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*Col. Meyer*



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. ALMELIAN No. 1 of 52/56.

Patrol Conducted by S. V. WELLS, PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled LOWE SBU VALLEY.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Natives 55.

Duration—From 28/5/1955 to 9/6/1955.

Number of Days 14.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services ...../...../1955. (Part only of Lower Sbu)

Medical ...../...../1955. " " " " "

Map Reference MAP 6 miles to J Area.

Objects of Patrol (a) consolidation of Administration influence. (b) Ascertain possibility of motor-road route from KOMOLAN to TUM RIVER.

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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NA 30-17-13

27th February, 1957.

District Officer,  
Western Highlands District,  
Mt. Hagen.

KOMPAN 2/7 No. 1 of 1956/57

Reference is made to your 30/L-1167 of  
15th January, 1957.

I agree with your advice to the Assistant  
District Officer at Wabag. I have nothing further to  
add. The lack of activity at Kampilan is not typical  
of other stations in your District.

P/A

*ad*  
(A.A. ROBERTS)  
5/11  
DIRECTOR



30-17-13

File No. 30/1-1109

District Office,  
Mount Hagen,  
Western Highlands,  
N.G.

15th January, 1957.



The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
PO BOX 1000, PORT Moresby.

Patrol Report No. 1255/56  
Mount Hagen Valley - W. H. G. District

Your LA 10-1-13 of 20th December, 1956, was received without the report but, in view of the following, there is no need to return the report to this Office.

This report was received on the 15th, 1956, and was also when we were in the midst of preparations for the Government's visit and shortly before my own report on a patrol of the same area.

I drafted my comments, with a considerable amount of other correspondence, but typing was not completed before I left on patrol. Other correspondence was signed, on my behalf, by the Assistant District Officer and I presume that this also had been signed and despatched. Several times I intended to request you to forward your comments, but pressure of work led me to overlook the matter until receipt of your note.

It appears that, in my absence, the report was forwarded unaccompanied by correspondence on Mr Whiteoak's claim for camping allowance.

This claim, and my comments as drafted in July, 1956, are now forwarded.

My proposal to give Mr Whiteoak a van license has been deferred for several reasons.

Your comments in due course, will be appreciated.

*Albin Skilling*  
(A. I. SKILLING)  
District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

File No. 30/1-1170

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District Office,  
Mount Hagen,  
Western Highlands District,  
Taddei.

14th January, 1957.

(Prepared 4th July, 1956)

The Assistant District Officer,  
WABAG.

Patrol Report Kompiam No. 1 1955/56.  
Patrol Officer G.W. Whiteoak  
Lower Sav Valley.

Like the patrol itself appears to have been, the report is a particularly weak effort. It represents this Officer's first patrol since March, 1955, also to the Lower Sav area.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

The patrol instructions issued by Assistant District Officer, Wabag, were not obeyed in that no attempt at a preliminary census was made although the officer conducting the patrol reports good receptions everywhere, the people living peacefully and most anxious for the extension of Administration influence in the form of a Base Camp and Aid Post. Not even a head count was made, an estimate of "between two and three thousand people" adds nothing to our knowledge of this area and could have been made from a twenty minute flight over the area. Although I am fully aware of the dangers of undue hastiness in recording initial census, the fact remains that at no time was the patrol more than two weeks to long day's walk from Kompiam - a Post which has been established for several years. In fact, the total walking time of this patrol was 21 hours 10 minutes, including "spelling time". The recording of the census usually has a most beneficial effect, even on people "very" of Europeans and an opportunity for worthwhile consolidation appears to have been lost in this instance. Even a head count of people gathered at the various meetings would have supplied information additional to that now available.

Reference to Kompiam Patrol Post Report No. 1 5/55 indicates that the "TABAKRESO incident" referred to a rumour of a planned attack on that patrol received after the patrol's return to Kompiam. Although every such "warning" should be borne in mind, too much credence cannot be given to unsubstantiated reports of this nature which are often relayed by groups hostile to those allegedly hostile to the Administration.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

It does not speak well for the activities of Kompiam Patrol Post that only native tracks exist so close to the Station. There is no indication that any effort was made to improve this state of affairs.

The very rough "survey" of the possible motor road to the Post does nothing to further this tentative project.

The reference to the Wabag-Kompiam road appears irrelevant although it is appreciated that Mr Whiteoak has devoted a great deal of time and effort to the construction of this road. Whilst the construction of vehicular roads is of great importance it is possible for undue emphasis to be placed on this aspect to the detriment of the overall purpose of administration.

AGRICULTURE.

Please ensure that a reasonable proportion of the



vegetable seeds supplied regularly for this Sub-District are distributed in the Kumpian area.

Medical and Health

The alleged decline in population is an added reason for the early recording of a census. Only this way can any accurate information on population trends be made.

Although the Patrol Diary indicated that medical treatment was given at each camp, no effort has been made to list the types or numbers of treatments given so that, again, the information gained is only vague. The establishment of an Aid Post will be taken in hand but is likely to have very little effect on population trends.

REST HOMES

More than one rest home should have been established by this.

BASE CAMP

This will be discussed with you at a later date.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Although the report makes no mention of them it is presumed that there are influential men in the area and the recording of their names would have been of use to the next officer patrolling the area. Mr Whitcock makes repeated mention of the establishment of a Base Camp.

GENERAL

A number of other matters which should normally be included in a patrol report have been omitted and, in all, the patrol appears to have been a token obedience of instructions given to him by yourself and myself.

I will discuss the activities of Kumpian Patrol Post with you, at some length in the near future.

Three copies of these comments are forwarded, one each for Wasing and Kumpian files and one for Mr Whitcock's own information.

*(Signature)*  
(R. I. SKINNER)  
District Commissioner.

C.C.  
The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORSBY.

Forwarded please. I am giving consideration to the re-posting of Mr Whitcock to a station where he will work under supervision.

This report was received on 4th July, 1956.

Mr Whitcock's claim for camping allowance is attached.

*(Signature)*  
(R. I. SKINNER)  
District Commissioner.

14/7/56.



— 12,300—

20th December, 1946.

Director General,  
Western Highlands District,  
PORT MORISON.

Dear Sir,

I am returning this report for comment as it does not seem to have been received by you.

(Sd. Yours)  
[Signature]

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4/1/57



20/17/13 ✓

TERRITORY OF PAHA AND THE NUBIA

PAHOL REPORT - NUMBER No. 1 of 2/56.

*[Handwritten signature]*

REPORT OF A PATROL TO : LOWER SUD VALLEY

OFFICER CHARGING PATROL : G. W. WHITLOCK, PATROL OFFICER.

OBJECTS OF PATROL :  
(a) Consolidation of Administration influence.  
(b) Ascertain possibility of motor-road route from KHARTOUM to BLUE NILE.

PERIOD OF PATROL : 26/4/56 - 3/5/56. 14 days.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING :

Reg. No. 3756	L/Opt. WARR.
" " 2 77	Const. KHALIFA.
" " 2 105	" BAREL.
" " 2 153	" IRABE.
" " 6410	" FIF.
" " 7641	" KHARAB.
" " 7656	" BISHA.
" " 8754	" SAFO.
" " 9218	" FRANK.
" " 9386	" SAHAI.

Interpreter BASHIR.

INTRODUCTION :

The main object of this patrol was to consolidate administration influence in the Lower Sudd Valley. As the Administration had only scanty knowledge of the peoples of this area, and especially taking into consideration the GAZALUS incident on the writer's last patrol to the Lower Sudd, precautions were taken and night-watches kept at most camping places. However, the patrol was well received by all the native groups concerned, and was free of incident.

A rough survey was also carried out regarding a possible motor-road route from Khartoum to the West River area.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT - KOPPIAN No. 1 of 55/56.

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DIARY :

Thursday 26th. April

Departed KOPPIAN 0720 hrs. Ascended to SHILLIE ridge and spelled at 0825 hrs. Descended to and crossed SAM River at 0930 hrs. by means of cane suspension bridge. Spelled on Northern bank. Ascended steeply to KAMUWANDA Ceremonial Ground, arriving at 1055 hrs. Made camp and purchased food. This spot overlooks the junction of Sam and Eve (Timana) Rivers. Medical treatment given to local natives.

Friday 27th. April :

Departed KAMUWANDA 0705 hrs. Descended very steeply to EAE River and waded across at 0820 hrs. Spelled on Northern bank. Ascended steeply to YEHANWA Ceremonial Ground, arriving at 1145 hrs. Made camp and purchased food. Medical treatment given to local natives. Torrential rain during night - camp flooded.

Saturday 28th. April :

At YEHANWA. Addressed gathering of local natives on A.S.M. aims and policy. Further medical treatment to local natives. Talks with local headmen re patrol route etc. Demonstrations of rifle ~~amm~~ power & bows and arrows given - locals much impressed.

Sunday 29th. April :

Departed YEHANWA 0715 hrs. Descended to and crossed TIAGAI River at 0820 hrs. Spelled on Northern bank. Ascended to LIQALIS Ceremonial Ground, arriving at 1015 hrs. Made camp and purchased food. Local natives addressed and medical treatment given.

Monday 30th. April :

Departed LIQALIS 0710 hrs. Descended to and crossed IAE River (tributary to TIAGAI River) at 0830 hrs. Ascended to KUMJIGI Ceremonial Ground at 0915 hrs. and camped. Purchased food. Medical treatment to local natives.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE EXPEDITION TO THE MOUNTAINS.

FIELD REPORT - COMPLAIN No. 1 of 55-56.

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MAPY (cont.)

Tuesday 1st. May :

Surrounding area investigated for possible future site for Base Camp and Medical Aid Post. Suitable site found in large forest patch (LAKKIN) between KIRIVANI and San River. Local natives addressed. Further medical treatment given.

Wednesday 2nd. May. :

Departed KIRIVANI 0710 hrs. Crossed several small tributaries to San River and arrived at TAMBUNOS at 1050 hrs. Made camp and purchased food. Medical treatment to local natives.

Thursday 3rd. May :

At TAMBUNOS. In wood setting of local natives. Further medical treatment given. Discussions with local headmen re incident here on last patrol. Rifle demonstration.

Friday 4th. May :

Departed TAMBUNOS at 0715 hrs. Crossed several small tributaries to San River and arrived at KIRIVANI at 1055 hrs. Made camp and purchased food. Native wanted for F.B.A. case arrested with co-operation of local natives. Medical treatment given.

Saturday 5th. May :

At KIRIVANI. Talks with local headmen. Meeting of local natives addressed. Further medical treatment given.

Sunday 6th. May :

Remained at KIRIVANI on order that local natives receiving medical treatment could complete their courses of injections. Talks with local headmen.



TERRITORY OF HAWAII AND NEI KUHIA.

PATROL REPORT - HONOLULU No. 1 of 75/76.

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HAWAII (cont.)

Sunday 7th. May :

Departed HIKESIA 0705 hrs. Descended steeply and reached  
Sea River at 0930 hrs. Cause bridge practically falling apart. Bridge  
repaired and all cargo across by 1230 hrs. Climbed steeply to TAPAHANA  
Cereonial ground, arriving 1400 hrs. Made camp and purchased food.  
Local natives addressed. Medical treatment given.

Sunday 8th. May :

Departed TAPAHANA 0905 hrs. for LINGIHIA Base Camp,  
arriving 1100 hrs. Camped and purchased food. Medical treatment to local

Wednesday 9th. May :

Departed LINGIHIA 0740 hrs. for HONOLULU, arriving 1100 hrs.  
End of Patrol.

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GENERAL REMARKS :

The peoples of the area patrolled are living peacefully,  
with only the "average" amount of lawlessness that is encountered in other  
parts of the Sub-District. Indeed, any inter-tribal fighting between these  
groups would be virtually obsolete, due to the greatly diminished numbers  
of the groups as compared to former days, and this fact is recognized by  
the heaviest concerned. These people are most anxious for a Base Camp and  
Medical Aid Post to be established in the Lower Sea area, as they realize  
that practically their only hope of ever regaining their former numbers  
lies in receiving constant medical treatment.

The population of the Lower Sea area is estimated at  
between two and three thousand people, which would bring the total population  
of the entire Sea Valley to the vicinity of 15,000. It was not considered  
advisable to attempt an initial census of the Lower Sea area on this patrol -  
in most cases it was only the second or third times that these people had  
been visited, and although friendly, they were still a little " wary" of  
Europeans. If a combined Base Camp and Aid Post can be established in this



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PATROL REPORT - HONJIAN No. 1 of 25/54.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS (cont.)

area in the near future, that would help to bring these people to the stage where an initial census could be attempted by perhaps the next patrol.

There was no suggestion of a repetition of the HEMERAN incident (Report N/2 No. 1 of 5/55), and when mention of this incident was made to the HEMERAN people, they strongly denied any knowledge of a projected attack on the area's last patrol in this area, and explained that they were still rather primitive natives, and their actions must have been misunderstood. Although this "explanation" is not accepted entirely by the writer, it would appear that this group now accepts Government patrols to their area as a matter of course, and no future trouble is anticipated from the HEMERAN group, or from any other group in the lower San area.

The people of the HEMERAN area and of the HEMERAN Valley have frequent contact with the SANI area of the first slopes. Groups from the HEMERAN Valley divide their time between this area and the SANI area. At the time of the patrol, there were only three representatives of the HEMERAN group in the HEMERAN Valley - the remainder of this group being in the SANI area. People from the HEMERAN area also have contact with the groups on the first slopes, there being a direct track from HEMERAN to the SANI area of the last. The people of the first slopes are also SANI speakers, and appear to have migrated there from the San Valley in the past.

Some Hagen natives have migrated to the HEMERAN area from the Hagen River area and are at present living in peaceful co-existence with the San peoples.

There is little or no population between HEMERAN and the junction of the San and Lal Rivers. This area is heavily forested, and is used only for hunting purposes.

As previously mentioned, all groups expressed the hope that a Base Camp and Aid Post be established in the area, and all volunteered for work in the construction and maintenance of the Post. A suitable site for such an establishment was found at HEMERAN, a large cleared patch on the left bank of the San River. This would be the ideal place for a Base Camp and Aid Post, as it is centrally situated to all groups who do not come under direct contact from HEMERAN. On the existing native tracks,



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PATROL REPORT - KOMPLEM No. 1 of 5/56.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS (cont.) :

KAPALAN is a hard day's walk from KOMPLEM, but an improved walking track could be so routed as to nearly halve the present walking time.

With an experienced Constable and Native Medical Orderly at KAPALAN, this would do much to prove the good intentions of the Administration to the lower San peoples. At present, their one urgent need is for continuous medical treatment, and if they receive this, through the medium of a base camp and aid post, their confidence in the Administration would be greatly increased. A Post at KAPALAN could easily be supplied from KOMPLEM, and periodic visits could be made thence by the Officer at KOMPLEM.

ROADS & BRIDGES :

There are no "roads" worthy of the name in the area patrolled. The area is extremely mountainous and for the most part covered with heavy forest, and the native tracks at best are hard walking, varying in condition from poor to very bad.

The patrol crossed two native bridges spanning the San River - the one near KOMPLEM being a suspension type constructed of saplings and cane, and affording a reasonably safe crossing. The other bridge crossed, near the junction of the San and San Rivers, is at best a shaky affair - it is of the cane suspension type, and required three hours repair work by the patrol before it was considered safe for the cargo to cross.

A rough survey was carried out with the view of routing a motor-road from KOMPLEM to the SAN area of the East Airpos. From the rough survey made on this patrol, it appears that a feasible route does exist, this being as follows: - Commencing at KOMPLEM and following the San River downstream on the right-hand bank, and crossing the San River at a point between the SAN and SAN Rivers, and then following up the SAN Valley to the SAN area.



TERRITORY OF PALAU AND NEW GUINEA.

FIELD REPORT - KUPJIAN No. 1 of 55/56.

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ROADS & BRIDGES (cont.) :

This route is naturally only approximate - trouble may be experienced in bridging the Sot River, but this will have to be investigated more closely at a later date. This route would also pass reasonably close to the proposed Base Camp and Aid Post at LIPILAN, and would have the advantage of connecting this Camp with KUPJIAN, as well as the JAMIN area.

The KUPJIAN - Wabaga motor-road was completed on May 15th. - a distance of approximately 35 miles. The Wabaga Landrover has successfully made the full journey from Wabaga to KUPJIAN.

AGRICULTURE

As usual in the Sot-District, sweet potato is the staple diet, supplemented by taro, bananas, sugar cane, corn and pit-pit. A few beans and potatoes were offered to the patrol, but generally there are no European type vegetables in the area.

The usual method of cultivation, although common in the Upper Sot, does not extend to the area examined - the ground is merely cleared and broken, and the food planted. No type of fertilization is practiced by the natives.

MEDICAL & HEALTH

A Native Medical Center is urgently needed for getting permanently to the Lower Sot area. At present, this area is only lightly populated, but the information gathered from native reports indicates that the population has been approximately halved in the last 10-15 years. In the past, tribal fighting and droughts taken their toll of these people, but for at least the last five years, disease has been the main killer. At every Camp with the exception of KIL-SAG, practically all of the local natives were in need of, and received, medical treatment.

Tropical ulcers and malaria appear to be the main diseases, and quite a few cases of yaws were also noticed. Several bad cases were sent to the Native Hospital at KUPJIAN for treatment, and all have



REPORT OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA - AREA No. 1 of 25/50.

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PHYSICAL & HEALTH (cont.) :

responded well.

If these people do not receive permanent medical treatment in the very near future, there is every likelihood of the number of these groups being further diminished, with the possibility of some of the smaller groups being eventually wiped out.

For some unknown reason, the health of the MURIK people is remarkably good compared to that of their neighbours. MURIK is normally the most fertile area in the lower Sep, and the people here much the same diet, but the proportion of tall, well-built natives, free from tropical ulcers, yaws, etc., was remarkable.

If medical aid posts could be opened at MURIK and LINGGERS, the lower Sep area would be adequately served as regards medical treatment.

POST ROUTES :

The only road worth mentioning in the area is situated at MURIK - which is in good condition, and motor communication is available for police and contractors. With the establishment of a rest house at the proposed base camp and aid post at LINGGERS, this would be sufficient as regards the lower Sep area.

From Korohe to the junction of the Sep and Ise Rivers, heavy tropical rain forest predominates. The left or northern bank of the Sep River is more heavily timbered than the southern bank. There is a large patch of open land on the left bank of the Sep River at LINGGERS, but this is the only timber-less area of any size in the lower Sep area.

On the whole, the timber-line is very close to the Sep River - especially so on the lower reaches of the river. Due to the



FORESTY (cont.)

consequently light penetration, the process of germinating has not yet made any serious inroads on the forest.

A fine stand of hoop-pine extends from KIMM down the ridge to the San River.

*W. H. H. H.*

U. S. Forest  
Forest Officer.



REPORTS OF WATCH AND PATROL MEN.

PATROL REPORT - MONTHLY No. 1 of 55/36.

APPENDIX "A".

REPORTS ON MEN OF THE NYAL POLICE AND NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT :

Rep. No. 3796 Const. MALE

An outstanding W.C.C. - conduct and ability excellent as usual.

Rep. No. 2 205 Const. MALE  
Rep. No. 2777 Const. YOCUVA  
Rep. No. 2 177 Const. LINDI

Experienced constables who worked well -  
Contact good.

Rep. No. 6410 Const. ILL

Another experienced constable - conduct  
and ability above average.

Rep. No. 7641 Const. NAHALL

An average constable with a fair amount  
of ability. Contact good.

Rep. No. 8754 Const. MATO

Worked very well. Conduct and ability  
above average.

Rep. No. 7995 Const. MALE

Worked well. Contact good.

Rep. No. 8206 Const. MALE

Young constables who worked well. Could  
develop well with experience.

Rep. No. 8266 Const. MALE

*Remick*  
.....  
(S. Whitlock)  
Patrol Officer.







STORES TAKEN ON PATROL

ITEM	Amount Taken on Patrol	HOW ISSUED					Amount Returned to Store
		Issues to Police	Issues to Carriers	Provisions of Carriers	Purchase of Food	Hire of Carrier	
Salt	90 lbs				70		20 lbs
Rice	90 -	20					60 -
Beef	90 -	20	60				-
Biscuits	30 -	10	20				-
Beans	5 -				5		-
Hammer Shell	30 -				5		25 lbs
Face Paint	5 -				5		-





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. BOHEMIA No. 1 of 55/56

Patrol Conducted by S. S. WILSON, District Officer

Area Patrolled WAVE SAN WAVE

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans 311

Natives 25

Duration—From 26/1/1956 to 9/2/1956

Number of Days 14

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? Yes

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 1/3/1955 (Part only of Lower Sea)

Medical 1/2/1955 " " " "

Map Reference WABG 4 Sheet to 1 inch

Objects of Patrol (a) Consolidation of Administration influence, (b) ascertain possibility of motor-road route from MEKILAN to HEM BAYAN.

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 £



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

File No. 30/1-1169

District Office,  
Mount Hagen,  
Western Highlands,  
I.N.G.

15th January, 1957.

RIS.FG

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Patrol Report Kompiam No. 1 1955/56.  
Lower San Valley - Mr G.J. Whiteoak.

Your MA 30-3-13 of 20th December, 1956, was received without the report but, in view of the following, there is no need to forward the report to this Office.

This report was received on 4th July, 1956, at a time when we were in the throes of preparations for the Governor-General's visit and shortly before my own departure on a patrol to the Jimi River.

I drafted my comments, with a considerable amount of other correspondence, but typing was not completed before I left on patrol. Other correspondence was signed, on my behalf, by the Assistant District Officer and I presumed that this also had been signed and despatched. Several times I intended to request you to forward your comments, but pressure of work led us to overlook the matter until receipt of your memo.

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My proposal to move Mr Whiteoak from Kompiam has been deferred for several reasons.

Your comments in due course, will be appreciated.

  
(R. I. SKINNER)  
District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT - HUNIAH No. 1 of 1956.

REPORT OF A PATROL TO : LOWER SAG VALLEY.

OFFICER COMMANDING PATROL : C. V. WITTENAK, PATROL OFFICER.

OBJECTS OF PATROL : (a) Consolidation of Administration influence.  
(b) Ascertain possibility of motor-road route from HUNIAH to WEST RIVER.

DURATION OF PATROL : 26/4/56 - 9/5/56 14 days.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING :

Reg. No. 7506	L/Cpl. WARR.
" " 177	Const. YONGER.
" " 2105	" BARK.
" " 2153	" IRANK.
" " 606	" FIT.
" " 760	" HUNING.
" " 765	" HUNNA.
" " 8254	" DALFO.
" " 9206	" HAKK.
" " 9566	" WAKKI.

Interpreter HUNING.

INTRODUCTION :

The main object of this patrol was to consolidate Administration influence in the Lower Sag Valley. As the Administration had only scanty knowledge of the peoples of this area, and especially taking into consideration the HANKENS incident on the writer's last patrol to the Lower Sag, precautions were taken and night-watches kept at most camping places. However, the patrol was well received by all the native groups concerned, and was free of incident.

A rough survey was also carried out regarding a possible motor-road route from Huniah to the West River area.



MINISTRY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

FIELD REPORT - REPORT No. 1 of 75/76.

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HEAD :

Thursday 26th. April :

Departed KEMIAN 0730 hrs. Ascended to IRILIK ridge and spalled at 0825 hrs. Descended to and crossed SIB River at 0930 hrs. by means of cane suspension bridge. Spalled on Northern bank. Ascended steeply to KANBAMA Ceremonial Ground, arriving at 1055 hrs. Made camp and purchased food. This spot overlooks the junction of the two (Tinas) Rivers. Medical treatment given to local natives.

Friday 27th. April :

Departed KEMIAN 0705 hrs. Descended very steeply to SIB River and waded across at 0830 hrs. Spalled on Northern bank. Ascended steeply to KEMBAMA Ceremonial Ground, arriving at 1145 hrs. Made camp and purchased food. Medical treatment given to local natives. Torrential rain during night - camp flooded.

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Departed YERANMA 0715 hrs. Descended to and crossed TIAGAI River at 0820 hrs. Spalled on Northern bank. Ascended to LIOLIO Ceremonial Ground, arriving at 1015 hrs. Made camp and purchased food. Local natives addressed and medical treatment given.

Monday 30th. April :

Departed LIOLIO 0710 hrs. Descended to and crossed IAK River (tributary to TIAGAI River) at 0830 hrs. Ascended to HENJIGH Ceremonial Ground at 0915 hrs. and camped. Purchased food. Medical treatment to local natives.



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Tuesday 1st. May :

Surrounding area investigated for possible future site for Base Camp and Medical Aid Post. Suitable sites found in large forest patch (LAPALAK) between HEMIGI and San River. Local natives addressed. Further medical treatment given.

Wednesday 2nd. May :

Departed HEMIGI 0710 hrs. Crossed several small tributaries to San River and arrived at TABUNGS at 1030 hrs. Made camp and purchased food. Medical treatment to local natives.

Thursday 3rd. May :

At TABUNGS. Addressed meeting of local natives. Further medical treatment given. Discussions with local headmen re incident here on last patrol. Rifle demonstration.

Friday 4th. May :

Departed TABUNGS at 0715 hrs. Crossed several small tributaries to San River and arrived at HEMIGI at 1035 hrs. Made camp and purchased food. Native wanted for C.N.A. case arrested with co-operation of local natives. Medical treatment given.

Saturday 5th. May :

At HEMIGI. Talks with local headmen. Meeting of local natives addressed. Further medical treatment given.

Sunday 6th. May :

Remained at HEMIGI in order that local natives receiving medical treatment could complete their courses of injections. Talks with local headmen.



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Sunday 7th. May :

Departed WUKISAN 0705 hrs. Descended steeply and reached  
Sua River at 0930 hrs. Cane bridge practically falling apart. Bridge  
repaired and all cargo across by 1230 hrs. Climbed steeply to TAPAHABA  
Ceremonial ground, arriving 1400 hrs. Made camp and purchased food.  
Local natives addressed. Medical treatment given.

Tuesday 9th. May :

Departed TAGAHARA 0705 hrs. for LIMINAS Base Camp,  
arriving 1100 hrs. Camped and purchased food. Medical treatment to locals.

Wednesday 9th. May :

Departed LIMINAS 0740 hrs. for WHP/AR, arriving 1100 hrs.  
End of Patrol.

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NATIVE OPINION :

The people of the area patrolled are living peacefully,  
with only the "average" amount of lawlessness that is encountered in other  
parts of the Sub-District. Indeed, any inter-tribal fighting between these  
groups would be virtually minimal, due to the greatly diminished numbers  
of the groups as compared to former days, and this fact is recognized by  
the heathen concerned. These people are most anxious for a Base Camp and  
Medical Aid Post to be established in the Lower Sua area, as they realize  
that practically their only hope of ever regaining their former numbers  
lies in receiving constant medical treatment.

The population of the Lower Sua area is estimated at  
between two and three thousand people, which would bring the total population  
of the entire Sua Valley to the vicinity of 10,000. It was not considered  
advisable to attempt an initial census of the Lower Sua area on this patrol -  
in most cases it was only the second or third times that these people had  
been visited, and although friendly, they were still a little " wary" of  
Europeans. If a combined Base Camp and Aid Post can be established in this



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area in the near future, this would help to bring these people to the stage where an initial contact could be attempted by perhaps the next patrol.

There was no suggestion of a repetition of the TAMAKENOS incident (Kempson P/P No. 1 of 54/55), and when mention of this incident was made to the TAMAKENOS people, they strongly denied any knowledge of a projected attack on the writer's last patrol to this area, and explained that they were still rather primitive natives, and their actions must have been misconstrued. Although this "explanation" is not accepted seriously by the writer, it would appear that this group now accepts Government patrols to their area as a matter of course, and no future trouble is anticipated from the TAMAKENOS group, or from any other group in the Lower Sep area.

The people of the ISLANDIA area and of the TIANGI Valley have frequent contact with the SABEN area of the East slopes. Groups from the TIANGI Valley divide their time between this area and the SABEN area. At the time of the patrol, there were only three representatives of the HUKER group in the TIANGI Valley - the remainder of this group being in the SABEN area. People from the HUKER area also have contact with the groups on the East slopes, there being a direct track from HUKER to the HUK area of the East. The people of the East slopes are also ENCA speakers, and appear to have migrated there from the Sep Valley in the past.

Some Hagen natives have migrated to the HUKER area from the HUKER River area and are at present living in peaceful co-existence with the Sep peoples.

There is little or no population between HUKER and the junction of the Sep and HUK Rivers. This area is heavily forested, and is used only for hunting purposes.

As previously mentioned, all groups expressed the hope that a Base Camp and Aid Post be established in the area, and all volunteered for work in the construction and maintenance of the Post. A suitable site for such an establishment was found at LAPALAN, a large bushy patch on the left bank of the Sep River. This would be the ideal place for a Base Camp and Aid Post, as it is centrally situated to all groups who do not come under direct contact from Kempson. On the existing native tracks,



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LAPALAN is a hard day's walk from Kompilan, but an improved walking track could be so routed as to nearly halve the present walking time.

With an experienced Constable and Native Medical Orderly at LAPALAN, this would do much to prove the good intentions of the Administration to the lower San peoples. At present, their one urgent need is for continuous medical treatment, and if they receive this, through the medium of a base camp and aid post, their confidence in the administration would be greatly increased. A Post at LAPALAN could easily be supplied from / ordno, and periodic visits would be made there by the officer at Kompilan.

WAYS & BRIDGES :

There are no "roads" worthy of the name in the area patrolled. The area is extremely mountainous and for the most part covered with heavy forest, and the native tracks at best are hard walking, varying in condition from poor to very bad.

The patrol crossed two native bridges spanning the San River - the one near Kompilan being a suspension type constructed of saplings and cane, and affording a reasonably safe crossing. The other bridge crossed, near the junction of the San and Iai Rivers, is at best a shaky affair - it is of the cane suspension type, and required three hours repair work by the patrol before it was considered safe for the cargo to cross.

A rough survey was carried out with the view of routing a motor-road from Kompilan to the SANNE area of the Iust slopes. From the rough survey made on this patrol, it appears that a feasible route does exist, this being as follows : Commencing at Kompilan and following the San River downstream on the right-hand bank, and crossing the San River at a point between the KWE and TIGAI Rivers, and then following up the TIGAI Valley to the SANNE area.



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ROADS & BRIDGES (cont.) :

This route is naturally only approximate - trouble may be experienced in bridging the Sui River, but this will have to be investigated more closely at a later date. This route would also pass reasonably close to the proposed Base Camp and Aid Post at IMPLAK, and would have the advantage of connecting this Camp with Koupisa, as well as the AKHAI area.

The Koupisa - Yubaga motor-road was completed on May 1956. - a distance of approximately 37 miles. The Sabage Landrover has successfully made the full journey from Yubaga to Koupisa.

AGRICULTURE :

As usual in this Sub-District, sweet potato is the staple diet, supplemented by yam, banana, sugar cane, corn and pit-pit. A few beans and potatoes were offered to the patrol, but generally there are no European type vegetables in the area.

The bush-cleared system of cultivation, although common in the Upper Sui, does not extend to the area patrolled - the ground is merely cleared and broken, and the food planted. No type of fertilization is practiced by the natives.

MEDICAL & EPIDEMIOLOGY :

A Native Medical Orderly is urgently needed for posting permanently to the Lower Sui area. At present, this area is only lightly populated, but the information gathered from native reports indicates that the population has been approximately halved in the last 10-15 years. In the past, tribal fighting has doubtless taken its toll of these people, but for at least the last five years, disease has been the main killer. At every camp with the exception of MBISAM, practically all of the local natives were in need of, and received, medical treatment.

Scapical ulcers and malaria appear to be the main diseases, and quite a few cases of yaws were also noticed. Several had been sent to the Native Hospital at Koupisa for treatment, and all have



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MUSICAL & HEALTH (cont.) :

responded well.

If these people do not receive permanent medical treatment in the very near future, there is every likelihood of the members of these groups being further diminished, with the possibility of some of the smaller groups being eventually wiped out.

For some unknown reason, the health of the MURIED people is remarkably good compared to that of their neighbours. MURIED is roughly the same altitude as other places in the Lower Sep, and the people have much the same diet, but the proportion of tall, well-built natives, free from tropical ulcers, yaws, etc., was remarkable.

If Medical Aid Posts could be opened at LAPALAN and LIKSINAS, the Lower Sep area would be adequately served as regards medical treatment.

REST HOUSES :

The only rest house at present in the area is situated at LIKSINAS - this is in good condition, and ample accommodation is available for police and carriers. With the establishment of a rest house at the proposed base Camp and Aid Post at LAPALAN, this would be sufficient as regards the Lower Sep area.

FOREST :

From Iaspian to the junction of the Sep and Lai Rivers, heavy tropical rain forest predominates. The left or northern bank of the Sep River is more heavily timbered than the southern bank. There is a large patch of open forest on the left bank of the Sep River at LAPALAN, but this is the only timber-less area of any size in the Lower Sep area.

On the whole, the timber-line is very close to the Sep River - especially so in the lower reaches of the river. Due to the



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comparatively light population, the process of gardening has not yet made any serious inroads on the forest.

A fine stand of hoop-pine extends from MARISAN down the ridge to the sea level.

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(G. Wainwright)  
Patrol Officer.



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TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES AND THE JURY

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REPORT OF MEMBERS OF THE JURY PANEL AND THE JURY

Reg. No. 526 1/21. 526 : An outstanding N.C.O. - conduct and ability excellent as usual.

Reg. No. 1 105 Const. 526 }  
Reg. No. 2 71 Const. 526 } Experienced constables who worked well.  
Reg. No. 2 153 Const. 526 } Conduct good.

Reg. No. 640 Const. 71 : Another experienced constable - conduct and ability above average.

Reg. No. 881 Const. 526 : An average constable with a fair amount of ability. Conduct good.

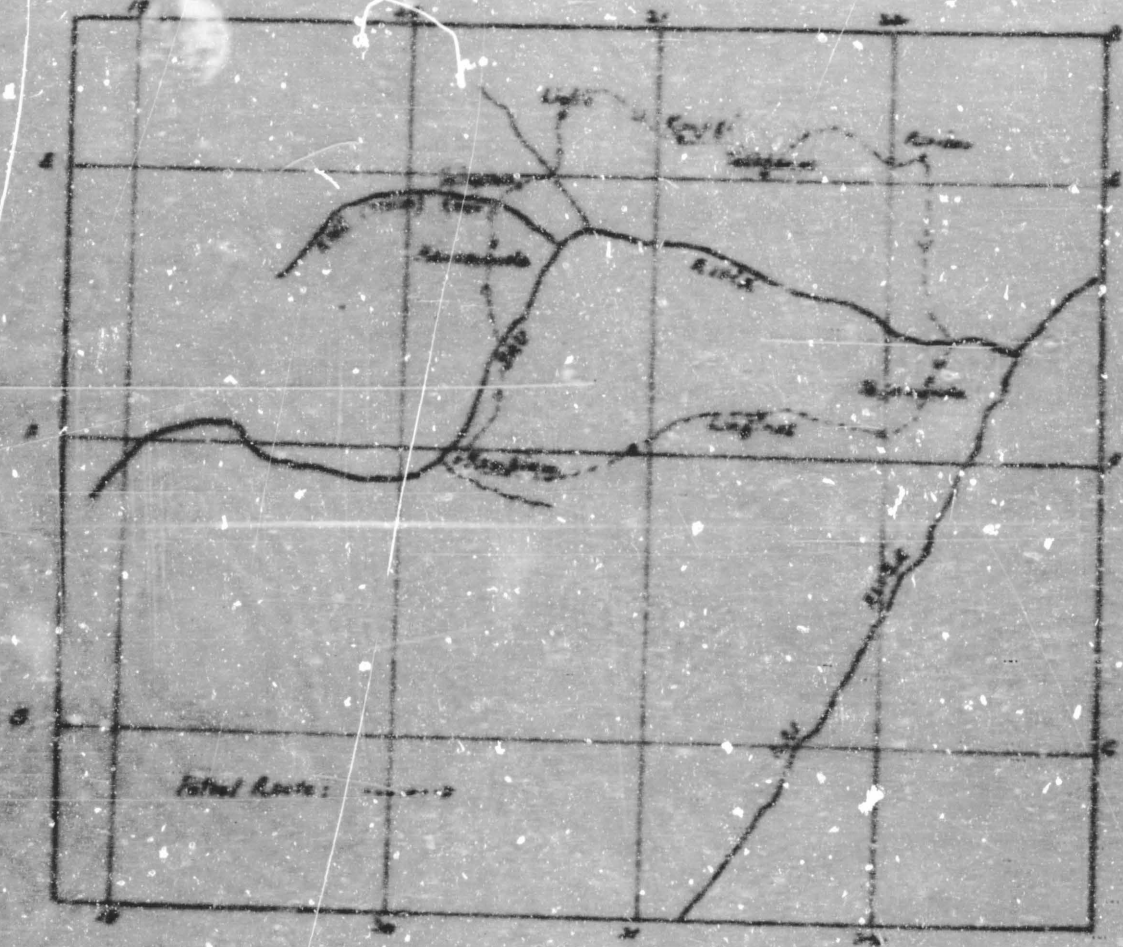
Reg. No. 824 Const. 526 : Worked very well. Conduct and ability above average.

Reg. No. 105 Const. 526 : Worked well. Conduct good.

Reg. No. 526 Const. 526 }  
Reg. No. 526 Const. 526 } Young constables who worked well. Should develop well with experience.

*[Signature]*  
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(G. Wilson)  
Patrol Officer





*Map from Report No. 1 of 1916*

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