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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... BOXE NO. 1 OF 1969-70

Subdistrict..... DARU

District..... WESTERN

Type of Patrol..... SPECIAL

Patrol Conducted by..... F. PARKER, ACTING SENIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER

Area Patrolled..... PART BITURI CENSUS DIVISION
(Council and/or..... OTIOMO BITURI COUNCIL AREA ALSO
Census Division/s.)..... PART TRANS FLY CENSUS DIVISION, MOREHEAD
SUB DISTRICT

Personnel Accompanying Patrol..... NIL

Duration of Patrol—from 15/10/69..... To 18/10/69

No. of Days..... Four day, three nights camped out

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area :..... N.E. IOKOLOKO

Date..... OCTOBER 1968..... Duration..... 39 days

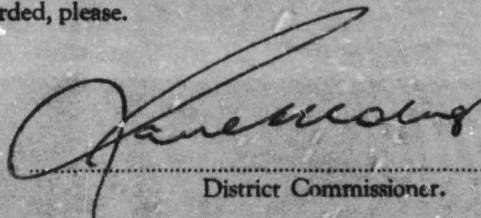
Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... 1. Road survey WIM - Limol - Malam
..... 2. Inspection rural development roadworks
..... 3. General Administration

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... n/a

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

12/11/69


District Commissioner.

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67-3-34
Division of District Administration,

KONEDONE. PAPUA.

1st December, 1969.

District Commissioner,
Western District,
DARU.

BOZE PATROL NO. 1/1969-1970.

... Two surplus copies of the above report are
returned herewith.

It does appear as though these copies should
have been distributed to the Assistant District Commissioner,
Daru, and the Officer-in-Charge, Boze.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary
Department of the Administrator.

...Encl.

GFB:EA

67-3-34
Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

27th November, 1969.

Co-ordinator of Transport,
Directorate of Transport,
PORT MORESBY.

ROAD ROUTES - WESTERN DISTRICT

... Attached please find extracts from BOZE Patrol
No. 1/69-70 covering a survey of road routes in the ORIOMO and
TRANS FLY Census Divisions of the Western District. Map of the
area is also attached.

The District Commissioner, Daru, has requested that
this information be brought to your attention.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary
Department of the Administrator.

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Wednesday, 15 October:

Departed Daru 1130 per Fuel 125 for WIPIM. Discussions with E. Clewile, M.R.A., B. Bates, head teacher and nearby Councillors. Departed 1230 walking to WIM. Met large group of various villagers working on WIM-WIPIM road. Arrived WIM 1630. 1800 - 1900 discussions with Cr. MOROSI and village leaders.

Thursday, 16 October:

Departed WIM 0645 with Cr. MOROSI. Carriers sent direct to MAMAM. Self to old KANEL village, then departed, then to LIMOD village, MOREHEAD Sub-District. Arrived 1100, ate and talked with village men on initial elections MOREHEAD Council, roadworks, cash cropping and House of Assembly matters. Departed 1300 for MAMAM, arrived 1500. Meeting with village people 1230 - 1830.

Friday, 17 October:

0700 departed by bush track direct to WIM. Drizzling rain all day. Arrived 1030. 1100 - 1230 meeting with villagers who had left roadworks due rain. Departed 1230 for WIPIM, arrived 1515. Radio conversation with Deputy District Commissioner. 1700 - 1800 discussions with Councillors at school. 2100 - 2400 traditional singing and dancing at WIPIM village.

Saturday, 18 October:

0800 - 1200 inspected school, radio contact with Daru, Lake Murray and Boset on various matters, discussions with village people and minor complaints, etc. Islander arrived 1545 to return patrol to Daru.

2. Roadworks:

The main reason for the patrol was to assess the best route for the road link to MOREHEAD from WIPIM.

The road link ORIOMO-WIPIM is virtually complete, awaiting only the construction of a bridge on the ORIOMO River between WIPIM and WOHIE and removal of stumps along a short section of road through swamp near ORIOMO Station.

The second step of the road link, set out as WIPIM-MAMAM is the application for Rural Development assistance, has been partly completed but villagers were in some doubt as to the most suitable route.

(1) WIPIM - WIM:

(a) about 14 miles of road to be cleared, following mainly the present walking track.

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67-3-34.

Division of District Administration,

KONEDORU, Papua.

27th November, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Western District,

DARU.....

PATROL NO. ROZE 1/69-70.

Your reference 67-12-1 of 17th November, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. F.S. Parker, a/D.O., to parts Oriomo and Trans Fly Census Divisions.

Mr. Parker has provided a well detailed report on the road routes in this area.

Extracts from the report have been forwarded to the Co-ordinator of Transport for his information.

Please provide a fully documented case to support a need for increased vehicle allocations.

(T.W. ELLIS)

Secretary.

Department of the Administrator.

cc: Mr. F.S. Parker,
District Office,
DARU, Western District.

Please ensure that political education is a continuing process in all situations with the emphasis on the advantages of national unity.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67.3.24 (7)

Telephone

Telegram

Reference 67-12-1

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Mr.



Department of the Administrator,
Western District,
DARU.

17th November, 1969

Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

Patrol BOZE 1/59-70

OROMO-BITURI L.G. COUNCIL AREA (Part)

Acting District Officer F.S. PARKER (Senior Local Government Officer) was requested to undertake the above to improve our periodical air inspections and rectify certain routing aspects. The latter was necessary to ensure maximum dry-season work continuance, and also because the proposed survey by the Local Government Engineer's Section has not yet eventuated.

2. I fully support Mr. PARKER's decision. The proposed WIM-MAJAM sector may be slightly longer. However unlike the shorter alternative it links two additional villages, lends itself to a spur to tap KAPAL/RUAL and is easier to construct and maintain.

3. Considering that border exigencies over recent months have necessitated both the temporary closure of BOZE Base Camp and relative administrative neglect of the area, the continued roadwork is very gratifying. Particularly in view of some fruitless (even if understandable) airstrip construction, despite as much explanation of realities and quiet discouragement as possible. In view of personality aspects this has largely involve the writer. The present situation is largely one of stalemate. The continuing roadwork is a credit to Council, Administrative exhortation over years and to the real organisational breakthrough the Rural Development Programme concept represents. In fairness I should add that Member Ebia OLEWALE in supporting development generally, ~~implicitly~~ supports road development.

4. Restricted cargo cultism mentioned has now largely dissipated without ill effect. If anything, it aided roadwork.

5. Co-ordinator of Transport may be interested in the report.

6. What we have to ensure, when the road is trafficable, is that Administration uses the road, and that we do not resort to portage - emergencies excepted. This will mean additional vehicular allocations.

(I.A. Holmes)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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- (b) Mainly open savannah forest, some light rain forest in patches.
- (c) Four bridges required, timber easily accessible.
- (d) About 6 miles at Western end already cleared by WIM, RUAL, KAPAL, UPIARA, SAHOANSO, MANU and BIAMBOE villagers. Later WIPIT, IAMEGA AND WONIE villagers will assist when they have completed the ORICHO-WIPIT section.
- (e) No apparent disadvantages with the route - is short and forest is light.

2. WIM - OLD KANEL:

- (a) about 8 miles of road necessary, following the present walking track.
- (b) All open savannah forest, part of the route previously cleared to 8' for a walking track.
- (c) Four bridges required, timber easily accessible.
- (d) Most of the track could be driven along now, allowing for bridge construction.
- (e) Virtually a straight line all along open ridgetops.

3. KANEL - LIMOL:

- (a) About 9 miles of road, following the present walking track.
- (b) About two miles through light rain forest, the rest open savannah.
- (c) Three bridges required, timber accessible.
- (d) The whole length of road cleared in 1967 and 1968 by KANEL, KAPAL, WIM and LIMOL people. Some undergrowth still to be cleared.

4. LIMOL - MALAM:

- (a) About 7 miles of road of deep track standard, part of the existing road system, being a deep road BIMEH - KONDOR - LIMOL - MALAM - PUNU - BIMEH.

5. MALAM - WIM:

- (a) About 12 miles of road would be required if the present walking track.
- (b) Six miles of this would be through dense rain forest at the western end,

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the rest open savannah.

(c) One major bridge would be required, timber available.

(d) No work whatsoever has been done on this section.

3. RESULTS:

1. WIM-KANEL-LIMOL Route:

- Advantages:
- (a) About 50% cleared already, therest will be easily cleared through open savannah forest.
 - (b) The people are keen to utilise this route
 - (c) Easy maintenance.

Disadvantages: (a) A large route - 17 miles as against 12.

2. MAJAM-WIM Route:

- Advantages:
- (a) Shorter route.
 - (b) Would pass through the northern end of the area of rich rain forest and good soil covering the upper PAHATURI River area.

- Disadvantages:
- (a) Dense rain forest would require a great deal of initial clearing work and subsequent maintenance.
 - (b) People are strongly against this route, probably because of (a).
 - (c) Lower land, some swamps, therefore involving more maintenance and building up of the road.

Therefore, I instructed the people to continue with the WIM-KANEL-LIMOL route and not at this stage to consider the alternative.

The people are willingly working on the road under the supervision of their Councillors.

Tools given as part of the subsidy to the villagers were very well received.

Councillors were concerned at requests from some villagers for higher payments for roadworks. At present payment to the villagers is calculated at about 20c per man/day worked. A discussion at the Council meeting on 8th October on the same matter led to my explaining the necessary self-help basis on which Rural Development funds were allocated. This was again explained to the villagers and apparently accepted.

Should the people continue working at their present rate, I foresee the OMOMO-WIPIM section being trafficable in about one month and the WIPIM-LIMOL section open after about 3 months work in the next dry season.

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4. SITUATION REPORT:

(i) Political:

The people in the Oriomo-Bituri Council area appeared quite satisfied with their Council and its work. The amount of information reaching the villages through Radio Western District is of great value in this respect. Council meetings are broadcast as well as regular weekly programmes and news of Local Government development.

There were no complaints about the high tax rate of \$40.00, as it was last year.

During discussions at LIMOL and MALAM, the people were advised of the new council and its initial elections to be held next month. They appeared satisfied that the council was coming but apprehensive of council tax. At both places I explained at length the system of tax rate setting and exemptions. Prior to the elections this will be followed up by patrols from MOREHEAD and broadcast programmes directed at the MOREHEAD People.

The possibility of a cargo cult in the area has been covered by a report to the District Commissioner. (C55 of 20 October.)

At all meetings with villagers I discussed the House of Assembly and general political matters. There was a fair knowledge of these, probably as a result of a recent patrol to the area by the Member. There were no questions asked of any consequence.

(ii) Economic:

Rubber planting continues in most villages, although the present dry season and roadworks has postponed further planting until the rains begin again. There is still a great deal of interest in this crop.

Coffee plantings are present in one of the villages, being between 5 and 10 years old. People were advised to be prepared to harvest when the road links were opened up, so that coffee could be sold to D.A.S.P. Oriomo or Daru. At present the fruit is not harvested.

Coconut plantings are present at all old and new village sites, and here again the people were advised strongly to be prepared to process coconuts when the roads make an economical form of transport available. This will give an interim small income to the people before the rubber is mature in the area.

Subsistence foods can be marketed through Oriomo Boys Vocational School and villagers from WIPIM eastward were advised to plant up larger gardens this coming wet season to allow a surplus of food for resale. The Vocational School forward the food to various departmental institutions in Daru.

Rural development road projects are discussed above.

A noticeable feature following the success of village people in constructing an airstrip at WIPIM, is the recent construction of village airstrips at KAPAL and MALAM. WIPIM airstrip maintenance responsibilities taken over by the Oriomo Bituri Council and reporting is carried out by the head teacher at WIPIM 'T' School. It was stressed to both other villages that D.C.A. requirements made it most unlikely that airstrips sponsored solely by villagers would be acceptable, the people claimed the Member had encouraged them to build the strips and by implication would ensure that they were opened to traffic.

Councillor BCKENNA of WIPIM requested Development Bank assistance to set up a trade store at WIPIM. Details of the request were passed on to the Assistant District Commissioner, Bam, for action.

(iii) Social:

No minor complaints were brought to the patrol.

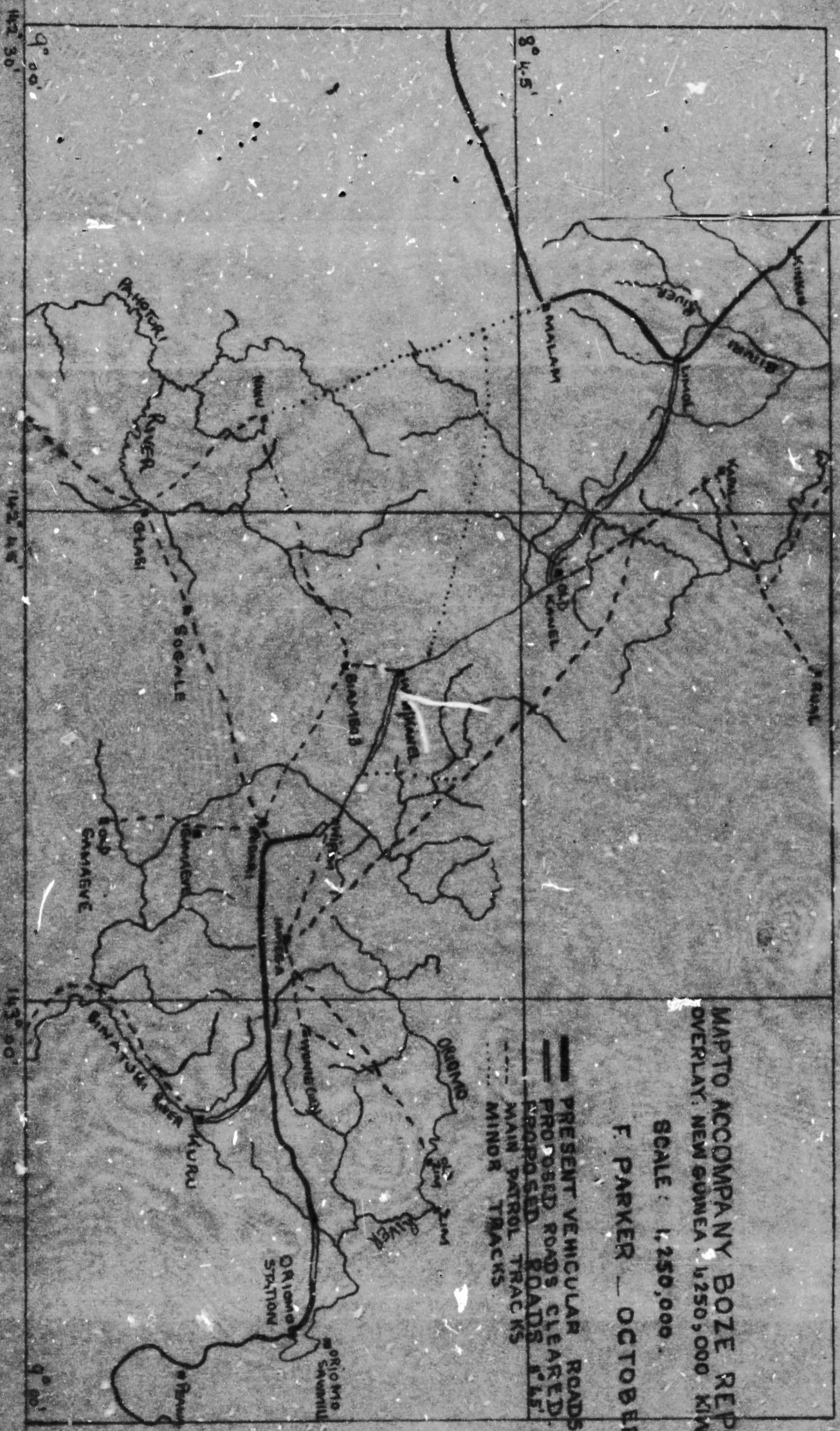
From discussion it is evident that many village problems arise from the customary daughter exchange marriage custom. This requires a prospective groom's parents offering a girl for marriage to the bride's relatives before the former marriage can take place. With the young people having increased opportunity to meet prospective marriage partners from outside the immediate geographical and language areas the system is proving unworkable. The Council in discussion feels this is breaking down village morals & although this is debatable it is nevertheless manifesting itself in more pronounced rebellion by the young people. The Council has decided to pass a marriage settlement rule and stress to the people that a settlement is far preferable to a daughter exchange. Thus the breakup of a marriage will result in one dispute rather than the inevitable destruction of a second marriage.

It is interesting to note Councils attempt to solve a problem created by an obsolete custom not, as is usually the case, by trying to legislate directly against it, but instead by making a properly regulated alternative available but not compulsory.

(iv) Miscellaneous:

A map is attached showing the proposed road link and villages concerned.


(L. Parker)



MAP TO ACCOMPANY BOZE REPORT 1/69-70
OVERLAY: NEW GUINEA. 1:250,000 KIWAI.

OVERLAY: NEW GUINEA - 1,250,000 KIWI

SCALE: 1:250,000

F. PARKER - OCTOBER 1965.

PRESENT VEHICULAR ROADS	1.15
PROPOSED ROADS CLEARED	1.15
PROPOSED ROADS	1.15
MAIN PATROL TRACKS	
MINOR TRACKS	



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....WESTERN.....Report No.....2/69-70 BOZE
Patrol Conducted by.....F. PARKER, a/SENIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER.....
Area Patrolled.....PART ORIOMO-BITURI COUNCIL AREA.....
Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....M. YOUNGER, A.P.O.
Natives.....COUNCILLOR IRIO
Duration—From.....27./11./1969.....to.....28./11./1969.....
Number of Days.....Two.....
Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....No.....
Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../10/1968.....
Medical/19.....
Map Reference.....Nil.....
Objects of Patrol.....Inspect construction of Oriomo-Wipim road.....

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

31/12/1969.

M. Holmer
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 \$.....

GFB/BT

67-3-46

Division of District Administration,

KONEDOBU, PAFUA.

20th January, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Western District,
DARU.

PATROL NO. BOZE 2/69-70

Your reference 67-12-1 of 31st December, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. F.S. Parker, a/Senior Local Government Officer, to parts ONIOMC and BITUMI Census Divisions.

Pleasant progress has been made on this road. No further comment is required.

(S.J. PEARCE)

a/Secretary,

Department of the Administrator.

c.c.
Mr. F.S. Parker,
District Office,
DARU, Western District.

Whilst political education is a continuing process it is becoming a more specialised task, and you are still expected to participate fully in its extension at every opportunity.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67.3.46.

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Department of the Administrator,
Western District,
DARU.

31st December, 1969

Telegrams--

Telephone

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If calling ask for

Mr.

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Assistant District Commissioner,
Subdistrict Office,
DARU.

ROME Patrol 2/60-70

Receipt is acknowledged of three copies of this report, which has been submitted directly to me by Mr. F. J. PARKER, acting Senior Local Government Officer.

2. This brief report of a two day patrol in the ORIMO/WIPIM area calls for little comment other than to say that the progress of rural road work, through self-help, has been very pleasing, and a credit to the villagers concerned.

(I.A. Holmes)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

c.c. Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDORU.

One copy of the report herewith. No further comment is called for.

(I.A. Holmes)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

BOZE PATROL 2/69-70

(3)

Report Number: Boze 2 of 1969-70
Sub-district: Daru
District: Western
Council Area: Oriomo-Bituri
Patrol Conducted By: F. Parker
Designation: Acting Senior Local Government Officer
Area Patrolled: Parts Oriomo and Bituri census divisions.
Personnell Accompanying: M. Younger, Assistant Patrol Officer
Councillor IRIO.
Duration of Patrol: 27th and 28th November, 1969;
two days.
Last DDA Patrol: October, 1968; 39 days
Objects of Patrol: Inspect Rural Development Project -
Construction of ORIOMO-WIPIM road.
..... Total Population: n/a
Map Reference: n/a
Village Population Register: n/a

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Patrol Diary:Thursday 27th November:

Departed Daru per MV "DIAMA" at 1000, arrived Oriomo Agriculture Extension Station at 1330. Discussions with Projects Manager KOLISCH. Departed on foot 1400 along road to WIPIM, Councilor IRIO guiding. Made camp in bush at 1800.

Friday 28th November:

0630 departed camp, walked to WIPIM, meeting and talking with groups of working GAMA EVE villagers on the way. Arrived WIPIM 1200. Discussions with some Councillors. Left WIPIM 1430 by plane for DARU.

Situation Report:Economic:

This section of road was last visited in October last year. Since the beginning of this years' dry season the people have worked steadily, completely cleared the road for its length of about 32 miles and, under the supervision of a bridge carpenter/overseer, constructed 7 large bridges and a number of smaller culverts. One large bridge on the WIPIM Creek had yet to be constructed.

A map of the road route accompanied BOZE Patrol Report 1/69-70.

The bridge on the WIPIM Creek is to be constructed in the week commencing 1st December. On 8th December it is hoped to move the Council tractor and trailer to ORIOMO to drive along the road and assist the people in bridge construction. Despite only a month of the dry season remaining it is felt that the presence of the tractor and trailer will be much appreciated by the people and will boost morale, being the first vehicle since road construction began some 3 years ago.

Upon arrival at WIPIM the patrol was advised that the whole section of road WIM - WIPIM had been cleared of forest, and only bridges and culverts were required (Vide Boze Patrol 1/69-70). The Tractor may well be able to assist in construction of these bridges.

At this stage it is planned that Mr. YOUNGER will patrol with the Council tractor, supervising bridge construction/

A later report, received on 1st December at the opening of the MOREHEAD Council, states that RAUL/KAPAL villagers have completed clearing the WIM - LIMOL section of the road to the LIMOL land boundary. There seems no doubt now that the ORIOMO-MOREHEAD road will be trafficable early in the next dry season.

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It is obvious that the people are throwing themselves into road and bridge construction, possibly on somewhat cultish assumptions. However, the Council has well fulfilled its Rural Development commitments, and should have its proposals for projects in 1970-71 favourably considered.

F. Parker
(F. Parker)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Western Report No. Boze 3/69/70
Patrol Conducted by M.M. Younger (Assistant Patrol Officer)
Area Patrolled Oriomo and Bituri Census Divisions.
Patrol Accompanied by Europeans No
Natives 3
Duration - From 5 / 2 / 19 70 to 3 / 3 / 19 70
Number of Days 27
Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No
Last Patrol to Area by -- District Services 28 / 11 / 19 69
Medical / / 19
Map Reference Attached
Objects of Patrol Census Revision, Political Education, Routine Administration.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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Abelmeo
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 \$.....

CEB:HV

07-3-68

Division of District Administration,

MONTEBELL, BANDA.

19th August, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Western District,
DARU.

MAILED, NO. 3058 3/69-70

Your reference 07-3-1 of 6th August, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census and
Situation Report by Mr. M.H. Younger, Assistant Patrol Officer, of
CHIKO and SITUHI Census Divisions.

I am pleased to note Mr. Younger's keen approach to his
duties. The thoughtful observations and comments in this well
written report are indicative of a thorough patrol.

(S. J. H. J.)

Secretary.

Department of the Administrator.

c.c.
Mr. M.H. Younger,
Sub-District Office,
DARU.
Western District.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of the Administrator,
Western District,
DARU.

6th August, 1970

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
DARU.

BOZE PATROL 3/69-70

Thank you for three copies of this report submitted by Mr. M.N. YOUNGER, Assistant Patrol Officer, following his 27 day patrol of the ORYOMO and HITORI Census Divisions. Reasons for the delay in submission are known to me: i.e., Council advising duties, assistance of DW projects and Council voter supplies etcetera, but these are only a partial excuse. The report and your comments should have arrived well before 29th July in this office.

2. The report is not in standard format, as per instructions. It should have been in situation report/area study form, as is laid down. The patrol map is in coloured ink, instead of black. There are virtually no appendices of information in the form specified. As Assistant District Commissioner, you should have checked these requirements before submission.

3. The census sheets (Village Population Registers) are not completed in accordance with recent circulars, particularly the Secretary's 14-2-0 of 14th October, 1969, and in pages 23-24 and 131-133 of Standing Instructions Volume 1. I realise the difficulties Mr. Younger would have had in making any sort of reconciliation following the mess the books were in because of Mr. Lokoloko's efforts (or lack of same) before his departure to the Administrative College. However, more of an attempt could have been made to comply, e.g. birth rate, death rate, natural increase, order of villages as in Directory, reconciliation: attempted.

4. Notwithstanding my paras 2 and 3, which are requirements of form, the substance of this report is good, and shows Mr. Younger's keen interest in the area - a depressing, and depressed, area at the best of times. We hope that an infusion of RDF funds, increased rubber promotion and the services of an officer of Mr. Younger's evident calibre will assist in raising morale and motivation to greater effort among the people. Some of the trouble in the past stems from the fact that BOZE Base Camp was one of the first in the District to lose staff during our not-infrequent border crises, as happened in 1965, 1967 and 1969, thus interrupting continuity of advice and direction. Another factor has been the strong tendency of the elected Councillors to prefer talking to working, and to retain parochial village-level attitudes rather than to adopt some sort of an area approach. The Council, under-capitalised and under-supported, has always had clerical and staff difficulties, and its launch has run at a loss when it has run.

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5. Your comments on Local Government, Political Education and economic development provide adequate coverage. Amalgamation with KIVU Council and use of DMR as Headquarters might give some economies and streamlining of procedures, but it would almost certainly increase present village feeling of being "left out" and would make difficult any personal identification the people have with their Council. Our advice to the Council during subsequent deliberations should make this clear.

6. The 1969/70 decision for a \$10 tax rate was an ill-advised action by the Councillors themselves to try and get the Council out of its financial morass. Reductive this year is a sensible step, but I agree that even at \$8 a year, many people would feel they weren't getting their money's worth.

7. Except for a period of 6 weeks in the late MURUT area during last year's Border Incursions, Mr. Inenger has been Council Officer for the past year, and will remain so until his leave. It is hoped that this continuity will have a beneficial effect.

8. In conclusion, a sound and in many ways an effective patrol. The report suffers from errors of fact, but is obviously the result of an earnest effort by a keen and energetic officer.

Holmes
(I.A. HOLMES)
District Commissioner

✓ c.c. Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONZDOBU.

Two copies of this report attached.

Holmes
(I.A. HOLMES)
District Commissioner



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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The District Commissioner,
Department of The Administrator,
District Office,
DARU. WESTERN DISTRICT.

BOZE PATROL No.3 of 1969/70.

Please find enclosed three copies of the report on the above Patrol conducted by Mr. M. Younger, Assistant Patrol Officer, through the whole of the Boze Administrative Area, comprising the Orieme and the Bituri Census Divisions. Late submission of the Report is due to Mr. Younger devoting his time fully to the Orieme-Bituri Council due to the lack of an experienced Council Clerk and the compilation of the many sets of Estimates and the returns required during the last few months. The new Clerk acquired by the Council should soon be able to relieve Mr. Younger of much of this burden.

Comments on the Report are as follows:-

(1) The main aims of the Patrol i.e., Census Revision, Completion of Council Tax Collection, Routine Administration, Political Education and familiarisation with the whole of the Boze area, were completed successfully and for an Officer new to the job Mr. Younger has completed a good Patrol. By patrolling the whole of the Boze area at one time he has also been enabled to get a better idea of the problems and conditions encountered by the people living in the Orieme-Bituri Council area.

(2) Local Government.

Unfortunately the comments on the activities of the Orieme-Bituri Council are only too true. Due to heavy financial commitments on the M.V. Derolam due to its sinking and subsequent repair, and the expenditure involved in the purchase of the tractor and trailer the Council has been in financial difficulties for several years and as a result the works programme has fallen by the wayside. The high tax rate of \$10 has been a strain on most of the people of the area and due to the pressure from the Village people has been lowered in the 1970/71 Estimates to \$8. During the Patrol an amount of \$2700 in tax money was collected by the Council Clerk which resulted in the Council coming close to the estimated \$6000 tax to be collected. However high expenditure on Personal emoluments and recurrent expenditure leaves the Council with very little money, apart from Rural Development grants, to spend on Capital Works.

Amalgamation with the bigger and more financially sound Kiwai Council solves many of the Council's financial problems, but many of the people and Councillors feel that the Orieme-Bituri area would lose its identity as the Kiwai area is double their size. Also some leading Councillors fear the loss of personal prestige that would inevitably follow.

Apart from amalgamation with the Kiwai Council, it is hard to foresee any solution that will raise the Council out of its present difficulties.

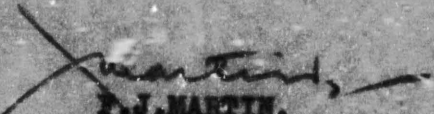
(3). Political, Economic and Social advancement.

Political awareness throughout the area is growing due to the activities throughout the area of Mr. Olewale the resident member for the South Fly Electorate, and also the good reception throughout the area of Radio Daru. The proposed Political Education programme will be a big factor in raising the political knowledge of these people.

The success of the rubber planting, being organised by the Department of Agriculture, will, it is hoped, help raise these people out of their present low economic level. Present indications are quite favourable. Much assistance will also be needed to ensure the success of the Cepra Plantation Cooperative being run near Bere.

Education and Health facilities for the area seem to be quite adequate.

Mr. Younger has completed a good Patrol for his first general administration and census Patrol, and the experience gained is sure to be of great benefit to him.


F. J. MARTIN.
Assistant District Commissioner.

BOZE PATROL 3/69/70

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Report No: Beze 3 of 1969-70

Sub-District: Daru

District: Western

Council Area: Oriomo-Bituri L.G.C.

Patrol conducted by: M.M. Younger (Assistant Patrol Officer)

Designation: Assistant Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: Oriomo and Bituri Census Divisions.

Persennel Accompanying: Cr. Saibu, Council Clerk, Two Policemen.

Duration of Patrol: Twenty seven days.

Last D.D.A. Patrol: Beze 2/69/70 F.Parker 28/11/69.

Objects of Patrol: Census Revision, Political Education? Routine Administration.

Total Population: 4834.

Map Reference: Attached

Village Population Register: Attached.

PATROL DIARY

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- 5/2/70 4 p.m. Depart BOZE for UME. Track good arrive UME 5 p.m. after visiting DERRIMU Plantation en route. Talks with people until 7 p.m. Village clean, no complaints. Walking time BOZE - UME 1 hour. Overnight UME.
- 6/2/70 8.30 a.m. Census revision commenced at UME. Completed by 1200 hrs. Inspected sites for new well in Village. Departed UME for KURU at 2.40 p.m. arrived KURU 5.50 p.m. Track wet and slippery, bridges poor. Actual walking time 3 hrs. Overnight KURU.
- 7/2/70 Census revision began at 9 a.m. after talk with people for one hour - completed at 10.30 a.m. Village very small and people have recently shifted to site about 1½ miles from previous village, due, according to Village people, to better drainage at new site. Departed KURU for WONIE 12.30 p.m. arrived WONIE 3.20 p.m. Census revision completed WONIE 6.30 p.m. Track from KURU to WONIE wet but good. Walking time 2 hrs. 50 mins. Overnight WONIE.
- 8/2/70 Sunday - observed at WONIE. Inspected Rubber blocks owned by WONIE PEOPLE ½ hr. walk from Village. Selected site for well. Overnight WONIE.
- 9/2/70 7.45 a.m. Heard two domestic disputes and held talks with people. Village new and houses not yet completed. People told to build houses and clean logs etc. from Village. Departed WONIE for GAMAEVE 9.30 a.m. arrived 11.20 p.m. Track under water, few decent bridges many leeches. Walking time 1 hr. 50 mins. Village now located at new site about 2 hrs. walk from previous village, nearer ORIOMO/WIPIM road. Saw 9 rubber blocks in village many gardens. Settled two Domestic Disputes. Census revision held with talk to Village People. Depart GAMAEVE 5 p.m. arrived WIPIM 7 p.m. Track very wet. Overnight WIPIM.
- 10/2/70 7 a.m. Talks with P.T.S. Head Teacher and then discussion with Village People. Rubber growing well in WIPIM area. Dispute over land between WIPIM and IAMEGA people to be heard after Patrol. Departed WIPIM 12.30 p.m. for IAMEGA arriving 2 p.m. Walking time 1½ hrs. Heavy rain all the way. Track slippery but good. Census revision completed in violent storm. Village and Rubber Blocks inspected. No complaints except land dispute with WIPIM people. Foolishly departed IAMEGA for WIPIM 6.25 p.m. arrived back in WIPIM 7.35 p.m. Did O/B Council Tax Audit until 10 p.m. Overnight WIPIM.
- 11/2/70 8 a.m. Census conducted at WIPIM completed by 11 a.m. Heavy rain, told track to PODARI under water so decided to go to KAPAL. Departed WIPIM 12.50 p.m. arrived KAPAL 5.30 p.m. Walking time 4½ hrs. Track shocking. This route not recommended, better to go WIPIM - WIM - KAPAL. Walked along Airstrip at KAPAL, built by Village People. Airstrip situated about 1 mile east of KAPAL Village. Overnight KAPAL.
- 12/2/70 8 a.m. Census revision completed. P.E. talks held with Village People. Village very dirty with diseased dogs everywhere, some having to be destroyed. People requested to clean up. Departed KAPAL for RUAL 2.10 p.m. arrived RUAL 4.40 p.m. the last ¼ hr. by canoe. Walking time 2½ hrs. Mosquitos bad. Discussions held with Committee and people on Political Education until 6.30 p.m. Village very small with some rubber blocks. Overnight RUAL.
- 13/2/70 Census at RUAL begun 8 a.m. completed 11 p.m. Departed RUAL by canoe 12.30 arriving at TEWARA 1.45. Village almost deserted. People at SANGUANSO. No houses to speak of and no toilet facilities. People living at SANGUANSO at present but say they are moving to this site in near future. Departed TEWARA 2.15 p.m. arrived SANGUANSO 5.45 by canoe through swamp. Had discussions with Cr. from UPIARA who looks after SANGUANSO Village. Overnight SANGUANSO.

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- 14/2/70 Censu of TEWARA and SANGUANSO completed 11 a.m. Political Education talks held but people not particularly responsive. Settled three domestic disputes. SANGUANSO Village overcrowded because of TEWARA people living there. Overnight SANGUANSO.
- 15/2/70 Sunday. Observed at SANGUANSO.
- 16/2/70 7.10 a.m. Departed SANGUANSO by canoe arriving UPIARA 8.40 a.m. Censu done UPIARA and discussions with people and Mission Teachers. 365 children in Mission School at UPIARA. Village clean no complaints. No rest house UPIARA so departed 12 noon for SANGUANSO arriving 1.30 p.m. Departed SANGUANSO by canoe for KAPAL at 3.10 p.m. arrived at Village garden site in heavy rain at 5.40 Overnight in temporary shelter.
- 17/2/70 Broke camp 7.10 a.m. arrived at end of swamp at 8.10 a.m. Walked to WIM mainly along WIPIM - KAPAL road arriving WIM 11.55 a.m. Censu for KANEL and WIM (people living in one village) completed by 4.30 p.m. Held talks with Councillors and people re Political Education and Roadworks. Overnight WIM.
- 18/2/70 7 a.m. Settled 4 Domestic disputes and departed WIM for BIAMBOD 10.05 a.m. arrived BIAMBOD 1.35 p.m. Very rough track through bush with no bridges. Only 44 people in BIAMBOD Village but place clean. People have two rubber blocks started. Censu revision completed. no complaints. Overnight BIAMBOD.
- 19/2/70 Departed BIAMBOD 7.10 a.m. arrived PODARI 8.55 a.m. Talks held with people and Censu Revision completed. Very nice village although people are moving to a new site some 1/2 mile away. The reasons are obscure. Depart PODARI 1 p.m. for GLABI. Track very wet but clear arrived GLABI 4.25 p.m. Walking time 3 hrs. GLABI and SOGALE people at GLABI for Censu. SOGALE village 2 hrs. walk EAST of GLABI. Had talks with people mainly to see if they would combine villages as GLABI is very dirty with few people. Overnight GLABI.
- 20/2/70 Censu revision completed for GLABI and SOGALE. Three domestic troubles settled. Departed GLABI at 12.25 p.m. on foot to KIBULI arriving 2.25. Walking time 2 hrs. Track good although raining heavily. Held P.E. talks with people and conducted Censu Revision. Inspected Rubber blocks and settled one domestic dispute. Overnight KIBULI.
- 21/2/70 8 a.m. Depart KIBULI by canoe for NANU 12 noon. Censu revision completed. People complained bitterly about ORIOMO/BITURI Council's lack of works in area. Village very clean, best yet. No complaints. Held talks with Cr. and people departing at 3.30 by canoe and arriving at KIBULI 6.30 p.m. Overnight KIBULI.
- 22/2/70 Sunday. Observed at KIBULI. M.V. "AKANA" arrives from DARU.
- 23/2/70 Depart KIBULI 8 a.m. per "AKANA" for SEBE. Arriving 8.15 a.m. Censu revision completed and talks held with people. Village clean and AID POST very good. Some domestic trouble in village settled. People have cleared rubber blocks and about to plant. Departed SEBE 11.45 a.m. arrive GNAO 2.25. Censu at GNAO 3 p.m. completed 5 p.m. Talks held with Village People and listened to large dispute re village Church money. Referring this to Rev. Cullingford. Overnight GNAO.
- 24/2/70 Depart GNAO per "AKANA" 8.35 am. arrive KODORO P.T.S. 9.00 a.m. Talks held with Head Teacher. Teachers short of housing. Depart KODORO 9.45 arrive BARANAP (hamlet of TOGO) at 11.40. Small village deserted, people at TOMO for Censu. Arrive TOGO landing 12 noon. Walked to TOGO through stinking swamp 35 mins. TOGO the most depressed village seen with hordes of

- 24/2/70 (contd.) mosquitos, poor water, badly drained and very unhappy people. Census completed 4 p.m. Talks with people. Mosquitos drove everyone under nets by 6 p.m.
- 25/2/70 Departed TOGO for KUPERI 7.30 a.m. arriving at 8.15 a.m. Census completed and P.E. talks held in village. Village clean with good water supply. Departed KUPERI 11.15 a.m. arrived WAIDORO 11.45 a.m. Track under water and many mosquitos. Census done and meeting held with people. Village clean. Depart WAIDORO 4.45 p.m. arrived back TOGO 6.15 p.m. Overnight TOGO.
- 26/2/70 Leave TOGO 7.35 a.m. arriving landing 8.05. Depart 8.25 a.m. down river per "AKANA" arrive MASINGARA 12 noon. Talks with Cr. Census began 2.30 p.m. completed 4.30 p.m. Political Education talks held at MASINGARA till 6 p.m. Overnight MASINGARA.
- 27/2/70 Left MASINGARA 8 a.m. for DRAGELE arriving 9.45. Village deserted as people at IRUPI. Left DRAGELE 10.05 a.m. arrive IRUPI 10.50 a.m. Walking time MASINGARA - IRUPI 2 1/2 hrs. Track very wet and swampy. MASINGARA A.P.O. accompanied this section of Patrol and attended people whilst Census done. Two complaints brought to attention of Patrol neither requiring further action. Departed IRUPI 5 p.m. arrived at MASINGARA 7.30 p.m. Overnight MASINGARA.
- 28/2/70 Departed MASINGARA 9.00 a.m. for DARU per "AKANA" for supplies arriving DARU 1.30 p.m. Overnight DARU.
- 1/3/70 Sunday. Observed in DARU.
- 2/3/70 Departed DARU for BOZE 9.00 a.m. arrived 1.30 p.m. Census revision completed at BOZE and talks held with people. Overnight BOZE.
- 3/3/70 8.25 a.m. Left BOZE for GIRINGAREDE arrived 9.50 a.m. Walking time 1 1/2 hrs. Track badly overgrown and neglected. People from TATI Village at GIRINGAREDE for Census. Village very clean. Talks with people revealed no complaints. Left GIRINGAREDE 4.30 p.m. arrived in BOZE 5.30 p.m. Overnight BOZE.
- 4/3/70 Departed BOZE 8.30 a.m. per "AKANA" arrived KUNINI 9 a.m. Census revision completed. Held talks on Political Education with people and also discussed Copra making in Village. Departed KUNINI for ORIOMO river 1 p.m. but called to DARU to refuel "AKANA" 4.30 p.m. Overnight DARU.
- 5/3/70 Departed DARU 8.45 a.m. arrived ZIM village 2.50 p.m. Most people away from Village. Census completed. ZIM village split into two sections one called OLD ZIM about 1/2 hr. down river. People intend to live in separate villages. Departed ZIM 5 p.m. arrived ORIOMO VOCATIONAL SCHOOL 8 p.m. Overnight ORIOMO.
- 6/3/70 After talks with Teacher in Charge and Agricultural Officer, departed 7 a.m. for PEAWA arriving 9 a.m. Census revision completed. Village housing very poor despite presence of S.D.A. Mission and six men instructed to build houses. Left for ABAM arriving 12.50 p.m. ABAM Village clean, rubber planting under way. Census completed and Political Education talks held. Departed ABAM 4.30 p.m. arrived DARU 7 p.m.

END OF PATROL

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SITUATION REPORT.

INTRODUCTION:- The object of this Patrol was to -

- (a) Conduct Census Revision.
- (b) Assist in Tax Collection.
- (c) Routine Administration.
- (d) Political Education.

The area patrolled was the ORIOMO and BITURI Census Divisions and the ORIOMO/BITURI Local Government Council Area.

The area of some 1300 sq. miles has a population (refer Village Population Register attached) of 4834, and comprises thirty four villages. Broadly, the ORIOMO/BITURI Council Area is bounded by the ORIOMO RIVER to the east, FLY RIVER north and the PAHATURI RIVER to the west.

The patrol was conducted during the wet season when half the area became swamp. Terrain varied from light Savannah grassland to patches of thick Rain forest with a vast swampy area in what could be termed the BITURI RIVER BASIN.

(1) LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

(A) Political. The villages visited all form the ORIOMO/BITURI Local Government Council, with Council Headquarters at BOZE. Unfortunately, the patrol encountered open hostility toward the Council from most villages, arising mainly from -

- (a) Council Tax Rate (\$10 per male).
- (b) Council's almost non-existent Works Programme.
- (c) Council Troubles. (Theft of money by Council Clerk, Sinking of Council Boat 2 years ago, Financial difficulties due to premature purchase of Ford Tractor.)

These were very real and justified complaints, however the main source of criticism was the \$10 tax rate. People argued that the rate was levied so that the Council might extricate itself from the financial mess in which it found itself; this having been achieved, but the tax rate remains unaltered.

There is evidence that the Works Programmes have been to say the least, slow. For instance a small Aid Post at WAIDORO has been under construction for six years and is, as yet, not completed.

The theft of money by the Council Clerk, sinking of the Council Boat M.V. "Doriam" and the Financial difficulties of the Council due to Tractor Purchase, particularly becoming as it seems, an annual event, have drained the village people's confidence in the Council.

There is however an apathetic approach to life by many of the people. For instance, the villages of TOGO, RUAL, TEWARA, KAPAL and SANGUANSO are geographically located in very poor surroundings, with herds of mosquitoes during the wet season and very poor soil for any form of Cast Cropping. These people are loathe to leave their present locations or set up better villages. Enquiries revealed that the reasons for living thus have nothing to do with land affinities, so it can be presumed that these people are content to let things be and do nothing to improve their lot. Of the villages mentioned above, only one KAPAL has a Councillor representing it, the others having Ward Committee Members looking after their interests.

Councillors themselves present a very contrasting combination. From talks held in Villages it became obvious that in many instances, the elected Councillor was not in fact the Village Leader. This in itself seems to have a derogatory effect in the villages concerned, with the Councillors not being able to get co-operation from Villagers.

Very little constructive criticism was forthcoming from the more vociferous complainants, however some suggestions worthy of comment were heard. These came from the people of TOGO, GNAO, SEBE and NANU. It was unanimously agreed that the Council should lower the Tax Rate by \$4.00. The people from the Northern Section of the Council Area, who are at present receiving the benefits of Rural Development funds associated with the construction of the ORIOMO/MOREHEAD road, were not as critical of Council Tax Rate.

A suggestion that Council Chambers be shifted from BOZE to DARU was also put forward, DARU being the Mecca of the Western District. Although it was explained that such a move would be to the detriment of the Council, with not having the Chambers on ORIOMO/BITURI soil, and that people flocking to DARU would further overload the already high unemployment and overcrowding rate, this thinking is fairly widespread throughout the PAHATURI RIVER Villages.

From these Villages, too, came the suggestion of amalgamation with the Kiwai Council. During the latter part of 1968, the ORIOMO/BITURI Council rejected a similar move, however the suggestion now seems to be gaining momentum, particularly in the disgruntled PAHATURI RIVER area.

Summarising the situation that exists at the moment between the ORIOMO/BITURI Council and Taxpayers and possible corrective measures, it appears that

- (a) The Council Tax Rate will be reduced during 1970/71. In effect this would quieten the dissenters but seriously reduce Council Revenue and curtail works programmes.
- (b) In view of (a) above, the idea of amalgamation with Kiwai Council, particularly in revenue available through Contracts in Daru, seems an attractive alternative.
- (c) If the Council even with reduced Revenue completed its Works Programmes and provided service with its small Boat (which is almost repaired), the acceptance of the Council would be more widespread.

(ii) HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Wherever possible, Political Education talks were held. Due to diversity of Linguistic groups and lack of suitable Interpreters, it was felt the full benefits of such talks were missed by a number of village people. It can be said that there is an awakening Political awareness in the ORIOMO/BITURI area due to the medium of Radio and the fact that the member from South Fly in the House of Assembly comes from KUNINI village. Knowledge of where the Member comes from is about the extent of all Village People's Political comprehension. Council structure and House of Assembly composition were explained to the people but without some Visual Aids, interest in most cases was slight. It is felt that in view of the importance of Political Education in the Territory today, a patrol purely concerned with this phase of work is essential. It is felt that the use of Visual Aids would lend valuable assistance to the task of Political Education. In SANGUANSO village for instance the audience seemed to lose interest in such talks, but when rough diagrams were drawn in the dirt, interest was renewed. When the ORIOMO/MOREHEAD road becomes a reality, D.I.E.S. Extension films on Political Education would certainly help increase the inland peoples knowledge of the current Political Scene.

(B) Economic. The Economic growth of the area at present is dependent on the success of Rubber now either growing or being planted. A list of rubber blocks and their location is attached. There are 250 individually owned rubber blocks spread over 20 villages. The blocks inspected appeared well cared for although some younger trees were being choked by Kunai grass. One exceedingly large and well cared block owned by one IRIO BURY at IAMEGA village is well advanced and will probably be the first into production about 1974. The people seem keen to clear and plant rubber and it is pleasing to see the effort D.A.S.F. is putting into this venture. One problem associated with the planting of Rubber has arisen. At WIPIM where, due to the presence of Agricultural Officers and a Rubber nursery, interest in Rubber Planting is high. People who have no land and wish to plant are being offered land by the owners unwilling to plant, yet who will demand a large share of the proceeds from the sale of rubber if and when the trees come into production. It seems a pity that enthusiasm should be thwarted by such attitudes. Perhaps a form of Contract to protect any "sharefarming" should be drawn up.

There is only one large Copra plantation in the area. Situated between BOZE and UME villages it has 200 acres of Coconuts with a potential yield of 60 tons per annum. At current value this represents \$7,000 in Copra per annum. The plantation is now 92% owned by a co-operative in BOZE village headed by INU DAI and as the trees have a productive life of about 8 years this plantation could be economically sound. Of course much clearing and replanting will be needed to ensure future productivity.

Apart from this plantation there is little or no Copra Processing in the area; a regrettable thing.

Vegetable Production from the WIPIM area has potential providing transport to market in DARU can be found. When the ORIOMO/WIPIM road is complete the ORIOMO/BITURI Council Tractor and trailer could provide transport to the wharf at ORIOMO and the Council boat "DORIAM" could provide the water transport to DARU. This would be a source of revenue for the Council and a service to the people of the area. It is estimated that the vegetable potential of the area is 200 tons per annum with a probable value of \$8,000. Pineapples, watermelon, pumpkins and bananas form the bulk of this produce.

There is very little other cash cropping or economic activity except perhaps some Crocodiles in the swamps along the BITURI RIVER. When asked if there were many Crocodiles in this area, the stock answer was "plenty". Further prompting as to why they were not hunted for skins invariably brought the reply "It's too far to Daru" or "We have no torch batteries", so little Commercial Crocodile shooting can be expected from this region. In all other river i.e. ORIOMO, BINATURI and PAHATURI, the Crocodile is almost non-existent.

In the long term it would be feasible for the Coastal People; i.e. MASINGARA, WAIDORO, TOGO, KUNINI, ABAM and PEAWA to derive some income from fishing during the Baramundi season. Access to freezer boats could I'm sure be arranged if volume of catches was sufficiently high.

(C) Social. Education coverage in the ORIOMO/BITURI area is adequate. There are Government Primary "T" Schools at BINATURI, WIPIM, KODORO, MASINGARA and Mission Schools of varying sizes at PEAWA, BOZE, MASINGARA and UPIARA. Census figures revealed that there are 765 children attending School in the area and in the 11 - 15 age group there were only 176 children in the villages not attending schools, an average of little more than 5 per village.

Facilities under which teachers are required to work are at times shocking. The greater percentage of school buildings are of bush material construction and when in good order are ideal for climate and convenience. However at WIPIM, KODORO and to a lesser degree BINATURI, classrooms have been allowed to deteriorate greatly. The Head Teachers from WIPIM and KODORO are finding it difficult to obtain village help in the repairs needed. The need for village participation in the upkeep of schools was impressed on the people, however it is felt that although complete agreement was found and promises of help given, once the patrol left each village, the matter was forgotten. The threat of Contractors doing necessary repairs and subsequent costs passed on to Parents might stir some activity.

Overall, the health of the area is surprisingly good. Malaria is prevalent, possibly more so during the wet season. The Aid Post Orderly at MASINGARA claims to have treated 56 cases in the two days before the patrol arrived, this figure probably being slightly exaggerated as standard treatment for most ailments seems to be Nivaquine and a dose of stomachic cement.

The question of Aid Post Orderlies was raised often, complaints that A.P.O's never patrol, that there weren't enough A.P.O's and from A.P.O's themselves that people would not heed their Hygiene advice. As in fact A.P.O's are in short supply and in the ORIOMO/BITURI Council Area are on a part time basis only and poorly paid, the people should be thankful for having one near. The ideal situation would exist where the A.P.O's were put on to a full time basis with their present salaries supplemented by Council funds and in the main, their activities supervised by the Council. This would ensure patrolling to more remote villages.

With food seemingly no problem, game, wallabies, pigs, Cassowaries, and in the more western section Deer, abounding, there was surprisingly, evidence of child malnutrition at the villages of KAPAL, SANGUANSO and TEWARA. With Medical Services relatively close at UPIARA, the cause would be inadequate diet. A Social Welfare Patrol into this area is planned for later this year and it is hoped some benefit will be derived from this.

Apart from Tax defaulters requiring prosecution, there were no cases of Lawlessness brought to the Patrol's attention. Village domestic disputes occupied quite a large proportion of Patrol time, these having been (it is hoped) settled amicably. The question of Bride Price and Customary Brother/Sister exchange was the source of most village complaints. The ORIOMO/BITURI Council has a Bride Price rule setting the maximum price as £400. Misinterpretation of this rule has been the cause of sudden demands for Bride Payment. In particular the older people now see their daughters as a new source of income and are demanding £400 as bride payment.

Similarly the Customary Exchange is causing many problems. Where one family is unable to complete the exchange through lack of a son or daughter a compensation of up to £200 is being demanded. Such a demand is so unrealistic in this low income area. In four cases where this was explained pretty thoroughly, a reduced amount of between £20 and £40, payable over 12 months was finally agreed upon. The Custom of Exchange is being broken down by young people now demanding to make their own choice in partner selection and it is envisaged over the next few years Customary Exchange will gradually die out.

Three Missions are operating in the ORIOMO/BITURI Council Area. S.D.A. in the villages of PEAWA, ABAM, ZIM and KURU; U.F.M. in UPIARA, KAPAW, RUAL, SANGUANSO and TEWARA, whilst the remaining villages fall under the influence of the UNITED CHURCH.

All three Missions conduct their own schools, the U.F.M. at UPIARA; UNITED CHURCH at BOZE, MASINGARA and DARU; and the S.D.A. have a school at PEAWA. Where a Mission is active, the villages are clean, the people seemingly taking more notice of their Pastor than Councillor. Fierce arguments over collection and handling of their Church monies were encountered in the Villages of GIABI and GNAO and promptly handed to MR. CULLINGFORD of the UNITED CHURCH, DARU, to settle.

In the field of Education, the Missions seem a little lax. Standard 5, 6 at the BOZE Mission School were without a teacher this year and most children had to be accommodated at other Government Schools WIPIM and BITURI. When the Patrol reached PEAWA on 6/3/70, the school was not operating through non availability of teaching staff. This has since been rectified.

CULT ACTIVITIES:

The Patrol found no evidence of extension of Cargo Cult activity in the WIPIM area as per D.C.'s 7-1-5, 10th November. Despite advice to the contrary, the KAPAL people have cleared an airstrip about one mile east of the village, but this strip has now become overgrown and enthusiasm in this direction seems to have waned. KAPAL is a depressed village and this activity could be a result of Cr. IOKWOR's attempt to enhance his sphere of influence amongst his people.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORIOMO/BITURI CENSUS DIVISIONS

1. RUBBER

EXISTING RUBBER BLOCKS

GN	24	WIPIM	16
SEBE	10	BIAMBOD	8
KIBULI	16	SOGALE	10
NANU	24	PODARI	8
LIMOL	8	GAMAIVE	10
KAPAL	15	WONIE	10
KUAL	12	IAMEGA	26
TEWARA	6	KURU	10
SANGUANSO	6	ABAM	10
WIM	24	PEAWA	19

272 Individually owned rubber blocks at 20 villages. Estimated area by 1974, 1500 acres.

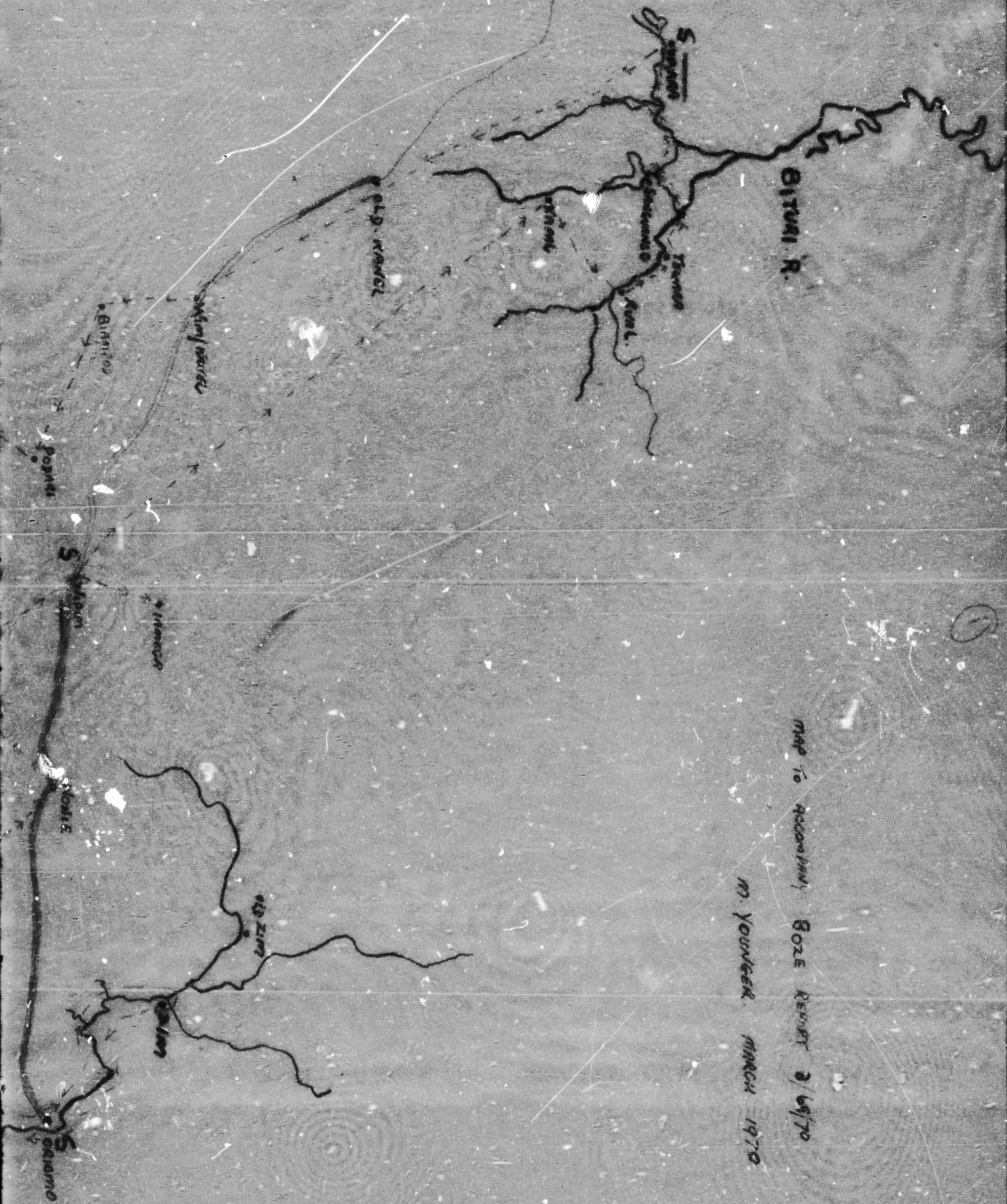
2. COPRA

Dirimu Plantation has 200 acres Coconuts. Potential yield 6 cwt. Copra per acre = 60 tons P.A. - Value \$7,000.

3. VEGETABLES

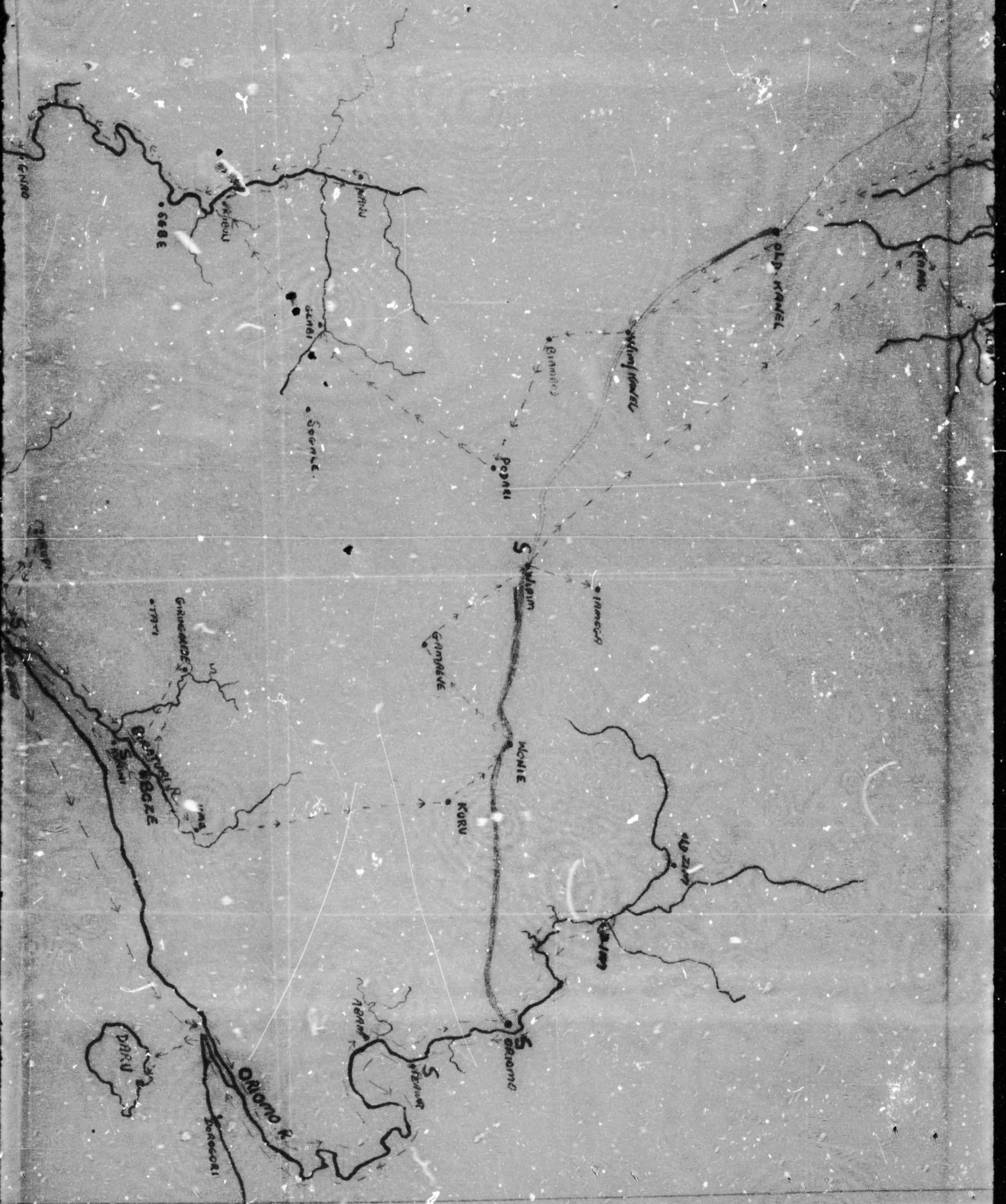
Potential mainly from WIPIM/ORIOMO area. 200 tons probable value \$8,000.

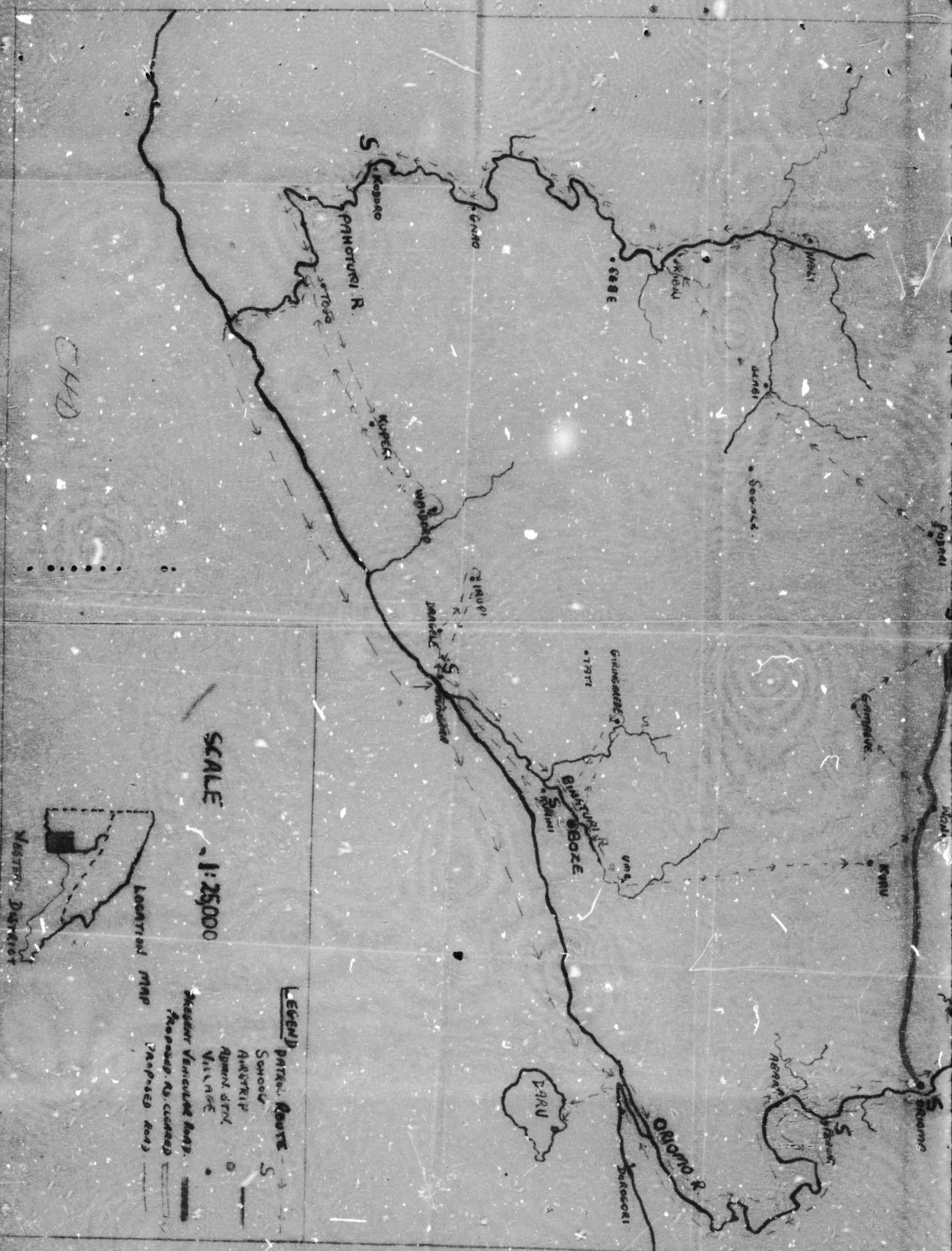
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Western Report No. Boze 4/69/70

Patrol Conducted by M.M. Younger Assistant Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Parts Oriomo/Bituri & Transfly Census Divisions

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans No

Natives One

Duration—From 27 / 5 / 19 70 to 24 / 5 / 19 70

Number of Days 8

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 5 / 3 / 19 70

Medical Nil / 12

Map Reference Attached

Objects of Patrol Rural Development Roadwork Inspection

General Administration

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner AD

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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Division of District Administration,

KOMEDOBH. PAPUA.

29th September, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Western District,
DARE.

ROBE PATROL NO. 4/69-70

Your reference 67-12-1 of 15th September, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by
Mr. M.H. Younger, Assistant Patrol Officer, of part ORLOMO, HITUKI
and TRANS FLY Census Divisions.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Departmental Head.

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Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference 67-12-1

If calling ask for

Mr. RAC:jfn

In Reply
Please Quote

No 67-12-1

Department of the Administrator,

Western District,
DAU.

15th September, 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
BARU.

BOKE PATROL 4/69-70.

Receipt is acknowledged of this report and your comments. You do not explain the three month delay in submission, which renders the report largely useless now.

2. Please ensure Mr. Younger submits his reports promptly in future.

(I.A. HOLMES)
District Commissioner.

→ C.C. Department Head,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBH.

Two copies of the report herewith.

Att/

Holmes 16.
(I.A. HOLMES)
District Commissioner

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F.J. MARTIN

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Sub District Office,
DARU.

7th September, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
DARU.



PATROL ROZE No. OF 1969/70

Please find enclosed 3 copies of a Special Report of a patrol of 8 days duration to the Wipim area conducted by Mr M. Younger Assistant Patrol Officer in May this year.

The patrol dealt with a visit by the Select Committee on Constitutional Development and a preliminary survey of proposed road works in the area. The level of Political Development in the area is low but it hoped that a Political Education Patrol to be conducted in September by Mr McGrath Assistant District Officer will do much to stimulate attitudes in this field.

The report is self explanatory and needs little further comment. Claim for camping allowance is attached.

(Signature)
(F.J. MARTIN)

Assistant District Commissioner

Report No: Boze 4/69/70

Sub District: Dara

District: Western

Council Area: Oriomo Bituri

Patrol Conducted by: M.M.Younger.

Designation: Assistant Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled: Parts Oriomc, Bituri and Transfly Census Divisions.

Personnell Accompanying: Cr. Marosi (Part)

Duration Of Patrol: 17th.-23rd. May 1970 Seven Days.

Last DDA Patrol. March 1970.

Objects of Patrol: Rural Development Roadworks inspection.
General Administration.

Total Population: 4834.

Map Reference: Attached.

Village Population Register: N/a

Patrol Diary

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- 17/5/70 3PM. Departed Daru by air for WIPIM with four Oriomo Bituri Councillors. Arrived WIPIM 3-15PM, held talks with Councillors and assembled people and Head Teacher from WIPIM Primary T School.
- 18/5/70 7AM. Began preparations for the Select Committee visit and had further talk with Councillors. Attended Select Committee meeting from Noon until 2-30PM. After meeting held talks with people regarding road construction programme for coming year.
- 19/5/70 Departed WIPIM 7-30AM for WIM along WIPIM/Limol road. Road cleared and formed for about half way, the rest cleared of large trees. Arrived WIM at 11AM. Had talks with Councillors and Village leaders. Conducted Political Education meeting at WIM from 2PM. until 5PM.
- 20/5/70 8AM. Departed WIM for LIMOL via OLD KANEL. Road cleared for most of way, bridges needed. Arrived LIMOL 1-30PM. Discussions held with village leaders and people then walk for one hour along LIMOL-MALAM road.
- 21/5/70 Left LIMOL 8AM, arrived WIM 4PM via OLD KANEL. Near WIM walked for three hours along WIM-MALAM track as possible alternate route to MOREHEAD. Track through heavy rain forrest and much clearing needed.
- 22/5/70 Departed WIM 8AM arrived WIPIM 12 noon. Had talks with Cr. D Dometa and inspected rubber blocks outside village. Left WIPIM 3PM arrived WONIE 5-30PM. Road good, three bridges washed away. Had talks with Cr. Cedare and WONIE people.
- 23/5/70 7AM. Setted two domestic disputes at WONIE, departing 9-30 AM for ORIOMO. Called at KURU village en route but village deserted. Arrived ORIOMO 5PM. Road near ORIOMO swampy. Had talks with Mr. Bailey at ORIOMO Vocational School.
- 24/5/70 Sunday. Returned to DARU by boat.

END OF PATROL.

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Situation Report.

(4) Introduction

Object of this Patrol was to assist at the Select Committee on Constitutional Development meeting at WIPIM and to inspect and evaluate work done and assess work still required on the ORIOMO MOREHEAD road link.

Any routine Administration matters that arose were dealt with during the course of the patrol.

(2) Political.

There were about four hundred people at the Select Committee on Constitutional Development meeting at WIPIM on Monday 18th. May, and although the average village person did not seem to understand all that went on, it was pleasing to see the numbers roll up and show some interest.

There were seventeen out of a possible nineteen ORIOMO/BITURI Councillors present at the meeting and it is felt that the presence of the Select Committee and the matters discussed high lighted the need for Councillors to become involved in and assist with this Political Education programme.

In an attempt to assess what the people knew about the Political scene, or, had derived from the WIPIM meeting, a Political education meeting was held at WIM village the following day.

These people were well represented at WIPIM and almost all were in the village for the meeting.

Using an old blackboard and chalk and going through the Select Committee's questions individually, pausing after each section for discussion and questions, it was surprising the amount of participation achieved. It appears hard for village people to equate these Political topics with everyday village life and achievement would be greatest if a comparison with village matters could be made when trying to teach.

(3) Economic.

Rubber planting is continuing at WIPIM, WIM and WONIE and at LIMOL in the MOREHEAD Sub District. Blocks were seen at these villages and the trees appear to be growing satisfactorily. The people in this area have thrown themselves into the work of clearing rubber blocks and the total acreage cleared and planted is growing steadily.

The rubber trees at the D.A.S.F. Station ORIOMO are ready to be tapped and a rubber factory is now under construction. When the people see the processing it should stimulate further interest in this economic activity.

Apart from vegetables which are sold to the Oriomo Vocational School or at the DARU market, there is little else in economic activity in this area. Encouragement to plant Coconuts as a future supplementary source of income would seem wise.

The ORIOMO people also derive some income from the sale of artifex in DARU and as the variety and quality of work is of high standard, this certainly be encouraged.

(3) Economic (cont'd)

The Rural Development road programme is progressing well if not a little haphazardly in the Oriomo/Bituri area. The road section from ORIOMO to WIPIM has been cleared and formed and the bridges built. Three of the bridges constructed last dry season have since been washed away and a section of about one mile near the Oriomo Agriculture Station is particularly swampy. If an alternate route around this section cannot be found, some major building up will be necessary.

The section from WIPIM to WIM is cleared and the road formed from WIM to about half way to WIPIM. Bridges are still required although timber is readily available and early completion of this section should be possible.

Between WIM and OLD KANEL, the road passes through open Savannah forest and follows ridge tops for most of the way. There is about two miles of roadway completely formed near OLD KANEL with the remaining section cleared but not formed and there still four bridges required. Completion and subsequent maintenance of this section should present very few problems.

The last link in the Oriomo/Bituri section of the road from OLD KANEL to LIMOL in the MOREHEAD Sub District has been cleared of large trees in the past but the cleared section is now heavily overgrown. A walk of one hour from OLD KANEL is required to reach a creek defined as the LIMOL land boundary and a further hour to LIMOL village. Three bridges are required along this section.

I endorse Mr. Parker's REMARKS (Boze Report 1/69/70) that the route from WIM-OLD KANEL-LIMOL would be preferable to the WIM-MALAM route, the former being longer but with less heavy clearing and subsequent maintenance, the latter being through fairly heavily timbered rain forest requiring a large amount of initial clearing and draining.

Estimated mileage of sections is as follows:

Oriomo - Wipim	34 miles.
Wipim - Wim	15 miles.
Wim - Limol	20 miles.

(4) Social:

Two complaints were brought to the Patrol, both arising from the customary Sister exchange. This involves offering the Groom's Sister to the brides family for marriage. In one case the male having received a bride in exchange for his sister no longer wants his wife and is demanding monetary compensation from his in-laws for what he considers his bad deal.

The second involved a young girl who has been to School outside the village and refuses to be exchanged.

Problems associated with this exchange Custom frequently occur and although the Council has passed a Bride Price rule limiting the marriage settlement, it does nothing to help when this type of problem arises. Through a rebellion amongst the younger generation, a gradual break down is probable but not before many disputes are forth coming.

During talks with teachers from WIPIM Primary T School, the village peoples failure to assist at the School were

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Social (Cont'd)

discussed. It is customary for the children staying at the school to return home each fortnight and bring back enough food to last for the ensuing two weeks. In many instances the children are without food long before the two weeks is up and this can, if not corrected, cause serious nutritional deficiencies amongst the pupils. This problem is probably best attacked through the Griomo/Bituri Councilors.

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