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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

PATROL POST

District of Southern Highlands Report No. 1-1966/67 Poroma

Patrol Conducted by N.C. McQuilty, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled FOI and FASU Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.
Natives 2 R.P.O., 2 Interpreters, 35 Carriers.

Duration—From 21/11/1966 to 3/3/1967 (Broken period)

Number of Days 52

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services July/1966

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

Map Reference FOURNIL OF KUTUBU and map attached

Objects of Patrol I Set up Orokana & Poroma Base Camps II Census Revision
III Collect council tax, IV Start work on Orokana/Poroma road V Start work on
Poroma Patrol Post, and VI General Administration.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

2/5/1967

[Signature]
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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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference 67-3-12
If calling ask for
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

2nd May, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBUI.

Subject:- Poroma Patrol No 1 of 1966/67

Attached please find following documents in respect of patrol carried out by Mr. H. McQuilty, to FOI'I and PASU Census Divisions and Orokana and Poroma areas.

1. Patrol Report.
2. Memorandum dated 20th April, from Officer-in-Charge, Poroma.
3. Village Population Register - FOI'I and PASU Census Divisions.
4. Covering memorandum 67-2-3 dated 22nd April, 1967 from Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa.

Mr. McQuilty has submitted a good report to show progress to date on the new Patrol Post site at Poroma and also the establishing of a link between the Lake Kutubu area and the new station site. This report also indicates that the administration of the Lake Kutubu area is still being effected and that these people have not been neglected owing to the need to establish Poroma as quickly as possible.

The question of the re-posting of A.F.O's has been taken up with the District Medical Officer, Mendi and it is understood that at least 2 will be posted to Poroma, one of whom will be based at Pombadi in the Lower Undiri Census Division which has now been taken over by Nipa and will be controlled from Poroma itself.

A recent survey carried out by the District Airport Inspector, Mr. J. Adame, has indicated that Poroma can be made operational for use by Piaggio aircraft with very little additional work being required.

The timber needs of the area are known to the Forestry Officer, Mendi and he is taking action concerning the introduction of seed nurseries into the area.

With the posting of Mr. Salu to assist Mr. McQuilty it is hoped that Poroma will be able to take over the effective administration of the Pombadi area by the end of next month and, accordingly allow me to withdraw the standing patrols still in this area as a aftermath of the Pumi massacre.

(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

67-2-3.

Sub-District Office,
NIPA,
S.H.D.

22nd April, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
KEMERI

COMMENTS - POROMA PATROL REPORT No 1 - 66/67.

Mr. H.G. McQuilty.

Please find attached two copies of Poroma Patrol Report No. 1-66/67 to the Poi'i and Fasu Census Divisions. The patrol was conducted by Mr H.G. McQuilty, Patrol Officer. A copy of a memo explaining the delay in submitting the report to this office is attached.

OREKANA BASE CAMP. Para's 7,8, and 9.

The Orokana airstrip is to be improved during the next month or so, so that it will be able to service the Orokana Base camp. Mr G. Salm, Assistant Patrol Officer, will be spending some time at the Orokana Camp to supervise the completion of the airstrip and the construction of the Orokana/Poroma track.

POROMA BASE CAMP. Para's 10 and 11.

It is understood that Poroma is now an official Patrol Post. Since the writing of the Report a number of native materials dwellings have been completed and the Poroma Strip is now open to Category 'D' operations subject to strip reports.

It is to be hoped that a Station Establishment Grant of \$3000 can be procured for Poroma for the 1967/68 financial year. These funds will be required for the erection of adequate buildings and facilities.

VILLAGES AND WATER SUPPLIES. Para's 15,16 and 17.

The people of Kebei and Hebai'iu villages have been advised on many occasions during the past three years that village hygiene was not to standard. If they do not heed this advice I can see no alternative other than to enforce the Regulations.

HEALTH.

Para's 20 and 21. It has been confirmed by the District Medical Officer that all Aid Post Orderly's are to be transferred from Kutubu to Kagua and that their place is to be taken by a single Medical Assistant or a Health Education Orderly. The reason for the transfers appears to be that the Kagua Council has agreed to offset some of the expenses of the Aid Posts to be established. Is it to be Administration policy to victimise the poorer areas and Councils because they do not have the money to subsidise the Department of Health? With an annual tax income of only \$550 there is no way in which Kutubu could compete with the larger Councils.

In view of the above, together with the poor environment and health of the Kutubu people, it is felt that the proposed transfers deserve further consideration.

(Health) Para 22.

Mr McQuilty will be requested to compile statistics on reported T.B. cases. It is understood that T.B. eradication campaigns are of little value unless all persons are contacted and immunized.

Para 23. The infant mortality rate alone warrants and Aid Post in the Fasa Division.

FORESTRY, Para's 27 and 28.

The almost complete absence of timber, even for firewood, in the Foroma area certainly warrants a high priority for the establishment of nurseries there. The Forestry Officer, Mandi will continue to be approached in this respect.

GENUS AND STATISTICS.

The natural increase in each of the Divisions Censused shows encouraging natural increases of 3%. It is a pity that these increases cannot be expected to continue in the Fasa Division following the closing down of the Aid Post there. The g areas much too far removed to expect the people to report to the Mission Stations at Orokana or Inu or to subject the area to regular medical patrols.

In spite of the increase the death rate is still too high at over 3%.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS.

The Katabu Council has little future as an independent entity. The experience the people gain from its existence however should provide them with the means to participate in any future Council amalgamations.

The response to the collection of tax appears to have been excellent judging from the additional \$453 collected.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Progress is still being made on the Orokana Foroma walking track. On its completion it should reduce walking time between the two areas from three to two days.

Mr McQuilty has submitted a concise report of what appears to have been a very useful patrol. It is particularly pleasing to see the progress that has been made in the establishment of Foroma by this Officer and the people of the Foroma area in particular.

Claims for camping allowance for Mr McQuilty and Kenefabu Ierei are attached.

(A.F. McNeill)
A/Assistant District Commissioner.

**FORONA Race Camp,
NIPA Sub-District,
Southern Highlands District.**

20th April, 1967.

**Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
NIPA.**

Subject: FORONA Race Camp Patrol Report No 1-1966/67.

Please find enclosed three copies of the above Patrol Report plus copies of the census statistics for the No 1 and Four Census Divisions and a Patrol map.

The late submission of this report is due to urgent Local Government Council correspondence and supervisory work on the Forona Patrol Post and airstrip.

For your information and forwarding, please.

K.C. McQuilty
**K.C. McQuilty, P.O.
Officer-in-Charge.**

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

POROMA Base Camp,
NIPA Sub-District,
Southern Highlands District.

11th March, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
N I P A.

Subject: POROMA Base Camp Patrol No. 1-1966/67.

District : Southern Highlands.
Sub-District : Nipa.
Patrol No. : POROMA [REDACTED] No. 1-1966/67.
Area Patrolled : FOI'I and FASU Census Divisions.
(Lake Kutuba L.G.C. Area)
Patrol Accompanied by : Europeans; Nil.
Natives ; 2 Police,
2 Interpreters,
1 N.A.C.,
35 Carriers.
Duration : From 21.11.1966 to 3.3.67.
(Broken period)
Number of Days : 52 days.
Last Patrol to Area : D.D.A. - July, 1966.
Map reference : Journal of Kutuba and map attached.
Objects of Patrol : 1. Set up OROKANA and POROMA Base
Camps,
2. Census Revision,
3. Collect L.G. Council tax,
4. Start work on Poroma/Orokana road.
5. Start work on POROMA Patrol Post.
6. General Administration.

H. C. McQuilty.

H. C. McQuilty.

Patrol Officer.

PATROL DIARY:

Monday 21.11.66:

Last minutes preparation for patrol. Patrol gear departed station in canoes 0915. 0950
Self office work until 1035 then departed station in dinghy arriving Kese 1035. Departed Kese 1045 and walked along walking track to Eragahugu Village arriving 1535 - carriers arrived 1750. Conversation with ADC, Mendi on mission radio 1815. Carriers paid and fresh foods bought. Patrol slept Eragahugu (Orokana Base Camp).

Tuesday 22.11.66:

Patrol remained Orokana Base Camp awaiting unsuccessfully the arrival of ADC, Mendi. Spoke to people re. Council tax, new patrol post at Poroma, work on Poroma/Orokana road, etc. Ipihi Village inspected and found to be satisfactory. Patrol slept Orokana Base Camp.

Wednesday 23.11.66:

Patrol remained Orokana Base Camp waiting unsuccessfully for the ADC, Mendi to arrive. Spoke to ADC, Mendi on the mission radio and instructed to return to station and thence Mendi. Patrol slept Orokana Base Camp.

Thursday 24.11.66:

0730 Police remained camped Orokana Base Camp and self departed and walked to Kese Village thence in dinghy to station. District/schedule and slept Lake Kutubu Patrol Post.

/radio

The period from the 25.11.66 to the 12.1.67 spent on patrol in Mendi and on Lake Kutubu Patrol Post preparing to abandon same.

Friday 13.1.67:

Last minute packing up. First 2 canoes departed station 0820. One complaint dealt with. Radio stripped and aeriels pulled down. 1210 Police detachment paraded and flag lowered for the last time on Lake Kutubu Patrol Post. 1245-1335 Self departed station in dinghy and proceeded Kese Village Organised carriers. 1405-1610 Departed Kese and walked along walking track to Regiso Village. 1645-1705 Walked from Regiso to Heribo. Village set up and village inspected. Patrol slept Heribo Village.

Saturday 14.1.67:

Self departed Heribo 0826 on motorcycle after sending carriers to Kese to get more cargo. Arrived Orokana Base Camp 0918. Remainder of day spent in setting up camp. Patrol slept Orokana Base Camp.

Sunday 15.1.67:

Patrol cargo and gear organised for the patrol to Poroma and Nipa the next day. Patrol slept Orokana Base Camp.

Monday 16.1.67:

Patrol departed Orokana Base Camp 1030 after rain finished and carriers rounded up. Crossed Mubi River in canoes and then climbed over range to the Wage River - crossed Wage River on rafts in rain and set up camp at Camp I - 1715
Patrol slept Camp I.

Tuesday 17.1.67:

Patrol departed Camp I 0759 and climbed over range to Kuduru Valley then over next range to Erave River Valley - thence along valley to Toiwaro Rest House arriving 1415 - last carriers arriving 3 hours later.
Inspected work on road and allocated new work.
Patrol slept Toiwaro Rest House.

Wednesday 18.1.67:

Patrol departed Toiwaro Rest House 0830 and walked to Poroma arriving 0920. Patrol remained Poroma and self departed and walked to Christian Union Mission at Udjabia arriving 1230. Lunch.
Departed mission 1315 on motorcycle and arrived Nipa 1530.
Slept Nipa.

Thursday 19.1.67:

Remained Nipa.
Wrote report on Mendi murder patrol and traced map of the Poroma Administrative Area.
Slept Nipa.

Friday 20.1.67:

Remained Nipa.
Discussions with ADC, Nipa re. work on Poroma station and strip, roads, villages to be included in the Administrative Area, etc.
Fixed motorcycle.
Slept Nipa.

Saturday 21.1.67:

Cargo departed station 0800. ADC and self departed station on motorcycles 1130 and arrived Udjabia 1300. Departed Udjabia on motorcycle until near Mato - puncture - abandoned motorcycle and walked to Poroma.
Slept Poroma Base Camp.

Sunday 22.1.67:

Discussions with all V.C.'s, Village Councillors, and headmen re. work on airstrip and patrol post.
Walked with ADC to inspect work done on airstrip and further work to be done. Also marked out area for office and N.M.Q.'s to be built in my absence on patrol.
Patrol slept Poroma Base Camp.

Monday 23.1.67:

Gave last minute instructions to the 3 Policemen remaining Poroma.
Assisted ADC in fixing puncture on motorcycle.
ADC departed on motorcycle to return to Nipa and self departed and walked to Kundjulu arriving 1410.
Camp set up.
Discussions with V.C. and Councillor re. Poroma Patrol Post, Rest Camp at Wage River crossing, work on road, etc.
One cow faint heard and settled.
Patrol slept Kundjulu.

Tuesday 24.1.67:

Departed Kunjjulu Rest House 0830 after further talks with V.C. on road works and walked over range to Wage River.
 1200-1320 Crossed river on raft then over second range and through sage swamp to Mubi River arriving 1700. Thence across Mubi River in canoes to Orokana Base Camp.
 Patrol slept Orokana Base Camp.

Wednesday 25.1.67:

Remained Orokana Base Camp.
 Police, DDA, and PHD papers drawn up and persons paid.
 Sent word to Dogobari group to gather for Council tax collection and census revision to-morrow.
 Straightened all personal effects etc.
 Patrol slept Orokana Base Camp.

Thursday 26.1.67:

Readied all books, papers, etc. for tax collection and census revision at Dogobari.
 0945 Departed Orokana Base Camp on motorcycle and proceeded Dogobari Village arriving 1010.
 Collected tax and revised census.
 Departed Dogobari Village on motorcycle and returned to Orokana Base Camp arriving 1315.
 Census figures compiled and tax money balanced.
 Discussions with Councillors re. work to be done, carriers for patrol to-morrow, patrol program, etc.
 Listened to District sked. on radio.
 Patrol slept Orokana Base Camp.

Friday 27.1.67:

Departed Orokana Base Camp 0930 after unsuccessfully trying to organise another cargo run to Poroma Base Camp - walked along walking track via Dogobari Village to Mubi River - crossed river in canoes and arrived Marabu'iu Village 1045.
 Council tax collected and census revised for Ionesi and Marabu'iu Villages.
 Spoke to the 2 groups re. Orokana/Poroma road, Poroma Patrol Post, patrol carriers, etc.
 Census statistics compiled for the 2 groups and the tax money balanced.
 Patrol slept Marabu'iu Village.

Saturday 28.1.67:

Patrol departed Marabu'iu 0900 - when rain finished - crossed Mubi River and returned to Orokana Base Camp 1030.
 1045-1410 Census revised and council tax collected for Eragahugu Village.
 One Local Court case heard - threatening behaviour.
 Tax money balanced and census statistics compiled.
 Spoke to group re. Poroma Patrol Post, work on Orokana/Poroma road, next Council meeting, etc.
 Slept Orokana Base Camp.

Sunday 29.1.67:

Day of rest, - observed Orokana Base Camp.

Monday 30.1.67:

0900-0945 Council tax collected and census revised for Ipigi Village.
 0945-1030 Carriers and cargo organised for cargo and mail run to Poroma and Nipa.
 1030-1205 Cargo run departed for Poroma and self departed for Hegiso.
 1410-1545 Council tax collected and census revised for Hegiso.
 Discussions with group re. Poroma/Orokana road, economic development, Council work, tax, elections, etc.
 Carriers paid and fresh foods bought.
 Patrol slept Hegiso.

Tuesday 31.1.67:

Departed Hegiso 0755 in canoes for Baurutage arriving 0830. Council tax collected and census revised for this group. Spoke to group re. Poroma/Orokana road, economic development, L.G. Council, etc.
 Departed Baurutage 1120 in canoes for Heribo arriving 1145. Lunch. Council tax collected and census revised - give same talk as given to Baurutage.
 Tax money balanced and census statistics compiled for Hegiso, Heribo and Baurutage.
 Patrol slept Heribo Village.

Wednesday 1.2.67:

Patrol departed Heribo Village 0805 and walked to Pimaga Rest House arriving 0845.
 Council tax collected and census revised for Pimaga and Getagaipu. Spoke to group re. Orokana/Poroma road, economic development, L.G. Council, etc.
 One Local Court case heard.
 Tax money and books balanced and census statistics compiled.
 Patrol slept Pimaga Rest House.

Thursday 2.2.67:

0800-1200 Council tax collected and census revised for Damai'iu and Tunuhugu Villages. Spoke to the 2 groups re. Council work, economic development, work on Orokana/Poroma road etc.
 1215-1250 Departed Damai'iu Village and walked to Orokana Base Camp.
 Tax money and tickets balanced and census statistics compiled.
 Patrol slept Orokana Base Camp.

Friday 3.2.67:

Court and CID returns and registers all bought up to date.
 Rest of day spent in discussing and organising work on the Orokana/Poroma road with the L.G. Councillors and headmen.
 Also several complaints settled.
 Council tax collected for Orokana Mission station.
 Patrol slept Orokana Base Camp.

Saturday 4.2.67:

Carriers paid for last cargo run to Poroma Base Camp.
 Tax money balanced for Orokana Mission station.
 All books, registers etc. organised for the patrol to lower Foi'i and Pasu areas. Patrol gear and carriers also organised.
 Patrol slept Orokana Base Camp.

Sunday 5.2.67:

Day of rest - observed Orokana Base Camp.

Monday 6.2.67:

(Continued)

Monday 6.2.67:

Patrol departed Orokana Base Camp 0850 and walked over two ranges to Kafa Village arriving 1305 - last carriers arriving 2 hrs. later.

1610-1730 Council tax collected and census revised for Kafa Village. Also spoke to group concerning village hygiene, track maintenance, marriage customs, etc.
Patrol slept Kafa Village.

Tuesday 7.2.67:

Patrol departed Kafa 0820 after paying carriers from yesterday and walked along walking track to Sorotagi Village arriving 1155. Last carriers arriving 1 hr. later.

1445-1600 Council tax collected and census revised for this group. Discussions with Councillors and headmen on economic development. Patrol slept Sorotagi Village.

Wednesday 8.2.67:

Departed Sorotagi 0815 in canoes and travelled to Oto Village arriving 0950.

1100-1200 Council tax collected and census revised. Tax tickets and money balanced and census statistics compiled. Discussions and complaints heard.
Patrol slept Oto Village.

Thursday 9.2.67:

Departed Oto Village 0805 in canoes down Mubi River to Kobe Village arriving 0950.

Council tax collected and census revised. Tax balanced and census statistics compiled.
Local Court heard.

Village housing found in a disgusting state of disrepair - necessary instructions given.
Patrol slept Kobe Village.

Friday 10.2.67:

Patrol departed Kobe Village in canoes 0810 and paddled up Mubi River then up Kaipu Creek to the abandoned Tamadigi Village arriving 1215. Camp set up in old village.
Patrol slept abandoned Tamadigi Village.

Saturday 11.2.67:

Patrol departed Tamadigi Village 0805 and walked to Manu Village arriving 1535 - last carriers arriving 1½ hrs. later. Villages informed of patrol's program.
Patrol slept Manu Village.

Sunday 12.2.67:

0900-1200 Council tax collected and census revised for Manu, Anuwabi and Ai'iu Villages at Manu. Discussions with people re. duties of L.G. Councillors, next meeting of Council, work allocated, economic development, etc.

1230 Departed Manu and walked to abandoned Medinia Village - departed in canoes 1415 and arrived Hebai'iu 1525. Camp set up in rain.

People informed of the patrol's program.
Patrol slept Hebai'iu Village.

Monday 13.2.67:

0850-1030 Carriers and padalers from yesterday paid. Council tax collected and census revised for Pebai'iu and Auwasi'iu Villages. Village inspected and the necessary instructions given re. housing, village hygiene, and walking track construction.
1030-1220 Patrol departed Pebai'iu and walked to Iorogobai'iu.
1250-1500 Council tax collected and census revised for Iorogobai'iu. Discussions with people re. road work, hygiene, Aid Post, Council work, etc.
Complaints and one Local Court case.
Patrol slept Iorogobai'iu Village.

Tuesday 14.2.67:

0830-1300 Patrol departed Iorogobai'iu after paying yesterdays carriers and allocating work to the people and walked along bush track to the Popato Bush Camp. Last Carriers arriving 1510.
Patrol slept Popato Bush Camp.

Wednesday 15.2.67:

Patrol departed Popato Bush Camp 0807 and walked along bush track to Kaibu Village arriving 1215 - last carriers arriving 1340.
Lunch at S.I.L.
1400-1530 Council tax collected and census revised for the Kaibu Village. Discussions re. economic development, road work, village hygiene, etc.
Patrol slept Kaibu Village.

Thursday 16.2.67:

Patrol remained Kaibu Village due constant rain.
Patrol slept Kaibu Village.

Friday 17.2.67:

0850 Main part of patrol cargo departed for Sonagadigi whilst self walked to Sisibia arriving 1015.
1030-1200 Council tax collected and census revised for Sisibia and Kevodigi. Discussions on economic development, walking track construction, etc.
1210-1355 Departed Sisibia and walked to Kaibu Village thence to Sonagadigi Village.
1500-1545 Council tax collected and census revised for the Sonagadigi group - also discussions.
Tax tickets and money balanced and census statistics compiled.
Patrol slept Sonagadigi Village.

Saturday 18.2.67:

Patrol departed Sonagadigi 0830 and walked to the canoe landing on the Soro River arriving 1130 - carriers paid off.
1200-1330 In canoes to abandoned Lake Kutubu Patrol Post.
Camp set up in houses on old Patrol Post.
Afternoon spent in organising tools and equipment to be taken with the patrol.
Patrol slept abandoned Lake Kutubu Patrol Post.

Sunday 19.2.67:

Day of rest-observed Lake Kutubu Patrol Post.
Patrol slept Lake Kutubu Patrol Post.

Monday 20.2.67:

0840-Departed Lake Kutubu Patrol Post in canoes after sending main patrol cargo to Wasemi Village - and self to Tubagi (hamlet of Wasemi) arriving 0910. Tax collected and census revised.
 1000-1030 From Tubagi to U.F.M. Inu and collected tax.
 Departed Inu and went to Wasemi in canoes.
 1100-1320 Tax collected and census revised for Wasemi Village.
 1320-1400 Departed Wasemi in canoes and proceeded Tugiri.
 Camp set up at Tugiri.
 Patrol slept Tugiri Village.

Tuesday 21.2.67:

0800-1010 Council tax collected and census revised for Tugiri, Yogobo and Hedinia groups at Tugiri. Discussion with group re. economic development, Council work, etc.
 1010-1100 Departed Tugiri in canoes and arrived Kese Village.
 1300-1500 Council tax collected and census revised for Kese Village. Discussions with group re. road work, economic development, housing and sanitation, etc.
 Several complaints heard.
 Tax money balanced and census statistics compiled.
 Patrol slept Kese Village.

Wednesday 22.2.67:

Patrol departed Kese Village 0915 in rain and walked along walking track to Orokana Base Camp arriving 1250 - last carriers arriving 1 1/2 hrs. later.
 Started typing out patrol diary for report.
 Official mail opened and sorted.
 Patrol slept Orokana Base Camp.

Thursday 23.2.67:

Finished typing out patrol diary.
 Discussions with L.G. Councillors concerning progress on the Orokana/Foroma road.
 One Local Court case heard.
 C.I.B. and Court registers brought up to date.
 Various other discussions with groups of people, etc.
 Patrol slept Orokana Base Camp.

Friday 24.2.67:

Local Government Finance Committee meeting.
 General meeting of the Local Government Council.
 Minutes for the two meetings typed out.
 Started copying out the census statistics for the Wasu Census Division.
 Several complaints heard.
 One Local Court case heard.
 Various official letters written.
 Patrol slept Orokana Base Camp.

Saturday 25.2.67:

0730-0915 Patrol gear and equipment for Foroma Base Camp packed up.
 0915-1430 Departed Orokana Base Camp, crossed Kubi River in canoes and crossed mountain range to the Wage River. Crossed Wage River on rafts and walked to new Bush Camp. Last carriers arriving 1930.
 Patrol slept Bush Camp.

Sunday 26.2.67:

After reorganising patrol gear and carriers departed bush camp 0830 and walked over range to the Kudura Valley - thence over second range to the Grave River Valley, thence to Toiwaro Rest House - self arriving 1515 and last carriers arriving 2 hrs. later. Patrol slept Toiwaro Rest House.

Monday 27.2.67:

Patrol departed Toiwaro Rest House 0600 and walked along vehicular road to Poroma Base Camp arriving 0915. Rest of day spent in inspecting and supervising work on Poroma Patrol Post buildings and airstrip. Patrol slept Poroma Base Camp.

Tuesday 28.2.67:

Supervised work on Poroma Patrol Post buildings and airstrip. Paper work and complaints. ADC Nipa visited - discussions airport inspection with view to opening, buildings etc. - then returned to Nipa. Patrol slept Poroma Base Camp.

Wednesday 29.2.67:

Remained Poroma Base Camp supervising work on station and airstrip - doing paper work, complaints and Local Court cases. Patrol slept Poroma Base Camp.

Thursday 30.2.67:

Inspected and supervised work on Poroma Patrol Post buildings. Spent the rest of the day doing official correspondence and returns. Patrol slept Poroma Base Camp.

Friday 3.3.67:

Inspected work by general labourers and detainees. Seeds planted in vegetable garden. Official correspondence. 1230-1515 Departed Poroma Base Camp and walked to Christian Union Mission. 1530-1700 On motorcycle to Nipa. Slept Nipa.

Patrol stood down.

INTRODUCTION:

1. The main objects of the patrol were to collect the tax for the Lake Kutubu Local Government Council, revise the census and to set up two base camps, one at Orokana and the other at Poroma. It also started work on the Poroma/Orokana road and the Poroma Patrol Post buildings and airstrip.
2. All objects were completed or are progressing well.
3. The majority of the time was spent in the area formerly known as the Lake Kutubu Administrative Area i.e. the Foi'i and Fasu Census Divisions, but the patrol also walked from Orokana Base Camp to the site for Poroma Patrol Post in the Neambi Census Division via the Wage River valley. The patrol terminated at Poroma Base Camp.
4. The Foi'i and Fasu Census Divisions are bounded on the west and south by the Kikori River, on the north by the Wage River and on the east by a north-south line from the Kikori River to the Erave River.
5. This area is mainly of limestone formation with one or two areas of volcanic formation.
6. The climate and vegetation are consistent with other areas in the Territory with similar altitude and latitude.

OROKANA BASE CAMP:

7. Orokana Base Camp was built at Eragahugu Village within two minutes walk of the Unevangelised Fields Mission airstrip at Orokana. It consists of one rest house and two barrack type buildings for native personnel. A store and office building has also been constructed for use by patrols and the council.
8. This base camp will be used by patrols who visit the area for council meetings and projects, for road work and general administration.
9. It will not be used as a police camp as this is considered unnecessary in this area.

POROMA BASE CAMP:

10. The base camp consists of the Poroma Rest House complex i.e. Rest House and police barracks, plus three new barrack type buildings to house the extra large patrol working on Poroma Patrol Post.
11. These buildings are not being improved as all energies and materials are being used in the construction of Poroma Patrol Post. As soon as the patrol post buildings are completed the base camp will be abandoned as it was set up solely for the purpose of constructing Poroma Patrol Post.

POROMA PATROL POST:

12. At the present moment work is progressing on seven native material native married quarters, one european residence (native material), and one native materials office/store. The airstrip, dimensions 1500' x 100', is finished and waiting for the initial inspection by D.C.A. before Category 'D' aircraft can start using it.

13. It is hoped that by the end of June this year ten Native married quarters, one European Residence, one native materials office/store, one Police barracks and one Police Lock-up will be completed. Also by this stage the airstrip should be open to category 'B' aircraft. At the same time it should be able to boast of one parade ground, 2 miles of roads, one trade store and vehicular road contact with Hendi and Ripa. It already has a radio transceiver set up and operating.

14. Labour for further road, building and airstrip extension work is no problem as there is a population of 3000 people within 3 hours walk from the station. Timber for construction and firewood is going to be a big obstacle to overcome within the next 10 to 20 years. There is only one small stand of timber available within a 5 mile radius of the station site. Half of the villages near the site have no timber except some small areas of stunted scrub growing on the slopes of limestone ridges. (For further comments re. timber see sub-heading 'Forestry')

VILLAGES AND WATER SUPPLIES:

15. Villages in both census divisions were generally in very good condition i.e. clean, houses in good state of repair, sufficient and clean pit latrines, rubbish holes dug, and an area cleared and cleaned around each house. However this was not so in every village. Kobe and Nebai'in were found in shocking conditions. The necessary instructions were given and if an improvement is not noticed by the next patrol the Regulations should be enforced.

16. The villages consist of one long men's house and individual women's houses. This is the case in both census divisions.

17. Drinking water is no problem in this area of high rainfall also all villages have at least one clean spring a short way off.

HEALTH:

18. A Native Medical Orderly, HMI-TAIKU accompanied the patrol and gave treatment to all those that required it.

19. The Unevangelised Fields Mission at Orokana and Inu run Administration subsidised Infant Welfare Clinics and give treatment for minor injuries and ailments. They do not hold clinics or treat people in villages; only those who come to the mission stations.

20. At the present moment the Administration has Aid Posts at Heribo, Sorotagi and Nebai'in staffed by A.P.O's. but it is probable that all the A.P.O's will be transferred to another area due to staff shortages.

21. Although the overall health of the area is fair it leaves a lot to be desired. Because of the low altitude (2600' and under) and high rainfall it is very much effected by malaria. Up until now this has been kept down to a safe level by A.P.O's and Aid Posts and on patrol but now with no A.P.O's it will be able to run wild.

22. Despite the fact that two T.B. surveys have been carried out in the last four years T.B. is still present. Not only are A.P.O's required to diagnose advanced cases of T.B. but also Hansen's disease. These plus all the other minor injuries and ailments will now go unnoticed and untreated.

HEALTH (Continued):

23. It will be noted from the PASU Census Statistics the high rate of infant mortality, eg. Al'iu and Auuwabi 56 2/3%, Redinia 50% and Manu 25%. It was hoped to station an A.P.O. at Nebai'iu to combat this but with no A.P.O.'s available this now cannot be done.

FORESTRY:

24. Foi'i and Fasu Census Divisions: At least two thirds of these 2 census divisions is covered with timber. As these people are not large gardeners and only use timber for houses and firewood there is no chance of there being a shortage of timber in the future.

25. The main species of timber are softwoods but there is one hardwood called Eua in the Foi'i dialect.

26. The only commercial use being made of the timber at the moment is by Mr. D. Donaldson of the Unevangelised Fields Mission at Gorokana for buildings on his mission station. No further use can be made of the timber because of the lack of transport to the markets.

27. Nebai Census Division: As mentioned earlier there is a great lack of timber in the Nebai Valley. The Kunajulu Valley and the Undiri Census Division have ample but the only timber in the Nebai Valley is some stunted scrub on limestone slopes.

28. It is hoped that within the next 2 months to have a horticulture representative from the Department of Stock and Fisheries visit the area to set up nurseries on Poroma Patrol Post and other central points in the valley to supply tree seedlings to the people.

CENSUS AND STATISTICS:

29. Two copies of the census statistics for the Foi'i and the Fasu Census Divisions are attached.

30. As the population in these two areas is fairly stable it will be possible to compile the Common Roll for the 1968 House of Assembly elections from the Tax/Census sheets.

31. The statistics for both Census Divisions show a satisfactory overall increase and death rate but the infant mortality in some villages in the lower Fasu is very excessive. With no P.M.D. staff there is nothing we can do to improve this.

32. The majority of the male adults working outside the district from the Fasu C/D have either joined the Highlands Labour Scheme or walked and canoed to Kikori to work as casual labourers on plantations.

33. This is basically the same for the Foi'i C/D but a small percentage are also working as P.M.D. staff, Police and Warders.

34. Of the absent students some are at the Unevangelised Fields Mission schools at Awaba, Western District, and Samberigi and some at Administration schools at Mendi and Erave. There is also one girl student at Goroka studying Form I.

35. The remainder of the statistics are straight forward and require no comment or explanation.

36. The following is the balance sheet for both census divisions to bring the totals in line with the new method of tracing migrations:

Foi'i Census Division:

Previous total ie. 1965		3001
Adjustment		1 -
		3000
<u>Plus Migrations in</u>		113
Births		186
	Total	3299
<u>Minus Migration out</u>	120	
Deaths	81	
		201 -
This patrol's total.		<u>3098</u>

Fasu Census Division:

Previous total ie. 1965		636
<u>Plus Migrations in</u>		36
Births		44
	Total	716
<u>Minus Migrations out</u>	29	
Deaths	24	
		53 -
		663
Minus 8 migrations out Lamadigi		8 -
Total of current patrol		<u>655</u>

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS:

37. There is only one council in the area patrolled - the Lake Kutubu Local Government Council. The council area covers all of the Foi'i and Fasu Census Divisions.

38. The initial tax for the council was collected during the patrol. No complications were encountered and the tax total was \$153 more than estimated making a total of \$522. The tax was collected by this officer as there was no Council Clerk available.

39. The majority of the tax in the first year is to be used for establishing the council, ie. Council Chambers, Furniture and Equipment and a house for the council clerk. It has also allocated money for the purchase of day old chicks and vegetable seeds to be sold to the people.

40. All the above has been dealt with in detail under separate cover to the relevant authority.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

41. Neither the Foi'i nor the Fasu Census Division can boast of having any vehicular roads however both census divisions have walking track complexes linking most villages. Those not linked are in the process of doing so now and should be completed within three months.

42. For walking times and brief descriptions of the conditions of the walking tracks refer to the patrol diary.

43. Poroma Patrol Post is now linked with the Mipa/Lai Valley/Mendi road and should have another link with Mendi via the Undiri Census Division within the next four months.

44. At the present moment the Mubi Valley people (Foi'i C/D) and the Kundjula Valley people are working on a link between Orokana and Poroma. Because of the terrain and the limestone outcrops it is doubtful if a vehicular road is possible but at least a walking/motorcycle track will be built. The road from Poroma to Toiwaro is finished and open to traffic. About 4 miles of the track has been completed from Orokana towards the Muge divide and another mile has been completed in the Kundjula Valley. Work is still progressing.

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK:

45. Foi'i Census Division: The staple diet in this area is sago supplemented with sweet potatoes, sugar cane, bananas, taro, tapioca, and various greens. Some European vegetables such as beans, tomatoes and corn are also grown but because of the high temperatures and the low altitude they are very poor quality.

46. Test plots have shown that a good quality Robusta coffee can be grown in this census division but due to low costs and transport difficulties it cannot be grown profitably as a cash crop.

47. It would also be physically possible to grow rubber in the lower Foi'i but here again transport, or lack of it, rules it out.

48. Until such time as transport improves in this area it is not anticipated that any cash crops will be introduced.

49. Fasu Census Division: The staple diet in this area is the same as the Foi'i, i.e. sago, but is supplemented with much less - mostly only greens. Looking through old patrol reports from this area it can be seen that officers have been trying to get these people to plant gardens of sweet potatoes, taro, bananas, sugar cane, etc. with little effect. Some villages scratch out a small garden near the village to show the 'kiap' on his rounds but some villages, especially Iorogelai'u, are slowly catching on and should have a fairly large area of gardens within the next two years.

50. Comments concerning cash cropping in the Foi'i Census Division also apply to this census division.

51. The main livestock found in both census divisions is the native pig. These pigs are not hand fed and pampered like the highlander's pigs but allowed to run wild in the bush and may be visited once or twice a week.

52. Some villages also have some fowls that have filtered in from the Gulf and Western Districts but these are few and far between.

53. The Unevangelised Fields Mission at Orokana has some cattle and goats that appear to be doing very well. They also have plans of introducing these to the village people in the future.

Register

7. Area Patrolled

COMPLAINTS AND COURTS:

54. Few complaints were placed before the patrol. The ones that were concerned Bride Price and these the patrol dealt with arbitrarily and came to an agreement that suited both parties.

55. Seven Local Court cases were heard. These were all minor cases, i.e. minor assault and threatening behaviour.

56. No cases were brought back for the District Court to hear.

REST HOUSES:

57. Each village has a Rest Camp except where two villages are close together and they share one. These rest-camps are adequate and in a good state of repair.

58. These Rest Camps will be adequate for the House of Assembly elections in 1968.

59. A new Rest Camp has been constructed at Popato between Iorogobai'iu and Kaipu. The new camp is $\frac{1}{2}$ of an hour towards Kaipu from the old camp and therefore more central.

CONCLUSION:

60. The patrol was well received in all villages and no untoward incidents were encountered.

61. The people in the area patrolled have expressed a desire to see economic development in their area but as already pointed out in this report this cannot be done until the transport difficulty has been overcome. The only answer to this is by a road link with Brave Patrol Post to link up with the Southern Highlands Highway proposed to link Mendil to the Kikori River.

62. All objects of the patrol were either completed or are in the process of being completed.

H. B. McQuilty
H. B. McQuilty,
Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of... SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 3-1966/67 POROMA

Patrol Conducted by... G. SALU, PATROL OFFICER,

Area Patrolled... FOIX CENSUS DIVISION (PART)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans... NIL

Natives... 1. BPNGG, 1. INTERPRETER

Duration—From... 5.../... 4.../1967... to 29.../... 6.../1967...

Number of Days... 86

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? ... NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services... JAN FEB /1967

Medical /19

Map Reference... FOUR M.L. OF KUTUBU AND MAP ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol... 1) ROAD WORK 2) GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, AND

... 3) FAMILIARISATION

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

618/1967

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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67-15-62

6th October, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MERRI.

FORONA PATROL NO. 1 OF 1966/67.

Your 67-3-12 of the 8th August, 1967, refers.

I have read Mr. Salu's report with interest. I found it well set out and it was obvious that Mr. Salu has gone to considerable trouble to present his report.

It is not really surprising that at first Mr. Salu will experience difficulty in dealing with people whose previous dealings have been with expatriate officers. I agree with your suggestion that Mr. Salu accompany the O.I.C. Forona on a short patrol to the area. The people must realise that Mr. Salu is a Patrol Officer and that we do not differentiate according to the part of the world in which the officer was born.

(T. W. Ellis)
DIRECTOR.

67.15.62

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference..... 67-3-12
If calling ask for
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

8th August, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBUI.

Patrol Number 3 of 1966/67
Mr. G. Salu - Patrol Officer -
FOI'I Census Division -
Nipa Sub-District - S.H.D.

Attached please find:-

- (a) Patrol report submitted by Mr. G. Salu, Patrol Officer,
- (b) Map of the area patrolled.
- (c) Memorandum 67-2-3 dated 28th July, 1967 from Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa.
- (d) Memorandum 67-2-3 dated 6th July, 1967 from Officer-in-Charge, Poroma to Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa.

2. Mr. Salu has indicated that he has some difficulty in handling the people who had previously received directions and assistance from European officers in a patrol situation. I have nothing but admiration for this officer who has tackled his task competently and without any real complaint. I am recommending to the Officer-in-Charge, Poroma that Mr. Salu should accompany him on his next patrol for additional experience so that his confidence in the area will be built up. The patrol need not, of course, be of long duration but should be sufficiently long enough for Mr. Salu to meet as many indigenous people as possible from the Poroma area. The people from the Poroma - Lake Kutubu areas are not easy to handle and Mr. Salu may need some support in getting to know the people better.

3. Both the Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa and the Officer-in-Charge, Poroma have made sufficient comment on this patrol undertaken by Mr. Salu and no further comment is necessary.

(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

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Poroma Patrol Post,
Sub-District Office,
Nipa,
Southern Highlands.
29th July, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
Nipa,
Southern Highlands.

Subject: Poroma Patrol Report No.3 of 1966/67.

Patrol conducted by:	G.Salu Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled:	Part Fo'i Census Division
Personal Accompanying:	Constable, Suru Reg.No 9622 Patrol Interpreter, Soge
Duration of Patrol:	5th April, 1967-29th June, 1967
Last Patrol to the area:	N.D.A. Jan/February, 1967 D.A.S.F. Nil P.H.D. Nil
Objects of Patrol:	a) Road Work b) General Administration c) Familiarisation.

DIARY.

5th April: Departed Nipa station on tractor to Ebil Rest house thence proceeded on foot to Tabua. Paid off carriers. Stayed over night at Tabua.

6th April: 0800 -1200 assembled Tabua people and organised to clear the Pomberal/Tabua road. Inspected Tabua/Karamala road thence departed for Hembu rest house. Paid off carriers and stayed for the night.

7th April: 0800 -0930 attended to minor complaints thence departed for Wagia rest house via Petum. Met village officials and few assembled people on arrival. Paid off carriers and stayed for the night.

8th April: 0830 departed Wogia arrived Poroma 1045. Paid off carriers. Met Officer-in-Charge of Poroma.

9th April: Sunday observed.

10th April: General supervision of the station work.

11th April: As from above.

12th April: As from above.

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12th April: General supervision of the station building and air strip work.

13th April: As from above.

14th April: As from above.

15th April: ~~As from above.~~ As from above.

16th April: Sunday Observed.

17th April: 0800 organised work parties. 0830-1200 did general supervision of the station work. 1300-1600 continued with the walling of the

18th April: Same as above.

19th April: Same as above.

20th April: Same as above.

21st April: Same as above.

22nd April: 0800 inspected labour line and checked detainees. 0845-1200 general supervision of the station work.

23rd April: Sundry Observed.

24th April: 0800-0830 still awaited the arrival of the people and worked on the building. 0945-1200 supervised the strip work.

25th April: General supervision of the station work.

26th April: Supervised the work on the police quarters.

27th April: As from above.

28th April: As from above.

29th April: 0800-1200 had meeting with village officials.

30th April: Sunday observed.

1st May : Supervised the walling of the police residence.

2nd May : 0800-0930 attended to various minor complaints. Supervised the work on police quarters.

3rd May : Supervised the building work.

4th May : As from above.

5th May : As from above.

6th May : Visited the bridge site beyond Mato rest house.

7th May : Observed Sunday.

8th May : Continued with the building work.

9th May : As from above.

10th May : As from above.

11th May : As from above.

12th May : As from above.

13th May: As from above.

14th May : Sunday Observed.

15th May : 0755 departed Poroma base Camp

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15th May: 0730 departed Poroma Base Camp arriving Kuturu rest house 11 am. Stayed over night at Kuturu.

16th May: 0735 departed Kuturu arrived Orokana 1505. Recorded names of the carriers to be paid off later thence stayed for the night.

17th May: Patrol set up camp about 1½ hours walk from Orokana then returned to the Base Camp. Stayed over night at Orokana.

18th May: General administrative work at Orokana.

19th May: Attended to minor complaints.

20th May: Patrol remained at the base camp.

21st May: Sunday Observed.

22nd May: Patrol moved up to the road site and commenced supervising the road work.

23rd May: Organised work parties ^{and} had their names recorded. Two minor complaints were settled.

24th May: Supervised the road work near Nawa river.

25th May: General supervision of the road work.

26th May: General supervision of the road work.

27th May: As from above.

28th May: Sunday Observed.

29th May: General supervision of the road work.

30th May: 0735 departed Camp site arrived Kesake village 1245. Thence proceeded to Tuguri village by canoe and stayed for the night.

31st May: General supervision of the road work.

1st June: As from above.

2nd June: As from above.

3rd June: As from above.

4th June: Sunday Observed.

5th June: Supervised road work at am hours and attended to the minor court matters at pm hours.

6th June: Recorded names of the workers who turned out late for work and carried out the general supervision of the road work.

7th June: General supervision of the road work.

8th JUNE: General supervision of the road work.

9th June: General supervision of the road work.

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10th June:

General supervision of the road work.

The primary purpose of this patrol was to observe the road work and to give full supervision of the road work. The road is under full administrative control and had its first general inspection last year. The 0800 departed work site arrived Kuturu village by 1345. The school is in session and local district.

11th June:

General supervision of the road work.

12th June:

Surveilled the road at the side of the Ungi mountains. General supervision of the road work.

13th June:

General supervision of the road work.

14th June:

General supervision of the road work. The primary purpose of this patrol was to observe the road work and to give full supervision of the road work. The road is under full administrative control and had its first general inspection last year. The 0800 departed work site arrived Kuturu village by 1345. The school is in session and local district.

15th June:

16th June:

Departed Kuturu on foot to Soro river and returned to Kesega village by an out boat motor-charge. Returned to the campsite. The area is under full administrative control and had its first general inspection last year. The 0800 departed work site arrived Kuturu village by 1345. The school is in session and local district.

17th June:

Departed Moro on foot to Soro river and returned to Kesega village by an out boat motor-charge. Returned to the campsite. The area is under full administrative control and had its first general inspection last year. The 0800 departed work site arrived Kuturu village by 1345. The school is in session and local district.

18th June:

Sunday observed. The area is under full administrative control and had its first general inspection last year. The 0800 departed work site arrived Kuturu village by 1345. The school is in session and local district.

19th June:

0730 departed Okokua back again to Kuturu arrived 1300. There returned to Kesega village and stayed over night.

OBSERVATION AND COMMENTS:

20th June:

0800 left Kesega arrived Okokua 1200. General supervision of the road work. The area is under full administrative control and had its first general inspection last year. The 0800 departed work site arrived Kuturu village by 1345. The school is in session and local district.

21st June:

Supervised the road work by the day. The area is under full administrative control and had its first general inspection last year. The 0800 departed work site arrived Kuturu village by 1345. The school is in session and local district.

22nd June:

As above. The area is under full administrative control and had its first general inspection last year. The 0800 departed work site arrived Kuturu village by 1345. The school is in session and local district.

23rd June:

As above. The area is under full administrative control and had its first general inspection last year. The 0800 departed work site arrived Kuturu village by 1345. The school is in session and local district.

24th June:

As above. People still have ill feelings among themselves although inter-marriage between clans is now being encouraged in their social activities.

25th June:

Sunday observed. The area is under full administrative control and had its first general inspection last year. The 0800 departed work site arrived Kuturu village by 1345. The school is in session and local district.

26th June:

Carried out general supervision of the road work. The area is under full administrative control and had its first general inspection last year. The 0800 departed work site arrived Kuturu village by 1345. The school is in session and local district.

27th June:

The 0800 departed work site arrived Kuturu village by 1345. The school is in session and local district.

28th June:

1145 departed Kuturu village arrived Poroma 1600.

POLITICAL SITUATION:

END OF PATROL DIARY

The area is under full administrative control and had its first general inspection last year. The 0800 departed work site arrived Kuturu village by 1345. The school is in session and local district.

The Council which is the future local Government Council was made the first tax collection last year will have its second round of tax collection early this year. It has not as yet begun carrying out any project work out till as is the case with the other future.

People still engaged in various types of farming and are not showing their initiative in carrying out any type of business ventures. Native road is in

UNIDENTIFIED

INTRODUCTION:

The primary purpose of this patrol was to build a
bridge track or a motor bike track between Tolavaro
rest house and Orokana Base Camp. At completion the
road will be the extension of the Peroma/Hipa vhe-
icular road.

The secondary purpose of this patrol
was to carry out general administration and to fami-
liarise myself with the place and its people. The
general administrative work was carried out in a lim-
ited capacity. In a case of dealing with the court
matters for example, my activities were limited owing
to the fact that I have no court power. Brief familiar-
isation patrol was made to Lake Kutubu during which
I visited the villages at the lake area. Similar patrol
was conducted previously at Pomboral and Poo Creek
areas when I was transferred from Hipa to Peroma.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE:

The area patrol is the part of the
Fai'i Census Division situated approximately south
of the Peroma Patrol Post. It has tropical climate
and consist of extensive limestone mountain ranges,
inundated permanent swamp lands river valleys and is
vegetated by rain forest, sage palms and secondary
growths.

OBSERVATION AND COMMENTS:

HEALTH AND HYGIENE:

The patrol was well received but
some resentments were shown when the patrol settled
down to give full supervision of the road work. This
resentments were shown mainly by the refusal to
work on the road. However, the people on the whole are
working along with the Administration's policy and
there are no anti-government feelings or cargo cult
activities.

People still have ill feelings among
themselves although inter marriages between clans are
numerous and they do cooperate in their other social
activities.

COMPLAINTS:

The area is under full Administration
control and had its first council last year (1965).
The Mission influence is by and large great. Conse-
quently the education is solely in the hands of the Mission.
The schools teach in English and local dialect.

POLITICAL SITUATION:

General:

As it was stated earlier in the report
there are no anti-government feelings. People are aware
of the government's policy and are participating in
governmental matters quite well but are doing so in a
slow pace. They are also aware of the purpose of the
council established last year but I think they are not
supporting it whole heartedly.

CONCLUSION:

The Council known as Lake Kutubu
Local Government Council has made its first tax col-
lection last year will have its second round of tax
collection early this year. It has not as yet begun
carrying out any project work but will do so in the
near future.

AGRICULTURE:

People still engage in subsistence
farming and has not showed their initiative in carrying
out any type of business ventures. Native food is in

AGRICULTURE: (CONT.)

adequate supplies having sago as the main staple food. Taro, sweet potato, cassava and other vegetables food are grown as an additional food.

There are no cash cropping activities of any description seen in the area. Although the land in the area appears suitable for rubber and coffee (low land coffee) one has made any attempt to grow them.

The only sole earner of money income of this area is the Tigago Oil. As the people rely so much on it they are endeavouring to find an effective market for it at the Highlands areas.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE:

People appear well and in good health. No serious diseases prevail in the area. Hygiene rule was observed through the area as shown through the tidiness of the houses and clean village surroundings.

Minor malarial diseases seem to frequent the area but there has been no serious case out of it. Some deaths occurred during the patrol's presence were reported caused by old age mainly.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

Most villages are accessible by road and numerous foot tracks. The Orokana/Foroma road under construction will not be completed until next year due to slow progress this year. Because of the small, inefficient labour force the road work is progressing very slowly.

Numerous smaller bridges were constructed over streams but for larger rivers there are no bridges and they are crossed by dug out canoes.

COMPLAINTS:

There are no complaints even a serious matter was presented. One minor complaint was made on the removal of the government station at Lake Kutubu. Actually people are aware of the purpose for the removal of the station but only trying the matter again with a 'new klap of the same skin'. I refused to hear the complaint.

Courts:

Numerous minor cases were presented to the patrol and were settled arbitrarily. There were no major case except one serious assault case which was not presented to the patrol. The case was known to the patrol later and an enquiry was made but the parties involved refused to present the case for hearing. This will be followed up by the next patrol to the area.

CONCLUSION:

The information given in this report does not cover the whole of Foi'i Census Division and therefore reference should be made to the previous reports should it be necessary.

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CONCLUSION -CONT.

It is worth mentioning that as I say
be the first indigenous officer to visit the area
I was subjected to some difficulties in handling
people who have been for many years visited by
European Patrol Officers. However, I hope to gain
their respect eventually. This patrol was enjoyable
and I believe I have gain some experience from it.

END OF PATROL REPORT.

John
G. Sala
Patrol Officer.

The following is a list of the names of the
people who were visited during the patrol.
Name

[The following text is extremely faint and illegible due to the quality of the scan. It appears to be a list of names and possibly other details related to the patrol report.]

Done at Camp - 4, Alton, 1942

67-2-3.

Sub-District Office,
NIPA,
S.H.D.

28th July, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

COMMENTS - POROMA PATROL REPORT No. 3-1966/67.

PART FOI'I CENSUS DIVISION.

Please find enclosed copies of Poroma Patrol Report No 3-1966/67 to the Foi'i Census Division, and the Officer in Charge, Poroma, comments thereon. Delay in submitting the report is due to its having to be returned to Poroma for amendment.

Observations and Comments. The resentment noticed by Mr. Salu was almost certainly not due to the disestablishment of Kutubu Patrol Post but rather the peoples dislike of roadwork.

Fortunately the staff position at Poroma has allowed a great deal of contact in the Orkana area in particular. In fact the main bulk of the population, which is located in this area, has probably had more contact during this year than ever before. This has greatly lessened the potential for a deterioration in the native situation which could quite easily have followed the closure of Kutubu Patrol Post.

The people of this area have the reputation of being fairly apathetic, perhaps warranted so. As a result their initial lack of real enthusiasm for their Council during its first year of operation is understandable. It is to be hoped that as they become more familiar with local government their appreciation and use of the Council will grow.

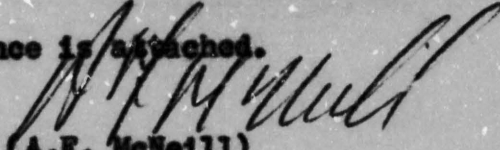
Agriculture. Lowland (kobusta) coffee has been tried at Kutubu and has been found to thrive. Unfortunately until communications improve neither this, nor any other, crop, has any real economic potential.

Roads and Bridges. The Orkana-Poroma track should reduce walking time between these points from 2½ to 1½ days, perhaps less. The track is essential if the Kutubu area is ever to be administered efficiently from Poroma.

The vegetation and topography of the track route would preclude quick progress even if a labour force of thousands were utilised.

Mr Salu gives the impression of being a conscientious and efficient Officer and he has completed a useful patrol to a difficult and isolated area of the District. His practical work deserves commendation. As the Officer in Charge, Poroma states, more care will have to be taken with grammar and spelling. Experience should prove the best teacher.

Claim for Camping Allowance is attached.


(A.F. McNeill)

A/Assistant District Commissioner.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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No.

POROMA Patrol Post,
Nipa Sub-District,
Southern Highlands District.

6th July, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
N.I.P.A.

Subject: Poroma Patrol Report No. 3-1966/67.

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- (ii) One copy of the Patrol Map.
- (iii) Claim for Camping Allowance for Mr. G. Salt, P.O.

Comments on report:

Patrol Diary:

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Political Situation:

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Agricultural

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Roads and Bridges:

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Courts:

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Spelling and grammar should be watched in future reports.

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For your information and onforwarding, please.

N. C. McQuilty
N.C. McQuilty, P.O.
Officer-in-Charge.

cc. G. Salt, Poroma.

A.D.C., Nipa.

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FOROMA Patrol Post,
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6th July, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
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For your information and forwarding, please:

H. B. W. Quilty
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Officer-in-Charge.

cc. G. Salu, Foroma.

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