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MOROBE DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1965/1966

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<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
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5	S. Gibson	Naba and Wain Census Div.

GARAINA

1	J.E. Moyes	Upper Waria, Ono, Bubu & Middle Waria Census Div.
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MOROBE

1	R.C. Roberts	Middle Waria Valley
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. Garaina Patrol No. 1 - 65/66

Patrol Conducted by J. E. Moyes Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Upper Waria, Ono, Bubu and Middle Waria Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 1 Member R.P. & N.G.C.

Duration—From 27./4./1966 to 2./5./1966 9/5/66 - 13/5/66
20/7/66 - 30/7/66.
Number of Days 23 (Twenty-Three) Broken.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 8/1965

Medical NK.

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol Finalisation of Ward boundaries for LGC¹ Routine

Administration, Familiarisation.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

6-9/1966

District Commissioner

Amount I Var Damage Compensation ... £.....

Amount Paid for N.E. Trust Fund ... £.....

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

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Morobe District,
LAE.

5th September, 1966.

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEBOBU.

GARAINA PATROL NO. 1 - 1965/66

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middle of this month.

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December, 1966, and from current indications
it appears that this will be clearly possible.

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in constructing a small base camp at Garaina.

5. The patrol has been well carried
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Comments of the Assistant District Commissioner,
Lae, adequately cover the report. A few
matters affecting other Departments have been
forwarded to them.


(P. Ashken)
A/District Commissioner.

67-6-5.

18th October, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

GARAINA PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 1965/1966.

Receipt is acknowledged of the above-mentioned patrol report by Mr. J.E. Moyes and of covering memoranda.

- 2. All facets of the report have been amply covered by the Assistant District Commissioner, Lee and yourself. There appears to be nothing requiring commenting upon by Headquarters.
- 3. Ward recommendations and the draft of the Proclamation for the Garaina Local Government Council are receiving attention.
- 4. A well carried out patrol, well documented. Mr. Moyes should be commended for this and it is hoped this standard is maintained.

(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference..... 67-2-15
It calling ask for
Mr. Sinclair/rmr



Department of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

5th September, 1966.



Director,
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(J.P. Sinclair)
A/District Commissioner.

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Sinclair/rmr

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Morobe District,
LAE.

23rd August, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

GARAINA PATROL NO. 1 OF 1965/66

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I attach herewith copies of report on the abovementioned patrol conducted by Mr. J.E. Moyes, Patrol Officer, of the Upper Waria, Ono, Bubu and Middle Waria Census Divisions. No patrol map has been forwarded as Mr. Moyes is operating from a new Base Camp and has not yet had an opportunity to set up an office.

2. The principal task of the patrol was to finalise ward boundaries for the proposed Local Government Council.

3. Although the patrol commenced on 27th April, 1966, it was not completed until 30th July, 1966, owing to the requirements of the Territory Census.

4. Mr. Moyes will be submitting his Draft Proclamation and recommendations for ward boundaries under cover of a separate memorandum.

5. It is pleasing to note the generally favourable reaction of the people to the proposed Council. It was an excellent idea publicising the Council through the medium of the Summer Institute of Linguistics' local language news-sheet.

6. I have been unable to locate the details supplied by Mr. Roberts of the wire required to repair the Ono River bridge. The Officer-in-Charge, Morobe, has been requested to provide this information from his files.

7. Mr. Moyes' patrol was the first to be conducted from the Base Camp at Garaina. This area was previously administered from Morobe and the distance and difficulty of access from that station made it impossible

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to conduct patrols more frequently than once per annum. With the establishment of the Base Camp, and in the near future a Local Government Council, we can expect accelerated development in the Garaina administrative area.

8. With the completion of the Territory Census work I will expect Mr. Moyes to spend the biggest proportion of his time in the field since Garaina is a base camp and there is comparatively little to keep the Officer-in-Charge on the station.

9. Mr. Moyes has submitted a good report, well written and clearly typed.

(J.P. Sinclair)
Assistant District Commissioner.

INTRODUCTION.

This is the first patrol of the Upper Waria, Ono, Bubu and Middle Waria Census Division since the setting up of a Base Camp at Garaina in April, 1966.

The main purpose of the patrol was to finalise the ward boundaries for the proposed Garaina Local Government Council and the opportunity was taken to give talks on the council, attend to matters of routine administration and familiarise myself with the area.

The long break in the patrol was due to delays in delivery of a full complement of patrol gear and the use of this equipment by the Territory Census patrol in June. It is not felt that the general situation in the area has changed appreciably in the interim, thereby outdating the comments in the report.

PATROL DIARY.

April, 1966.

Wednesday, 27th.

At WARABUNG.

Departed Garaina 10.10am, arrived KIPU 11.55am. Lunch with Mr.E.Richhart, S.I.L. Discussed publicity of new council in local language newspaper published by S.I.L. Moved to WARABUNG Rest House and arranged to address local villages next day.

Thursday, 28th.

At ARO.

Talks on council given to PENLA, MUNIWA and TIAURA at WARABUNG. To GARASSA Rest House, 1hr. Addressed KOREPA, WAKAIA Nos 1 & 2 and AU. Ward boundaries determined. Moved to ARO 45 mins. Talks given to ARO, MOTETE and ASAMA in late afternoon. Ward boundaries determined.

Friday, 29th.

At BIAWARIA.

Departed ARO 8.10am. 4hrs 40 mins to BIAWARIA - road fair. TIWA and BIAWARIA addressed in afternoon on council and ward boundaries determined.

Saturday, 30th.

At GARASSA.

Departed BIAWARIA 7.30am. 6½hrs to GARASSA Rest House. Overnight. Contacted KOREPA woman regarding joining her husband (policeman) in Manus.

Sunday, 1st.

At KIPU.

Departed GARASSA 8.30am. Arrived KIPU 10.45am. Council talks and discussions with people of KIPU in afternoon.

Monday, 2nd.

Departed KIPU, arrived back at Garaina.

May, 1966.

Monday, 9th.

At SAURELI.

Departed Garaina 9.10am. Arrived SAURELI 11.30am. Addressed people in afternoon on council and publicised the coming Territory Census.

PATROL DIARY contd.

- Tuesday, 10th. At ATAWARA.
Departed SAURELI 8.20am. Arrived ARABUKA 11.20am.
Talks on council and Territory Census given. Ward boundaries determined. On to ATAWARA 1hr.
- Wednesday, 11th. At MOIMOR.
Talks given to ATAWARA - well received. 35mins to MOIMOR, new village, previously BALILAUA - GARUA. Talks in afternoon.
- Thursday, 12th. At SAIKO.
To GABAGATA 2¹/₂hrs. Talks given then proceeded to SAIKO, 35mins. Inspected village and recommended construction of several new houses.
- Friday, 13th. Talks given at SAIKO then to SAURELI 1hr 50mins. Lunch, arrived Garaina 3.00pm.
- July, 1966.
- Wednesday, 20th. At GUSWEI.
Departed Garaina 8.15am per tractor. Departed GURU 9.00am arrived GUSWEI 4.30pm.
- Thursday, 21st. At PAGAU.
Talks on council given at GUSWEI and ward boundaries determined. Departed for PAGAU 10.45am. 1hr 50mins to PAGAU, people absent so waited in village.
- Friday, 22nd. At GARAWARIA.
Talks on council given and ward boundaries determined. Discussions on cash income from sale of potatoes. To GARAWARIA, 2hrs. Discussions in afternoon.
- Saturday, 23rd. At KASUMA.
From GARAWARIA to KASUMA 2hrs 45mins. Talks and discussions in afternoon.
- Sunday, 24th. At KASUMA.
Sunday observed.
- Monday, 25th. At KATAIPA.
From KASUMA to KATAIPA over good road - 4hrs 5mins. Village inspected, aid-post neat and clean. Discussions with people and talks given in afternoon. Several enquiries for shotguns.
- Tuesday, 26th. At KOI-IORO.
To KOI-IORO 3hrs 45mins. Talks and discussions in afternoon.
- Wednesday, 27th. At KASINGARI.
1hr to KAMARI. Talks on council and ward boundaries determined. Dispute over ground settled. Moved to KASINGARI. Native complaints investigated and settled. Talks on council and discussions on roadwork. SAPs renewed.
- Thursday, 28th. At SUMU.
To WISI 40mins. Talks given and ward boundaries determined. Moved to SUMU 1hr 50mins. Discussions in afternoon.
- Friday, 29th. At BAPI.
From SUMU to BAPI 3hrs 35mins.

PATROL DIARY contd.

Friday, 29th. contd.

AT BAPI.

Talks and discussions in afternoon. Suggested this group appoint spokesmen to go the Lae for discussions with Business Advisory Officer re utilising \$2,000 payment for timber rights.

Saturday, 30th.

Departed BAPI, 2hrs to TIMANIGOSA. Talks and discussions thence on to Garaïna arriving 1.30pm.

End of Patrol.

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Road and Bridges

There are only 3 miles (approximately) of gravel roads in the entire district and these are mainly around the Administration Tax District, serving only the villages. Good roads are being made and the people are very helpful. The patrol was well equipped and the people were very helpful.

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OBSERVATIONS and COMMENTS.

The Upper Waria, Ono, Bubu and Middle Waria Census Division covers extremes in both climate and topography. Villages in the Middle Waria start at about 1,500 ft a.s.l. contrasting with villages over 7,500 ft in the Ono headwaters - the climate varies accordingly. Topography ranges from the wide, flat Waria - Triste depression to the steep sided valleys of the Bubu, Ono and Upper Waria Rivers. This diversity is reflected in the development of the area, the Middle Waria enjoying relatively easy access and cash income from coffee while development in the Bubu, Ono and Upper Waria is virtually stagnant.

Accessibility is the primary reason for this and from discussions with the people it appears that health is an important factor also. The bringing of produce down from the Ono and Upper Waria for sale in Garaina is a minimum of four days walk for which period food must be carried and stays of more than two days in the relatively warm climate at Garaina usually results in malaria on return to the village. These two factors at the moment more than outweigh the cash return. Solution lies in the construction of a road, to the mouth at least, of these valleys, thereby obviating the need for long stays in the warmer areas. This will be dealt with fully under roads and bridges.

Politically the development is parallel to the economy. The Middle Waria people are more conscious and better informed of political developments because of their greater prosperity and the consequent presence of radios in the villages and the local language news paper published by S.I.L. which includes topics of general interest from the Territory and overseas. I was invited to submit an article on the proposed council which was printed in the local language and this has doubtless been useful in disseminating publicity for the council.

Throughout the patrol reception was good and interest in the council keen. The discussions were confined basically to the actual part played by the people in electing a councillor and his functions. Occasionally queries arose as to the qualifications for nomination as councillor and these were explained.

Other general discussions included topics on economic development, roads etc. In almost every village enquiries were forthcoming for shotguns. This was mainly due to application being made by one man and every other village then followed suit. As many of the villages would contribute to the cost of the guns it was decided to wait till after tax collections had been made for the new council as it was felt that a sure financial start for the council was preferable to a shotgun in each village.

ROADS and BRIDGES.

There are only 15 miles (approximately) of vehicular roads in the census division and these are mainly around the Administration Tea Plantation, serving only two villages. Good bench cut walking tracks have been constructed throughout the area although in many instances these had not been maintained.

There are two main suspension bridges, one across the Waria River at BIAWARIA and the second across the Ono at TIMANIGOSA. Maintenance at the rate of £/10 per year has been approved but not paid since 1958, on the Biawaria bridge. Recently funds were made available for road maintenance in the Garaina area and the payments will be brought up to date. The bridge has been recently reconstructed and was in excellent condition when used by the patrol.

ROADS and BRIDGES contd.

Mr. R. Roberts, previously O.I.C. Morobe, submitted measurements to PWD Lae for a supply of wire cable for reconstruction of the Ono bridge. Nothing further has been heard at Garaina and the bridge is now in a bad state of disrepair, such that the patrol had to ford the river rather than risk using it.

Previous patrols have discussed road construction from Garaina to Aro and Bapi and the people affected by these roads have appeared enthusiastic but at the time of patrolling nothing had been done. With no one to supervise them the people have made no progress and it is proposed to mount patrols in the near future to promote construction of these roads.

AGRICULTURE.

A variety of native staples grow well in the area and these are supplemented by European potatoes, tomatoes etc. In the headwaters of the Ono the European potato is the basic food during part of the year when frost destroys the kau-kau crop.

A cash income is derived from coffee and to a small extent from the sale of potatoes. Recently Mr. J. Martin of Papini offered to buy all the potatoes and fly them out but the response, due to inaccessibility and health, has not warranted bringing in an aircraft. It is hoped that roads will bring transport closer to the Ono and Waria peoples and stimulate some cash cropping in these areas. Some villages are now producing reasonable quantities of coffee and interest by the proposed council in supplying coffee machines would greatly expand this.

LAW and JUSTICE.

Several minor complaints were settled and one matter stood over pending a magistrates visit to the area. In the Upper Waria at KASINGARI, scene of an axe attack last year, resentment by the victim's relations is still noticeable and while a final settlement of monies was made amicably under the supervision of the patrol, the situation will be closely watched.

HEALTH.

The three main complaints, malaria, pneumonia, and dysentery, are those common to similar environments throughout the Territory and are no more nor less prevalent. A total of twelve Aid Posts serve the census division and these and their APOs appear to be working satisfactorily with the exception of the APO at KASINGARI who was absent (Nobody knew quite where he had gone) and previous officers had commented on this also. In the mountains the common cold seems to have displaced the small sores as the most widespread minor ailment.

CONCLUSION.

As the matter of ward boundaries and general finalisation of details for the recommendation for the council has been outstanding for some time, the patrol was necessarily brief. Despite this the patrol aims were successfully achieved and it is anticipated that the council should be functioning in the near future. The name decided on by the people was the Garaina Local Government Council.

Owing to the fact that the Morobe Patrol Post previously administered the area, and from which this region is relatively remote, patrols visited the census division on the average, once a year.

CONCLUSION contd.

This caused discontent in the past but during the patrol several times the people expressed gratitude at the posting of an officer and the setting up of a Base Camp at Garaina. This lack of close administration is a contributing factor to the slow local development but it is hoped that the general enthusiasm for the Administration and the local government council will help to overcome this.

J. E. Moyes
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(J. E. Moyes)
Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX "A".

REPORT ON THE MEMBER OF THE R.P.& N.G.C. ON GARAINA PATROL NO 4 - 65/66.

Name.	No.	Conduct.	Remarks.
Const. TIAKA	9525	Good.	Steady and reliable. Good camp organiser.

J. E. Moyes
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(J. E. Moyes)
Patrol Officer.