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SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1965/1966

LAKE KUTUBU

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. 3-65/66 Lake Kutubu.

Patrol Conducted by Mr. N.C. McGrilly, Patrol Officer.....

Area Patrolled MUBI, WAGE and HEMBI Valleys, (part).....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Mr. J.S. Hicks, P.O. NIPA, from 10.11.65 to 14.11.65

Natives 3 B.F.A.N.G.G., 1 Interpreter, 1 N.M.O.

Duration—From 1./11./1965 to 16./11./1965 (Broken period.)

Number of Days.....13 days.....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services. Sept...../1965...

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

Map Reference. District Map and map attached.....

Objects of Patrol 1. Survey possible road route from OROKANI to POROMA.....

11. General 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

67.15.35. (15)

Telegrams.....

Our Reference..... 67-3-3

If calling ask for.....

Mr.....



Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI

16th December, 1965.

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDCBU

LAKE KUTUBU PATROL REPORT NO. 3 OF 1965/66

Forwarded herewith are comments of Assistant District Commissioner, Mendi, on a report of a patrol conducted by Mr. N. McQuilty, Patrol Officer, Lake Kutubu.

It would appear that your copy was forwarded direct in error. No map was received this office or by Assistant District Commissioner, Mendi. It is possible that a map was forwarded with your copy. If so could you please have six copies made for use in this District. Mr. McQuilty has been requested to supply a map.

It is most difficult to comment on the findings of the patrol without an accompanying map. More detailed comment will be forwarded later.

(D. R. Marsh)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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(14)

Department of District
Administration
Sub-District Office
Southern Highlands District
MENDI

14th December 1965

District Commissioner
Southern Highlands District
MENDI

SUBJECT: Lake Kutabu Patrol No. 3 of 65/66

As you are aware only two copies of the report on the above patrol conducted by Mr N. McQuilty have been received. One copy by this office and the other marked "District Commissioner" direct by District Office. As no Headquarters copy has been received by either office I can presume it was forwarded direct. Incorrect distribution is probably due to clerical error and I shall direct Mr McQuilty to instruct his clerk in the correct procedures for channelling correspondence.

2. With the discovery of a feasible road route through the pinnacle limestone country separating the Brave River from the Junction of the KUDURU and WAGI River Valleys it now remains to locate the best route to the SAMBERIGI Valley such route linking with the proposed road route OROKANA - LAKE KUTUBU. Although I believe linking the SAMBERIGI road to the OROKANA - LAKE KUTUBU road to be of secondary importance compared to the primary objective it did form the main objective of Mr McQuilty's patrol. It was not fully accomplished although a great deal of basic information was obtained. Without Mr McQuilty's patrol map (which probably accompanied Headquarter's copy of the report) it is not possible to comment as fully as one would like on his observations; however, from the junction of the KUDURU - WAGI Valleys there appears to be three alternative routes:

- (i) Down the uninhabited KUDURU Valley to the SAMBERIGI Valley. On a helicopter survey I formed the opinion that crossing the small divide separating the two valleys would not prove too difficult a proposition. If this route was followed it would be necessary to follow up the SAMBERIGI Valley in a north easterly direction, bridge the MUBI River below its junction with the WAGI River thence to OROKANA if linkage to the OROKANA - KUTUBU road is to be effected;
- (ii) Down the WAGI River to where it forms a Z. A crossing by bridge will be necessary. Thence down stream to SUKI crossing. Thence to the MUBI River via the Mubi swamp lands. It will be necessary to bridge the MUBI River to effect a linkage with the proposed OROKANA - KUTUBU Road;

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(iii) Down the KUDURU Valley to near IOMESI Village thence crossing the MUBI River to OROKANA. From maps this route would involve climbing out of the KUDURU Valley near the headwaters of KOKEMA Creek then down to KOKEMA Creek to IOMESI Village and a bridge site on the MUBI. From near IOMESI it would be necessary to route the road along the entire length of the SAMBERIGI Valley if the primary objective is to be accomplished.

Factors mitigating ^{against} Route (ii) are as follows:

- (a) At least one major bridge crossing of the WAGI River;
- (b) Crossing of two rugged mountain ranges;
- (c) The building and subsequent maintenance of a road across the MUBI swamp lands;
- (d) A major bridge across the MUBI River;
- (e) The extreme ruggedness of the WAGI Valley from the proposed bridge site to where Mr McQuilty's patrol crossed the WAGI at SUKI Crossing. I flew along this portion of the WAGI last year in a helicopter and I consider that building a road where Mr McQuilty suggests is beyond our resources.

Routes (i) and (iii) have only one major bridge crossing - across the MUBI downstream from its junction with the WAGI River. For these reasons I propose instructing Mr McQuilty subject to your approval, that he now concentrate on routes (i) and (iii). He will not discard route (ii) but will leave it until either route (i) and (iii) are proved impracticable.

3. I apologise for the delayed comments on this patrol, however, murder investigations and subsequent Committal Hearings have precluded early attention to a number of outstanding matters.

James W. Kent
(J. W. Kent)
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

67-15-25

6th January, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MEMBI.

LAKE KUTUBU PATROL REPORT NO. 1/65-66.

The above patrol report was received at this office without comment by the Assistant District Commissioner or yourself and was apparently forwarded direct to this office.

2. Whilst the patrol did little but to familiarise Mr. McQuilty with the area the experience gained will no doubt assist him in his next patrol through the area.

3. No other comments will be made until your comments are received.

M
(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

57.15.25

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



Telegrams
Telephone
Our Reference Patrol Report.
If calling ask for
Mr. _____

LAKE KUTUBU Patrol Post,
MENDI Sub-District,
Southern Highlands District.

26th November, 1965.

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

LAKE KUTUBU PATROL REPORT NO. 3-65/66.

- Patrol Conducted by : N.C. McQuilty, Patrol Officer.
- Area Patrolled : MUBI, WAGE and MENDI Valleys (Part),
- Patrol Accompanied by : Europeans;
Mr. J.S. Hicks, P.O. NIPA,
from 10.11.65 to 14.11.65.
Natives;
3 R.P. & N.G.C.,
1 Interpreter,
1 N.M.O.,
40 carriers.
- Duration of Patrol : 1.11.65 to 16.11.65 (Broken period),
13 patrol days.
- Did Medical Assistant Accompany? : No.
- Last Patrol to Area : D.D.A. - Sept. 1965.
- Map Reference : District Map and map attached.
- Objects of Patrol : 1. Survey possible road route from
OROKANA to POROMA,
11. General Administration.

N.C. McQuilty
(N.C. McQuilty)
Patrol Officer.

Saturday, 26th November 1965

LAKE KUTUBU PATROL REPORT NO. 3-65/66.

PATROL DIARY:

Please refer to folios 18 to 23 of Field Officers' Journal.

Monday, 1st November, 1965:

Last minute patrol preparations and Treasury work re Police paid.
From station to KESE R/H in speedboat. Walked to HERIBO R/H. Inspected houses.
Patrol slept HERIBO R/H.

Tuesday, 2nd November, 1965:

Patrol departed HERIBO R/H 0800 - walked to OROKANA U.F.M. Mission station. Spoke to the European members of the mission staff. Crossed MUBI River on canoes and walked towards lower section of WAGE River. Bush camp built on small ridge.
Patrol slept bush camp I.

Wednesday, 3rd November, 1965:

Patrol departed bush camp I at 0800 - climbed very steep ridge - then followed along base of ridge to crossing on WAGE River - arrived 1200. Patrol crossed river in one canoe and two small refts - 1 1/2 hours for crossing.
Patrol set up camp on NIPA side of WAGE River.
Patrol slept bush camp II.

Thursday, 4th November, 1965:

Patrol departed bush camp II at 0800 - climbed another steep limestone ridge into the KUDURU Valley. Patrol rested from 1230 to 1330. Patrol then left KUDURU valley and climbed through rough limestone pinnacle country into the ERAVE River Valley and arrived at TOIWARA R/H 1530 in rain.
Patrol slept TOIWARA R/H.

Friday, 5th November, 1965:

Patrol departed TOIWARA R/H 0800. After walking for 2 1/2 hours along valley floor arrived at POROMA R/H.
Camp set up.
Inspected the possible airstrip site near R/H. A natural.
Patrol slept POROMA R/H.

Saturday, 6th November, 1965:

On motor bike with Mr. J. Hummel, C.U. Mission to NIPA Patrol Post. Met Mr. J. S. Hicks, O.I.C. and after discussions sent word to patrol personnel to bring patrol to NIPA P/P.
Slept NIPA P/P.

Sunday, 7th November, 1965:

Day of rest - observed NIPA P/P.
Slept NIPA P/P.

Monday/Tuesday, 8/9th November, 1965:

Spent at NIPA P/P having discussions with O.I.C. concerning the POROMA-OROKANA road and waiting for

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Monday/Tuesday, 8/9th November, 1965:(continued)

....waiting for him to accompany patrol through to WAGE River.
Kutubu Patrol arrived NIPA P/P 1315 Monday.
Tuesday sent V.C. from IPIGI back to his village to bring Sago to WAGE River for patrol carriers for the return trip.
Patrol slept NIPA P/P.

Wednesday, 10th November, 1965:

Combined NIPA/KUTUBU Patrol departed NIPA P/P - self and Mr. Hicks departing NIPA P/P in afternoon on motor bike and arriving MATO R/H late in afternoon.
Patrols slept MATO R/H.

Thursday, 11th November, 1965:

Patrols departed MATO R/H for KUNJULU R/H - self and Mr. Hicks on motor bike to POROMA R/H. Left motor bike at R/H and walked along valley floor to TOIWARA R/H. Thence through rough pinnacle limestone country to KUNJULU ceremonial ground. R/H not yet completed so pitched tents and flys with carriers sleeping in long houses.
Patrol slept KUNJULU.

Friday, 12th November, 1965:

Patrol departed KUNJULU 0830 - walked through dense covered foothills. Then left track and cut track through secondary and undergrowth to banks of WAGE River - thence still cutting track along the bank of the WAGE River until 1600. Set up bush camp in shower of rain.
Patrols slept bush camp III.

Saturday, 13th November, 1965:

Broke camp and departed 0800. Continued cutting track along WAGE River. Found a deserted hamlet - occupied 2-3 days before. Left and climbed over small ridge to the WAGE River again. Continued along bank for approx. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.
Camp set up.
Patrols slept bush camp IV.

Sunday, 14th November, 1965:

0800- NIPA Patrol departed and returned direct to KUNJULU, KUTUBU Patrol departed, followed WAGE River for $\frac{1}{2}$ miles then crossed river to KUTUBU side. Thence followed river for 2 miles cutting own track. After the last rapids and waterfalls the patrol built rafts and refted to the previous crossing and camp site. SAGO from IPIGI a pleasant sight to the carriers as they had not eaten all day. Set up camp on same site as on 3.11.65.
Patrol slept bush camp V.

Monday, 15th November, 1965:

Patrol had crossed WAGE River by 0810 by canoe and rafts. Retraced the same route used on the 2/3.11.65. Crossed MURI River and arrived at U.F.M. OROKANA 1200. Spoke to Mr. H. Hicks from U.F.M. re road route and improvements on the OROKANA mission strip.
Patrol departed 1330 and walked along good walking track to HEGISO Village. Camp set up in R/H.
Patrol slept HEGISO R/H.

III.

Tuesday, 16th November, 1965:

Several disputes settled.
Patrol departed 0800 - walked along walking track to
KSEB Village - arriving 1015.
Carriers paid.
Patrol gear in canoes to station.
Self, interpreter, N.M.O., and dogs in Flagship to station
arriving 1300 - canoes arrived 1430.
Patrol stood down.

End of patrol diary.

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LAKE KUTUBU PATROL REPORT NO. 3-65/66.

INTRODUCTION:

The main object of this patrol was to find a possible route from OROKANA or the FOI'I Census Division to POROMA in the NEMBI Census Division, NIPA Administrative Area.

General Administration was also carried out.

The area covered by this patrol was over two completely different climatic, vegetation and social areas. From the FOI'I people with the semi-tropical climate and vegetation to the typical highlands NEMBI people with the highlands climate, vegetation and way of life.

The area is of limestone formation with high steep ridges and pinnacle country with lush, fertile river valleys and small limestone sinkholes and limestone valleys with very little surface water.

The three major rivers, running in a South-Easterly direction and more or less parallel, are the MUBI, WAGE and the ERAVE Rivers. The NEMBI River joins the ERAVE River South-East from NIPA Patrol Post.

The NEMBI, ERAVE and MUBI all have a fairly large population residing on their river flats but where this patrol crossed and followed the WAGE River there is very little or no population due to lack of river flats and to the steep gorge. Two hamlets were found occupied by hermits or social outcasts from the NEMBI Valley.

The country from the MUBI River to the WAGE River is covered in thick bush and is used by the FOI'I people for hunting and gathering.

RECEPTION OF PATROL:

For the major part the patrol operated in uninhabited country but the few villages the patrol visited the reception was favourable. There were no hostile or untoward incidents during the course of the patrol.

VILLAGES:

No comments will be made about the NIPA Administrative Area as this will be dealt with by Mr. J.S. Hicks, P.O. NIPA. (Patrol number unknown).

The villages in the FOI'I Census Division visited were inspected and found to be clean, buildings in a good state of repair, and well looked after. However after inspecting HERIBO Village it was noted that the womens' houses were built very close together. Because of the danger of fire wiping out the whole village it was suggested to the Village Constable and headmen that when they rebuild they move the houses further apart.

All villages visited were built on the banks of the MUBI River or on the shore of Lake Kutubu so water supply is no problem.

All villages were noted to have pit latrines and from observations they are being used.

VILLAGE OFFICIAL:

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VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

As a result of this patrol no new appointments or terminations are recommended.

All Village Constables seen and talked to during the patrol are capable of carrying out his job. IBU the IPIGI Village Constable did an outstanding job in supplying the patrol with fresh foods and co-operated in every way. A very conscientious and capable Village Constable.

POLITICAL SITUATION:

As mentioned earlier in this report the patrol spent very little time in villages and therefore had little time to make observations but what observations were made were very favourable. The people realise fully the aims of the Administration.

The Unevangelised Fields Mission at INU and OROKANA, being the only mission in this area, have no trouble with the local people and the people have come to accept the mission and the work of the mission.

The proposed Lake Kutubu Local Government Council was not mentioned by the patrol and was not brought forward in conversation by the people. Due to the District Commissioner, MENDI, 's 40-2-9 of the 15th November, 1965 to the Director of District Administration it was considered best not to mention the council.

There were no indications of any organisations, movements or cults in the area.

AGRICULTURE:

The staple diet in the FOI' I Census Division is sago. Bananas, pawpaws, lemons, wild pandanus, watermelons, a type of asparagus, tomatoes, mulberries, pineapples, and a small amount of sweet potato is grown or gathered to supplement the diet. The lemons, watermelons, tomatoes and mulberries are introduced crops.

The drought in other areas of the Southern Highlands District has not effected this area at all.

Catfish and gudgeons, for eating purposes, are caught in the MUBI River and other smaller streams in this area.

Some rice and peanut seeds are being introduced into the Lake Kutubu Administrative Area by D.A.S.F.. The people who wish to plant rice are being shown by a man from KESE Village who has had previous experience on a mission station at ABAU in the Central District. This is being done on a small scale and will not be a cash crop. If it proves to be successful it may be taken further as a cash crop but only time will tell.

These crops will be checked on the next patrol to the area.

At the present time the only cash crop in the area is TAGASO oil. This is not an introduced crop but the sap of a certain tree that is used by the Highland people on their skins during ceremonies. At the present time this is traded by individuals as far north as WABAG and Mount Hagen. The Mount Hagen Local Government Council is thinking of becoming an agent and selling it to the local people. A trial shipment has already been sent but the outcome is not yet known.

LIVESTOCK:

The only native owned livestock are semi-wild native pigs and the odd fowl. These people do not look after their pigs like the Highland people do but let them run wild in the bush.

The Unevangelised Fields Mission at OROKANA has a herd of milking cows and two bulls. Mr. H. Hicks, from the U.F.M., informs me that the herd is very successful.

FORESTS:

Approximately one half to two thirds of the FOI'I Census Division is covered in forests. These forests consist of mainly softwoods but one or two species of semi-hardwoods are also present.

At present these are only being used locally; by the people for building purposes and by the Administration on a small scale at Lake Kutubu Patrol Post. The forests cannot and will not be able to be used outside this area until communications have been extended.

COMPLAINTS AND COURTS:

Because of the short time the patrol spent in villages very few complaints were heard but of those heard pig disputes were the majority. Very little can be done about this because the pigs run wild and very few of the pigs are marked but are recognised by their colouring.

The other type of complaint was over Bride Payments. The Village Constables and village headmen were encouraged to settle these with the Patrol Officer arbitrating.

There are no courts to be heard as a result of this patrol.

REST HOUSES:

All the Rest Houses slept in by this patrol were found to be in good condition and a good size. No changes are recommended.

CARRIERS AND CANOES:

There is no problem hiring carriers and canoes in this area. Carriers mainly carry on a village to village basis and canoes are mainly hired for crossing rivers.

On this patrol, however, the one lot of carriers were used from HERIBO through to NIPA Patrol Post and back to HEGISO Village. There were no problems hiring carriers for this walk.

The standard hiring fee for carriers in this area is one shilling per hour or two shillings per day plus food.

HEALTH:

The only Administration Aid Post in this census division is at HERIBO Village. This Aid Post only deals with minor cases while the more advanced and major cases are sent

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HEALTH(Continued):

....to Lake Kutubu for repatriation to the Native Hospital at MFNDI.

The Unevangelised Fields Mission at INU and OROKANA both have Infant Welfare Clinics.

The health of the people seen seemed to be fairly good. No attacks of Malaria were encountered amongst the carriers and they were able with little effort to carry for period of up to six and seven hours a day.

EDUCATION:

There are two Administration and one mission schools in the Census Division in question. The two Administration schools are the Lake Kutubu Station Primary 'T' School and the WASEMI Primary 'T' School. The Lake Kutubu Station Primary 'T' School with three teachers caters for from Prep. to Standard Four. The WASEMI Primary 'T' School with only one teacher has Prep. and Standard Two. The latter school is a day school but the former has 47 boarders.

The mission school is run by the Unevangelised Fields Mission at OROKANA and has from Prep. to Standard two.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

The main object of this patrol was to survey a possible road route from POROMA in the NEMBI Census Division through to the PGI Census Division and preferably OROKANA. This object was not fully accomplished, however a lot of information leading to the fulfillment has been gained and another patrol through the area early in the new year will complete this.

A vehicular road is now open from MFNDI through NIPA Patrol Post to MATU Rest House. A motor bike track is open from MATU Rest House to POROMA Rest House., and work is continuing to open the road from POROMA Rest House to TOIWARA Rest House. This should be completed within 2-3 months. From TOIWARA Rest House the possible route follows the WAGE River for approximately 12 miles. Then it cuts away from the river and goes through approximately 2 miles of pinnacle limestone country into the KUDURU Valley. From here it could cross the KUDURU Valley to the WAGE River and then down the WAGE River where its course forms a 'Z'. Some where here the WAGE River will have to be bridged. This will be a major problem and it will mean a suspension bridge at least 30 yards long. Thence it will follow the river further down stream to where the patrol crossed the river the first time. From here it follow the patrol track for a short distance. The next section has not been walked over because of the shortage of rations for carriers and Police and because the group of men requested to cut a track along the route failed to do so. However the Village Constable from IPIGI says that a vehicular road is possible to cross the mountain range and continue down a range on the OROKANA side and rejoin the patrol track about 400' from the crest. From here it is possible to build a road to the MUBI swamps. These swamps may constitute a problem. At the time the patrol crossed them they were quite dry and it was possible to build a road, but the patrol was informed that in normal times i.e. it is exceptionally dry at the present time, there is 2-3 feet of water over the swamps. This is disputed by some people so will have to be gone into again on the next patrol. Then the MUBI River is to be crossed. Here again this will require a suspension bridge of at least 30-35 yards. Even this may not be sufficient as the river is subject to flooding.

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ROADS AND BRIDGES:

From OROKANA there is a good walking track to KESE Village on the Southern end of Lake Kutubu. It will not be a great deal of work to widen this and put in bridges for vehicular traffic.

The alternate route from the KUDURU Valley is to follow the valley in a South Easterly direction until near IOMESI Village and then to follow the MUBI River upstream on the Northern bank to a crossing place and thence along the walking track mentioned in the previous paragraph.

The latter track was not followed because the patrol did not take reactions for carriers ~~x~~ but was to rely on local fresh foods. The drought in the NEMBI Valley vetoed this.

The latter route, although having good grades is uninhabited and further away from population than the former. Mr. H. Hicks, from the U.F.M. OROKANA, who has walked over the route informed the patrol that although it has good grades it has many limestone outcrops on it and may need blasting. A bluff near IOMESI Village may also need blasting.

MISSIONS:

The only mission establishments in this area is the UNEVANGELISED Fields Mission at OROKANA and INU. The work of the mission has been covered under the headings 'Education' and Health.

AIRFIELDS:

The possible airstrip site at POROMA in the NEMBI Valley was inspected by this patrol and found to be a natural site. This has been covered by NIPA Patrol Report No. 8-65/66.

The only other airstrip visited on this patrol was the mission airstrip at OROKANA. It is hoped that this strip will be opened to Category D commercial operations in the near future to supply patrols in the area and to fly in tools, etc. for road works in the area.

CONCLUSION:

Although this patrol did not accomplish its main objective the area is now familiar ~~xxx~~ and the next patrol in the area to complete this will be much easier to organise.

There were no untoward or hostile incidents during the patrol.

N.C. McQuilty
(N.C. McQuilty)
Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 4-65/66 LAKE KUTUBU

Patrol Conducted by N.C. McQUILTY, PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled FASU CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 3 POLICE, 1 N.M.O., 1 INTERPRETER

Duration—From 29/11/1965 to 10/12/1965

Number of Days 62 DAYS

Did Medical Assistant Accompany NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services DEC/1964

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

Map Reference MAP ATTACHED AND DISTRICT MAP

Objects of Patrol I. CENSUS REVISION II FAMILIARIZATION
III GENERAL 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 £.....

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67-15-33

28th February, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MEKFI.

LAKE KUTUMI PATROL REPORT NO.4/1965-66.

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a patrol report by Mr. McQuilty covered by your memorandum 67-3-3 of 8th February, 1966.

2. The comments of both Mr. Kent and yourself have been noted.

3. I do agree with you whole heartedly that if the Southern Fasu people are seriously intending to move eastwards to better land, endeavours must be made to ensure that the whole group moves.

4. A good patrol and an informative report.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

67-15-33-15



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....

Our Reference... 67-3-3

If calling ask for

Mr.....



Department of District Administration,

Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

8th February, 1966.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBUBU. Papua.

Lake Kutubu Patrol Report No.4/65-66
Fasu Census Division
Mr. N.C. McQuilty, P.O.

The abovementioned report with covering comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Mendi, attached, refers.

If the people are serious about moving to better land in the eastern section of the Census Division endeavours must be made to ensure that the whole of the groups move, not as has happened at Tamadigi, otherwise administration of the area will be more difficult than it already is with its sparse and scattered population.

A routine patrol which has been covered by the Assistant District Commissioner's comments.

(D.R. MARSH)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Encs.

2 c.c. Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI.

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Southern Highlands District,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

Subject: Village Population Registers
FASU Census Division

Reference: Lake Kutubu Patrol 4 of 65/66

Attached please find in duplicate copies of the
amended Village Population Registers for the recent census
revision of the FASU Census Division.

James W. Kent
(J.W. KENT)
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Facs.

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Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
Sub-District Office,
MEWDI.

67-2-4

7th February, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MEWDI.

Subject: Lake Kutubu Patrol 4 of 65/66

Attached please find the following documents relating to the above patrol conducted by Mr. N.C. McQuilty, Patrol Officer, to the FASU Census Division.

- (i) Patrol Report in duplicate
- (ii) Camping Out Allowance Claims submitted by -
 - (a) Mr. N.C. McQuilty
 - (b) Mr. Lorei Konefabu

2. Some comments follow:

- (i) The patrol which was of a routine nature to a small and relatively inaccessible population revealed a satisfactory state of affairs requiring for no special comment.
- (ii) Because of the isolation, rather forbidding terrain and the scattered nature of the small population it is rather doubtful whether any form of cash cropping will ever be successfully introduced on a large scale.
- (iii) It is the intention to incorporate the FASU into the proposed Kutubu Local Government Council. This being so it may pay for field officers to investigate the possibility of re-settlement of the FASU in the more easterly sections of the Census Division provided the soil is fertile and extensive enough to support the population permanently. If this is feasible then it may be possible to consider some form of cash cropping at some future date.
- (iv) Village population registers are being forwarded under separate cover.
- (v) A very neat map accompanies the report.

3. A well conducted routine patrol.

James W. Kent
(J.W. KENT)
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

e.c. P.D.I.C.
LAKE KUTUBU.

Mr. N.C. McQuilty,
LAKE KUTUBU.

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PATROL DIARY:

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Please refer to folios 27 to 32 of the Field Officers' Journal.

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Monday, 29th November, 1965:

Patrol gear departed station 0930.
Self, interpreter, domestic and policeman departed station 1215 - arriving MORO airstrip 1255.
Inspected strip and work being done.
Departed strip 1330. Followed dry stream bed - then over range to cleared walking track - followed this to SONAGADIGI Village. Inspected village and told Village Councillor to bring his group to KAIPU Village for census revision the following day. Left SONAGADIGI and walked to KAIPU Village arriving 1630. Camp already set up. Inspected houses, bought freshfoods.
Patrol slept KAIPU Village.

Tuesday, 30th November, 1965:

Census revision for KAIPU and SONAGADIGI groups. Gave talks to V.C., Village Councillors and headmen re. KAIPU-MORO walking track, child brides, gardens and shifting of KAIPU Village.
Patrol departed KAIPU 1100 and walked along cleared bush track, arriving SISIBIA Village 1240. Camp set up.
Patrol slept SISIBIA Village.

Wednesday, 1st December, 1965:

Census revised for KEWODIGI and SISIBIA - 100% turn up.
Spoke to V.C., Village Councillors and headmen re. KAIPU-MORO walking track, mangey dogs, to be destroyed, child brides, health and hygiene, houses and coffee plot. Inspected village.
Patrol departed SISIBIA village 1000, after retracing same route as 30.11.65 arrived at KAIPU 1135.
Camp set up.
Patrol slept KAIPU.

Thursday, 2nd December, 1965:

Patrol departed KAIPU 0735 and walked along seldom used bush track, through Sago swamps and sinkhole country to PAPATO Rest Camp - arriving 1420. Carriers arriving 25 minutes later.
Camp set up.
Patrol slept PAPATO Rest Camp.

Friday, 3rd December, 1965:

Patrol departed PAPATO Rest Camp 0740 and walked along bush track, through sago swamps and limestone sinkholes to IOROGOBAI' IU village arriving 1120.
Camp set up and village inspected. People told to gather for census revision next day.
Patrol slept IOROGOBAI' IU Village

II.

Saturday, 4th December, 1965:

IOROGOBAI' IU - census revision.
Village inspected. Spoke to V.C., Village Councillor and headmen re. keeping village clean, destroying sick dogs, taking sick people to Aid Post, new mens' house to be built, work on roads etc.
Patrol departed 0955 and walked along good walking track for most part - arriving AUWABAI' IU village 1120.
Village inspected.
Patrol slept AUWABAI' IU.

Sunday, 5th December, 1965:

Census revised for AUWABAI' IU group. Spoke with group re. work on roads, completion of village houses, destroying sick dogs, etc.
Patrol departed AUWABAI' IU village 0900 and walked along good walking track to HEBAI' IU village. Canoes arranged for next day. Village inspected.
Patrol slept HEBAI' IU village.

Monday, 6th December, 1965:

Census revision for HEBAI' IU group carried out.- gave talk to people re. work on houses, cleaning of village, destroying of diseased dogs, work on walking tracks, etc. Minor disputes settled.
Patrol departed HEBAI' IU by canoe and travelled upstream of the AR' IU River for 3 1/2 hours to HEDINIA village.
Inspected village and Aid Post.
Patrol slept HEDINIA village.

Tuesday, 7th December, 1965:

People put to work to clean around village and Aid Post and to dig gardens in the area cleared.
Census revised for the HEDINIA group. Talks with the people re. Aid Post, walking tracks, possible future movement of village, construction of houses, destroying sick dogs, digging of gardens, etc.
Patrol departed HEDINIA village and walked for 15 minutes along completed walking track to AI' IU village.
Village inspected and people told to gather for census revision next day.
Patrol slept AI' IU village.

Wednesday, 8th December, 1965:

Census revised for the AI' IU group. Talked to people re. possible shift to the SORO River area., work on roads, rubbish hole, houses, child brides, sick dogs, Aid Post at HEDINIA, etc.
Patrol departed and walked along partially completed walking track to MANU village - 40 minutes.
Camp set up and village inspected.
Census revised for the MANU, TAMADIGI and ANUWABI groups. Spoke to group re. possible shift to SORO River area, sick dogs, mens' house, pig proof fence, child brides, walking tracks, HEDINIA Aid Post, gardens, etc.
Patrol slept MANU Village.

III.

Thursday, 9th December, 1965:

Patrol departed MANU 0800 and walked along seldom used bush track over limestone range to old camp site used by A.F. McNeill, A.D.O., then continued onto another site arriving 1230. Bush houses built for patrol personnel. Patrol slept bush camp.

Friday, 10th December, 1965:

Departed bush camp 0800 - walked over limestone range to SORO River - crossed river and crossed another range to Lake Kutubu near YOGOBO Village arriving 1430-carriers 1 hr. later.

Patrol in canoes to station - 1 1/2 hrs.

Carriers paid.

Patrol stood down.

End patrol diary.

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LAKE KUTUBU PATROL REPORT NO. 4-65/66:INTRODUCTION:

Lake Kutubu Patrol No. 4-65/66 was of a routine nature. A Census Revision was carried out for the area. The census figures and statistics are attached and are quite straight forward but will be elaborated upon under the appropriate heading.

As this was my first visit to the area it was a good opportunity to get to know the area and the people. This will simplify the organisation of future patrols to the area and general administration of the same.

General Administration was also carried out.

The FASU Census Division is bounded on the South West by the KIKORI River, on the North by an East-West line from the Northern end of Lake Kutubu to the KIKORI River, on the North East by Lake Kutubu and the SAMAGKA Creek and on the South East by a North Easterly - South Westerly line from the SAMAGKA Creek to the KIKORI River.

The area is a plateau of limestone formation with the villages gathered in small pockets of soil where the people can grow their Sage palms and, in some places, small gardens.

The climate and vegetation is of a tropical nature.

RECEPTION OF PATROL:

The patrol was well received at all villages. There were no hostile or untoward incidents during the patrol.

VILLAGES:

The standard of all houses completed is very good. However there are many houses yet to be completed. SISIBIA is to build one more women's house; IOROGOBAI'IU to build a Long House (Men's House), AUWABAI'IU to build two more women's houses and MANU is to build a Long House. These houses should be completed before the next patrol to the area in about six months time.

HEDINIA, MANU, ANUWABI and AI'IU informed the patrol that they are going to shift their villages to the SORO River Valley. The reasons given for the shift are the new site is closer to the station and allows for an extensive gardening program. From notes in village books and previous Patrol Reports on this area the FASU people are continually talking about shifting villages so these shifts will be 'taken with a grain of salt' until the actual shifts have taken place.

Water supply is no problem, even in these exceptionally dry times, as all villages are situated near or next to a small stream.

All villages were found to be clean, but from observations this officer gained the impression that some villages i.e. SISIBIA and HEBAI'IU, had a quick clean up just prior to the patrol's arrival indicating that the village is not cleaned regularly. The Village Constables were informed of these suspicions and told to keep the village clean at all times not only when a Patrol was in the area.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

No recommendations for terminations or new appointments came as a result of this patrol.

The standard of Village Constables in this Census Division is not very high and their influence is not very great. There is little that can be done about this because those appointed are the best available. The people of the Lake Kutubu Administrative Area have no traditional, strong influential leaders but tend to be more individualists.

POLITICAL SITUATION:

There are no cults, movements or organisations in the FASU Census Division and there is no indication that there will be in the immediate future.

These people have fully accepted the Administration and realise the Administration's aims. The only time the FASU people are in contact with Mission personnel is when from a European from the Unevangelised Fields Mission at either INU or OROKANA visit the Census Division. There are no hostilities between the UZF Mission and the people.

All villages in the FASU Census Division mix freely with one and other. This is seen first hand by the patrol when carriers from another village arrive and taken to their houses and offered food, etc..

Several 'Bride Price' payment disputes were brought forward for the patrol to settle. The Village Constables and Village Councillors were told to settle these with the patrol only giving advice and assistance when necessary. It is purely through laziness that these disputes are brought to the patrol because when the people are told to settle them themselves they do so with both parties satisfied.

AGRICULTURE

The staple diet of the FASU people is Sago.

BANANAS, pineapples, paw paws, wild panianus, sweet potato, taro, wild asparagus and water melons are also grown to supplement the staple diet but in very small quantities. All of these were available for purchase by the patrol either money or trade items.

For many, many years Patrol Officers have been advocating for the extension of these supplementary gardens. The reason for this is quite obvious - people cannot live on Sago alone, it is a mere existence. However if the present indications are of any value the next 12 months should show a marked increase in these gardens. KAIPU villagers are building rather extensive gardens about 2 mile from MORO airstrip and HEDINIA, MANU, ANUWABE and AI'EU also they are shifting to the Sorc River area to institute an extensive gardening program.

The people were offered every assistance by the patrol in procuring sweet potato runners and European vegetable seeds. This has been dealt with under separate cover.

There are no cash crops in this Census Division and the introduction is not recommended until such time as these people have sufficient gardens for their subsistence requirements.

AGRICULTURE: (Continued)

The ex Village Constable of SISIBIA, retired through ill health, informed the patrol that he is going to start a coffee plot. He was given instructions on how to make the nursery, clean the main area and to plant shade trees. This plot will be visited on the next patrol to the FASU Census Division to give further instructions and advice.

These people could not be classed as agriculturalists but more gatherers and until such time they realise that gardens require a lot of hard work and attention and not a handkerchief size piece of land scratched out in the bush and forgotten, they always will be gatherers.

LIVESTOCK:

The only livestock in the FASU Census Division is the native pig and the odd fowl. The pigs are not looked after on the same pattern as in the Highlands but let run wild in the bush and visited every so often by the owners. The fowls have been purchased from the Unevangelised Fields Mission and are looked after in the villages.

The native pig comes second only to the M.O.P shell in the local economy and plays a big part in Bride Price payments.

FORESTS:

There are no sawmills in the FASU Census Division.

The only use made of the rather extensive forests is by the local people for their own needs for houses, firewood and fences.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY:

The FASU people, when they have any money, make their purchases from the Trade Store on Lake Kutubu Patrol Post owned by Coacon Pty. Ltd..

COMPLAINTS:

There were very few complaints brought before the patrol. Those that were brought forward were mainly Bride Price disputes and the people were told to settle these themselves with the Village Constables arbitrating and the patrol giving advice and assistance where necessary.

While at SISIBIA the Village Constable complained that a group of HURI's from ETARE in the KOMO Administrative Area are stealing Sago Palms belonging to his group. He also explained that he and his group realised the predicament the HURI's were in due to the drought and said they would have been welcome to the sago palms if only they had asked. This will be taken up with the Officer-in-Charge, KOMO under separate cover.

Courts:

There are no courts to be heard as a result of this patrol.

REST HOUSES:

There is a Rest House at every village in the FASU Census Division. Any Rest House that was not up to standard is to be done so by the people and the relevant Village Constables were instructed accordingly. The HEBAI'IU Rest House is to be replaced by a new one due to white ants taking over the present one.

CARRIERS AND CANOES:

There was no trouble experienced by this patrol in hiring carriers and canoes and there should be none for future patrols.

Carriers are paid one shilling an hour or two shillings per day and food. They are hired on a Village to Village basis and the maximum time they will be away from their home village will be three days. Although these people can carry for as long as seven hours a day they could not keep this up for many days on end due to their diet.

HEALTH:

N.M.O. Eawe MAWE accompanied the patrol and inspected everyone for sores, sickness, diseases, etc.. Some were treated while the patrol was in the area and other, who required more extensive and prolonged treatment were sent to the Aid Post at Lake Kutubu Patrol Post.

The only Aid Post in the Census Division is at HEDINIA and is staffed by A.P.O. KAIPU. The Aid Post consists of a dispensary and two wards. The Aid Post is well supported.

The general health of the people in the area is good. Pneumonia accounts for a large percentage of the deaths that occur in this area. The people do not seek medical treatment for this until it is too late. There is also a large percentage of the population with Tinea or Sipoma. This cannot be treated until a supply of medicine arrives from Mendi.

Health Education Orderly KAMUNA will patrol this area as soon as medical supplies become available.

EDUCATION:

There are no Administration or Mission schools in this Census Division but it will be noted from the Census Statistics that six male children are attending the Lake Kutubu Primary 'T' School.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

There are no vehicular roads in this Census Division and none are recommended because;

- i) The terrain, making road building impossible without extensive blasting,
- ii) The ratio of a very small population to the distance a road would have to cover,
- iii) Lack of cash crops and economic potential in the area, and
- iv) The nomadic nature of the people.

However three walking track complexes are being built. One linking MORO Airstrip with SONAGADIGI, KAIBU, and SISIBIA. The second links IOROGOBAL'IU with AUWABAI'IU and HEBAI'IU and the third links HEDINIA

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ROADS AND BRIDGES: (Continued)

..... AI' IU and MANU. A fair percentage of these tracks have been finished. For details see the patrol map.

MISSIONS:

There are no mission establishments in this Census Division.

AIRFIELDS:

The only airstrip in this area is MORO, is owned by the Administration and is used for bringing in supplies and passengers to Lake Kutubu Patrol Post. MORO airstrip has a maximum category of 'B' but is mostly only open to category 'C' or 'D' due to rain affecting the surface.

There were no possible airstrip sites seen in the FASU Census Division.

CENSUS:

KEWODIGI and SISIBIA have combined villages but in case they decide to divide later on the census figures have been kept separate. This also applies to MANU, ANUWABI and what is left of TAMADIGI.

The majority of the people from TAMADIGI who were still residing in the FASU Census Division in December 1964 have migrated out to BAINA in the Gulf District, leaving only 8 people to reside at MANU. The remaining 8 claim they will permanently reside in the FASU Census Division.

The 16 adult males working inside the district are all working for the Administration on MORO airstrip or as labourers at Lake Kutubu Patrol Post.

All but 2 of the 24 adult males working outside the district have joined the Highland Labour Scheme. Of the remaining two, one is a Policeman and the other is a Warder.

The six male child students are all attending the Lake Kutubu station Primary 'T' School.

Statistically wise the FASU Census Division shows a favourable state of affairs with a natural increase of 1.26%.

PERSONNEL:

The following is a copy of the comments made on the Police accompanying this patrol and forwarded to the Commissioner of Police:

Const. 1/C ADAVI: Reg. No. 3189:

Conduct good - steady and experienced N.C.O.

Const. KINOBU, Reg. No. 8646:

Conduct good - Excellent constable.

Const. DUAK, Reg. No. 9967:

Conduct good - tries hard.

(N.C. McQuilty) F.O./R.P. & N.G.C.

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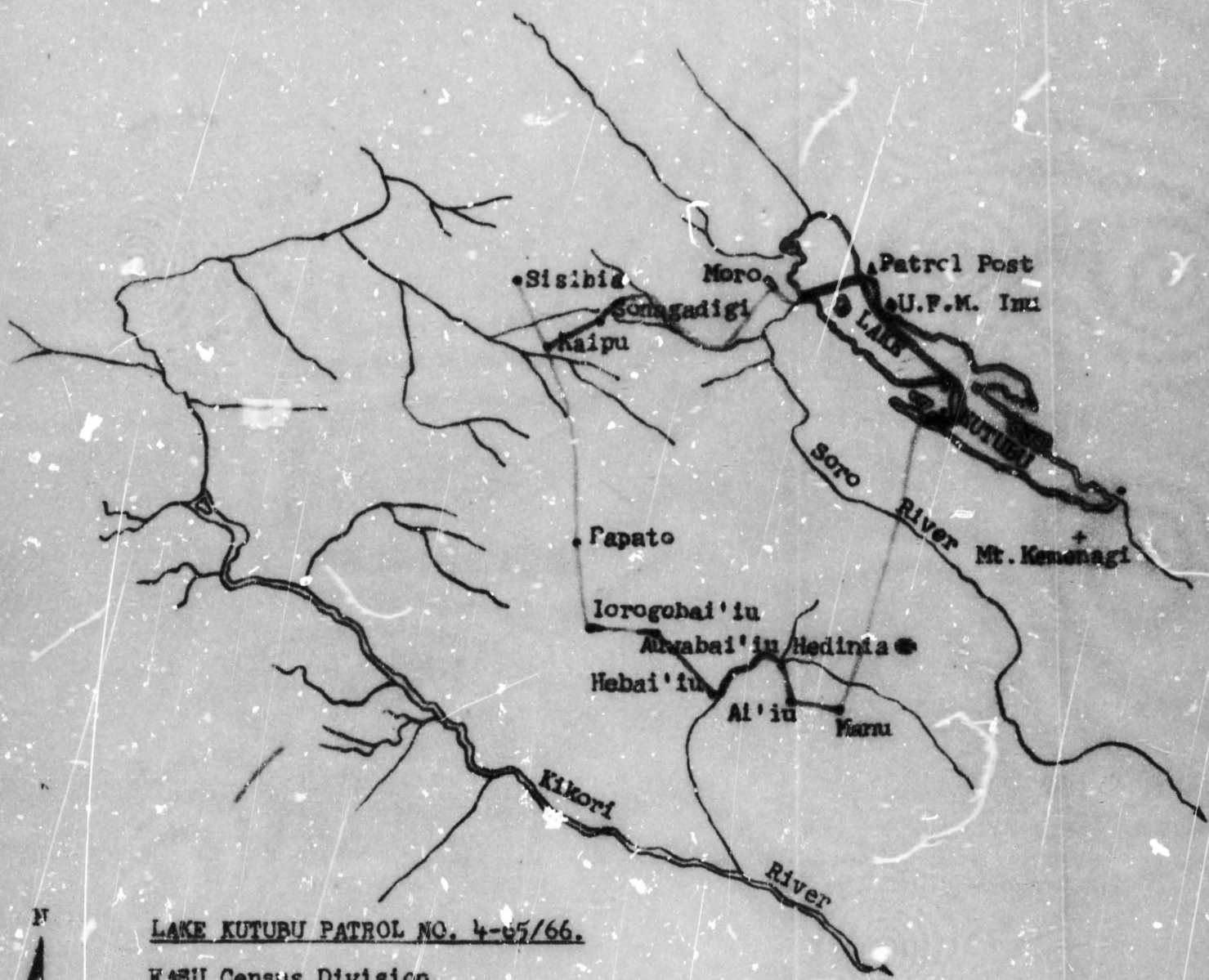
CONCLUSION:

The patrol completed all objects.

This patrol was of a routine nature with no hostile or untoward incidents.

The patrol reports a very satisfactory native situation in the FASU Census Division.

N.C. McQuilty
(N.C. McQuilty)
Patrol Officer.



LAKE KUTUBU PATROL NO. 4-65/66.

F.S.U. Census Division.

Copied from FOURMIL OF KUTUBU.

Key:

Walking track (completed): ———

Walking track (uncompleted): - - - - -

River; Stream: ~~~~~ ; ~~~~~

Aid Post: ●

Drawn by: N.C. McQuilty, P.O.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. LAKE KUTUBU 5-65/66

Patrol Conducted by MR. N. C. McQUILTY, PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled LAKE KUTUBU TO ERAVE

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

APD. 1 INTERPRETER 1

Natives POLICE 3 CARRIERS 38

Duration From 2/2/1966 to 15/2/1966 [BROKEN PERIOD]

Number of Days 4

Did Medical Assistant Accompany NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / / 19

Medical 1 / 1

Map Reference FOURMIL KUTUBU, MAP ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol I SURVEY ROAD ROUTE FROM KUTUBU TO

ERAVE II GENERAL 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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Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

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4th April, 1966.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. Papua.

Lake Kutubu Patrol Report No. 5/1965-66
Lake Kutubue - Brave
Mr. N. McQuilty, P.O.

Above-mentioned report with memorandum 67-2-4 of 28th March, 1966 from Assistant District Commissioner, Mendi attached refer.

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The people of the Lake Kutubu area are in the unfortunate position of having no access to markets other than through the Moro airstrip from which aircraft have a restricted take-off weight. Rubber is not a suitable crop for such an area at this time. The road to Brave and the south coast is only under survey as to feasibility at the present time. Until such time as the road becomes a fact the people should not be advised to plant rubber or similar crops.

No doubt the U.F.M. will distribute cattle in conformity with the Ordinance. However, the project will be brought to the notice of the Agricultural Officer.

A great deal of additional sundry work is necessary before any roadworks will be commenced along the line Kutubu-Brave.

For your information and comment please.


(D.R. MARSH)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Encs.

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI.

67-15-45.

31st May, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MBILI.

LAKE KUTUBU PATROL REPORT NO. 5/1965-1966.

Thank you for your memorandum 67-3-3 of 4th April, 1966, together with Mr. McQuilty's patrol report.

2. A good patrol was accomplished by Mr. McQuilty and a thoughtful report submitted.
3. These people seem to be in an unfortunate position of having no access roads to markets other than the Mero air strip. Only expert advice should be taken in respect of cash crops to be grown in this area. Communications and transport should be important factors to consider. I am afraid nothing much can be done with this area in the line of commercial agriculture at the moment.

(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference 67-3-3

If calling ask for

Mr.

4th April, 1966



The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. Papua.

Lake Kutubu Patrol Report No. 5/1965-66
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For your information and comment please.

(D.R. MARSH)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Encs.

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI.

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Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI.

67-2-4

28th March, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

Patrol Report No.5 of 1965/66
Lake Kutubu - Mendi Sub-District
Southern Highlands District

Attached please find two copies of the above patrol report which was mounted for the specific purpose of surveying for a vehicular road route from Lake Kutubu to Erave.

I have the following comments to submit on this report:

- (a) Diary entry for the 2nd February, 1966 states that the Village Councillor at KESE was relieved of his duties. I will enquire from the Officer-in-Charge Lake Kutubu how long the Village Constable will be so relieved as he has indicated under the heading of VILLAGE OFFICIALS that no dismissals are recommended.
- (b) Agriculture - The visit of an Agricultural Officer to inspect the possible rubber trees is recommended. With economic development in this area nil I consider that a visit by an Agricultural Officer would be both well received and justified. It cannot be denied that when Area Administration is introduced into the Fasu Census Division there will be a demand for its extension to the Foi'i Census Division - In anticipation of such a demand thought should be given now to the introduction of one or more economic crops into the area, if at all possible.
- (c) Livestock - Mr. Hicks of the U.F.M. Mission at OROKANA should be made aware of livestock policy in this District and if he should decide to lend cattle to the people this should be done in conformity with the relevant Ordinance.
- (d) Roads and Bridges - Before proceeding with the construction of the road from KESE to Erave I would appreciate your advice on whether it is feasible at this juncture to erect a 35 ~~foot~~ suspension bridge over the Wage River. If this is placed on the District "needs list" for 1966/67, and approved, then the Officer-in-Charge, Kutubu, should concentrate on the section between the LRUM and TEISORO Creeks as his first priority to establish definitely that this section of the road can, indeed, be used for vehicular traffic, bearing in mind the gradients required for vehicles.

One of the evident problems related with the construction of this road is the lack of population between IOMESI and the Erave Administrative Station. A project such as envisaged by linking Lake Kutubu and Erave will encounter difficulties once the sparsely populated areas are reached and it will be only the enthusiasm of the people themselves which

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if there is no
transport to get it
out.*

will ensure the completion of the road as it is doubtful if the Administration would accept financial responsibility for the construction of the road in view of the current lack of economic development in the area.

- (e) Labour - If labour is available for employment under the Highland Labour Scheme they should be sent to Mendi on Administration back charters and we will forward them to Mt. Hagen from here.

No camping allowance claim accompanied the report. The Officer-in-Charge, Lake Kutubu, will be advised to forward this immediately and to forward future claims with his reports.

J. Young-Whitford
 (J. YOUNG-WHITFORD)
 DISTRICT OFFICER

Encs.

J. Young-Whitford
 DISTRICT OFFICER

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

LAKE KUTUBU Patrol Post,
MENDI Sub-District,
Southern Highlands District.

5th March, 1966.

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

LAKE KUTUBU PATROL REPORT NO. 5-65/66.

Patrol conducted by :Mr.N.C.McQuilty, Patrol Officer.

Area patrolled :From Lake Kutubu Patrol Post to Erave Patrol Post.

Patrol accompanied by :Europeans; Nil.
Natives; 3 Police,
1 Interpreter,
1 A.P.O.,
38 Carriers.

Duration of patrol : 2.2.66 to 15.2.66 (Broken Period)
11 Patrol days.

Last patrol to area :D.D.A. -1953
D.A.S.F. -Nil.
P.H.D. -Nil.

Map reference : Fournal of Kutubu and map attached.

Objects of patrol :I. Survey road route from Kutubu to Erave,
II. General Administration,
III. Familiarisation.

N.C. McQuilty
(N.C. McQuilty)
Patrol Officer.

PATROL DIARY:

Folios 41 to 48 of the Field Officers' Journal refer.

Wednesday, 2nd February, 1966:

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Last minute patrol preparations.
Departed station in dinghy 1105 arriving KESE village
1200. Village Councillor relieved of his rank.
Departed KESE village and walked to HERIBO village
arriving 1455.
Camp already set up.
Village and Aid Post inspected.
Several disputes settled.
Discussions with Mr.C.Langlas, Anthropologist, camped
and studying at HERIBO village.
Patrol slept HERIBO village.

Thursday, 3rd February, 1966:

0800 - 0910; Gave decimal currency talk to HERIBO group
and carriers. Some Bride Price disputes settled.
Departed HERIBO 0910 and walked to U.F.M. ~~EXM.~~ OROKANA
arriving 1135. Discussions with Mr.H.Hicks re work
on OROKANA Mission airstrip.
Departed OROKANA 1150 and walked to HARABAI'IU arriving
1510 after crossing MUBI River in canoes.
Camp set up.
Village inspected.
Discussions with V.C. re. fresh food for carriers.
Patrol slept HARABAI'IU.

Friday, 4th February, 1966:

Patrol departed HARABAI'IU village and arrived IOMESI
village 1000 after crossing WAGE and KOKOMA Rivers.
Discussions with IOMESI group re. road route to ERAVE
and possible road to the KUDURU valley, land formation,
vegetation, camping spots, food for carriers, etc.
Patrol departed IOMESI village 1115 walked along bush
track for 2 hour then started cutting own track. Route
followed was parallel to south bank of KOKOMA river.
Arrived first camp site 1340.
Camp set up and completed in shower of rain.
Patrol slept camp I.

Saturday, 5th February, 1966:

Broke camp 0805 and after cutting track for twenty
minutes came to old, overgrown KUTUBU - ERAVE track.
Travelled along small range parallel with MASCHINA
Range and KOKOMA River.- past the KUTUBU and ERAVE
peoples boundary.
Reached camp site 1455.
Camp set up.
Patrol slept camp II.

Sunday, 6th February, 1966:

Heavy rain during morning so patrol remained camp.
Broke camp and started walking 1120. After 2 1/2 hours
walking crossed the LRUM (TEISORO) Creek then crossed
mountain range with landslide. Continued on with the
guides continuously losing track. Eventually decided
to make camp 1640 and find track on the morrow.
Camp set up.
Patrol slept camp III.

Monday, 7th February, 1966:

Departed camp III and crossed TENSORO Creek after 15 mins. walking - continued on still cutting track through limest one outcrop to top of range overlooking ERAVE River gorge. Followed ERAVE River between gorge and Mountain range to ERAVE Patrol Post - arriving 1610 and carriers arriving 2 hour later. Carriers and other patrol-personnel fed and bedded. Patrol slept ERAVE Patrol Post.

The patrol remained ERAVE Patrol Post for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to rest and clean up and also so the Officer-in-Charge patrol could assist the Officer-in-Charge ERAVE with Court work, etc..

Friday, 11th February, 1966:

Eventually departed ERAVE Patrol Post 1005 and walked along walking track to IAMERIBI and MAMBOU thence along bush track until 1230 thence cut own track and followed this until it joined the track followed on Monday. Followed this to camp III arriving 1745 - last carriers arriving 1830. Patrol slept camp III.

Saturday, 12th February, 1966:

Departed camp III 0850 and retraced track used in first half of patrol. Arrived camp II 1145 and departed 1215 and continued onto camp I arriving 1655 with last of carriers arriving 1730. Camp set up in rain. Patrol slept camp I.

Sunday, 13th February, 1966:

Patrol departed camp I 0905 and again retraced track used in earlier part of patrol - arriving IOMESI 1040. A dispute heard and settled. Patrol departed IOMESI 1130 and walked to HARABAI' IU crossing the KOKOMA and WAGE Rivers - arriving 1250. Camp set up in Rest House. Fresh food brought for carriers. Patrol rested and cleaned. Patrol slept HARABAI' IU Rest House.

Monday, 14th February, 1966:

Patrol departed HARABAI' IU 0850 and walked to OROKANA U.F. Mission station - arriving 1145. Discussions with Mr. Donaldson until 1315. Patrol then walked to HEGISO arriving 1415. Camp set up. Patrol slept HEGISO village.

Tuesday, 15th February, 1966:

Departed HEGISO 0800 and walked to KESE village arriving 1000. Carrier pail. Patrol departed Kesi in canoes and outboards at 1215. Self-arrive station 1250 with last of cargo arriving 2 1/2 hours later. Patrol stood down.

End patrol diary.

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LAKE KUTUBU PATROL REPORT NO. 5-65/66: 7

INTRODUCTION:

The main object of this patrol was to survey a road route from Lake Kutubu to Erave Patrol Post. This object was successful.

The majority of time spent on patrol was in uninhabited bush so very little chance was given for General Administration but when the opportunity arose it was fully utilised in giving road work, decimal currency education, health and hygiene, and in inspecting villages and Aid Posts, etc..

Lake Kutubu Patrol Report No. 3-65/66 is to be read in conjunction with this report.

The altitude of the country covered ranged from 2,600' at Lake Kutubu to 3,600' at Erave. The range crossed by the patrol east of IOMESI Village was from 4,000' to 4,500'.

The climate, vegetation and fauna are all consistent with other tropical areas at the same altitude on the Papuan coast.

The country is of limestone formation.

RECEPTION OF PATROL:

The patrol was given a warm reception at the few villages ~~inspected~~ visited.

There were no untoward or hostile incidents during the course of the patrol.

VILLAGES:

The villages, in the Lake Kutubu area, consist of two types of houses, i.e. small womens' houses and one large mens' house. These houses are built on stilts, are of good quality and last for several years.

All village sites have been well selected - they are on a small rise or ridge near a permanent water supply.

Also included in the villages are various pit latrines, both for men and women, and 'ladies rest houses' used by the women during their menstrual period. These were also inspected and any renewals or repairs that are to be carried out were pointed out to the Village Constables.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

As a result of this patrol no dismissals or new appointments are recommended.

All Village Officials are doing the job requires of them.

DECIMAL CURRENCY:

At HERIBO the Officer-in-Charge, patrol, spoke for half an hour on Decimal Currency. Afterwards, when the people were asked if they had any queries or questions they said, 'We only know what a shilling is, we do not know threepences, sixpences or pennies. It will be better to wait and see the new money first.'

After this when a talk was given it consisted of stressing that the 'old' money is still in use and can still be used, that a shilling will now be called 10 cents and that ten shillings will now be called one dollar or 10 x 10 cents will make up one dollar.

When individuals or groups come to the office to bank money or get paid for services they will be shown the new money and will be told the equivalents.

POLITICAL SITUATION:

There are no cults, movements or organisations in the area patrolled.

The people have fully accepted the presence and aims of the Administration. They also understand the workings of Law and Justice.

The Unevangelised Fields Mission at OROKANA and INU have a strong following in these immediate areas and also in odd groups some distance from the mission stations. The mission followers at OROKANA tend to turn to the mission rather than the Administration. This can only be overcome with time and patience.

There are always several 'Bride Price' disputes brought before the patrol. In these the officer-in-charge patrol acts as an arbitrator and allows the two groups concerned to settle the dispute. These are not really disputes but brought before the patrol for two reasons; firstly because the people are too lazy to sit down and talk it out themselves, and secondly because one party may think he will get more if the Patrol Officer gives a ruling on the matter.

Aged persons and absentees' families are well looked after. The local custom allows for this.

AGRICULTURE

This has been covered well in Lake Kutubu Patrol Report No. 3-65/66.

Introduced cash crops in the FOI'I Census Division are, at the present, nil.

Robusta coffee which can be grown successful in this area has now become uneconomical. The growers ~~would~~ only receive about 2 - 3 cents per pound for their efforts. *will*

At the present moment, growing on Lake Kutubu station are several trees believed to be rubber trees. Although the writer knows nothing about rubber these trees seem very healthy and growing well. It may be worth a visit by the District Agricultural Officer to confirm that they are rubber trees and to assess their quality.

AGRICULTURE: (Continued).

Rubber would be a possible crop for the Southern section of the FOI'I Census Division because this area is around the 2,000' a.s.l. mark. At the present there are no communications with this area but it is hoped to have a road to the area in the near future.

LIVESTOCK:

The U.F.M. at INU have a flock of goats which they use for their meat requirements.

Mr. H. Hicks, from the U.F.M. at OROKANA has a herd of about 30 cattle, which, according to Mr. Hicks are thriving. Mr. Hicks intends to lend some of the cattle to the local people so that they can learn to look after them and in the future he is thinking of selling them some. How this will work out only time will tell as the cattle and fences will need constant tending and care and the FOI'I people are a somewhat lazy group of people.

FORESTS:

The majority of the area covered by the patrol was through forested areas. There are no sawmills in the area. The U.F.M. at OROKANA has several pit saws operating for it but their timber needs are very small. The Administration also has several pit saws operating but with a very small output.

About three hours walk east of IOMESI Village there is a fairly extensive Hoop Pine stand that may be exploited when the ERAVE - KUTUBU road opens up.

None of the Lake Kutubu timber can be exploited at the present due to lack of transport to the market.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY:

The only trade store in the area is the one run by the U.F.M. at OROKANA.

There is no other commerce or industries in the area in question.

LAND:

The people of the FOI'I Census Division are not short of land, in fact there is a great surplus of land. At the present there is no reason why this land should be alienated because of lack of communications and potential crops that would be grown on it.

COMPLAINTS:

Very few complaints were heard by the patrol due to the short time spent in villages. What were heard were of a very minor nature and settled satisfactorily on the spot.

COURTS:

It was not necessary for any courts to be held during the patrol.

REST HOUSES:

All villages visited had rest houses, police barracks, and the necessary outhouses of an acceptable standard.

Walking times and conditions of walking tracks and roads are included in the patrol diary.

CARRIERS AND CANOES:

No problem was experienced in procuring carriers, canoes and paddlers. The rates for carriers are 10 cents per hour for carriers on a day to day basis or 20 cents a day for a permanent carrier line. Rates for canoes and paddlers are the same as these for carriers. Money is the only acceptable item for payment.

HEALTH:

The only Administration Aid Post in the area patrolled is at HERIBO. The U.F.M. at OROKANA and INU also have Aid Posts and Infant Welfare Clinics, all Administration subsidised.

The health of the people covered by these health services seem very good except for the many cases of malaria and the odd case of pneumonia. The health of the people from DOGABARI and IOMESI, overall, was and is very poor even though these people have more extensive gardens which means a much better and more varied diet.

The A.P.O. from HERIBO will be sent to patrol this area as soon as he has settled in at HERIBO.

Overall the health of the people from this area is good.

EDUCATION:

No further comments are considered necessary to those included in Lake Kutubu Patrol Report No. 3-65/66.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

The main object of this patrol, was to see if it was possible, with the resources available, to build a road from the Lake Kutubu station to Erave Patrol Post or to link up with the proposed Erave - Middletown (on Kikeri River) road.

When the patrol was in the planning stage it was intended to walk direct to Erave, along the old mail run route, and then return via the Samberigi Valley. This did not(continued)

ROADS AND BRIDGES:(continued)

.....happen because when exploring the first possible route it was found impossible to build a road through a gorge on the Erave River, so the patrol returned by another route, parallel to the river but behind the first range on the southern bank.

It is believed that the Patrol Officer at Erave will explore the Samberigi Valley route at a later date, if time is available.

The route followed is described in the patrol diary and with some slight deviations from this it is possible to build a road to the Erave Area, be it to Erave Patrol Post or into the upper reaches of the Samberigi Valley.

There are only two obstacles that have to be overcome. The first is crossing the Wage River, below where the Mubi and Kokoma Rivers join it, and the second is a short, sharp range between the Lrum and Teisere Creeks.

The Wage River will need either a 35 yard suspension bridge or a type of punt worked with pulleys. The second can be overcome with the road side-ling up a ridge to the main range.

Before work can start on the IOMESI to the Erave - Kutubu boundary, the existing bench cut from KESE to IOMESI will need widening, some places regraded and all bridges built to take vehicles.

As soon as the above is completed work will begin in earnest on the new section.

MISSIONS:

The only mission at present resident in the Lake Kutubu area is the Unevangelised Fields Mission with stations, staffed by Europeans, at OROKANA and at INU.

This mission has a fairly strong influence over the people in the areas close to the mission stations.

The mission at OROKANA run a Primary 'T' School and an Aid Post. The mission personnel at INU have an Aid Post and Infant Welfare Clinic but their main work is in translating various religious books into the local language.

AIRFIELDS:

The only two airstrips in the area patrolled are at OROKANA, private strip only, and at MORO, the Administration run strip and at the best of times is open to category 'B' aircraft.

No new sites were seen on this patrol.

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LABOUR:

There is very little demand for labour in the Lake Kutubu Administrative Area. There are a few labourers employed by the Unevangelised Fields Mission and by the Administration.

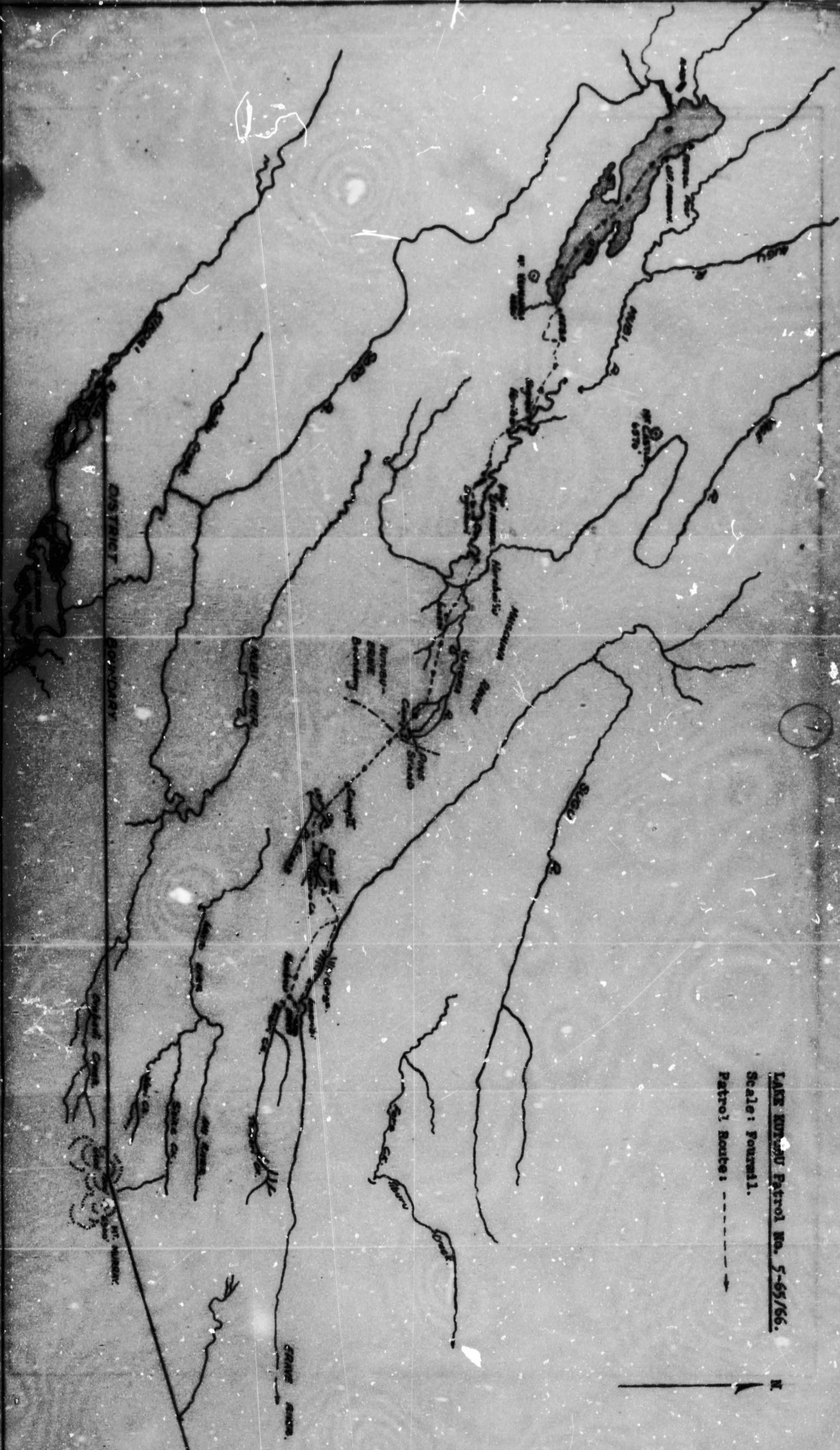
Approximately 50 males from the Lake Kutubu Administrative Area would join the Highlands Labour Scheme each year.

There are also an unknown number of males from the lower FOI'I and PASU Census Divisions who go to the area around KIKORI and are employed as casual labour on plantations.

PATROL PERSONNEL:

R.S.1 for the three police who accompanied this patrol have been filled out and forwarded to the Commissioner for Police. The relevant information has also been entered in their Records of Service.

N.C. McQuilty
(N.C. McQuilty)
Patrol Officer.



LAKE KUTVAYU Patrol No. 5-65/66.

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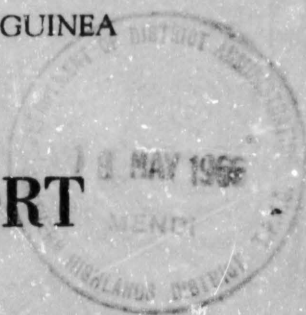
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT

District of SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS Report No. LAKE KUTUBU 6-65/66

Patrol Conducted by MR. N. C. McQUILTY, PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled FROM LAKE KUTUBU TO NOMAD PATROL POST

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans 2 LT. G. SCOTT
1 INTERPRETER, 3 CARRIERS,
Natives 1 P.P.N.S.C., 1 PLATOON P.I.R.

Duration—From 24/3/1966 to 13/4/1966

Number of Days 21 DAYS

D'd Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 2-5/1965

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

Map Reference DISTRICT MAP & MAP ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol I ACCOMPANY P.I.R. PATROL TO NOMAD PATROL POST
II GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

1/6/1966

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT



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Press Advice
No. 496.

Port Moresby,
July 12, 1966.

NEW PEARL SHELL TRADE IN INTERIOR.

A new trade is linking three groups of traditional enemies among primitive people in the central plateau region of Papua.

Pearl shell from the New Guinea coast has introduced a new form of wealth to the Waragu and Etoro people, and established friendly contact with their neighbours, the Huri.

The Huri clans farther north trade the shell to the Waragu and Etoro in exchange for tigas oil and pigs.

Patrol Officer H.C. McQuilty, during an Administration patrol recently through country north of Mt. Bosavi, discovered pearl shell in the villages of the Waragu and Etoro groups.

Mr. McQuilty said only two earlier patrols had contacted the Waragu and Etoro who were shy, elusive people.

These clans placed a high value on pearl shell which now formed part of their bride price system. They included two to four shells in each settlement.

Mr. McQuilty spent 21 days patrolling in a westerly direction from Lake Kutubu to Nomad River. He was accompanied by indigenous carriers, police and interpreters.

In many of the villages only the elders appeared to greet the party. The young men and women hid in bush houses or adjacent gardens until the elders were reassured as to the purpose of the patrol.

The Department of District Administration has made the officer in charge of the Komo Patrol Post responsible for establishing government influence in the Mt. Bosavi region. Komo is closer and more accessible than Lake Kutubu, the previous administrative post.

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Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

2nd June, 1966.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KORODU.

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Lake Kutubu - Nomad Patrol Post
Mr. H. McQuilty, P.O.

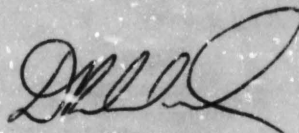
The abovementioned report with covering memorandum from the Assistant District Commissioner, attached, refer.

The native situation in the area whilst not good is all that can be expected from this isolated and infrequently visited area. Although the area is slightly closer to Koro Patrol Post, to which it has recently been transferred, it is doubtful that this will result in any major increase in contact as the Officer-in-Charge, Koro has considerable prior commitments in his immediate area.

Originally it was planned that the Officer-in-Charge Nomad would provide the escort for the P.I.R. Patrol, but this arrangement was cancelled without warning, the day the Patrol was to commence. Mr. McQuilty was therefore not in a position to arrange for guides, interpreters and to send prior warning to the people in the Mt. Sesavi area. Apparently the Officer-in-Charge, Nomad did nothing to help the passage of the Patrol during the period in which he was slated to accompany it.

Because of the time allowed and the route of the P.I.R. Patrol only a small section of the people of the Mt. Sesavi area were contacted. However, it is intended that the Officer-in-Charge Koro will cover the whole of the area early in 1966/67.

For your information please.



(D.R. MARSH)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Encs.
c.c.
Assistant District Commissioner,
MENDI.

Assistant District Commissioner,
TARI.

67-15-53

22nd July, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
NSW.

LAKE KUTUBU PATROL REPORT NO. 6/1965-66:

Thank you for your memorandum 67-3-3 of the
2nd June, 1966, together with Mr. McQuilty's patrol
report.

2. Mr. McQuilty has submitted a lengthy and
interesting report of his special patrol accompanying
a P.I.R. platoon from Lake Kutubu to the Board Patrol
Post.

(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference **67-3-3**
If calling ask for
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.
2nd June, 1966.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Lake Kutubu Patrol Report No.6/1965-66
Lake Kutubu - Nemad Patrol Post
Mr. W. McQuilty, P.O.

The abovementioned report with covering memorandum from the Assistant District Commissioner, attached, refer.

The native situation in the area whilst not good is all that can be expected from this isolated and infrequently visited area. Although the area is slightly closer to Keme Patrol Post, to which it has recently been transferred, it is doubtful that this will result in any major increase in contact as the Officer-in-Charge, Keme has considerable prior commitments in his immediate area.

Originally it was planned that the Officer-in-Charge Nemad would provide the escort for the P.I.R. Patrol, but this arrangement was cancelled without warning, the day the Patrol was to commence. Mr. McQuilty was therefore not in a position to arrange for guides, interpreters and to send prior warning to the people in the Mt. Besavi area. Apparently the Officer-in-Charge, Nemad did nothing to help the passage of the Patrol during the period in which he was slated to accompany it.

Because of the time allowed and the route of the P.I.R. Patrol only a small section of the people of the Mt. Besavi area were contacted. However, it is intended that the Officer-in-Charge Keme will cover the whole of the area early in 1966/67.

For your information please.

(D.R. MARSH)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Encs.
c.c.
Assistant District Commissioner,
MENDI.

Assistant District Commissioner,
TARI.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

LAKE KUTUBU Patrol Post,
MENDI Sub-District,
Southern Highlands District.

12th May, 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District office,
M E N D I.

LAKE KUTUBU PATROL REPORT No. 3-65/66.

Patrol conducted by :Mr. N.C. McQuilty, Patrol Officer.
Area patrolled :From Lake Kutubu to Nomad Patrol Post.
Patrol accompanied by :Europeans; 2Lt. Scott.
Natives ; 1 Interpreter,
1 R.P. & N.G.C.,
3 Carriers,
1 Plateon P.I.R.
Duration of patrol :24.3.66 to 13.4.66
21 days.
Last patrol to area :D.D.A.; 2-5/65.
Map reference :District map and map attached.
Objects of patrol :I. Accompany P.I.R. patrol to Nomad Patrol Post,
II. General Administration.

N. C. McQuilty
N.C. McQuilty.
Patrol Officer.

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PATROL DIARY:

Field Officers' Journal Folios 55 to 61 refer.

Thursday, 24th March, 1966:

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Proceeded to MORO with platoon commander.
P.I.R. patrol and self departed MORO 1200 after having radio
sked and walked to KAIPU Village arriving 1800.
Patrol slept KAIPU Village.

Friday, 25th March, 1966:

Patrol departed KAIPU 0800 and walked to SISIBIA thence
KEWODIGI thence towards the KIKORI River. Patrol arrived
camp site 1630 - camp set up.
Patrol slept Camp I.

Saturday, 26th March, 1966:

Departed Camp I 0845 and walked towards KIKORI River through
limestone sinkhole country - arriving camp site 1630.
Patrol slept Camp II.

Sunday 27th March, 1966:

Departed Camp II and walked along ridges and streams to
camp site at 1630 - camp set up at old Police Camp.
Patrol slept Camp III.

Monday 28th March, 1966:

Departed Camp III 0845 and started looking for aerial drop
zone. Found an island in the KIKORI River at 1200.
Camp set up and drop zone cleared.
Patrol slept Camp IV.

Tuesday, 29th March, 1966:

Patrol remained camp site IV.
Marker panels and baloon and fires lit on drop zone ready
for air drop.
Air drop completed 1445.
Patrol slept Camp IV.

Wednesday, 30th March, 1966:

Departed camp IV after radio sked - left KIKORI River and
followed another river to its source. Camp made on small
ridge.
Patrol slept Camp V.

Thursday, 31st March, 1966:

Departed Camp V - walked along small range then down small
stream to LIBANO River. Rested, washed, had lunch, radio
sked, etc.. Departed LIBANO River then over another small
but steep range to another river. Crossed this then followed
another range to the old site of WARAGU Village. Walked
for a further hour towards new WARAGU Village and then made
camp on ridge in rain.
Patrol slept Camp VI.

Friday, 1st April, 1966:

Departed camp VI and after about 2hrs. walking along ridge arrived at WARAGU Village. Rested spoke to Village Constable and people and then walked to SWAGIA (45 mins.). Rested, spoke to people and Village Constable. lunch, radio sked - departed and walked towards GUNIGAMO. Made camp 1630. Patrol slept Camp VII.

Saturday, 2nd April, 1966:

Departed camp VII 0800 and walked to GUNIGAMO arriving 1130. Camp set up, drop zone readied, talked to people, rested, washed, etc.. Patrol slept GUNIGAMO.

Sunday, 3rd April, 1966:

Patrol remained GUNIGAMO. First airdrop carried out 1315 then second late in afternoon. All supplies received in usable condition. Patrol slept GUNIGAMO.

Monday, 4th April, 1966:

Patrol departed GUNIGAMO and walked through river gorge. Met at River by two guides from GEMISADO and then walked to GEMISADO. Rested, had lunch, radio, sked, spoke to people - departed GEMISADO, crossed headwaters of FMA River and walked to SARODO - camp set up. Patrol slept SARODO.

Tuesday, 5th April, 1966:

Patrol departed SARODO and walked direct to SISIMADO. Village deserted on arrival but after calling out by carriers several old men arrived. Told the old men the objects of the patrol. Then crossed river near SESISADI and made camp. patrol slept camp VIII.

Wednesday, 6th April, 1966:

Departed camp VIII and walked to MODOA then FERISADO by a very round about route. Both villages were deserted on arrival but someone, usually old men, were found hiding a short distance away. The patrol was unable to procure an interpreter for this linguistic group so unable to have discussions with the local people. Patrol departed FERISADO and walked towards AMODO. Camp set up 1hr. from FERISADO. Patrol slept Camp IX.

Thursday, 7th April, 1966:

Departed camp IX and walked around in circles until eventually arriving at AMODO and later DIMARAFI. These villages like the ones yesterday were deserted but someone was always found hiding near. Camp set up in the vicinity of DIMARAFI. Patrol slept camp X.

Friday, 8th April, 1966:

Patrol departed camp X and wandered around in circles due to useless guides and lack of interpreter. Then wasted 22hrs. by reading drop zone and setting up radio only to be told plane to do air drop was U/S. Continued walking until 1630 then set up camp somewhere in the vicinity of MUGULUBI. Patrol slept camp XI.

Saturday, 9th April, 1966:

Departed camp XI and continued our wanderings, passing through numerous houses and gardens, until late in afternoon when patrol found previously cleared track that led to NOMAD Patrol Post. Camp set up in the vicinity of WALLIBI. Patrol slept camp XII.

Sunday, 10th April, 1966:

Departed camp XII and walked to NOMAD Patrol Post along previously cleared but overgrown track - arriving late afternoon. Patrol slept NOMAD Patrol Post.

Monday, 11th April, 1966:

Patrol remained NOMAD Patrol Post. Rested, washed, cleaned and dried equipment, etc. Patrol slept NOMAD Patrol Post.

Tuesday, 12th April, 1966:

Patrol remained and slept NOMAD Patrol Post.

Wednesday, 13th April, 1966:

Patrol packed up ready for movement. Patrol uplifted from NOMAD Patrol Post by RAAF CARIBU aircraft - self off-loaded MENDI - army personnel continued onto MTRIGEN then Pt. MORESBY.

Patrol stood down.

The flight of the patrol was accompanied by the patrol leader and a general interpreter. The flight was successful and the patrol arrived at MENDI. The flight was successful and the patrol arrived at MENDI. The flight was successful and the patrol arrived at MENDI.

All objects were successfully accomplished although it would have been better to have General Administration.

REMARKS ON MENDI

The reception of the patrol in all villages was better than expected.

At MENDI the patrol was met by the village head and a large number of people. The patrol was met by the village head and a large number of people. The patrol was met by the village head and a large number of people.

The people had been informed of the patrol and they were very friendly. The people had been informed of the patrol and they were very friendly. The people had been informed of the patrol and they were very friendly.

INTRODUCTION:

The object of this patrol was to accompany a platoon B Company 1st Pacific Islands Regiment from Lake Kutubu to Nemad Patrol Post in the Western District. As this area has had very little contact the writer accompanied the patrol to liaise with the people.

2. General Administration was also carried out when the opportunity offered. Very few chances occurred because the patrol spent only a few nights camped in villages. When the opportunity did arise the people were not gathered together and given a speech but informal discussions were had in their houses.

3. The country covered by the patrol was in a general westerly direction from Lake Kutubu and consisted of a rough limestone sinkhole plateau from Lake Kutubu to the Kikeri River. Then it walked along the marginal area between the Karius Range and the Great Papuan Plateau to the SEWA River and then out onto the Great Papuan Plateau to Nemad Patrol Post.

4. The Census Divisions passed through are the FA3U (Lake Kutubu Administrative Area) from Lake Kutubu to the Kikeri River; the Mount Besavi (Kome Administrative area) from the Kikeri River to the Sewa River and the Biami in the Nemad Administrative Area.

5. The main vegetation in the area patrolled is Tropical Rainforest with small patches of Kunai grass and secondary growth on fallowing gardens.

6. The climate is what could be expected at the relevant altitudes and latitudes.

7. The Pidgin and Motu speaking interpreter who accompanied the patrol could only speak the Waragu dialect. A second interpreter was employed who could speak the Waragu and Etere dialects but refused to go out of the Etere area with the result the patrol was without an interpreter in the Wasema and Biami linguistic groups and sign language had to be used.

8. All objects were successfully accomplished although it would have liked to do more General Administration.

RECEPTION OF PATROL:

9. The reception of the patrol in all villages was better than expected.

10. At Waragu and Swagisa villages the patrol was given a very warm welcome and the people, who had gathered to meet the patrol, seemed pleased to see it. Food was available, rest houses were cleaned, the people were informative and the walking tracks had been cleared of undergrowth.

11. The reception at GUNIGAMO, GEMISADO and SARODO was reserved and uncertain which can only be expected from people who have only been contacted twice previously. After the people had been informed of the intentions of the patrol and camp had been set up near a village the people became more relaxed and talkative. They freely admitted that all the young men and women were hiding in bush houses because of their ignorance of patrols and their intentions. It is hoped that these fears were put to rest by this patrol.

RECEPTION OF PATROL:(Continued)

12. No reception at all was given to the patrol at the remainder of the villages visited. Each village was either completely deserted or was only occupied by one or two aged men. Some younger men were always found hiding a short distance away and came out of hiding when the patrol carriers sang out or they saw, from observations, the intentions of the patrol.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

13. Only two Village Constables were seen during the patrol, from Waragu and Swagisa. Both appear to be conscientious and doing the job expected of them. Rest Houses have been built, walking tracks cleared of undergrowth, houses and villages cleaned both inside and out, and pit latrines have been built and appear to be used.

14. No new appointments are recommended as a result of this patrol.

15. It is recommended that when the patrol officer from Kome next visits this area he takes the appointed Village Constables and possible appointees back to Kome and holds a Village Constables course plus talks and discussions on the aims of the Administration. This might also include a visit to Tari.

VILLAGES:

16. Villages, as already mentioned in Mr. A.D.O. McNeill's Patrol Report, Lake Kutubu No. 5-64/65, do not exist. Sub-clans live in long houses scattered over the clan land and when a patrol is in the area they gather at a central house. This central gathering was also found in the Waragu and Etere areas that had only been contacted twice before. This could be for two reasons; the first defensive and the second so the patrol would not visit all houses and the people could hide the young men and women at the houses the patrol did not visit.

17. Site and water supply: Although the house sites are chosen for strategic reasons, on sharp ridge lines or spurs, because of the high rainfall in the area a clean spring is always found within 100 yards of the building.

18. Standard and type of housing: The standard of housing is good because they are built to keep the heavy rains and winds out. The life cycle would be estimated at three to four years but could be abandoned earlier due to the people's practice of shifting agriculture. The houses in the Biami area are of a much poorer quality due to the lower altitude and because they are abandoned after approximately twelve months.

19. One small characteristic was omitted from the above mentioned patrol report in the descriptions of the houses in the Etere and Wasema groups. Not only is the building divided cross ways but there is also a small corridor near the walls where the women sleep.

POLITICAL SITUATION:

20. There appear to be no cults, organisations or movements in the area patrolled.

POLITICAL SITUATION: (Continued)

21. The native situation in all areas can be greatly improved upon. While the area was looked after from Lake Kutubu it was patrolled once a year or at the most twice a year and because of the long distances travelled and the vast area to cover no extensive administration has been carried out. Also because of the distances and area the people had very little contact with the Administration Officer at Lake Kutubu. Now that the area comes under KOMO Patrol Post, the Officer-in-Charge because of the shorter distances may be able to spend more time with the people and carry out more extensive administration.

22. Even though, when the patrol visited Waragu and Swagisa it was given a warm welcome, Rest Houses had been built and latrines had been constructed, etc. no complaints were brought to the patrol to settle. This in itself shows that the people do not have complete trust in patrols.

23. The remaining three groups visited, Etere, Wasema and the Biami, all need a heavy concentration of patrolling so they will learn the aims of the Administration and to learn 'our' code of law and order not only from talking but by example. The native situation in these three groups is far from good due to lack of contact.

24. The Unevangelised Fields Mission station and strip on the northern slopes of Mt. Besavi and the Balime native mission representative at Waragu plus the trips by European mission members to the area have got the people better acquainted with Europeans and foreigners. This in itself helps with the administering of the people.

25. The U.F.M. outstation which has just recently been set up at Waragu is staffed by a Balime man and his wife. The people are pleased to have the mission there but so far there would be no converts.

26. There were no complaints or disputes brought to the patrol. No Local Court cases were heard and none were brought back to the station for District Court hearing.

27. The only absentees known from the area are two young men working on Lake Kutubu station. Aged people would be looked after in accordance with local custom.

REST HOUSES:

28. Waragu and Swagisa have Rest Camps built with Police Barracks and Latrines included. Gunigamo has a Rest Camp under construction. The other villages in the Etere should construct them in the near future under the guidance of the Komo Officer.

AGRICULTURE:

29. The three main food crops in the Waragu and Etere areas are Sage, sweet potato and bananas. Sage is the main food with the other two on a par. These three crops are supplemented with various greens, cultivated pit-pit and tare.

30. The method of cultivation in the above two areas is, because of the cultivated crops being of secondary importance, done in a rough fashion compared to Highlands methods.

AGRICULTURE: (Continued)

All undergrowth is cleared and the large timber felled and left on the garden. The ground is not cultivated and made into mounds but planted at a level surface.

31. As you move further and further west sage diminishes in importance and bananas increase until near Nomad Patrol Post, where there is very little sage, and bananas are the staple with pumpkins playing a large part in the diet.

32. In these areas, as already mentioned by Mr. A.D.O. McNeill in Lake Kutuba Patrol Report No. 5-64/65, the method of cultivation becomes much more sophisticated and extensive because of the importance of cultivated crops in the diet.

33. The unconventional method of agriculture practised in the Etere where the undergrowth is cleared, the garden planted and then the large timbers are felled on top of the garden is confirmed.

34. Shifting Agriculture is practised throughout the area and not only the gardens shifted periodically but also the houses.

35. No cash crops have been introduced to the area and none are recommended at this stage of development. Tigase tree oil is found in this area and is traded north into the Huri country in return for Mother of Pearl shell.

36. Famine or drought will not affect these areas because of the reserves of food and the sage palms.

LIVESTOCK:

37. The only livestock found in the area is the domesticated native pigs. It is worth noting that the pig is not used as finance for such things as Bride Price, but at the marriage ceremony the pigs are killed from the husbands clan and the brides clan help eat it. This is also the case at a house warming party.

38. The pigs are not bought or sold within the Besavi area but a certain number are sold to their Northern Huri neighbours for Mother of Pearl shell.

FORESTS:

39. By far the greater part of the country walked through by the patrol was covered by tropical rainforest. This is mainly softwoods with one or two varieties of hardwoods.

40. There are no sawmills or pit saws operating in the area and none will be set up in the foreseeable future due to lack of transport to the consumer.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY:

41. Nil.

LAND:

42. There would be a great surplus of land available for alienation but due to lack of suitable crops and transport there is no reason for the land to be bought.

CARRIERS:

43. Two to three carriers accompanied the patrol at all times and were employed on a village to village basis. The carriers from Lake Kutubu to Waragu were paid in cash at the rate of 22 cents a day. From Waragu to Nemad Patrol Post trade goods were used.
44. The quality of the Besavi carriers is very poor possibly due to health reasons and inexperience. If any officer takes a ~~permanent~~ future patrol into this area I recommend they take a permanent line.
45. Carriers volunteered readily in all areas except in the Biami region. Because of the few people contacted it was necessary to keep carriers for one or two days. Future officers cannot rely on employing carriers from this area.
46. By employing local carriers and taking them from one linguistic group to another they were able to visit areas and people who they knew existed but always considered enemies. This may start them associating with their neighbours and not necessarily class them as enemies. This also gave them a longer period to get to know the patrol personnel and for informal discussion.

HEALTH:

47. Of the people seen during the course of the patrol the impression was gained that the health in the area is good. However the people seen only came from the middle aged and aged groups with all the children and the young men and women absent.
48. Several Tropical Ulcers were seen, one bad festering burn, several cases of Malaria and in the lower areas, many cases of grille. Burn and Yaws scars were also seen.
49. Local people could not be treated because the army medical orderly was carrying the minimum medicines required by the patrol personnel. The people have been treated by Aid Post Orderlies accompanying patrols and several men from the Etere group have walked to the Aid Post at Komo for treatment for Yaws and are impressed by the wonders of medicines. They were told not to hide the sick in the bush but to meet the forthcoming patrol and see the A.P.O. accompanying for treatment. This information was welcomed by the people.

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ROADS AND BRIDGES:

50. Roads and bridges are non-existent in the Mt. Besavi area. The only tracks are the native tracks from one house to another within the linguistic groups and inter-linguistic group tracks are virtually non-existent due to very little association between one group and another.
51. The construction of vehicular roads are not recommended at this stage of development and contact although walking tracks are being cleared of undergrowth which will speed up patrols and make walking much more pleasant.
52. No difficulty was experienced in crossing the rivers as all were wide but shallow and a bush rope bridge had been constructed over the Kikeri River. Some difficulty

ROADS AND BRIDGES:(Continued)

.....may be experienced crossing some of the rivers during an excessively wet season and if this is the case the patrol would have to wait for the water level to fall.

EDUCATION:

53. There are nil education facilities in the area patrolled.

AIRFIELDS:

54. The only airstrip in the Mt. Besavi region is the Unevangelised Fields Mission strip on the northern slopes of Mt. Besavi. This is a very restricted strip being only 900' by 100' and only open to limited mission aircraft operations. This strip was not visited by the patrol so possible extensions or improvements cannot be recommended.

MISSIONS:

55. The only mission in the area is the Unevangelised Fields Mission with a station and strip on the northern slopes of Mt. Besavi near Ludesa village and a new outstation at Waragu. Both of these are staffed with natives but are visited periodically by Mr. Donaldson from the U.F.M. station at Orekana.

56. The presence of the mission has improved the outlook of the people in the vicinity of the two mission stations and have made the people accustomed to the presence of outsiders which helps greatly in consolidating Administration influence and administering the area.

57. To date it is doubted if the mission has any converts.

LABOUR:

58. No labour recruits returned with the patrol for employment at the station or outside the district.

59. This is a possible area for a limited number of labour recruits in the future but the quality of the labourer would not be very high because of the presence of malaria.

SANITATION AND HYGIENE:

60. This was found to be satisfactory in both Waragu and Swagisa. Internally and externally the houses were clean, pit latrines had been erected and appeared to be used, fences had been built around the villages to keep pigs out, and the immediate area of the village had been cleared of undergrowth.

61. All other villages in the area patrolled were very unsatisfactory but it was felt with a small amount of encouragement from future patrols the villages in the Etere group will follow the example of the Waragu villages.

ANTHROPOLOGY:

62. It is interesting to note four or five years ago the people in the Waragu and the Etere groups did not have or use Mother of Pearl shell as a form of wealth. It is only in the last few years with the Huris in the north coming down and buying pigs and Tigase oil with Mother of Pearl shell has come of importance. There is a very limited number in the area but it has been introduced into Bride Price payments with two to four being used.

63. This also leads to the discovery that the Huris did not get their M.O.P. shell from the Papuan coast as may have been thought because of it being closer, but it must have come from the New Guinea coast.

64. It may also be worth noting that the people in the Waragu area do not cook their Sago in bamboo as do the Fei'i and Fasu people but wrap it up in leaves to cook it. This is due to the non-availability of the non-clump type bamboo.

CONCLUSION:

65. This patrol report is to be read in conjunction with Lake Kutubu Patrol Report No. 5-64/65 as nothing has been repeated in this report that has already been written in the above mentioned report.

66. Although the writer did not do as much District Administration work as he would have liked it is felt that the patrol did do something in that it had several talks with the people, made the people more accustomed to patrols, advised the people where possible, took carriers from one group to the next and therefore made them more aware of their neighbours, informed them again of the aims of the Administration, and in general, 'flew the flag'.

67. There were no hostile or untoward incidents during the course of the patrol.

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24th May, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
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SUBJECT: Patrol No. 6 of 1965/66 - Lake Kutabu
Southern Highlands District -
Mr. N. McQuilty, Patrol Officer.

Attached please find two copies of a report on the above patrol conducted by Mr. Patrol Officer N. McQuilty.

2. The primary purpose for which this patrol was mounted was achieved i.e. accompanying the P.I.R on a Lake Kutabu - Nomad patrol.
3. I would suggest that in any future patrol conducted outside his area the Officer in Charge contact the Officer in Charge of the area initially and arrange for a guide to be made available, particularly if the area is unfamiliar to him. This will ensure that the patrol encounters no difficulties and is conducted efficiently.
4. Intensive patrolling by the officers of our own department will consolidate the area and perhaps future patrol reports from Komo will present a less dismal picture of the area.
5. The map accompanying the report is a good one. Camping Allowance Claim is attached for payment, please.
6. Finally I will request that the Officer in Charge Lake Kutabu forward me an additional copy of the map attached to this report as well as an additional copy of the report as it may be of value to the Officer in Charge Komo.

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ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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The Officer-in-Charge,
LAKE KUTUBU.