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MOROBE DISTRICT

MOROBE SUBDISTRICT

PATROL REPORTS:

1-~~2~~ and 10 and 14 of 45/46

1 of 45/46<sup>3</sup> (Salamsua)

6 of 46/47

Also, South Markham District:

4 of 43/44 (Garaina)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of South Mankam Report No. 4 of 43/44 (Yasawa)  
 Patrol Conducted by a/sgt. R.B. Watterson  
 Area Patrolled Tippei Wasia and Biam areas  
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 7/3/1944 to 10/3/1944

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND 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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Report of Patrol by A/Sgt. Watterson, R.B.  
to Upper Waria and Biaru Areas.

Date left station 2nd. Mar - Date returned 10 Mar.

Purpose of Patrol - Recruit labour for Wampit  
Road and distribute rations in Biaru Area.

RPC accompanying patrol 1 NCO 6 A/C.

Last patrol to Area made by District Services  
Field Staff on 6 January 1944.

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DIARY.

Thursday 2 Mar. Left station travelled via Kapuso and  
Timnagosa to Bapi. Camped.  
Friday 3 Mar. Left Bapi arrived Sumu. Lined and recruited  
Sumu, Koi-iavi and Gerepo. Left Sumu at 1540 arrived  
B'si 1700. Lined and recruited Kauru, Bisi and Koperako.  
Also lined Basui.  
Saturday 4 Mar. Left Bisi for Tauroro in Biaru - 6 hrs. walk.  
Rations dropped in .....  
Sunday 5 Mar. Had rations brought from dropping ground to  
store. Despatched Waria recruits to Wau.  
Monday 6 Mar. Issued rations to Tauroro, Irup and Koriwi.  
Tuesday 7 Mar. Went to Lacuronga issued rations to  
Lacuronga, Gerepogoin, Nakon, Tori, Uruz, Garua, Komita.  
Returned to Tauroro.  
Wednesday 8 Mar. Left Tauroro 7.50 and returned to Waria  
at Kasangari - arrived at 1410. Camped.  
Thursday 9 Mar. Recruited Kasangari, Wudzi, Batoro, Kamari  
and Kauangasi. Lined New Kauangasi and Koi-aru.  
Returned to Sumu arrived 1800.  
Friday 10 Mar. Left Sumu 0600 arrived Garaina 1900.

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RECRUITING. All villages with exception of Wudzi lined freely  
and only isolated single cases of men avoiding lining was  
encountered.

A large number of males from Wudzi avoided lining  
though some came later on in the day. A number of recruits  
warned to do so accompanied A/C next morning to Wau. All were  
later apprehended and taken to Wau.

Where possible un-married men were recruited and  
this was adhered to as near as possible throughout.

No recruits were taken from Koi-iavi as only two  
eligible were sick and on inspection proved to be very puny  
and weak.

Basui, Koi-aru and the new village at Kauangisi  
were lined but no recruits were taken as hardship would have  
resulted.

REHABILITATION. Kasangari people and also those of Batoro have  
partially worked house lines. No effort to carry out re-  
building has been shown at Bisi, Kaurau or Basui.

Gerepo people have constructed some new houses  
as advised by previous patrol. At Bapi and Timnagosa are both  
working new house lines and when completed should be very good  
At Kamari nothing has been done. The two new villages have  
both made good efforts and at Kauangisi a rest house has been  
built.

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Map on return from GOC-AQ.  
done 29/4

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29/4



REST HOUSES.

Some repairs have been carried out at Sumu, Bisi and Kasingari. All visited were in good order. The two rest houses visited in the Biaru area namely Tauroro and Lacuronga were outstanding. Both being new and very well built.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE.

Native foods were plentiful in the majority of villages on the Waria. Bapi, though having no excess at present, will be very well provided for in approximately one month's time when their new gardens are in production.

In the Biaru, though some old gardens have been replanted, no new gardens were observed. The people were all warned that the Government did not intend rationing them for all time, and that they must, at an early date, be prepared to cease obtaining Government aid.

ROADS.

All roads have been cleaned and improved since the last patrol in Waria area. Particularly noticeable was Bapi, these people are building a new graded road toward Sumu. From Bisi to Biaru the road was very rough, overgrown and in very bad disrepair.

RATIONING OF BIARU.

Rations were dropped by plane on two occasions once on 20/2/44 and again on 4/3/44. Invoices were checked and all cargo accounted for. Percentage of breakage, in both cases, was surprisingly low.

All villages were given a fortnight's standard ration. A further fortnight's ration was issued but meat, sugar and salt were curtailed, in order to leave a proportionate amount for later distribution together with remaining rice.

The total amount remaining in Biaru was 400 bags rice, 10 cases of meat, 10 drums of sugar and 5 drums of salt.

I would advise the issuing of these rations on a reduced scale, in order that the people may be made to realise the importance of making new gardens.

ATTITUDE OF NATIVES.

The general attitude of the natives met with on the Waria was noticeably more friendly than previously encountered. They approached the patrol freely and several minor disputes were brought forward for settlement.

SPECIAL NOTE.

This patrol was delayed firstly by evacuation of AWW personnel from the valley and later by Capt. O'Malley's party arriving in the Ono valley en route to Garaina - See Appendix to Report.

RATIONS ISSUED IN BIARU.

Village.	Rice	Meat	Sugar	Salt
TAURORO	30 bgs	5 c/s	1 drs.	1 drs.
IRUP	24 "	4 "	1 "	1 "
KORIWI	16 "	3 "	1 "	1 "
LACURONGA	50 "	8 "	3 "	2 "
GEREPOGOIN	14 "	3 "	1 "	1 "
NAKON	22 "	4 "	1 "	1 "
TORI	36 "	6 "	2 "	1 "
JRUM	20 "	4 "	1 "	1 "
GARUA	30 "	5 "	1 "	1 "
KONTAU	12 "	3 "	1 "	1 "
254 "	45	16	13	

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Number of Recruits taken from each village  
on this patrol.

GEREFO	2	Recruits.
SUMU	2	"
KOI-IAVI	Nil.	"
KOFERAKA	7	"
BASUI	Nil.	"
KAURU	6	"
BISI	4	"
KASANGARI	16	"
BATORO	4	"
WUDZI	9	"
KAMARI	7	"
KUANGISI	3	"

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A/Sgt.

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Report on RPC personnel on Patrol.

- No.2581 L/Cpl.KARO. Very good NCO and will improve with more responsibility.
- No.2129 A/C BURUGET. Thoroughly reliable and did outstanding work on this patrol.
- No.3926 A/C JANGE. Requires more experience to develop into a good constable.
- No.3928 A/C PANWELL. A new constable requiring careful schooling.
- No.2746 A/C KURU Inclined to be lazy but is reliable when detailed for a specific duty.
- No.2812 A/C ZIEPO An old police boy very careful and reliable.
- No.2541 A/C DEBESSA. Thoroughly trustworthy and reliable. Always valuable on any patrol.

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R B Watterson A/Sgt.

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MEDICAL.

The health of the natives encountered was excellent. A noticeable improvement, in some cases, was observed on the Upper Waria, mainly in boys who had been working at Wau.

B. B. Watkinson A/59/1

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*Ref to ADMS. 7/5*



SPECIAL REPORT BY A/SGT R.E. WATTERSON.

Capt. O'Malley's visit to Garaina.

On 21 Feb word was received ~~that~~ from Capt. O'Malley that he and party had crossed over the range from Papua on the headwaters of the Ono River and were awaiting carriers. Carriers were sent and he arrived at Garaina on the 29 Feb.

The object of Capt. O'Malley's visit to Garaina was to fix its position in relation to Gailala and Kanimaipu, this on completion of routine patrol of latter area.

He was accompanied by an A/PO and EMA. Also a party of American Graves Registration who visited and recovered bodies from two crashed planes.

Capt. O'Malley left Garaina on 24 Mar travelling via Bubu River to Gailala.

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Evacuation of Spotters.

AWW personnel in Waria Valley received instructions on or about 10 Feb to return to Garaina for evacuation.

By the 21 Feb all had arrived at Garaina. Carriers were supplied by me where ever required. Their evacuation by air was completed in early April.

Two natives said to have been supplied to them by a previous PO, as cooks, were returned to me. As no contracts were held for them, one was despatched to Wau for enquiries, the other, an evacuee, was sent to Morobe.

On HQ ANGAU authority, some rations were taken over from AWW Spotters.

R.E. Watterson  
A/Sgt.

W/W  
29/4



