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PATROL REPORTS EASTERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT 1962/63

LUFA

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Conducted by:</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
Lufa 1-62/63	K.W.Cleary	Labogai Census Division
" 2-62/63	K.W.Cleary	Upper Penna
" 3-62/63	K.W.Cleary	Yagarla Census Division
" 4-62/63	K.W.Cleary	Labogai Census Division



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of EASTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. LUFA No. 1/62-63.

Patrol Conducted by K.W. CLEARY.

Area Patrolled LABOGAI C.D.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans ---

Natives

Duration—From 2 / 1 / 1963 to 12 / 1 / 1963.

Number of Days 6

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO.

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

Medical / / 19.....

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol Investigation of deaths of KOWA and TOKOWA of LABOREI.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

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

67-13-21

18th February, 1963.

The District Officer,
Eastern Highlands District,
G O R O K A.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1 - 1962/63
LUPA:

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol
Report is acknowledged with thanks.

What training and guidance has Mr. Cleary
received? It appears to me that he requires train-
ing and when he is sent out on a job you should see
he is provided with comprehensive patrol instructions.

The information contained in the report
is hopelessly inadequate.

What was the outcome of your approach to
the police at Goroka to get the investigation carried
out by a trained police officer?


(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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District Office,
GOROKA, E.N.G.
8th February, 1963.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KORORUA.

PATROL REPORT LUFA 1 of 1962/63

..... The above mentioned report, submitted by Mr. K.W. Cleary, Patrol Officer Grade 1, is forwarded herewith. The patrol was mounted to investigate alleged killing in the Labogai Census Division.

Handwritten notes:
2. The report as submitted provides very little information and is worthless from a police investigation point of view. I have referred the deaths to the Regular Police Officer at Goroka, who is contacting the Superintendent of Police, Lae, for direction as to whether or not further investigation into the deaths should be carried out.

2. The report as submitted provides very little information and is worthless from a police investigation point of view. I have referred the deaths to the Regular Police Officer at Goroka, who is contacting the Superintendent of Police, Lae, for direction as to whether or not further investigation into the deaths should be carried out.

3. I feel that Mr. Cleary could put more effort into his work than he is doing at present, and this matter has been drawn to his attention.

Handwritten signature:
D. S. Mackintosh
DISTRICT OFFICER

END OF DIARY.

Patrol Post,
LUPA,
Eastern Highlands District.

29th January 1963.

Assistant District Officer,
Goroka Sub-District,
GOROKA.

PATROL REPORT LUPA 1/1963-63
POLICE INVESTIGATION PATROL - LABOGAI C.D.

1. INTRODUCTION.

The aim of this patrol was to investigate the deaths of two people, KOWA-IBUKOI and his wife TOKOWA-KAUWARI. Their deaths were reported at Lupa on 26.12.62.

2 PATROL DIARY.

Monday 7th January. Departed Lupa via Land Rover for Gona, thence to Agibu rest house, 6 1/2 hours travelling time. Slept Agibu.

Tuesday 8th January. Departed Agibu and walked to Maiva rest house, 2 hours walking. Routine administration at Maiva.
Slept Maiva.

Wednesday 9th January. Departed Maiva and walked to Liberei village and viewed the position where the first body was found. Collated as much information as possible and returned to Maiva p.m.
Slept Maiva.

Thursday 10th January. Walked from Maiva back to Agibu.
Slept Agibu.

Friday 11th January. From Agibu to Mengimo 1. rest house. Routine administration and talks with people on the construction of their section of the Gona-Aruai road.
Slept Mengimo 1.

Saturday 12th January. Returned to Gona and thence to Lupa via Mission vehicle.

END OF DIARY.

3. LAW and JUSTICE.

As previously mentioned the aim of this patrol was to investigate the circumstances surrounding the deaths of two people of the Liberai Census Unit; the names of the deceased are:- KOWA-IBUKOI male 39 years
TOKOWA-KAUCWARI female 38 years.

Particulars are as follows:- on or about the 23rd December 1962 most of the people from Liberai Census Unit were attending a marriage feast at Gwasa village some 4 hours walk from Liberai. The two deceaseds did not attend this feast. Late in the afternoon of the day mentioned a woman of the Liberai Census Unit- YAZABA- who also did not attend the feast was walking through a garden when she stumbled across the body of Tokowa. She called out and a man of the village - KOMURA- heard her, he and two other men ran down to the garden and carried the body back to the village and put it in a house. By then some of the villagers had arrived back from Gwasa, and they all started searching for Kowa. However it was getting dark and the search was abandoned until morning. Early the next morning the men of the village set off in search again. After a short while the body of Kowa was found hanging by a bush rope from a tree only some 200 yards from where his wife's body had been found the day before.

At the time they found the second body A.P.O. (PHD) Tatsim-Codware was on patrol in the area, he viewed both bodies before they were buried and can verify the marks on them.

There were no witnesses to either of the deaths.

An axe found beside the body of the woman has been identified as Kowas'.

Komura, the man who carried the body of the woman to the house reported at Lufa on 26.12.62.

Information was taken from:-

Luluai Waiyame of Liberai,
Komura-Cinanuro of Liberai,
Yaraba Sincpai of Liberai,
Waiyagure-Nimesi of Liberai.

4. ROADS and BRIDGES.

There was only one week available in which to complete this patrol and full inspection of progress on the Gono-Arulai road was not possible. However the Gono-Mengano section which was seen is progressing very well since the issue of some 200 tools late in November 1962.

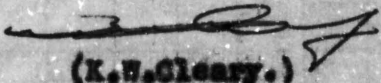
Work is continuing on widening and surfacing this section, particular care in the construction of drains was stressed upon the people working on this section.

Already approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of road from the Gono end is open to traffic.

5. NATIVE ATTITUDES.

7. Only very few people were seen on this patrol as they had no warning of its arrival. No problems were encountered however and the picture in this area is one of peace and serenity.

The few people who were seen were as usual very pleased to have the patrol in the area and gave every assistance.


(K.W. Cleary.)
Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of EASTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. LUFA 2/1962-63

Patrol conducted by K.W. CLEARY

Area Patrolled UPPER BENA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans —

Natives

Duration—From 13/1/1963 to 26/1/1963

Number of Days 14

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services

Medical

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

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

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er 13
Females
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Birth

67-13-23

1st March, 1963.

District Officer,
Eastern Highlands District,
SALUDA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2/63-62 - 142A.

Receipt of the above-mentioned patrol report
is acknowledged with thanks.

2. The enthusiasm with which the people are offer-
ing for work is commendable. I am pleased to see that
they are working in conjunction with the paid gang.

3. A profitable patrol.

(J.E. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

67.13.23



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District Office,
GOROKA, E.H.D.
21st February, 1963.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KORORUA.

PATROL LUFA 2/1962-63

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The abovementioned report is forwarded herewith.

The work concerned has already been covered by
my memo. 67-2-2 of 1st February, 1963.

[Signature]
(G. V. Mathison)
DISTRICT OFFICER.

Patrol Post,
Lufa,
Eastern Highlands District

4th February, 1963.

Assistant District Officer,
Geroka Sub-District,
GEROKA.

PATROL REPORT Lufa 2/1963.

ROAD RECONSTRUCTION - UPPER BENA.

1. INTRODUCTION.

As per your verbal instructions a patrol was conducted in the Upper Bena area with the aim of repairing and re-constructing a set section of the Upper Bena road.

The writer settled in at Sigerche and work began on Monday 4th January.

2. DIARY.

Sunday 13th. Departed Lufa via Geroka pool vehicle and travelled to Sigerche, arriving there 10.30 p.m.

Monday 14th. to Friday 18th. Engaged on supervising road gang on repair and re-constructing of section of road; returned to Lufa p.m.

Saturday 19th. Returned from Lufa to Sigerche.

Sunday 20th. Observed.

Monday 21st. to Friday 25th. Work on road continued as per previous week.

Saturday 26th. Returned to Lufa via Geroka pool vehicle.

3. ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The section allotted to the writer was from the Kintebe 'turn-off' working back towards the main highway until met by a gang working in the opposite direction.

Work began on the Monday with some seven hundred people volunteering their services; of these one hundred were recruited as a permanent labour line. After the first day's initial enthusiasm this section was left to the paid gang to complete.

The first six working days were spent in reconstructing drains and repairing the road surface. The remaining days were spent in stoning, by hand. An estimated 1/2 mile was surfaced in this manner.

No particular difficulties were encountered on this section except one small outcrop of stone making it impossible to build a drain with picks and shovels.

A. CONCLUSION.

Unfortunately with this section as with other sections time did not permit full gravelling. The road does not go through difficult terrain nor is there a particularly high rainfall, therefore I cannot see that more than a half day's work per week would be needed by the village people to keep this road in good condition once it was completely surfaced.


(K.W. Cleary)
Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of EASTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. LUFA 3/62-63

Patrol Conducted by K.W. CLEARY, PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled YABARIA CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 3 R.P. & N.B.C. 1 INTERP.

Duration—From 5/2/1963 to 7/3/1963

Number of Days 27 DAYS

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services JUNE/1962

Medical APRIL/1962

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol REVISION OF CENSUS, COMPILATION OF
COMMON ROLL, ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund £.....

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TGA'OR.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-13-63.

July 29th, 1963.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

The District Officer,
Eastern Highlands District,
GOBUA

PATROL REPORT No. 1 - 62/63 - MEFA

Receipt of the above mentioned patrol report is acknowledged with thanks.

2. The report is of a routine nature and reveals a generally satisfactory state of affairs.

17th July, 1963

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT Moresby.

J. E. McCarthy
(J. E. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

The above mentioned report submitted by Mr. K. W. Gleason, Patrol Officer, is forwarded herewith.

2. The report is well presented and generally covers all relevant matters. No special comment is necessary.

M. J. ...
DISTRICT OFFICER



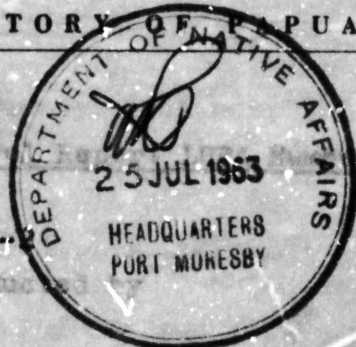
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Goroka Division,
Eastern Highlands District,
GOROKA.

Area Patrolled

17th July, 1963.

Patrol Accompanied by

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

Division of Patrol

PATROL LUFA 3 of 1962/63.

The abovementioned report submitted by Mr. K.W. Cleary, Patrol Officer, is forwarded herewith.

2. The report is well presented and generally covers all relevant matters. No special comment is necessary.

[Signature]
O. J. Matheson
DISTRICT OFFICER.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
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Patrol Report LUFA Number 3 of 1962/63.

Conducted by : K.W.Cleary, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled : YASARIA Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by : R.P.A N.G.C. Two.
Interpreter. One.

Duration of Patrol. : Twenty-seven days.

Last D.N.A. Patrol in Area : June, 1962.

Objects of Patrol : Census Revision.
Compilation of Common Roll.
Routing Administration.

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PATROL DIARY.

Tuesday 5th February.

To Haire rest house. Census completed and common roll compiled for three census units. Slept Haire.

Wednesday 6th February.

Three census units census completed and common roll compiled. Slept Haire.

Thursday 7th February.

Census revised and common roll compiled for two census units. Heard minor complaints, advised people of obligations under R.M.3. Routine administration. Inspected improvements to Mission and Agricultural Lease at Haire Faith Mission. Slept Haire.

Friday 8th February.

To Guruka rest house. Census completed and common roll compiled for four census units. Returned to Station. Slept Lufa.

Monday 11th February.

Returned to Guruka where census revised and roll compiled for three census units. Slept Guruka.

Tuesday 12th February.

Census revised and roll compiled for three census units. Accepted H.L.S. volunteers. Advised people of their obligations under R.M.O. Several minor disputes settled by arbitration. Routine administration. Slept Guruka.

Wednesday 13th February.

To Higibabi rest house. Census and roll compiled for three census units. Two minor disputes settled by arbitration. Slept Higibabi.

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Thursday 14th February.

Returned to Lufa to be present at Cerener's Court sitting.

Slept Lufa.

Friday 15th February.

Returned to Higibabi and censused and compiled roll for three census units. Accepted H.L.S. volunteers. Advised all of obligations under R.M.O. Minor disputes heard. Routine administration.

Slept Higibabi.

Saturday 16th February.

Inspected improvements to New Tribes' Mission Lease and Oraguti and the same for Lutheran Mission Lease at Renge.

Slept Higibabi.

Sunday 17th February.

Spoke to village officials of their obligations under R.M.O. Observed.

Slept Higibabi.

Monday 18th February.

To Kesete rest house. Revised census and compiled common roll for three census units. Several minor complaints settled by arbitration. Advised people of their obligations under the R.M.O.

Slept Kesete.

Thursday 19th February.

To Kisavere rest house, one hour fair walking. Common roll compiled and census revised for two census units.

Slept Kisavere.

Wednesday 20th February.

Census revised and common roll compiled for three census units. Routine administration. Slept Kisavere.

Thursday 21st February.

To Kegeraipare rest house, 1 1/2 hours from Kisavere. Common roll compiled and census revised for four census units. Two minor disputes settled by arbitration.

Slept Kegeraipare.

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Friday 22nd February.

At Kegeraipare, four census units revised and common roll compiled for same.

Slept Kegeraipare.

Saturday 23rd February.

To Dagainava rest house, one hours walk from Kegeraipare. Roll compiled and census revised for one census unit. Rain washed out further recording.

Slept Dagainava.

Sunday 24th February.

Observed. Slept Dagainava.

Monday 25th February.

Common roll compiled and census revised for remaining four census units at Dagainava. Several minor disputes settled by arbitration. H.L.S. volunteers accepted. Spoke to village officials of their obligations under the R.K.O.

Slept Dagainava.

Tuesday 26th February.

To Napuru rest house, 2½ hours from Dagainava. Rest house in poor state of repair. Census revised and common roll compiled for two census units.

Slept Napuru.

Wednesday 27th February.

At Napuru. Census revised and common roll compiled for three census units. R.M.O. explained to gathering; H.L.S. volunteers accepted. No complaints.

Slept Napuru.

Thursday 28th February.

To Hagere rest house. Census revised and compiled common roll for two census units. Sailed decking on Lokewass Bridge.

Slept Hagere.

Friday 1st March.

To Ferapi rest house by Vand Rover. Two census units revised and roll compiled for both. Several minor disputes arbitrated. Explained Roads maintenance Ordinance.

Slept Ferapi.

Saturday 2nd March.

To Getemi, 2 1/2 hours solid walking. Three census units revised and roll compiled. A very poor reception given patrol here, no work done at all on maintaining the rest house. Roads Maintenance Ordinance explained.

Slept Getemi.

Sunday 3rd March.

Observed. Slept Getemi.

Monday 4th March.

At Getemi, revised census for remaining census units, several minor complaints settled by arbitration.

Slept Getemi.

Tuesday 5th March.

To Fere rest house, censused and compiled roll for all census units there, explained the R.M.O. Settled one complaint by simple arbitration.

Slept Fere.

Wednesday 6th March.

To Nimuge rest house. Revised census and compiled common roll for two census units. Rain stopped further censusing.

Slept Nimuge.

Thursday 7th March.

Censused and compiled roll for two remaining census units at Nimuge. One Court for Native Affairs, two minor disputes settled by arbitration. Walked to Renge Mission, then returned to Lufa by Land Rover.

End of diary.

INTRODUCTION.

The main objects of the patrol were to revise the census figures for the census division and to compile a list of names to be used as a common roll.

Briefly described the Yagaria Census Division is an extension of the Gereka valley leading up to the foothills of Mt. Michael.

The topography of the area is split into two regions:-

1) That area of land between 6,000 and 8,000 feet. This region is very rugged with heavy forests and swift flowing streams. The soil here is poor and rocky, but nevertheless supports a heavy population.

2) The undulating valley floor between 4,500 feet and 6,000 feet. The rugged forests here give way to open grasslands and the rainfall drops from above 150 inches to less than 100 inches. Although the soils here are relatively good there is not a heavy population and there is great opportunity for cash cropping.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The census division is reasonably well served by good vehicular roads. From Lufa to the Xari river an all weather road cuts the census division down the middle. Another road then turns off this main road at Oruguti and proceeds on through one of the most heavily populated centres to Napura and so on to Okapa.

At least 65% of the population live within half a mile of the roadside, this makes for constant contact by all departments.

The roads are maintained by village labour who are paid quarterly, the system is effective in that it keeps the roads fairly well maintained and it gives the people another inroad to income.

Bridges on the road are only in fair condition and it is hoped that at least three can be replaced in the coming financial year.

AIRSTRIPS.

There are no air-strips in the census division, although the Faith Mission at Hairo has been considering one for some years.

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK.

Since mid 1962 this census division has received a great deal of attention from D.A.S. mainly with the planting of two cash crops - peanuts and tobacco.

At the time this patrol was conducted the Agricultural Department was planning a 'peanut society' in which members would purchase shares of £5 each, the capital being outlaid in the first instance on seed, the members at harvest time having the right to sell their crops through the society and so procure a higher price than they would by selling to private entrepreneurs. It was hoped that each member would recover his original outlay at the first harvest.

There are a great many people interested in this scheme particularly around the Higibabi-Keseto-Kisavere-Fupuru area.

Further down toward the Kami River at Kami-Ferapi-Gotou, the people have already invested in a number of £10 shares in the Coffee Company organised by Mr. J. Wells.

In the Higibabi-Kisavere area the people have been introduced to tobacco raising, at the time of patrol there was much activity going on in this field with the construction of smoking houses and the preparation of ground for the planting of the tobacco seed.

Unfortunately this Agricultural extension is centred on only a part of the census division, and the people living in the foothills of Mt. Michael appear to be somewhat forgotten. This is most unfortunate that a part of the census division should grow rich and the other part have nothing but a few coffee trees which no one is very interested in.

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At the time of reporting there is no Agricultural Officer stationed at Lufa.

Livestock in the area is the same as would be found throughout the Gereka valley. The usual large number of pigs some of good quality, fowls, ducks and dogs being prevalent.

A cattle project was in the planning stages but since the Agricultural Officer left Lufa nothing more has been heard of it.

LAW AND JUSTICE.

Due to the reasonably constant contact these people receive through road work day visits and the closeness of missions etc. in the division the people are most law abiding.

Over the past twelve months there have been no instances of tribal fighting of any sort and to my knowledge there has not been one major crime.

Sorcery is still feared in the area but less and less is heard of it each year.

During the patrol the usual minor complaints were brought forward and in most cases were settled by simple arbitration. The Court for Native Affairs was convened once to hear a complaint of adultery.

VILLAGES AND HOUSING.

Some five years ago it was reported that several large villages were breaking up and spreading out into small groups of three and four houses. Quite the opposite was noted on this patrol where the tendency appears to be for new villages to be built in large groups and as near to the road as possible. This certainly has its economic advantages the people not having to carry their produce long distances to the road for sale.

The area is well enough served with Aid Posts and Orderlies to alleviate health problems brought about by this grouping together of villages.

There was no great change in building construction observed, a few isolated incidents of "coastal" type houses were noted and these were small and of quite good build.

The various rest house areas were all in good repair with the exception of Gotomi which was shocking.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Little need be said about these men, they all do their work to the best of their ability and the work they do on the roads with only a handful of people is most creditable.

MISSIONS.

There are at present four Missions represented in the Yagarla Census Division. Influence is spread mainly between three of them, the fourth (S.D.A.) is very limited in its influence. Taken separately they are :-

1) New Tribes' Mission.

With headquarters at Graguti this Station caters for all its field personnel. They have a qualified dentist in residence and the Station is mainly used as a field-break centre and dental treatment station.

For some years now they have been running a literacy program whereby they teach adults to read to a certain degree in their own language. I have seen some results of this; completely uneducated men can follow simply constructed sentences by breaking down words into vowel and consonant sounds.

This Mission does not have a noticeable effect on the daily lives of the people living within its immediate vicinity, other than it provides an outlet for the sale of a little fresh feed and Mr. McCurdy has purchased a great deal of peanuts over the past 2 years which he makes into peanut butter.

2) Lutheran Mission.

This Mission has its headquarters at Ronge and is represented over a wide area of the census division by indigenous evangelists most of whom are coastal men.

Whilst revising the census I ran across a most unfortunate situation brought about by the policy of this Mission, that is of restricting one man to one wife before baptism is possible. In isolated cases old men wishing to be baptised have discarded one, two or as in one case three wives, cutting them off completely, usually leaving their eldest son to support the ageing woman. The women were not so upset at being discarded for religious reasons as they were by the fact that in most cases where a man had more than one wife he always discarded the eldest who had probably been married to him longer and kept the younger and newest wife.

It was explained that it was the discarded wife's right to sue her husband for damages, but the women are not keen to make trouble.

At Rengo there is a teacher in attendance who runs a Primary 'T' School under the auspices of the Education Department.

3) Faith Mission - Haire.

This is a protestant body which receives excellent financial backing from private groups in the U.S.A. The mission houses and other buildings and general maintenance of the Station is first-class.

The Faith Mission do not have a great many evangelists in the field but are at present in the process of training single men and married couples, about twenty in all, in a Bible Study Course, these people when completed this course will return and educate their own villagers.

EDUCATION.

There is no Administration school in the census division. As mentioned previously the Lutheran Mission have a Primary 'T' School run under the auspices of the Education Department.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

The general standard of health in this census division is very good, there being the usual minor children's complaints of scabies and over the past year a good bit of whooping cough. A Triple Antigen Campaign held throughout the division should alleviate much illness in children in the next twelve months.

There are seven P.H.D. Aid Posts in the area and the New Tribes' Mission at Oruguti and the Lutheran Mission at Ronge each give medical treatment where required. With the inclusion of these two mission Aid-Posts the census division is given an excellent coverage, access to the nearest medical aid should be no more than three hours walk for any person living in the census division.

CENSUS AND STATISTICS.

Over the past twelve months the population has increased by 204 persons bringing the total population of the census division to 14,129. There was a natural increase in population of 302 persons, i.e. a natural increase of 2.1%. There was an overall increase of 1.4%. The fact that the overall increase is less than the natural increase is brought about by marriages out of the area and quite a large number of migrations to the Bena Census Division.

Relevant mortality rates are as follows - calculated on total deaths:

0-1 month	-	2	-	1.00%
0-1 year	-	nil	-	-
1-4 years	-	77	-	38.69%
5-8 "		17		8.54%
9-13 "		3		1.51%
Over 13 "		100		50.25%

Relevant labour statistics, based on the male labour potential in the 16-45 group are as follows:

Employed outside the district	514
Employed inside the district	204
Volunteers accepted during patrol	237

955.

Giving a total of 32.7% currently absent in employment from the census division.

HIGHLAND LABOUR SCHEME.

There were many volunteers for coastal labour, no difficulty was experienced in fully recruiting almost every census unit, there were 237 volunteers accepted during the patrol.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The native situation in the Yagaria census division is good, the patrol received an excellent reception at all rest houses except two. The exceptions being Ferapi and Gotemi. At Ferapi I am inclined to believe the patrol was not expected, however at Gotemi the people were given a weeks notice and yet no work was done at all on repairing rest houses or even cutting the grass. I also note that the section of road maintained by the Gotemi people was the worst section on that part of the road.

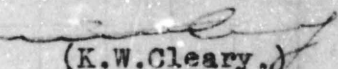
I cannot understand the lack of co-operation at Gotemi as the valley has been well served by agricultural extension, has an Aid Post, and a European missionary is settling in there.

The area is now undergoing a rapid change brought about by the introduction of more cash cropping and the eagerness of the people to apply themselves to community efforts in clearing large tracts of ground for planting, in building processing houses for tobacco etc.

Economic progress is booming in 85% of the census division and I am of the opinion that further development still should be brought to these people, now, in the form of a Local Government Council.

CONCLUSION.

The patrol was of a routine nature and needs no special comment, the objects for which the patrol were mounted were successfully carried out.


(K.W. Cleary.)
Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of EASTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. LUFA 4/62-63

Patrol Conducted by K.W. CLEARY, PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled LABOGAI CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL.

Natives 3 R.P. & N.G.C. 1 INTERP.

Duration—From 9/4/1963 to 17/5/1963

Number of Days 29

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services JUNE/1962

Medical NOVEMBER/1962

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol REVISION OF CENSUS, COMPILATION OF
COMMON ROLL, ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund £.....

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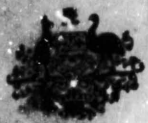
PATROL REPORT No. 4 - 1962/63 - IHEA

Receipt of the abovementioned patrol report is acknowledged with thanks. The comments by the Assistant District Officer and yourself adequately cover the content of this routine patrol.

(Signature)
(J. E. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



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District Office,
Goroka Division,
Eastern Highlands District,
GOROKA.

17th July, 1963.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL LUFA 4 of 1962/63.

The abovementioned report submitted by Mr. K.W. Cleary, Patrol Officer, is forwarded herewith.

2. The comments submitted by the Assistant District Officer, Goroka Sub-District adequately cover any matters raised in the report.
3. The matter of the Aid Post orderly being employed elsewhere than in the Cono area is being raised with the Regional Medical Officer.
4. Mr. Cleary has submitted a well presented report but it is marred by the fact that paragraphs have not been numbered, thus precluding easy reference.

G.J. Macpherson
G.J. Macpherson
DISTRICT OFFICER.

RWB/np

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Sub-District Headquarters,
G O R O K A.
Eastern Highlands District.

9th July, 1963.

Conducted by
**District Officer,
Eastern Highlands District,
G O R O K A.**

**PATROL REPORT - LUFA NO. 4/62-63
LABOGAI CENSUS DIVISION**

The above Report, compiled by Mr. K.W. Cleary, P.O. is forwarded, in duplicate, together with relevant Camping Allowance Claim, for your perusal and further action, please.

The Patrol's main purposes were to revise the Census and to compile the Common Roll for the area. No Village Population Registers sheets have been forwarded and the P.O.I.C., Lufa, is being instructed to forward them immediately. The Common Roll sheets and covers also were not sent here, but as this Census Division falls into the Henganofi Electorate the Common Roll would have been sent direct to the Registration Officer, Henganofi.

The Report needs little comment. It is well set out and informative but the absence of population figures robs it of some of its value.

The progress on the GONO-ARULAI road is very pleasing and this work should develop further by the installation of bridges during the financial year.

I agree that the Aid Post Orderly at GONO could be more profitably employed elsewhere if the Department of Public Health should approve his transfer.

R.W. Born
(R.W. BORN)
Assistant District Officer.

cc:
P.O.I.C.
LUFA.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No.

Patrol Report LUFA Number 4 of 1962/1963.

Conducted by : K.W.Cleary, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled : LABOGAI Census Division.

Patrolled Accompanied by : R.P.&N.G.C. Three
Interpreters. One

Duration of Patrol : Twenty-nine days

Last Patrol in Area : D.N.A. - June, 1962.
P.H.D. - November, 1962.

Map Reference : Map of Territory Administered
from Lufa Patrol Post. Dated
19-5-55.

Objects of Patrol : Revision of Census, Compilation
of Common Roll and Routine
Administration.

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PATROL DIARY.

Thursday 18th. April.

Moved from Lufa to Gono by vehicle, census revised and common roll compiled for INIGI, NAGIALI, and GUSELEVI.

Slept Gono.

Friday 19th April.

Census revised and common roll compiled for ELANO, MEROSUWANA, YAUMA and IBINIBISUWANA. Two minor complaints settled by arbitration.

Slept Gono.

Saturday 20th April.

Census revised and common roll compiled for ARAKI, YAGASA and NORUGABU then returned to Lufa.

Slept Lufa.

Monday 22nd April.

From Lufa to Gono by vehicle thence two hours walk to Mengino 1. New rest house constructed, all in order, census revised for EBOIYO and common roll compiled for that census unit. Rain delayed any further census work

Slept Mengino 1.

Tuesday 23rd April.

Census revised and common roll compiled for KIOVI, MENILO and ORARATU, several civil complaints, re pigs damaging gardens were made.

Slept Mengino 1.

Wednesday 24th April.

To Fiamotave 2½ hours walking along bench of road. Census revised and roll compiled for MASAGE and ETABA census units. No complaints here, rest house in poor shape.

Slept Fiamotave.

Thursday 25th April.

To Hegeturu, 2 hours easy walking. Shortly after arriving at Hegeturu rain set in for rest of the day, no census revision made.

Slept Hegeturu.

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Friday 26th April.

Census revised and roll compiled for all census units in this area. Several minor complaints settled.
Slept Hegeturu.

Saturday 27th April.

To Lasiovitei, 1½ hours good walking. All in order here, census revised and roll compiled for both census units in the area.
Slept Lasiovitei.

Sunday 28th April.

Observed. Slept Lasiovitei.

Monday 29th April.

To Arulai, ½ hour easy walking. Census revised and roll compiled for RANEVE and NENIMO'ABA census units. Heard several minor complaints.
Slept Arulai.

Tuesday 30th April.

Census revised and roll compiled for INIBISUANA census unit, then moved to MANI 1, 1½ hours hard walking. Census revised and roll compiled for the three census units in this area. No complaints here.
Slept Mani 1.

Wednesday 1st May.

To Agibu, 1 hours easy walking. Census revised and roll compiled for all census units in this area. No complaints here.
Slept Agibu.

Thursday 2nd May.

To Ubigubi, 2 hours solid walking. Census revised and roll compiled for the three census units in the area. Aid Post Orderly complained of lack of co-operation by the people, in this case he was justified. Local village officials asked to support his work.
Slept Ubigubi.

Friday 3rd May.

To Hereana, 7 hours difficult walking. A good reception here, new rest house constructed.
Slept Hereana.

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Saturday 4th May.

Census revised for the three census units in the area. Rest of day spent visiting villages which border on the Karimui area.

Slept Hereana.

Sunday 5th May.

Observed. Slept Hereana.

Monday 6th May.

To Maiva, 8 hours hard walking.

Slept Maiva.

Tuesday 7th May.

Census revised and roll compiled for all census units in this area. No complaints here.

Slept Maiva.

Wednesday 8th May.

To Guwasa, 4½ hours difficult walking through heavy rain forest. Rain held census up.

Slept Guwasa.

Thursday 9th May.

Census revised and roll compiled for all census units in this area. Several minor complaints heard.

Slept Guwasa.

Friday 10th May.

To Maimafu, 2 hours steep climbing, en route stopped at Guseri and censused and compiled roll for that census unit. At Maimafu census revised and roll compiled for LIONI and HAUNINAME.

Slept Maimafu.

Saturday 11th May.

To Mengino 2, 2½ hours walk, this area is on the border between Lufa and Karimui administrative areas. Census revised and roll compiled for both census units in the area.

Slept Mengino 2.

Sunday 12th May.

Observed. Slept Mengino 2.

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Monday 13th May.

To Gusa, 6 hours difficult walking. At Gusa census revised and roll compiled for both census units in the area. No complaints here.

Slept Gusa.

Tuesday 14th May.

To Liberei, a little over 2 hours walking (climbing) up a very steep ridge; census revised and roll compiled for both census units in the area. Several minor complaints heard.

Slept Liberei.

Wednesday 15th May.

To Mani 2, an easy 1 hour walk. A new rest house constructed here, census revised and roll compiled for both census units in the area. No complaints here.

Slept Mani 2.

Thursday 16th May.

To Gene, 7 hours hard walking.

Slept Gene.

Friday 17th May.

Returned to Lufa by vehicle.

End of Diary.

INTRODUCTION.

The patrol was of a routine nature, it was mounted nearly two months earlier than the scheduled time for the annual census due to the necessity of compiling a list of names to be used as a common electoral roll.

Briefly described the area patrolled is southwest of Mount Michael, the terrain is mainly dense rain forests except where the topography levels out somewhat approaching the Karimui border.

At least one night was spent in each Government Rest House.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

From Lufa a good vehicular road takes you to Gono from where a new road is under construction, its present goal being Arulai (Agetu Lutheran Mission). Approximately three miles of this road is trafficable from Gono, upon completion of a short bridge a further five miles will be opened up.

It is important that this road continue to be pushed out not only for the economic benefits which it will bring to the people but also because it gives the feeling that the Administration is showing an interest in these people who have been left alone for so long.

Over the past twelve months some 250 shovels, picks and crowbars have been given out and much work has been achieved with these implements.

Bridging on this road should not provide any problems, as there is an ample supply of timber available.

AIRSTRIPS.

The Lutheran Mission airstrip at Arulai is the only airstrip in the census division. A Dornier aircraft flown by the mission lands there fortnightly. Although a Cessna has never put down on the strip the mission pilot is quite confident that no trouble would be experienced in doing so.

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I understand the Faith Mission people are applying for a lease of land on which to construct an airstrip at Guwasa.

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK.

Economic or cash cropping in the area is almost negligible. A small amount of coffee being the only crop, and this is found wholly in the area between and including Lufa and Geno.

To my knowledge there has never been a patrol by an agricultural officer in the census division.

The indigenous agriculture follows a normal pattern of highland agriculture, the main crops being sweet potato, bananas, sugar-cane and the usual varieties of yams, tare and other root crops.

In most of the census division the patrol was well provided with potatoes, tomatoes and beans.

The livestock of the area consists of the usual low class of pig and scrawny fowls. Dogs appear to be well looked after.

LAW AND JUSTICE.

In the main the people in this area are a law abiding lot. In the past twelve months there has not been a major crime in the area. A handful of small fights has been recorded, however these do not take the form of big tribal fights but are merely the result of individual quarrels.

During the patrol the usual number of minor civil complaints were met, bride-price payments, pigs damaging gardens etc.

Attendance at census was very good for all absentees a reasonable excuse was given.

VILLAGES AND HOUSING.

Housing is improving in the area, although I know I am given a false impression of the village, it having been cleaned and the pigs put outside the day before I arrive.

The type of house follows the usual pattern for highland people, low, round structures built to retain the warmth given by the fire inside.

At Hereana and Mengine 2 some of the elder men build houses off the ground on stilts, the floors of which are about 7 feet from the ground.

The missions in the area have representatives in many of the villages, their influence can be seen in a slightly better type of house and cleaner village.

The men still sleep in their traditional 'house-man'.

The villages are almost always built along the tops of the highest ridges in their particular locality, making access to them most difficult.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

All census units have at least one official either a Luluai or a Tul-tul.

I am of the opinion that in many cases a better man could be found for the position than those who hold the office at present. It is not that the Luluais have lost interest in their work but that many of them are getting far too old to be capable of the physical work needed to be done by a village official. I refer particularly to those villages concerned with the construction of the new road in the area, many of the hamlets which are spread apart are quite a distance from the road, this requires the village official to do a lot of walking to supervise all these people whom he represents.

Whilst in the areas where old men held office I was invariably approached to appoint a young man as his tul-tul, I of course informed them that this was not possible and that if the luluai felt he was not capable of carrying on with his work he should say so, they were all of course reluctant to do this.

With the possibility of a Local Government Council being formed in the foreseeable future this problem may be overcome to a certain degree.

The village officials certainly do a creditable job before a patrol arrives. I found that tracks had been cleared in parts of the bush that are uninhabited for miles around, the rest houses (17 on the patrol) were all in excellent condition. There was always ample fresh feed supplied to the patrol.

MISSIONS.

The only two missions of any strength in the area remain the Faith Mission with headquarters at Gene and the Lutheran Mission at Arulai. The Seventh Day Adventists have evangelists in the villages but they are having little noticeable effect.

The Faith Mission at Gene has been established for close on ten years and by now is nearly self-sufficient. There is another branch of the same mission only five minutes from Lufa Patrol Post at Habagabetna, and application has been made for another lease at Guwasa.

The Lutheran Mission at Arulai has only been there for two years and is still in the stage of construction.

The Faith Mission at Gene has a Primary 'T' School run under the auspices of the Education Department. They also have a trained nurse in attendance who runs an outpatients' ward full time.

EDUCATION.

The only Administration school in the area is the one situated on the Lufa station. Pupils may proceed to Standard 3, thereafter they must transfer to a larger school.

As mentioned under the heading "Missions", Gene Faith Mission have a teacher (European) who is in charge of a Primary 'T' School which is run under the auspices of the Education Department.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

Three recent patrols by P.H.D. into the area have kept the health of the people at a rather good standard.

There is still a rather high death rate in child deaths, however a triple antigen campaign recently completed in the census division should help this aspect.

Scabies, tropical ulcers and dental decay were noticed more than anything else.

There are six Aid-Posts in the area and two more are planned in the foreseeable future.

There is a little ill-feeling at Gene where the Faith Mission have a trained nurse running an out-patient ward, in competition with an Administration Aid-Post only $\frac{1}{4}$ mile away. As the Administration is providing the medicine and other items used in both the mission station and the Government Aid-Post I am of the opinion that the Aid Post Orderly could be used more profitably in other areas where the people have up to 2 days walk to the nearest medical aid. The Gene people are indeed fortunate having the choice of two aid-posts within a quarter of a mile of each other.

ANTHROPOLOGY.

The customs of the people in this census division have been reported on in previous reports. There is little to be said about them. The birth, marriage and death customs do not vary greatly from other highlanders.

Sorcery is practised throughout the area, there is not a man living in the census division who does not hold a fear of "poison". On enquiring into deaths during the census of any person who died of no apparent reason the answer was invariably "poison".

The language spoken is known as the Gimi language. There is a great variation in the actual dialect, in some cases the change is so great that many Lufa people cannot communicate with the Gene people.

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Child marriages in the area grow fewer each year. The shortage of young women is still evident, this being due to the number of old men with two or three young wives.

CENSUS STATISTICS.

This section is covered by a separate memorandum as census figures were not complete at the time of reporting.

HIGHLAND LABOUR SCHEME.

At the time the patrol was conducted in the area twelve months had not lapsed from the last intake of volunteers, as a result all those absent last year were still absent this year. It was explained that when sufficient young men returned to their census units others would be able to take their place.

There is no lack of men desiring to volunteer for work on the coast, as stated previously they have a difficult time obtaining a wife due to the shortage of young women and there being no cash cropping done in the greater part of the census division, coastal employment offers them a certain income.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The native situation in the Labogai Census Division remains very sound. The attitude of the people towards the Administration is most co-operative and very pleasing to an officer patrolling the area. The far distant groups, Heroana and Mengine, both three days walk from Lufa, show no less interest in the affairs of the Census Division than those close to the Station.

Mengine No. 2 villages however are closer affiliated with Karimui than they are with Lufa. All courts, medical cases and other 'talk' is taken to the Patrol Officer at Karimui which is only one days walk away as against three days to Lufa.

The attitude towards work on the Gono-Arulai road is pleasing, although one could not say that work is going ahead in leaps and bounds, definite progress is being made through extremely difficult terrain.

There is no shortage of arable land in the census division, there being in fact large tracts of good land which is under virgin forest, I refer particularly between Ubigai and Hereana and between Maimafu and Mengine 2.


For some reason there is an annual shortage of kaukau, in the Hegeturu-Arulai areas; in both these areas there is a large population crowded into two small villages although there appears to be plenty of garden land un-used.

The population of the area remains unsettled, small groups of people are continually moving to and from the census division reclaiming old tribal lands, the main census division linked in this manner with the Labogai is the Gimi Census Division.

Whilst speaking to the village officials of the Gene group I was asked when they would be required to pay tax. It appears they have considered amongst themselves the possibility of a Council. I explained that when the Administration considered they were ready for a Local Government Council they would be given the opportunity of forming one, actually they were a little uncertain on the subject and were, I feel, relieved to hear that they would not be asked too soon.

CONCLUSION.

The patrol was of a completely routine nature, the emphasis actually being on the compilation of a list of names which is to be used as a common roll, this was done and at the same time everyone was contacted and had a chance to air their grievances and bring to my notice anything else they thought of importance.


(K.W. Cleary.)

Patrol Officer.