way of more constant contact.

I sincerely feel that the answer to overcoming the present unsettled state of affairs is for a large patrol from NIPA to go into the NEMBI and move slowly through it, taking if necessary two to three months and getting the people organised and interested in economic ventures such as cash cropping and roadwork, settling disputes no matter how trivial and where necessary arresting law-breakers. This should reveal to the people the superior benefits of law and order and should be a strong achievement in bringing the whole of the NEMBI area well under the influence of the Administration.

#### POLLING HOUSES:

The patrol constructed Polling Houses at the places listed below and the number of census groups who will use each place is also shown.

Polling Houses were built at four other places in the NEMBI by Mr. Focken during his earlier visit there.

POLLING PLACE	GROUP
KESU	KESU, KUM, KUSA, PETUM (PETAMA)
TOIWARO	NI IA, MOMBOMAP, TIGA, TOIWARO
MATO	POROMA, MATO
UNGUBIA	UNGUBIA
TINDOM	KONGU, KOROP, TINDOM

#### R.P.&N.G.C.

The patrol was accompanied by 10 members of the constabulary all of whom carried out their allotted duties very well. R.S.I forms have been completed for all of them and forwarded to the Commissioner of Police while duplicate entries have been made in their records of service.

HEALTH:

The health of all the people contacted throughout the NEMBI area covered by the patrol appeared to be extremely good.

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WALKING TRACES:

The walking tracks throughout the area of the NEMBI covered by the were in some places well maintained and in other sections they have not been looked after at all.

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

Some of the groups showed interest in the House of Assembly and the elections, while others appeared to have little or no interest. Although everything was explained to them as carefully and thoroughly as possible.

This was the second round of educational talks given to these people and the consistent repetition of basic facts that they have received should have equipped them with some knowledge of what the elections are all about, and I do feel that they have a limited understanding which will enable them to come forward and vote when the elections fall due.

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CONCLUSION:

Both parts of the patrol were carried out smoothly without any occurrences of friction.

The WAGE area will require more contact to enable the present satisfactory native situation to be maintained and possibly improved upon. Whereas the NEMBI area will need much more consistent contact to bring it up to a really satisfactory state.

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*Warren R. Read*  
 (Warren R Read)  
 Patrol Officer.

16/2/64



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS..... NIPA Report No. 13 of 1963/64

Patrol Conducted by..... Peter J. Barber, P.O.

Area Patrolled..... Margarima Census Division.

Richard F.R.J. Robison, E.O.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Tau Gabe (EDUC)

4 members R.P.N.G.C.

Natives..... 3 Interpreters..... 82 Carriers.

1 A.P.O.

Duration—From 14/2/1964 to 13/3/1964

Number of Days..... 29

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... DEC /1963

Medical..... ??????????????

Map Reference..... District Map

Objects of Patrol..... 1. House of Assembly Elections - Nipa Team 3

2. Routine Administration.

Director of Native Affairs,

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 ....

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS NIPA Report No. 13 of 1363/64

Patrol Conducted by Peter J. Barber, P.O.

Area Patrolled Margarima Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Richard F.R.J. Robison, E.O.  
Yau Gabi, (Educ.)

4 members R.P.N.G.C.

Natives 3 Interpreters

1 A.P.O. 82 Carriers.

Duration—From 14/2/1964 to 13/3/1964

Number of Days 29

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services DEC /19 63

Medical ???????????

Map Reference District Map

Objects of Patrol 1. House of Assembly Elections Nipa Team 3.

2. Routine Administration

Director of Native Affairs,

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 ... ..

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30th April, 1964.

District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 13-63/64 - NIPA

Receipt of the above report is acknowledged with thanks.

The interest displayed by the people in the elections was most heartening and reflects very creditably on the work done by officers of this Department over the past month.

I agree in the third paragraph of your comment to the Assistant District Officer, Mendi.

It will be most gratifying to the people if the pyretherum proves to be a satisfactory economic crop.

I am pleased to note that the elections in the area went off so well.

J. K. McCarthy,  
DIRECTOR.

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District Office,  
Mondi.  
Southern Highlands District.

10th. April 1964.

Assistant District Officer,  
Sub District Office,  
Mondi.

Nipa Patrol Report No. 11 of 1963/64.

Thank you for the above mentioned Report which was received on the 9th. inst.

The interest displayed by the people in the Elections is most heartening and their attitude generally admirably reflects the quality of the work carried out in this area by officers of this Department over the past few months.

Concerning the establishment of a Patrol Post at Magarima, I agree that such a Post would be of great value but I consider that it would be wisest to develop Nipa to a Sub District in the first instance. The present population of approximately 25,000 warrants such a development and Magarima could then be usefully established as a Patrol Post with a road link to Nipa. However this proposition entails a full submission to the District Commissioner and the Director for a policy decision. I shall discuss the matter with the District Commissioner and will advise you in due course.

With regard to the recommendation that the Director be asked to visit Magarima people, I am sure he would be happy to do so whenever he visits the District but I do not consider that at this stage a special visit is warranted.

The ceremony reported at Magarima requires careful investigation and you should instruct the O.I/O Nipa accordingly. Mr. Barber does not indicate how deeply the people are involved and his Report would have had more value if he had investigated the ceremony more fully. For his future reference and guidance he should be instructed that when events such as he describes come to his attention it is of far more value if he conducts an investigation rather than recommend that an investigation is necessary.

The present experimental Myrethrum plots are giving every indication for optimistic thinking but I am not aware of any D.A.S.F. plans for extensive planting as yet - no doubt Magarima will be considered with the remainder of the District but certain problems of transport will have to be overcome in the initial instance.

Currently experiments are being conducted in the 'frost area' north of Mondri with a South American variety of Sweet Potato which is said to be frost resistant, however the present trial plants have only been in the ground three weeks thus results are not as yet available.

An interesting Report.

Director,  
Dept. of Native Affairs.

(A.C. JEFFERIES.)  
District Officer.

For your information please.

A.C. JEFFERIES.



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SAC District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

8th April, 1964.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL NO. 13-63/64.

Attached hereto please find 5 copies of a report on the above patrol as submitted by Mr. P.J. Barber. Patrol Officer Gr. 4. This report was received in this office on 20th March and delay in forwarding on this report was caused mainly by the Easter break.

The patrol was mounted for the purpose of polling for the House of Assembly elections and response to the elections was good. It was obvious that the people were disappointed at not having a candidate. This disappointment was common throughout the Nipa area.

The reception given to Mr. Barber's patrol was excellent and certainly makes for a much more pleasant patrol. This also was a feature of election patrols in the Nipa area.

Once again the people pressed the patrol for some information concerning the establishment of a Patrol Post at Margarima. This has been brought up to every patrol to the area for the past five years. For some reason the Margarima people have been most co-operative in the past and this co-operation may well wane if they begin to feel that the Administration has no interest in them.

The main argument previously against the establishing of a Patrol Post at Margarima has been shortage of staff and that other areas required more attention more than did Margarima. I do feel that a station at Margarima could be a great asset and now recommend that consideration be given to the establishment of a Patrol Post at Margarima. Mr. Barber has recommended that the Director visit Margarima and I do feel that the visit of an officer to explain the position either one way or the other would be of great assistance.

The ceremony introduced from the Kandep area seems made for the sharp operator and bears watching. The next patrol to Margarima should make further investigations into this.

Remarks covering Agriculture and Health will be made on a separate subject file.

  
(R. W. BLAIKIE)

Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
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No. 6722-1

Patrol Post,  
N I P A ,  
Southern Highlands District.  
15th. March, 1964.

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 13 of 1963/64.

Patrol Conducted by.....Peter J.Barber,P.O.  
 Area Patrolled.....Margarima Census Division.  
 Accompanied by.....R.J.Robison,E.O.  
                                           Tau Gabi,Educ.  
                                           4 members R.P.N.G.C.  
                                           3 Interpreters.  
                                           82 Carriers.  
                                           1 A.P.O.  
 Duration.....14th.Febuary to 13th.March,1964.  
                                           29 days.  
 Objects..... 1.House of Assembly Elections  
                                           (Nipa Team 3 )  
                                           2. Routine Administration.  
 Map.....Nipa Patrol Report No.9-62/63 map refers.

Peter J.Barber,P.O.

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INTRODUCTION.

This patrol was mounted for the purpose of conducting the House of Assembly Elections in the area known as the Margarima Census Division and included one only Booth outside this Division- the Suma (Nipa Basin) Booth.

The weather was favourable and the Elections in this area went off extremely smoothly which indicated that the previously conducted Education programme had been successful.

Routine Administration was, as always, seen to and uncovered one or two not very heartening aspects but also found a strengthening of one or two previously noted desires and aspirations which are reported upon fully later in the report.

My thanks to Mr. Robison, E.O., and Tau Gabi (Asst. Pres. Off. and Poll Clerk Respectively) for their enthusiastic and intelligent handling of their respective tasks.

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DIARY.

As per attached Field Officers Journal Folios No. 15 to 21.  
Covering period 14th. February, 1964 to 13th. March, 1964.

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS:

No problems were encountered in the actual voting procedure. The people had clearly made up their own minds whether or not to vote and if so, for whom.

Minor difficulty was occasionally encountered with people calling their second or third names but apart from this everything went remarkably smoothly.

Attendances at the Polls was generally very good. That genuine interest had been roused I have no doubt and the Margarima people are keen to learn the outcome of the Elections.

At the Suma Polling Booth attendance was about 56%, while at the Pul Booth it was only 59%. This is attributal to the fact that Nipa did not have a candidate. All the Nipa Basin people very clearly voiced their extreme disappointment that they did not have a local candidate and declared at an early date that they had lost interest in the Elections. They say they will move a bit more rapidly next time and make sure they do have a local candidate. They did claim they were not interested in supporting any Mendi candidate.

The Margarima groups voiced their disappointment in the lack of a Nipa candidate too but were not so disturbed about as the others as they had already become resigned to the fact that ~~xxxx~~ they would not have their own representative as, up till now, no one in the area could speak Pidgin etc.

The Margarima people as a whole showed a very pleasing interest and response, as indicated by the approximate percentage who voted. By Booths the percentages were:

Sambala.....	80%
Margarima.....	87%
Iaru.....	91%
Wangalihunda.....	84%
Tabala.....	87%
Aruba No.1.....	81%
Humaidia.....	83%.

I would say, therefore, that our Education program had been fairly successful and that these ~~just~~ people did, probably for the first time, become really interested about something outside their own culture, and, more importantly, did think for themselves.

In any case I feel quite sure no one could have expected or hoped for a better result.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS.

Never before have I seen this Margarima area in such good shape. The accommodation, both patrol and individual, is in very good condition; the walking tracks are 100% improved since last May and are almost very good.

But the element that really struck home was the quite genuine and excellent reception we received at all stops. The people seemed enthusiastic and pleased to have us and certainly made us welcome. Being basically something of a cynic I initially viewed this almost overwhelming response with a jaundiced and suspicious eye but I have almost been forced to the conclusion that the people were really pleased to see us.

Very few complaints were presented for settlement and those that were were mainly of a minor nature. We still have the hardy types presenting for settlement disputes from the year dot; these to do mainly with deaths caused by various fights staged well before the Administration's appearance on the scene.

Once again every group pressed for a station to be placed at Margarima. I know the continual reference to this must be irritating but this is the main talking point in the area. The people believe they are being left out in the cold, being given the brush-off as they have not their own Administrative center and have not the same money-earning opportunities other groups have.

This was played right down and the people assured that no one was neglecting them or forgetting them. But we must acknowledge their request—and a very persistent one—adequately. I have told many times of this plea; I have told the people here that other areas are well ahead of them on the list for Patrol Posts and need them much more than we do here. I don't know whether or not I believe this myself but that is what we told them.

These people are in a most receptive frame of mind and would be a shame to see them lose interest. The argument that the population that would be controlled from a Margarima Patrol Post would be too small (9-10000) seems pretty shabby in the face of several posts recently established catering for about half that population. Should pyrethrum be put into Margarima the area would have potential of becoming a pretty important one.

However, if it is definitely decided—which would be a shame—not to establish a Post at Margarima I respectfully submit a request that someone—preferably the Director—come and lay it on the line to these people at Margarima. This would once and for all establish the origin and reality of their appeal and obviate further ramblings such as this about a subject which otherwise must keep reappearing.

A newly introduced ceremony in the immediate Margarima area may have unpleasant results and should be very closely watched. It is entirely new in the area, introduced from Kandep and has no traditional, spiritual or social precedent in the area.

I should judge after short acquaintance with it that it was introduced by the shrewd and taken seriously by the feeble minded.

Briefly, it involves chiefly the younger members of the community. The elder people light a fire in a clearing at night while the younger men and women go into the big bush, walk through it, close their eyes, open and close the first two fingers and thumb of each hand, cry out and see what they collect. When they emerge from this bushy stroll they take their prize to the clearing and examine by firelight. Should a man have a red leaf in his hand this is taken as a sign that he should return a loan of a Mother-of-Pearl shell, but should it be any other colour the sign means he does not have to return said loan. If he collects a new shoot from an edible shrub etc. this is sure sign that he is entitled to marry any young girl of his own selection at  
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NATIVE AFFAIRS continued.

at his own price. A woman collecting such a shoot may select her own husband. A middle aged man taking part and collecting such a shoot may take a middle aged wife. And so on.

It certainly appears to be just so much nonsense, or at the most an attempt by the younger set to make their own marital arrangements. But it must be thoroughly investigated as it may have more significant and far reaching ramifications, and results!

The situation, then, is very pleasing and except for the odd thing does not auger too badly for the future. They want to get ahead; have cash crops, a good school, good medical facilities and if we thwart this active desire now I feel that we will have lost a golden opportunity as I doubt if we could find the Margarimas in a more receptive mood.

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AGRICULTURE.

The recent news about Pyrethrum was very heartening and we may confidently - I hope - look forward to its introduction at Margarima. Apparently the altitude should be perfect : between 6000' and 8000'.

With no D.A.S.F. activity around these parts because of the lack of suitable cash crops one was ready to concede that re-forestation, fish, poultry etc., too, was unsuited to the Southern Highlands. But with this news we look forward keenly to a bit of activity around Margarima anyway, if not the other areas within the Nipa administrative area.

With the people in their present frame of mind I should think a D.A.S.F. would be occupied full time planting pyrethrum at Margarima.

Tiango reports bad frosts and subsequent loss of the sweet potato crop in the area (Tiango:Aruba No.1). I believe that frost resistant sweet potato is available and would appreciate its introduction in these places.

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EDUCATION.

The plan to install a European teacher at Margarima this year very unfortunately fell through to the keen disappointment of the locals.

Such a move would have most rewarding results and I request that serious thought be given to the placing of a European teacher at Margarima <sup>next year.</sup>

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HEALTH.

Once again requests were made for two Aid Posts here. The people of Ugum, Tabala, Wangalihunda all appealed for an Aid Post at UGU. This would be in the centre of a population of about 1100. The Tiango (Aruba 1) people want one too. They are out on a limb and have a nearby population of only 400. Even while I was there they carried three people into Margarima for treatment at that inadequately staffed and supplied Aid Post. This involved a walk of over 3 hours.

They are aware of the benefits of medical treatment but don't go much on carrying people in over a difficult track all the time.

I certainly <sup>feel</sup> that another ~~one~~ Aid Post at least is warranted. And no one in his right mind could dispute the need for additional staff and regular supplies for the existing Margarima Aid Post.

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AIRSTRIP.

The grass sent over from Teri is coming along quite well but I think we need more. Also the tufty type grass prevalent prior to the repairs to this strip are returning and will need constant attention.

Twelve men are employed on the maintenance of this strip which, at the moment mainly involves weeding and planting and replacing buttresses etc. A most essential item is a roller. Requests to Mendi have as yet not resulted in the arrival of a roller but we hope for one soon.

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CONCLUSION.

The Elections in this area went off very smoothly and the people are anxious for the next one when they will, most likely, have a candidate of their own.

The attitude generally is most satisfactory with only the odd problem to be straightened. Now is definitely the time to do things at Margarima if things are ever to be done. It would be foolish to waste this opportunity as such a cooperative atmosphere as that currently prevailing may well be on the wane next year or so.

The area as a whole is crying out for patrol officers, agricultural officers, teachers and medical staff. And any one that does go there can expect cooperation.

A good patrol, enjoyed by all, owing mainly to the excellent reception given it by all concerned.

  
Peter J. Barber, P.O.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS..... Report No.....14 (NIPA) of 63/64.....

Patrol Conducted by....Mr. Warren R. Read.... Patrol Officer.....

Area Patrolled.....WAGH Census Division and small part NIPA basin.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... Mr. A.J. Meehan.....

Natives..... Mr. A. Taimbari.....

Duration—From.....14.2./1964..... to.....12./3./1964.....  
4 R.P.&N.G.C. 3 Interpreters

Number of Days..... 28.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....No.....

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

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

Map Reference.....Southern Highlands District map and NIPA Patrol Report No.9 of 62/63 sketch map.

Objects of Patrol.....  
The purpose of this patrol was the conduction of the House of Assembly elections throughout the area covered.

Director of Native Affairs,  
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 ....

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15th May, 1964.

District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 14-63/64 - NIPA

Receipt of the above-mentioned report and covering comment is acknowledged with thanks.

It is gratifying to note that the reception given the patrol was good.

Mr. Foken's predictions are of interest.

It is pleasing to note that the people have some comprehension of the purpose and mechanics of the House of Assembly Elections.

J. K. McCarthy,  
MENDI.

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District Office,  
MUNDI,  
Southern Highlands District

24th April 1964

Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office,  
MUNDI

District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MUNDI.

24th April, 1964.

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 14 OF 1963/64

Thank you for your above-mentioned report which was received on 22nd April.

2. The native situation in the two Divisions patrolled reflects very favourably the quality of patrols that have entered the area since the attack on Mr. Fairhall in 1962.
3. I agree that Mr. Fokan might be a trifle optimistic in his prediction for the next House of Assembly elections.
4. You should ensure that the Officer-in-Charge, Nipa, continues his political education propaganda and thus assist the people to maintain their interest.

*(Signature)*  
(A. V. Jefferies)  
DISTRICT OFFICER

C.C. The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU

For your information, please.

*(Signature)*  
(A. V. Jefferies)  
DISTRICT OFFICER

RWB:BT.

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Sub District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
KENDU.

17th April, 1964.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
KENDU.

NIPA PATROL NO. 14 of 63/64.

Attached hereto please find 2 copies of a report on the above patrol as submitted by Mr. W.R. Read, Patrol Officer Grade 1.

The patrol was mounted for the purpose of polling for the House of Assembly and the response of the people in this primitive area was excellent. The reception given to the patrol was good throughout and this seems to have been the case with patrols in this Sub District.

How Mr. Fosken can predict the results of an election four years hence is a little difficult to comprehend.

Mr Read's presentation of his report continues to show improvement.

It is noted that the NIPA area would be a good one to visit this year. There have been some changes in the NIPA area, mainly because the NIPA area will split into five areas, which is not likely to happen in the NIPA area.

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*W.R. Read*  
(W.R. READ)  
Assistant District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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NIPA Patrol Post,  
Mendi Sub-District,  
Southern Highlands District.

11th April, 1964.

The Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office,  
**MENDI.**

Nipa Patrol Report No. 14 of 1963/64.

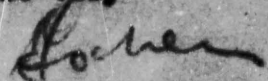
Please find attached three (3) copies of the a/mentioned patrol report together with Mr. Read's claim for camping allowance. He also submits a claim for camping allowance for the period 17/1/64 to 29/1/64 when he accompanied the writer to the Mendi region ---- Nipa patrol No. 11 of 63/64 refers.

The polling team consisting of Mr. Read, Mr. J. Meehan of Education Mendi and Mr. A. Yainbari of P.N.D. Mendi carried out their respective duties in a satisfactory manner.

The next elections will no doubt see the Nipa administrative area 100% complete with regard to persons registered in Tax/Census sheets and also registered within their proper groups. The pending census revisions of the four census divisions should pretty well clear this up.

It is certain that a Nipa-area man will win the next elections. A Nipa man would certainly have 'walked' in this time had there been a man standing for the Mendi Open Electorate, mainly because the Mendi area split their votes five ways, which is not likely to happen in the Nipa area.

Mr. Read covered this same area only a few weeks earlier in relation to House of Assembly education talks and building of polling houses (Report 12 of 63/64 refers) and gave a fuller Native Situation summary in his report. Little can be added at this stage, save to say the situation is very pleasing.



(R. B. Fecken)  
Officer in Charge.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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NIPA Patrol Post,  
MENDI Sub-District,  
Southern Highlands District.  
PAPUA

25th March, 1964.

The District Officer,  
MENDI  
Southern Highlands District

NIPA PATROL REPORT No. 14 of 1963/64

PREAMBLE:

Officer Conducting Patrol:	Mr. Warren R Read - P/O.
Area Patrolled:	WAGE Census Division and a small section of the NIPA basin
Objects of Patrol:	The purpose of the patrol was the conduction of the House of Assembly elections throughout the area covered.
Duration of Patrol:	From the 14/2/64 to the 12/3/64 28 days.
Personnel Accompanying:	Mr. A.J. Meehan. Mr. A. Tainbari. 4 R.P.A.N.G.C.
Map Reference:	Southern Highlands District map and NIPA Patrol Report No. 9 of 62/63 sketch map.

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this patrol was the conduction of the House of Assembly elections throughout the entire WAGE Census Division and a small part of the NIPA basin.

The patrol was accompanied by Mr. A. J. Meehan of the Educat-

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-ion Department MENDI who held the position of Assistant Presiding Officer and Mr. A. Tainbari from P.H.D MENDI who was the Poll Clerk. The efficient assistance and companionship of both these gentlemen was greatly appreciated.

The rather late submission of this report is due to the lengthy attention that had to be given to urgent clerical duties and native affairs matters at this office, plus a visit to MENDI for the Supreme Court.

DIARY:

Friday 14th February

Patrol departed NIPA 1200 hrs and arrived OMDOL rest house 1300 hrs - camp set up OMDOL.

Saturday 15th February

Polling House opened OMDOL 0800 hrs and the people of the OMDOL group commenced voting. Polling continued throughout the day and the house was closed 1800 hrs.

Sunday 16th February

The day was observed and the patrol remained at OMDOL.

Monday 17th February

Patrol remained OMDOL and the people of OMDOL and ABOP voted for a number of hours. Polling House closed 1800 hrs.

Tuesday 18th February

Patrol departed OMDOL 0830 hrs and after rather rough walking arrived KAWARI 1330 hrs - camp set up KAWARI.

Wednesday 19th February

Polling House at KAWARI opened 0800 hrs and the people of KAWARI and PINJIP commenced voting which continued throughout the day.

Polling House closed 1800 hrs.

Thursday 20th February

KAWARI Polling House opened 0800 hrs and people of INJAS-ULJAL and NEBINJA commenced voting.

Polling House closed 1800 hrs.

Friday 21st February

Patrol departed KAWARI 0700 hrs and arrived UNGUBI 1000 hrs.

Friday 21st February Cont.

People of UNGUBI and HALALINJA commenced voting 1030 hrs and by 1500 hrs all had voted.

Saturday 22nd February

Patrol departed UNGUBI 0730 hrs and arrived SEBIRA 1130 hrs - camp set up SEBIRA.

1200 hrs people of HOMBILA and SERIRA commenced voting which continued until 1600 hrs.

Polling House closed 1800 hrs

Sunday 23rd February

The day was observed and the patrol remained at SEBIRA.

Monday 24th February

The Polling House at SEBIRA opened 0800 hrs and the remaining people from SEBIRA and HOMBILA voted. They were then followed by the people of ORAL. All who desired to vote had done so by 1500 hrs.

Polling House closed 1800 hrs.

Tuesday 25th February

Polling House at SEBIRA opened and the remaining people of ORAL voted, which was completed by 1000 hrs.

Polling House at SEBIRA closed 1800 hrs.

Wednesday 26th February

Patrol departed SEBIRA 0700 hrs and arrived HENEP 0800 hrs. Voting commenced at HENEP by people of HENEP and HULAL. All who had desired to vote had done so by 1300 hrs.

Thursday 28th February

Patrol departed HENEP 0700 hrs and arrived OMBAL 0730 hrs.

Polling House opened at HENEP 0800 hrs and people of OMBAL and INJAHANIS commenced voting and by 1400 hrs all desiring to vote had done so.

Friday 28th February

Patrol remained OMBAL and a few remaining people of OMBAL and INJAHANIS voted.

Polling House kept open until 1800 hrs.

Saturday 29th February

Patrol departed OMBAL 0800 hrs and arrived SOLAPEM 0900 hrs.

Polling House opened 0900 hrs and people of SOLAPEM



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Saturday 29th February Cont.

commenced voting and all who wished to do so had voted by 1300 hrs.

Sunday 1st March

The day was observed and the patrol remained at SOLAPEM

Monday 2nd March

Polling House at SOLAPEM opened and people of SONGUMA commenced voting and all who wished to vote had done so by 1230 hrs.

Polling House remained open until 1600 hrs.

Tuesday 3rd March

Patrol departed SOLAPEM 0700 hrs and arrived BOIA 1000 hrs.  
Camp set up BOIA.

Several disputes heard and settled.

Wednesday 4th March

Patrol remained BOIA.

Thursday 5th March

Polling House opened BOIA 0800 hrs and people of UGUN commenced voting and by 1400 hrs all had done so.

Polling House closed 1800 hrs.

Friday 6th March

Polling House at BOIA opened 0800 hrs and people of BOIA commenced voting and by 1330 hrs all had done so.

Polling House closed 1800 hrs.

Saturday 7th March

Polling House opened 0800 hrs and people of ALIMANDA commenced voting and by 1200 hrs all had done so.

Polling House closed 1800 hrs.

Sunday 8th March

0800 hrs patrol departed BOIA and arrived KALAL 1000 hrs.

Camp set up KALAL.

Monday 9th March

Polling House at KALAL opened 0800 hrs and people of YALAL commenced voting and by 1300 hrs all from this group who wished to vote had done so.

Polling House closed 1800 hrs.

Tuesday 10th March

Polling House opened KALAL 0800 hrs and the people of KALAL commenced voting and all who wished to vote had done so by 1200 hrs.

Polling House closed 1800 hrs.

Wednesday 11th March

Polling House at KALAL opened 0300 hrs and the people of TOMBERA No.1 commenced voting and by 1330 hrs all who wished to vote had done so.

During the afternoon R.P.&N.G.C. members accompanying the patrol voted as absent voters and several interpreters and domestic servants whose names could not be found on the Common Roll voted under section 130(I) of the Electoral Ordinance.

Polling House closed 1800 hrs.

Thursday 12th March

Patrol departed KALAL 1000 hrs and arrived NIPA 1145 hrs.

Patrol stood down NIPA station.

END OF MIAMI

THE ROUTE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS:

The elections for the House of Assembly in the area covered by this patrol went over very smoothly with a good deal of interest shown by the local people. This of course indicated that the previous educational patrols had been a reasonable success.

The only real problem encountered was the occasional reluctance of some of the voters to call the name that they had been registered under on the Common Roll. As a rule natives in this area have two, three and sometimes four names and quite frequently when the wrong name had been called much time and patience had to be given by the Polling Team in attempting to identify the person with the name appearing on the roll. Consequently a number of people exercised their franchise under section 130(I) of the Electoral Ordinance due to the fact that their names could not be found. At a few polling places a considerable number of voters were found to have never had their names recorded by a census patrol and these people had to also use the section 130(I) method of voting.

The people were extremely disappointed that they did not have a candidate from their own area standing for election in the Open Electorate. This resulted in hardly anyone voting for a candidate in the Open Electorate, as all the five candidates standing were MEKHI men. However all of these who voted showed a preference for the same European in the Special Electorate.

The percentage of registered voters who exercised their franchise is listed below. Although these figures do not include those voting under sections 130(I) or 131(I) and under the former provision a considerable number of votes were taken, amounting to approximately 350.

POLLING PLACE

PERCENTAGE OF REGISTERED VOTERS

OMDOL

54%

<u>POLLING PLACE</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE OF REGISTERED VOTERS</u>
KAWARI	65 %
UNGUBI	66 %
SEBIPA	78 %
HENEP	89 %
OMRAL	67 %
SOLAPEM	63 %
BOIA	76 %
KALAL	88 %
AVERAGE	72.22 %

NATIVE SITUATION:

The patrol was made extremely welcome by the people of each group that it came in contact with and that few troubles and that were brought to the notice of the patrol were given prompt and generous attention.

Whilst the Polling was being carried out at the various places visited the groups present remained orderly and well behaved which resulted in a minimum amount of confusion as to who belonged to what group and this enabled the elections to be conducted very smoothly.

All rest houses and walking tracks are in good condition and they are being well maintained by the local people as are also their own dwellings.

As was mentioned by me in NIPA Patrol Report No.12 of 63/64 the people of the WAGE area and the small part of the NIPA basin covered have a strong and willing desire to settle down and heed the aims and requirements of the Administration. My observations attained by this recent patrol to the same area could do no more than support my previous findings on the native situation which is in short very satisfactory.

R.P.&N.G.C.

The patrol was accompanied by four members of the constabulary all of whom carried out their duties to my entire satisfaction. R.S.I forms have been made out for all of them and forwarded to the Commissioner of Police while duplicate entries have been noted in their records of service.

HEALTH:

The physical condition of all the people contacted was very good except for the occasional case of Hansen's disease and a few sores and cuts.

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CONCLUSION:

Generally the elections went over very well with a good deal of interest shown by the voters. Their only disappointment was that they did not have a candidate of their own standing. However they seem fairly confident that when the next elections fall due they will have a man from the NIPA area seeking nomination to the House of Assembly.

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*W. R. Head*  
Warren R Head  
Patrol Officer.

26/3/64.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 15 ( NIPA ) of 63/64.

Patrol Conducted by Warren R. Road Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled NEMBI Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans No. First part - 10 R.P.&N.G.C. I Interpreter. Natives Second part - 4 R.P.&N.G.C. Third part - 4 R.P.&N.G.C. I Interpreter

Duration - From 17/4/1964 to 19/4/1964 then 28/4/64 to 30/4/64 then 25/5/64 to 29/5/64

Number of Days Total 11 days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by District Services / / 19

Medical / / 19

Map Reference NIPA Patrol Report No. 9 of 62/63 sketch map.

Objects of Patrol First part - Investigation concerning complaints by the Village Constable of KONGU. Second part - Land Investigation and survey for the land the Christian Union Mission had applied for in the Vicinity of TINDOM. Third part - Completion of this investigation.

Director of Native Affairs,

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

67-15-91

Department of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu, Papua.

8th September, 1964.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MIMB.


PATROL REPORT NO. 15 - 63/64 NIRA

Receipt of the abovementioned report is  
acknowledged with thanks.

I am gratified to note that the area appears  
to be settling down.

You should advise your Officers to take  
immediate action to conduct a preliminary investigation  
whenever people offer to sell land.

I think Mr. Reed should be based in this  
particular area for an extended period. Such action  
will bear beneficial results.

  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR

District Officer.

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District Office,  
Hendi.  
Southern Highlands District.

17th August, 1964.

Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office.  
WENDY.

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 15 OF 1964/64.

Thank you for the abovementioned Report which was received on the 13th August, 1964.

This Report calls for little comment.

The objects of the Patrol were achieved and the native situation is apparently settling down.

*(A. G. Jefferies.)*  
District Officer.

Minute to:

Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.

For your information please.

*(A. G. Jefferies.)*  
District Officer.

F.O.I.C.  
NIPA  
Mr. A. Jefferies  
NIPA

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Sub-District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
Mendi.

13th August, 1964.

District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
Mendi.

Subject: NIPA Patrol No.15 of 63/64.

Attached please find the following documents relating to the above patrol conducted by Mr.W.R.Read P.O. to the Nemi Census Division.

- (a) Patrol report in duplicate;
- (b) Covering memorandum, 67-2-3 of 3rd June, 1964 from P.O.I.C. NIPA
- (c) Memorandum 67-2-3 of 31st July, 1964 from P.O.I.C NIPA
- (d) Camping out allowance claim submitted by Mr.W.R.Read.

2. Some comments follow:-

- (a) Objects of the Patrol were accomplished. Land Investigation Report was forwarded to your Office on the 30-6-64.
- (b) Situation in the area patrolled is satisfactory.
- (c) As you are aware the former A.D.O Mendi delayed forwarding the report until clarification of certain orders and acts made under the N.R.Os was received. P.O.I.C. Nipa memorandum 67-2-3 of 31/7/64 refers. A comment by Mr.Read in his Report that the summons was issued by a M.E.N.W may have clarified the position and so obviated the need for checking and the consequent delay in processing the Report.

- (d) I agree with the P.O.I.C NIPA that Patrol Reports need not go into N.R.O details; however under certain circumstances it may be necessary to comment upon incidents leading up to N.R.O charges e.g. Reg. 71(e) charges.

3. Forwrded for your information and further action please.

*James H. Kent*  
( J.W.KENT )  
Assistant District Officer.

c.c.  
P.O.I.C.  
NIPA.  
Mr.W.R.Read,  
NIPA.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

*In Reply  
Please Quote*

No. 67-2-3

NIPA Patrol Post,  
Mendi Sub-District,  
Southern Highlands District.

3rd June, 1964.

Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office,  
MENDI.

Nipa Patrol No.15 of 1963/64.

Please find enclosed three (3) copies of the above patrol report, Patrol conducted by Mr. W. Read, Patrol Officer.

The patrol, or rather patrols, completed the works it set out to do. As mentioned, the land investigation report is under separate cover and will be following.

The native situation within the UDJABIA and MERUT groups is pleasing. I notice Mr. Read has written 'TINDOM' for MERUT and 'UNGABIA' for UDJABIA. He should be careful to adhere to the official census names of villages when referring to them.

People of the KONGU group seem to have a new lease of life now. They 'hear the talk' now and are busily straightening up their hamlets and doing other work allocated them by the writer.

Mr. Read's Camping Allowance claim is attached.

*Boyer*  
(R.E. Focken)  
Officer in Charge.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

NIPA Patrol Post,  
MENDI Sub-District,  
Southern Highlands District.

1st June, 1964.

The District Officer,  
MENDI  
Southern Highlands District.

NIPA PATROL REPORT No. 15 of 1963/64

PREAMBLE:

Officer Conducting Patrol: Mr. Warren R Read - P/O.

Area Patrolled: NEMBI Census Division.

Objects of Patrol: First part - Investigation concerning complaints by the Village Constable of KONGU.

Second part - Land Investigation and Survey for the land the Christain Union Mission had applied for in the vicinity of TINDOM.

Third part - Completion of the Investigation and Survey for the Christain Union Mission's land application at TINDOM.

Duration of Patrol: First part from 17/4/64 to 19/4/64.

Second part from 28/4/64 to 30/4/64.

Third part from 25/5/64 to 29/5/64.

II days

Personal Accompanying: First part - 10 R.P.&N.G.C.  
I Interpreter.

Second part - 4 R.P.&N.G.C.  
I Interpreter.

Third part - 4 R.P.&N.G.C.  
I Interpreter.

Map Reference: NIPA Patrol Report No. 8 of 62/63 sketch map.

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INTRODUCTION:

This report includes three patrols of extreme short duration all of which were carried out in the NEMBI Census Division.

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The first patrol covered a three day visit to the KONGU area following a complaint laid by the KONGU Village Constable that he was receiving no co-operation from his group especially with regard to village works. The specific offenders were verbally summoned to NIPA, but refused to present themselves. As consequence I walked to KONGU and twenty three men were arrested and later convicted in the Court for Native Matters at NIPA.

The second patrol was mounted with the intention of conducting a Land Investigation Report of two sections of ground lying on both sides of the NEMBI river in the vicinity of TINDOM, which the Christain Union Mission had applied for. However on the arrival of the patrol, it was found that the owners of the land on the NEMBI side of the NEMBI river were reluctant to sell. But the owners on the NIPA side of the river were prepared to give the amount applied for plus a great deal more of the surrounding land which meant the original boundaries were extended to natural ones (ie creek beds). Due to this generous decision I was unable to carry out the investigation until an amended application had been submitted by the mission and approved by the District Officer.

The third patrol then covered the eventual investigation and survey of the total area of land the Christain Union Mission included in its amended application.

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DIARY:

Friday 17th April.

Patrol departed NIPA 0900 hrs and arrived KONGU 1330 hrs, camp set up KONGU.

Sent the word out for the KONGU people requesting them to appear at the rest house on the morrow.

Reasonable amount of sweet potato purchased during the afternoon, mainly from the TINDOM people.

Saturday 18th April.

By 1000 hrs there was a reasonable gathering of the KONGU people, but it was far short of the total recorded at the last census. However a detailed talk was given to them concerning the Administration's aims and requirements and the importance of co-operating with their Village Constable on such matters. Twenty three men were then named by the VC as being most uncooperative, these men had also refused to obey a verbal summons to appear at NIPA and they were taken into custody.

1400 hrs an inspection of the dwellings of the KONGU people was carried out and as a result the necessity of decently maintaining their houses and keeping the surrounding ground reasonably clean was stressed to the people. Those named by the VC were by far the worst offenders.

Sunday 19th April

Patrol departed KONGU 0900 hrs and arrived back at NIPA 1300 hrs. Reported to P.O.I.C and the patrol stood down.

Tuesday 28th April.

Departed NIPA 0900 hrs and arrived TINDOM rest house 1300 hrs and met Messrs Hummel and Ottway of the Christain Union Mission. Camp set up TINDOM.

In the company of Messrs Hummel and Ottway inspected the two sections of ground their mission wished to purchase and made arrangements for the owners to be present on the morrow.

Wednesday 29th April.

In company of Messrs Hummel and Ottway interviewed the owners of the land on the MENDI side of the NEMBI river. However they were intently divided in their desire to part with the land. Hence no further investigation was carried out. On discussing the matter with the owners on the NIPA side it was definitely apparent they wished to sell approximately twice what the mission had originally applied for. Hence the investigation had to await the submission of an amended application, before any further investigation could be put into effect.

Thursday 30th April.

0800 hrs again inspected both sections of land and the owners were of the same opinion for both sections as they were yesterday.

In company of Mr. Hummel departed TINDOM rest house 1500 hrs and arrived NIPA station 1900 hrs. Reported to P.O.I.C. and patrol stood down.

Monday 25th May.

Departed NIPA 1100 hrs and arrived TINDOM 1530 hrs. Camp set up TINDOM rest house.

Discussion with Mr. Ottway missionary concerning the surveying of the land that the Christain Union Mission had applied for. Then in Mr. Ottway's company discussed with the owners of the land the prospect of selling the land to the Administration, all the owners appeared willing to sell.

Tuesday 26th May.

Commenced surveying the land KA 0900 hrs and continued until 1730 hrs.

Returned to TINDOM rest house 1300 hrs.

Wednesday 27th May.

Commenced survey 0730 hrs in the company of Mr. Ottway and continued until 1730 hrs after having reached the NEMBI river.

Arrived back at TINDOM rest house 1830 hrs.

Thursday 28th May.

Commenced survey down the Nembi river to the point of commencement ( datum )

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Thursday 28th May. cont.

In company of some of the owners walked the entire boundaries of the land that had just been surveyed. ( 3hrs )

General discussion with the owners concerning the land ( 1 1/2 hrs )

Returned to TINDOM rest house 1805 hrs.

Friday 29th May.

0800 hrs until 1200 hrs time spent on Investigation Report for the ground known as KA.

Patrol departed TINDOM 1345 hrs and arrived NIPA 1730 hrs reported to P.O.I.C. and patrol stood down.

NATIVE AFFAIRS:

On arrival of the patrol at KONGU the people were found to be rather unapproachable which of course stems from their primitive state, although the situation was not as bad as originally anticipated and the main trouble appeared to be a reluctance of the KONGU people to co-operate with their Village Constable in regard to village works. A lengthy detailed talk was given to them concerning the aims and requirements of the Administration and the utmost importance of co-operating fully with their VC on these matters was strongly emphasised.

Those men who had refused to comply with the VC's instructions and moreover had wilfully disobeyed a verbal summons to appear at NIPA station were taken into custody.

An inspection of the dwellings of the KONGU people was carried out and it was found that many of them were not in a satisfactory state, especially those owned by the men who had refused to carry out the VC's instructions concerning village works. The necessity of decently maintaining their places of abode was clearly impressed upon the people.

The visit to KONGU will be beneficial in bringing these people more under the stronger influence of the Administration. And when the NEMBI census is conducted in the near future it should reveal considerable higher number of names for the KONGU people than has been enumerated by the past two census takings.

The native situation is generally very satisfactory with no immediate problems.

During the short duration of the last two patrols included in this report I had some contact with the people of TINDOM and UNRABIA. Both of these groups appear to be settling down very well and they are really behaving themselves which gives rise to a very satisfactory state of affairs. The owners of the ground that was investigated are from MIL and MALA and reside within the UNDIRI census division which falls within the MENDI administrative area. However my contact with these two groups was limited to discussing the prospect of them selling a small section of their land, but they do seem to be a stable contented collection of individuals.

LAND INVESTIGATION:

The land known as KA which was investigated lies approximately half way between TINDOM and UNGABIA, on the NIPA side of the NEMBI river. Originally the Christain Union Mission applied for land on both sides of the NEMBI, but when I arrived the owners on the MENDI side who are of the DEL group refused to sell which of course terminated any further investigation. However the owners on the NIPA side of the river who are from MIL and MAIA decided they would sell what had been applied for plus about twice as much. They are more than willing to part with this land and can adequately afford to do so.

The Investigation Report for this land known as KA was carried out in strict accordance with the Lands Circular No. 1/64 of 3rd February, 1964 and it will be submitted separately to this Patrol Report.

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R.P.&N.G.C.

All the members of the constabulary who accompanied the patrols have had entries made in their records of service, while duplicate entries on RS I forms have been forwarded to the Commissioner of Police.

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CONCLUSION:

The KONGU people definitely benefited from the short visit they received by the patrol. They should now have a clearer understanding of what is expected of them concerning the aims and requirements of the Administration and no doubt in the future they shall willingly co-operate with their Village Constable on all administrative matters.

When the Christain Union Mission eventually becomes established at KA, it intends to have a school conducted by a qualified European teacher plus a hospital which will be supervised by a European nursing sister. These benefits together with religious instructions should have a certain pacifying influence on the indigenous groups throughout the vicinity of the NEMBI area and should be of an assistance in maintaining the satisfactory native situation that is at present existing there.

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*Warren H. Reed*  
(Warren H. REED)  
Patrol Officer

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of **SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS** Report No. **17 of 1963/64. (NIPA)**

Patrol Conducted by **Warren B Reed** Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled **MARGARIMA Census Division.**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **Nil**

**4 R.P.A.N.G.C.**

Natives **I Interpreter.**

Duration—From **18/8/1964** to **17/1/1964**

Number of Days **30**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **No**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **MARCH/1964**

Medical **AUGUST/1964**

Map Reference **See Southern Highlands District map.**

- (a) Revision of the census for the MARGARIMA area.
- (b) Deal with any disputes and purchase the land known as WARIMA
- (c) Conduct a Local Government Survey and pay out the sum of ten pounds for each Polling Booth within the area.

Director of Native Affairs,

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 .....

67-15-98

19th February, 1965.

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
M.S.H.D.

PATROL REPORT NO. 17 - 1964/65 - NIRA

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

If a local government survey was made, the  
report should be in the form of an "Area Study".  
Please rectify.

  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.



Ref. No. 67-3-4

District Office,  
Mendi.  
Southern Highlands District.

29th October, 1964.


Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office.  
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 17 OF 1961/64.

Thank you for the above mentioned Report which was received on the 14th October, 1964.

Your comments are most adequate and I concur with them and with your criticism of the Officer-in-Charge, Nipa, for the late submission. Mr. Focken should be clearly instructed how to methodically organise his office work and administrative routine.


Concerning the desire of the Magarima people for a European Officer; they have always been told that the possibility of a Department of Native Affairs Officer being stationed at Magarima was extremely remote. I fully sympathise with their desires and ambitions but the present staff situation precludes such a luxury. I agree the introduction of a Local Government Council in the area should undoubtedly assist the people realise some of their aspirations.

  
(A. C. Jefferies.)  
District Officer.

Minute to:

Director,  
Department of Native Affairs.  
KONEDOGU.

For your information please.

  
(A. C. Jefferies.)  
District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

DEPT. NATIVE AFFAIRS  
14 OCT 1964  
MENDI  
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT

In Reply  
Please Quote  
No. 67-2-3.

Sub District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

13th October, 1964.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

Subject: NIPA Patrol No.17 of 1963/64.

Attached please find the following documents relating to the above patrol conducted by Mr W.R. Read, Patrol Officer to the MARGARIMA Census Division:-

- (i) Patrol Report in duplicate;
- (ii) Copy of Nipa memo, 67-2-2 of 1/6/64 "Patrol Instructions - Nipa Patrol No.17 of 63/64" from P.O.I.C. Nipa;
- (iii) Copy of Nipa memo, 67-2-3 of 26/9/64 comments on Patrol Report, in duplicate;
- (iv) Village Population Registers in duplicate;
- (v) Camping Out Allowance Claim.

2. Some comments follow:-

(a) Native Situation.

(Page 10-13) A most satisfactory state of affairs with the people contented and law abiding. It is a pity that Mr Read did not comment more fully on the hopes and aspirations of the people in the social and economic spheres; as also is the fact that he did not expand on the possibility of introducing a cash economy.

(b) MARGARIMA Airfield.

(Page 14) May the matter of obtaining a suitable roller for the airfield be taken up with the District Commissioner and District Works Officer, please.

(c) Purchase WABIMA Land.

(Page 14) This matter is the subject of separate correspondence. Transfer documents have not been received at this office. The PCIC Nipa has been requested to expedite their despatch.

(d) Education:

(Page 14) I Understand that the District Inspector proposes posting an Australian school teacher to MARGARIMA next year.

(e) Census Revision.

(Page 15) Village Population Registers are enclosed with the body of the Report. Mr Read has not complied with Circular Instructions relating to Census statistics. This will be brought to the attention of the P.O.I.C. Nipa.

(f) Cult Activities.

(Page 15-16) Superficially the Cult appeared harmless and apparently has died out with no repercussions. It cannot be doubted that its basis was 'cargo' but with local variations.

In the relatively unsophisticated MARGARIMA environment M.O.P. still retains its traditional value compared to the more modern materialistic outlook of 'cargo' in coastal areas. When compared to the coastal version of ancestral spirits as the source of cargo the fact that the MARGARIMA people themselves were supposed to bring about the longed for increase in articles highly valued assumes real significance. It implies that they consider themselves capable of improving themselves provided they are given the opportunity. They desire social, economic and political advancement (see final comments native situation section of Report). The methods they adopted clearly demonstrate their ignorance of how to achieve these aims. It therefore behoves the Administration to give them every assistance in realizing their ambitions. The introduction of a Local Government Council could go a long way to satisfying them. Unless such an opportunity is given them it could well be that the people will consider themselves incapable of improving their life through their own efforts and consequently turn to the supernatural for assistance. It maybe this aspect which Mr Read was considering when he stated "should it ever adopt any religious significance then it could be dangerous for it could lead to corruption and violence". The fact that the cult appears to have died out should not result in complacency. A close watch should be constantly maintained and if it again manifests itself prompt action taken to ensure that it does not spread throughout the Census Division and to neighbouring areas.

(g) General.

(a) Both the Patrol Instructions and comments by the Patrol Officer in Charge NIPA make mention of a Local Government Survey. It would appear that such was undertaken although no mention of such is made either in the Diary or the body of the Report. Mr Read should ensure that in future reports specific mention is made of all his activities on patrol. The survey has yet to be received at this office. I am contacting the Patrol Officer in Charge in regard to speeding up its despatch.

(b) As you know it was not until late August that we became aware that Mr Read had outstanding Patrol Reports. It would appear that submission was caused by the necessity for Mr Read to undertake murder investigations coupled with attendance to routine office duties and time off for A.S.O.P.A. studies.

A perusal of the dates Mr Read completed this patrol and the days spent on the station between the various murder investigations and commencing time off for studies connected with A.S.O.P.A. exams reveals he had sufficient time to compile and type outstanding reports provided he had not been given routine office duties to attend to. Thus the fault appears to lie more with the P.O.I.C. Nipa than Mr Read who should have been allowed time off to do his reports in accordance with District instructions.

(c) A good patrol with a neatly presented report marred only by the fact that the report was so long outstanding.

3. For your information, please.

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Patrol Officer in Charge,  
NIPA.

*James W. Kent*  
(JAMES W. KENT)  
Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 67-2-3

NIPA Patrol Post,  
Mendi Sub-District,  
Southern Highlands District.

26th September, 1964.

Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office,  
MENDE.

Nipa Patrol No.17 of 63/64.

Please find enclosed three (3) copies of the above mentioned patrol report submitted by Mr. W. Read Patrol Officer, together with his claim for Camping Allowance. Copies of my patrol instructions (memo. 67-2-2 of 1/6/64) are also enclosed.

Three copies of the census Register sheets are also enclosed. The total increase by 202 persons to a grand total of 5,205 should be pretty well the ultimate figure now, after the third complete census-taking. Tax/Census sheets are being compiled to replace the Register books.

Mr. Read has not yet compiled his Local Government Survey report, and this will be done as soon as time allows.

The "Wabima" Land Documents will be forwarded to your office later this week.

Margarima airstrip badly needs a roller. My memo. to you 4-2-4 of 4/2/64 in reply to the District Airport Inspector's memo. to the District Commissioner (No. 290/500/1 of 10/1/64), refers, in which I requested that the District works Officer Mendi be approached about a roller, but I have not received any advice. Otherwise Margarima airstrip is being adequately maintained.

Though the Margarima people are pleased to have three indigenous Primary School teachers at Margarima and are assisting with general school maintenance when necessary, I do know, however, that they are disappointed at not having a European teacher. All the Margarima Village Officials present at the last Village Constables' Course at Nipa pointed out that the Margarima people originally constructed their airstrip for the purpose of having at least one European stationed at Margarima, either D.N.A. or Education. They are of the opinion that only Europeans are "true" teachers. They also said that the Primary school there looks more dilapidated than the Nipa Station school and school matters less organized. These points were of course answered in the proper way --- lack of staff and the Government is slowly training indigenous teachers more and more to take the place of Europeans. Still, interesting anti-Tom Mboya material.

The 'cult' mentioned in the District Officer's memo. 67-3-4 of 1/6/64 was duly enquired into, and is fully explained in the report. These activities are now non-existent and though interesting, apparently harmless enough and not really akin to the 'cargo' type.

An overall good native situation very adequately reported. Mr. Read has explained the reason for the late submission of the report, and I am sure you will agree that he certainly has valid excuse with unforeseen patrolling pressure plus A.S.O.P.A. projects and examinations. My memo. 67-2-1 of 8th inst. also refers.

(R.E. Focken) Officer-in-Charge.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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NIPA Patrol Post,  
MENDI Sub-District,  
Southern Highlands District.  
PAPUA

21st September, 1964.

The Assistant District Officer,  
MENDI Sub-District Office,  
Southern Highlands District.  
PAPUA.

NIPA PATROL REPORT No. 17 of 63/64

Patrol Conducted by: Warren R Read, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: The MARGARIMA Census Division.

Personnel Accompanying: R.F.&N.G.C.  
Sergeant HUME No. 3103  
Constable KEMBA No. 8325  
Constable GOIKVIA No. 8443  
Constable BOHY No. 10930  
D.I.A.  
MOGERA/KIBURA Interpreter Patrol

Duration of Patrol: From the 18/8/64 to the 17/7/64.  
30 days

Objects of the Patrol: As per Patrol Instructions of the  
1/6/64 — file 67 - 2 - 2  
(a) Revision of the census for  
the MARGARIMA area  
(b) Deal with any disputes and  
purchase the land known as  
WABIMA ( local vernacular )  
(c) Conduct a Local Government  
Survey and pay out the sum of  
£10/0/0 for each Polling  
Booth built within the area.

Map Reference:

See Southern Highlands District map.

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INTRODUCTION:

The basic purpose of this patrol was the revision of the census within the entire MARGARIMA Census Division. During the course of the patrol a Local Government Survey for the area was carried out and the land locally termed 'UBDIMA' upon which the MARGARIMA airfield is situated, was purchased from the indigenous people. Both the land purchase documents and the results of the survey will be submitted separately to this report. Also a thorough investigation was conducted into the cult activities that were mentioned in NIPA Patrol Report No. 13 of 63/64. The results of this investigation are included under a specific heading in this report.

On completion of this patrol I spent a weekend including the Monday at NIPA and on the Tuesday had to depart to the KAGHA area to assist the A.D.O Mr. Bay investigate an alleged murder there of an indigenous male adult from the NIPA administrative area. This patrol was of seven days duration. The remains of the body were recovered and those responsible were arrested and charged. I then spent two days at NIPA assisting the O.I.C Mr. Fecken in ensuring that everything was in correct order for the District Officer's impending inspection. Following this I had to again depart on patrol, to the NEMBI area, which lasted for six days. On returning, the pressure of clerical duties forced me to spend four days confined to the office. After this I commenced my fourteen days study leave, which had been approved by headquarters, with the intention of completing my remaining four assignments of the correspondence course. However it was not possible to take these days in exact consecutive order. For Mr. Fecken and Mr. Pateram were on patrol for a good deal of this time and I found that a considerable number of days were consumed in general administrative duties. Finally I had to spend a week in NEMBI sitting for the A.S.O.P.A examinations and on return to NIPA had to leave for the NEMBI area to investigate another alleged murder. This patrol was of seven days duration.

The days and dates for all these activities that were responsible for the late submission of this report are to be found in my Field Officers Journal of which both the original and duplicate copies are sent to district headquarters. The other three patrols mentioned are not included in this report, but will be covered in NIPA Patrol Report No. 1 of 64/65.

DIARY:

Thursday, 2 18th June.

Patrol departed NIPA 1000 hrs and arrived MAHERA rest house 1300 hrs. Self left NIPA 1430 hrs and visited Apostolic Christian Mission at TILIRA, 1445 hrs until 1505 hrs. Then on to TOMBERA No.2 where Mr. Fecken was camped after discussion with him departed TOMBERA No.2 1730 hrs and arrived MAHERA rest house 1930 hrs.

The night spent at MAHERA rest house.

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Friday, 19th June.

People of the FUL group commenced coming in from 800 hrs. By 1030 hrs all had assembled and census commenced, the people proved themselves very co-operative and orderly. Census completed by 1230 hrs. Then talk given to the FUL group concerning the aims and requirements of the Administration.

Several complaints heard and settled during the afternoon.

Patrol remained the night at MAHERA rest house.

Altitude 6400' asl.

Saturday, 20th June.

Patrol remained at MAHERA rest house. Discussion with some of the locals concerning village works ( eg. decent maintenance of their dwellings ) and decent maintenance of walking tracks.

Adequate food purchased and slight rain during the afternoon.

Patrol remained the night at MAHERA rest house.

Altitude 6400' asl.

Sunday, 21st June.

Patrol departed MAHERA rest house 0920 hrs and arrived PAIYERA rest house 1000 hrs. Discussion with the locals concerning the census revision which would occur on the morrow. The rest of the day observed and the night spent at PAIYERA rest house.

Altitude 6550 ' asl.

Monday, 22nd June.

Commenced revision of the census of the VENIA group 1000 hrs after first giving the people a talk on the aims and requirements of the Administration. Census completed by 1330 hrs.

Patrol remained the night at PAIYERA rest house.

Altitude 6550 ' asl.

Tuesday, 23rd June.

Patrol departed PAIYERA rest house 0930 hrs and after rather rough walking arrived at SAMBALA rest house 1130 hrs.

Talk given to the SAMBALA group concerning aims and requirements of the Administration. Then commenced revision of the census 1200 hrs, this was completed by 1430 hrs.

Discussion with the locals concerning sending of some bad malnutrition cases to NIPA for treatment.

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Tuesday, 23rd June. (cont):

1530 hrs inspection of some of the dwellings of the SAMBALA group. All that were seen appeared to be in excellent condition and well maintained. plet et-

The night spent at SAMBALA rest house.

Altitude 6850 ' asl.

Wednesday, 24th June.

Further inspection of the dwellings of the SAMBALA group, until 1030 hrs.

Payment of cash to those labourers who had been engaged on the maintenance of the MARGARIMA airfield. Then a general discussion with some of the locals.

Patrol remained the night at SAMBALA rest house.

Altitude 6850 ' asl.

Thursday, 25th June.

Patrol departed SAMBALA rest house 1000 hrs, crossed the WAGE river and climbed up the range to KAMBORO rest house arriving there 1115 hrs.

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Commenced revision of the census for the KAMBORO group 1130 hrs and completed this by 1245 hrs. Prior to the census revision a talk was given concerning the aims and requirements of the Administration.

Adequate food purchased by the patrol and the night spent at KAMBORO rest house.

Altitude 6800' asl.

Friday, 26th June.

Patrol departed KAMBORO rest house and arrived WABIMA rest house 1045 hrs after 1 1/2 hrs walk. This rest house is adjacent to the MARGARIMA airfield.

On arrival of the patrol ~~with~~ all the owners of the land WABIMA upon which the airfield is situated, were present. It was asked of the owners if they were willing to sell, which they unanimously were. Then in the company of the owners walked the entire boundaries of the 217.5 acres of the land known as WABIMA. Then after completing this, again asked if they were willing to sell and again the reply was positive. The amount of £228/0/0 was then paid out to those ten men stated in the Investigation Report to act as representatives for the owners. The land transfer documents were then signed.

Word was sent out to the groups of HONKI and PELELE to appear on the morrow for census revision.

1600 hrs listened to the district schedule and received information a plane would be picking me up at the airfield on Monday



Friday, 26th June. ( cont ):

29th June for MENDI and Supreme Court work.

Patrol remained the night at WABIMA rest house.

Altitude 7100 ' asl.

Saturday, 27th June.

Commenced revision of the census for the HONKI group 1000 hrs and completed this by 1100 hrs; then census revision for the FELELE group carried out and completed by 1300 hrs.

During the afternoon supervised the replacement of the wooden markers with cairns of stones for the boundaries of the land WABIMA.

Patrol remained the night at WABIMA rest house.

Altitude 7100 ' asl.

Sunday, 28th June.

The day observed and the patrol remained at WABIMA rest house.

Altitude 7100 ' asl.

Monday, 29th June.

0730 hrs instructions given to the patrol carriers and the locals to complete the erection of the stone cairns along the boundaries of the land WABIMA.

Inspection of the MARGARIMA airfield for two hrs.

The majority of the day spent awaiting the plane for MENDI. At 1200 hrs plane arrived from the direction of MENDI and did a half circle of the airfield and then returned in the direction from whence it had come without landing.

At 1630 hrs learnt by listening in to the district scribe that I would not be required for the Supreme Court.

1645 hrs carried out an inspection of approximately half the boundary of the land WABIMA. It was pleasing to notice that adequate stone cairns had replaced the old wooden markers. The onset of rain prevented a complete inspection.

Discussion with some of the locals concerning road construction, which they seem keen to commence.

The night spent at WABIMA rest house.

Altitude 7100 ' asl.

Tuesday, 30th June.

Carriers dispatched under sergeant BURE to TAMBURANE rest house. Self in company of the interpreter inspected the part of the boundaries of WABIMA not covered yesterday.

Thursday, 30th June. (cont.)

They departed for ZAMBURAK rest house 1000 hrs and arrived there 1030 hrs.

Commenced revision of the census for the IMB group 1100 hrs — completed by 1215 hrs. Also talk given concerning the aims and requirements of the Administration.

Patrol remained the night at ZAMBURAK rest house.

Altitude 6000 ' asl.

Wednesday, 1st July.

Patrol remained at ZAMBURAK rest house.

Thorough inspection carried out of the dwellings of the IMB group. Then several minor disputes heard and settled.

Patrol remained the night at ZAMBURAK rest house.

Altitude 6000 ' asl.

Thursday, 2nd July.

Patrol departed ZAMBURAK rest house 0925 hrs and arrived LAMA rest house 0945 hrs.

Commenced revision of the census for the IAMB group 1000 hrs and completed this by 1130 hrs. Then a talk given concerning the aims and requirements of the Administration.

Patrol remained the night at LAMA rest house.

Altitude 7000 ' asl.

Friday, 3rd July.

Patrol remained at YOLMA rest house and an inspection of the dwellings of the IAMB people was carried out. All seemed to be in order.

General discussion with a large number of the locals.

Supervised the IAMB people elect a village councillor.

Patrol remained the night at YOLMA rest house.

Altitude 7000 ' asl.

Saturday, 4th July.

Patrol departed YOLMA rest house 0800 hrs and after hard walking arrived VAWALITHUNDA rest house 1000 hrs.

Commenced census revision for the IMAV group 1100 hrs and completed this by 1500 hrs. Then aims and requirements of the Administration fully stressed to the people.

Patrol remained the night at VAWALITHUNDA rest house.

Saturday, 4th July. ( cont ):

It is interesting to note that this rest house is more or less on the PAPUA, NEW GUINEA border.

Altitude 7150 ' asl.

Sunday, 5th July.

The day observed and the patrol remained at WANGALIHUN-  
da rest house.

Altitude 7150 ' asl.

Monday, 6th July.

Patrol departed WANGALIHUNDA rest house 0800 hrs and  
arrived UGU rest house 1015 hrs.

Census revised for the UGU group, commenced 1100 hrs  
and completed by 1400 hrs. Also aims and requirements of the Administ-  
ration stressed to the people. A number of migrations in from the KANDEP  
area noticed.

Inspection of the dwellings of the people carried out.

The patrol remained the night at UGU rest house.

Altitude 7075 ' asl .

Tuesday, 7th July.

One complaint heard and settled at UGU rest house.

0915 hrs patrol departed UGU rest house and arrived  
TABALA rest house 1000 hrs.

Talk given to the two groups TABALA and WAMBIA. Then  
census revision carried out for the WAMBIA group. After three hours  
work — completed by 1515 hrs.

Onset of rain prevented census revision for the TABALA  
group. They were instructed to appear on the morrow.

Patrol remained the night at TABALA rest house.

Altitude 7350 ' asl.

Wednesday, 8th July.

Commenced revision of the census for the TABALA group  
0900 hrs, completed this by 1130 hrs.

One complaint heard and settled.

Several people dispatched to NIPA for medical treatment

Inspection of the dwellings of the people of WAMBIA  
and TABALA.

Patrol remained the night at TABALA rest house.

Altitude 7350 ' asl.

Thursday 9th July.

Patrol departed TARALA rest house 0815 hrs and after rather rugged walking arrived at TIANGO rest house 1100 hrs.

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The aims and requirements of the Administration stressed to the people.

Commenced revision of the census for the people of the group ANURA No. 1, completed by 1515 hrs after four hours work.

Two complaints heard and settled during the afternoon.

Patrol remained at TIANGO rest house for the night.

Altitude 7600 ' asl.

Friday, 10th July.

Patrol remained the day at TIANGO rest house.

Several complaints heard and settled.

Inspection carried out of the dwellings of the ANURA No. 1 people.

Patrol remained the night at TIANGO rest house.

Altitude 7600 ' asl.

Saturday, 11th July.

Patrol departed TIANGO rest house 0845 hrs and arrived NIGAURA rest house 1115 hrs, after rather hard walking.

The aims and requirements of the Administration stressed to the people of MAHIA. Then revision of the census carried out for this group. This was completed by 1500 hrs after three hours work.

Commenced investigation into the cult as mentioned in NIPA Patrol Report No. 18 of 63/64. Terminated the investigation 1700 hrs.

Patrol remained the night at NIGAURA rest house.

Altitude 7100 ' asl.

Sunday, 12th July.

The day observed and the patrol remained at NIGAURA rest house.

Monday, 13th July.

Patrol departed NIGAURA rest house 0900 hrs and arrived HUMAIDIA rest house 0910 hrs.

The aims and requirements of the Administration stressed to the assembled groups of ANURA No. 2 and KAMBORO.

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Monday, 13th July. ( cont ):

Commenced census revision for the KAMBORO group, completed by 1200 hrs. Then revised census for the ANURA No. 2 group, completed this by 1400 hrs.

One dispute heard and settled during the afternoon.

Patrol remained the night at HUMAIDIA rest house.

Altitude 6000 ' asl.

Tuesday, 14th July.

Patrol remained the day at HUMAIDIA rest house.

Inspection of the dwellings of the people of the groups of KAMBORO and ANURA No. 2

Investigation into the cult activities that were mentioned in NIPA Patrol Report No. 18 of 63/64.

Patrol remained the night at HUMAIDIA rest house.

Altitude 6000 ' asl.

Wednesday, 15th July.

Patrol departed HUMAIDIA rest house 0800 hrs and after hard walking arrived KAHENTA rest house 1000 hrs.

The aims and requirements of the Administration were fully stressed to the assembled groups of MINYA, NAIP and WBU. Then a census revision was carried out for the people of these three groups which took four hours.

Patrol remained the night at KAHENTA rest house.

Altitude 7100 ' asl.

Thursday, 16th July

Patrol remained the day at KAHENTA rest house.

Several complaints heard and settled.

Inspection of the dwellings of the groups WBU, MINYA and NAIP carried out. All appeared to be in order.

Patrol remained the night at KAHENTA rest house.

Altitude 7100 ' asl.

Friday, 17th July.

Patrol departed KAHENTA rest house 0900 hrs and arrived NIPA station 1400 hrs.

Patrol stood down NIPA.

Altitude 5500 ' asl.

NATIVE AFFAIRS:

It is considered better to give a detailed report of each group in the order they were contacted, with a final general summing up at the end.

FUL:

The native situation here seems to be very satisfactory. The people are a contented stable collection who proved themselves co-operative on all matters, especially during the census revision. The V.C. maintains a strong influence over his group and appears to be very pro-government in his outlook. There are no problems to be found amongst this group.

WENJA:

A very warm reception was accorded the patrol by this group. They remained very orderly and well behaved during the census revision. It is pleasing to note that they are now very good friends with their neighbouring groups SAMBALA and FUL both of whom were once bitter enemies of WENJA. The V.C. seems to be doing a reasonable job and he exerts a good deal of influence over this large group. No complaints were brought to the attention of the patrol and the native situation here appears to be satisfactory.

SAMBALA:

On arrival of the patrol this group were all assembled and awaiting the census which was conducted very smoothly with a minimum amount of delay. Some of the male members of this group are inclined to boast of past battle victories they have attained, especially against the WENJA group. However such talk is merely reminiscence on the once existent wild days and has no threatening implication as to the reoccurrence of tribal warfare. The native situation is satisfactory and the people have a very pro-government outlook with a V.C. who is 'worth his salt'.

PINGI:

This is a very small group who reside within about a mile of the MARGARIMA airfield, on rather barren ground. Although it appears to be sufficiently fertile to produce their subsistence agricultural crops. The most noticeable characteristic is the absence of any significant timber. Therefore these people have to obtain most of the timber, especially firewood from their neighbouring groups. The patrol was well received and the census conducted without mishaps. The people had no disputes to bring to the patrol and the native situation seems quite good with a V.C. who is of good material.

PELELE:

A rather small group who appear to delight in precipitating slight confusion during the census revision. However the state of affairs is very satisfactory and no disputes were brought to the notice of the patrol. The V.C. has a smattering of Pidgin English and appears to be trying hard to fulfill his duties. This group are keen to commence construction on the NIPA/MARGARIMA road, some of which was pegged during the patrol. There is a limited amount of this road already completed.

HONEI:

Typical HURI confusion reigned at the commencement of the census, but was eventually overcome and everything continued smoothly until the census was completed. This group is very small about on a par to FELKLE. The native situation remains stable with no apparent problems. The V.C. is a reasonable man for the position and strives hard to attain what is expected of him.

KEME:

Rather a small unimpressive collection who did not seem too interested in the patrol, or what was going on. The revision of the census was carried out smoothly and several disputes were brought to the notice of the patrol. They of course were settled to the mutual satisfaction of all concerned. The native situation is reasonable and everybody seems content with their lot. The V.C. is rather a vague meandering fellow, but somehow manages to exert a certain amount of influence over his group. No apparent problems to be found amongst this group.

IANU:

A small collection of people, all of whom were present at the census revision. They proved themselves very co-operative on all matters. This group was rather generous as several pigs were brought forward for sale to the patrol. The people elected a village councillor under the supervision of the writer. The native situation is very good and the V.C. is of average material.

YENAGARI:

This group tends to be rather large. However the revision of the census was carried out smoothly and a good few extra names were recorded. These people reside on and around the PAPUA/NEW GUINEA border with the majority living on the PAPUAN side. A lot of them have inter-married with the KANDEP people and they tend to wander back and forth from time to time. This migration is governed by the food situation, basically. For when the sweet potato is not to be found in abundance in one area a migration commences back to the other. Evidently a man attains certain rights to his father-in-law's land through marriage. He of course already has inherit rights to his own father's land. Thus he is able to move over a wide area to which he can claim ownership. However the patrol was well received by this group and they were very generous in bringing forward food for sale, including two pigs. The native situation is quite satisfactory with a V.C. who is doing a reasonable job.

UGU:

The census was revised for this reasonably large group without incident. Several complaints were heard and settled without any necessity to resort to court action. The people were very generous in bringing forth food for sale, including three pigs. The V.C. is a disappointment and appears to be suffering from defeatism as well as giving the impression of being slightly hopeless. However the V.C. has received a lecture on his duties and responsibilities, which should equip him with a better knowledge of what is expected of him in the future. Personally feel that he could develop into a better citizen, although it appears reasonably evident at this stage that he will have to be eventually replaced. However the native situation is excellent with everybody keen and pulling their weight in village affairs. This mainly attributed to the individual enthusiasm which appears to exist in these people. Also the village councillor is a strong personality.

WAMBIA:

Census revision carried out alright for this large group. The patrol was well received and there was adequate feed available for purchase. No complaints were brought to the attention of the patrol and the native situation seems very stable, with no problems to be found. The V.C. is a very good citizen who exercises a strong influence over his people. These people are more like the TARI people in their outlook than the MARGAKIMA. That is they tend to be arrogant, strong individualistic people.

TARALA:

The census revision for this smallish group was carried out without incident. The V.C. is a reasonable citizen who maintains sufficient control to obtain good results and the native situation is very satisfactory. Several migrations to and from the KANDEP area were noted. These people share the one ceremonial ground, on which the rest house is situated, with the WAMBIA group on occasions of census revision. Again the typical proud, arrogant character of the TARI HURI can be detected in these people.

ANURA No. 1

This group remained well behaved and orderly during the census revision. A considerable number of migrations in from the BENARIA were noted. This is a Census Division of the TARI administrative area and stretches down towards the KUYUEN area. However the native situation appears in order and everyone markedly behaved themselves. The V.C. is a good man for the position and obtains results. One complaint heard and settled to the mutual satisfaction of both parties. There are no problems to be found amongst this group.

MABIA:

The census revision was carried out without incident and a number of new names were recorded. Several disputes were heard and settled. The native situation is satisfactory. The V.C. is not very impressive, although he seems to maintain a reasonable control.

KAMBORO:

A good reception was accorded the patrol here and the group remained very orderly during the census revision. The V.C. is a good man for the position and quite efficient in the performance of his duties and the native situation is satisfactory. Evidently men from the TARI area tend to wander down this way from time to time with the intention of claiming war indemnities from fights that occurred in pre-administration times. They were clearly informed that past feuds, especially those that occurred before government control was established in the area, were to be forgotten.

ANURA No. 2:

These people share the one rest house HUMAIDIA with the KAMBORO and as yet have no V.C. However it is believed that a man has been nominated by a previous patrol and his appointment is awaiting confirmation. The native situation is very good. Several disputes were brought to the attention of the patrol, but the native situation is good. Census revised without incident.



WAU:

This group tends to be on the small side. The census was revised alright and everybody remained orderly and well behaved. The V.C. seems capable and the native situation is extremely good.

NAIP:

This group share the ceremonial ground, on which KASHTA rest house is erected, with WAU and MINYA on occasions of census revision. Census revised for them on the same day as for WAU. This group is very small only sixty-nine people. However the V.C. who is responsible for the MINYA people also, appears to be doing a reasonable job. The native situation seems stable. A village councillor was elected from NAIP to assist the V.C. who is from MINYA, in his duties.

MINYA:

This group not as small as NAIP, all told one-hundred and two persons. Native situation satisfactory and no apparent problems.

The people of the MARGARIMA area are very placid with a very co-operative and stable attitude towards the Administration. They live under extremely healthy conditions. With a climate that is very invigorating, for all the sections of the area are well above the 6000' mark. The soil appears to be a rich clay loam which is extremely fertile. These favourable agricultural conditions are probably largely responsible for the contented state of the people.

The people through the whole area are very keen to progress for they fear their social, economic and political advancement will lag behind that of the people in the close vicinity of NIPA station. They are also money hungry. This state is probably the result of two factors. One is that the trade stores, at NIPA, KANDEP and TARI, all of which are within a days walk of the area, only accept cash transactions. And these stores carry items which are highly valued by the primitive man, such as axes, knives and shovels. Even soap surprisingly enough is a much desired commodity. The other factor is that there tends to be slightly too much M.O.P. shell within the area, therefore it is commencing gradually to lose its value as a means of exchange and assessment of wealth and is being slowly replaced by money.

Unfortunately the avenues open to the MARGARIMA people, for earning money are very limited, but it is hoped that when a council is finally established in the area there might be some economic activity that the people may be able to utilise. For example pyrethrum would probably thrive at its optimum under the conditions as offered by the area.

Very seldom were disputes brought to the attention of the patrol. But when they were they received prompt attention and were settled to mutual satisfaction of both parties, wherever possible. On no occasion was it found necessary to resort to legal action.

My general assessment of the native situation throughout the MARGARIMA area is that it is extremely satisfactory.

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**MARGARIMA AIRFIELD:**

The MARGARIMA airfield is being reasonably maintained by both the locals and the twelve labourers from the area who are employed full-time to look after the field. The markers that were placed along the field during NIPA Patrol No. 10 of 63/64 are still in correct position, while the couch grass that was planted at the time is catching well.

A roller is definitely needed for the airfield if proper maintenance is to be carried out. The only means of transporting the roller would be to fly it out in pieces from MENDI to MARGARIMA and then have it assembled at the airfield, probably by one of the NIPA administrative officers.

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**PURCHASE OF THE LAND WABIMA:**

The land locally termed ' WABIMA ' consisting of 217.5 acres was purchased, from the indigenous people who were very willing to sell, during the course of the patrol for the amount of £228/0/0. The MARGARIMA airfield is situated on a section of this land.

The investigation and survey for this land was carried out when the C.I. 235 was still in force, and as was permissible under the old instruction only wooden pegs were used for boundary markers. In accordance with the Lands Circular 1/64 which supersedes the C.I. 235, the wooden boundary markers were replaced by cairns of stones.

The land transfer documents were fully understood and accepted by the owners of the land.

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**EDUCATION:**

There is only one Administration school in the MARGARIMA area and it is situated virtually adjacent to the western side of the airfield. The school is conducted by three indigenous teachers and there are three categories of pupils, they being prep. grade I and grade II. The total enrolment is at present ninety-two and the MARGARIMA people seem very willing to assist the development of this school in every way they possibly can.

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**HEALTH:**

Since the termination of this patrol two medical patrols have been through the area carrying out an anti yaws campaign. There is also an aid-post at WABIMA which handles most minor medical complaints. Hence by now the MARGARIMA people should be in reasonable physical shape.

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R.P.&N.G.C.

The patrol was accompanied by four members of the constabulary all of whom carried out their duties to my entire satisfaction. R.S. I forms have been completed for each of them and forwarded to the Commissioner of Police, while duplicate entries have been made in their records of service.

CENSUS REVISION:

As stated previously the basic purpose of this patrol was the revision of the census within the MARGARIMA area. During each census the people remained very orderly and well behaved. The total number of names enumerated was 5295 which is an increase of 292 on last years final figure. Both births and migrations were more or less equally responsible for this increase.

POLLING HOUSES:

In accordance with the Patrol Instructions the amount of ten pounds was paid out for each Polling House built within the area. There were nine Polling Houses erected within the MARGARIMA and one within the NIPA basin which for the purposes of the elections was included in the MARGARIMA area. Hence payment was given out for this house also

CULT ACTIVITIES:

In accordance with my Patrol Instructions and the District Officer's memorandum 5I - 6 67 @ 3 - 4 of 1/6/64 an investigation was conducted into the cult activities of the MARGARIMA area that were mentioned in NIPA Patrol Report No. 13 of 63/64.

This cult originated in the vicinity of KANDEP, and natives, not Europeans were responsible for its creation. Approximately nine months ago a native by the name of POGAIDJA/PANGO from the AHURA No. 2 census unit, spent at night at KANDEP on his way to WARAG. Whilst he was at KANDEP he heard about this cult and decided to introduce it into his own area, when he returned from WARAG, mainly because he had numerous debtors who were reluctant to meet their commitments.

POGAIDJA then introduced it into his own group and some of them practised the cult for five nights, while some of the people from the neighbouring group HONEI tried it only once. AHURA No. 2 and HONEI were the only two groups that attempted this cult in the entire MARGARIMA area.

The cult is conducted at night and although both sexes can partake they have to be segregated. The participants all of whom must be single, sit down in a clearing in the scrub. They then each in turn go into the bush with their eyes shut and the intention is to find a leaf of one of these three trees, MULI, KABETUGU or DJU (local vernacular). Actually the last two named are more of a fern than a tree,

The cult is in effect a prophecy for depending on what leaf the person obtained determines what will happen to him/her as regards payments, debts or marriage. What is supposed to occur if a man obtains one of the leaves is as follows.

If a man finds the green leaf of the MULI tree and should he have debtors then they will pay him what he is owed in M.O.P. shell. If he has not got any debtors then he will either have some M.O.P. shell given to him or his sister will get married. This would imply that the bride price of which a brother receives a good share, would be the source of payment. Should this leaf be dry then if he has debtors they will not pay him or if nobody owes him goods he will not receive any shell.

Should a man find the green leaf of the KABETUGU fern, he will be married to a lovely girl. If the leaf is dry he will marry an old woman.

If a man finds the green leaf of the DJU fern then he will either get a pig given to him or his debts paid for him and maybe his sister might get married. Should the leaf be dry he will have a pig to eat and nothing else.

What is supposed to occur if a woman finds the one of these leaves is as follows.

If a woman finds the green leaf of the MULI tree she will get married and her husband will give her ample M.O.P. shell. If the leaf is dry she will get married still but her husband will not give her any shell.

Should a woman find the green leaf of the KABETUGU fern then a young man will marry her. If it is dry an old man will marry her.

If a woman finds the green leaf of the DJU fern a young man will marry her and she will receive a pig. Should the leaf be dry she will receive a pig to eat, but no marriage.

There is nothing in the cult to indicate when or where or with whom these prophecies would materialise.

This cult in itself was harmless because the participants realised that the prophecies were not coming true. That is debtors were not meeting their obligations. No one seemed to get married, nor did anybody receive any pigs or shell. However should it ever adopt any religious significance then it could be dangerous for it could lead to corruption and violence.

A stop was put to this cult during NIPA Patrol No. 13 of 63/64 and the people have adhered to these instructions and it is not practised any more, nor has it gone underground. A further warning was given during this patrol that there was to be no re-occurrence and it is evident that there will be none.

This cult is something that has come and gone without any repercussions.

#### CONCLUSION:

Very little can be said under this heading as each sub-heading draws its own conclusion and an attempt to say any more would only lead to repetition. However the patrol went over smoothly and the native situation, considering the period of contact the MARG-ARIMA people have had, could not be better.

The late submission of this report is deeply regretted, but the pressure of other duties prevented it from being completed earlier.

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