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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number TAMBUL NO. ¹ - 1971/72
₃ - 1970/71.

Subdistrict MOUNT HAGEN.

District WESTERN HIGHLANDS

Type of Patrol SPECIAL

Patrol Conducted by H. MATHISON, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER

Area Patrolled } PART TAMBUL
(Council and/or }
Census Division/s.) } CENSUS DIVISION.
(MT. GILUWE L. G. COUNCIL.)

Personnel Accompanying Patrol
SGT. 3/C 0502 SERIAPA INTERPRETER (PATROL) PAKA.A.
CONST. 1/C 1011 KOMPOK CONST. 1/C 1286 RIGUMERI
CONST. 1/C 1070 NIHUTE CONST. 1/C 1728 AMATEO.
CONSTABLE 1956 DALVIS

Duration of Patrol—from 3/5/71 to 16/7/71

No. of Days SEVENTY TWO (72) DAYS (BROKEN)

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: H. MATHISON, (CENSUS AND TAX COLLECTION)

Date 31/8/70 to 27/10/70 Duration 57 DAYS

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) (1) ROAD CONSTRUCTION
(2) GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Total Population of Area Patrolled 6,793

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner.

SA/EN

P.O. Box 2396,
KUMBOURNE

67-14-1

20th December, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
HOHEI K. GUMI

TAMBUK PATROL NO. 1 OF 1971/72

Your reference HD916 of 10th August, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by
Mr. N. Mathison, Assistant District Officer, of TAMBUK Census
Division.

Mr. Mathison's suggestion that we educate area leaders
politically and let them educate the people in their areas is
in line with the present approach.

Mr. Mathison has submitted a good report.

(S.J. FORBELL)
s/Secretary



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone
Our Reference: WHD916
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Mr.



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Department of the Administrator,
Division of District
Administration,
District Headquarters,
MOUNT HAGEN, W.H.D.

10th August, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
KONDORU.

TAMBUL PATROL REPORT No. 1 - 1971/72

A good short report of a successful patrol.

Mr. Mathison's comments on political education for this area should be given some further airing as the suggestion could well be an approach useful in other very unsophisticated areas (educate the area leaders and leave the final communication to village level to them).

The Goroka road should be completed, if possible, during this dry season.

S.M. Foley
(S.M. FOLEY)
District Commissioner

c.c. The A.D.C.,
Mount Hagen.

The G.I.C.,
Tambul.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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29 JUL 1971
Next PIR No.

Department of the Administrator,
Sub-District Office,
MOUNT HAGEN. W.H.D.


29th July, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
MOUNT HAGEN.

TAMBUL PATROL REPORT NO. 1-1971/72
N. MATHISON (A.D.O.)

Some comments:-

1. My inspection of this project is covered in Hagen Patrol Report No. 18 of 1970/71.
2. The native situation generally and the relationship between Mr. Mathison and the people was/is excellent.
3. A concerted effort must now be made to open the road to vehicular traffic, otherwise deterioration is certain.
4. Very few people are really interested in national politics. They do not want to be disturbed by concepts well outside the immediate world, particularly when it may affect the status quo and security.
5. I agree that educating a small group of leaders is much more productive than 'mass indoctrination'.
6. Separate correspondence has gone to you regarding NEBILYER objection to inclusion in the TAMBUL Electorate.
7. A brief, but adequate report under the circumstances.
8. Would you please Incur Expense on the Camping Claim?


E. B. ALLEN
Assistant District Commissioner

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Division of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
TAMBUK.
Western Highlands District.
23rd. July, 1971.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
MT. HAGEN.

Re: TAMBUK PATROL NUMBER 1 - 1971/72
N. KATHISON ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.

Enclosed herewith please find the original and three (3) copies of the report for the above-mentioned patrol.

Also enclosed is the original of the patrol map. Could surprint copies please be made for the various copies of the report and attached before they are onforwarded.

My camping allowance claim in quadruplicate, is also forwarded herewith for signature, funding, and onforwarding for payment please.

For your information, perusal, comments and onforwarding please.



N. KATHISON
OFFICER-IN-CHARGE

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PATROL DIARY

Monday 3rd. May, 1971:

Preparation for patrol. Patrol personnel and gear dispatched to ALKINIA by road 0900 hours. Self followed at 1000 hours, in vehicle to ALKINIA. Walked to IAPAGUA rest house. Discussions with assembled officials and villagers. Walked as far as WINDJAKA creek inspecting road route. Returned 1700 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Tuesday 4th. May, 1971:

Inspected area from roadhead to IAPAGUA and about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile beyond for possible alternative route. Eventually cut and marked a more direct and level route between those points. returned rest house at 1600 hours in heavy rain. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Wednesday 5th. May, 1971:

To KAGOP 0800 hours, thence KIRIPIA, KABO, PALNUL and ALKINIA rest houses for discussions with assembled populace re proposed road work. Returned IAPAGUA 1745 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Thursday 6th. May, 1971:

Departed for BONGA 0830 hours for discussions with assembled populace re roadwork. On to GOROKA at 1130 hours, and returned via KOPINI'I, giving talks re road in both places. Arrived KOPINI'I 1500 hours, and departed for IAPAGUA at 1600 hours, arriving 1735 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Friday 7th. May, 1971:

To roadhead at 0900 hours, and met councillors and committees from all surrounding areas assembled there. Walked along route of road, allocating marks to each councillor. Returned IAPAGUA 1630 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Saturday 8th. May, 1971:

Courts 0900 hours to 1200 hours and 1400 hours to 1600 hours. General discussions and political education talks until 1700 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Sunday 9th. May, 1971:

Sunday observed - KIMIFIA. Political education talks from 1400 hours to 1500 hours, when heavy rain interrupted. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Monday 10th. May, 1971:

Inspected and supervised road work until heavy rain commenced at 1530 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Tuesday 11th. May, 1971:

Inspected and supervised road work until heavy rain interrupted at 1300 hours and continued throughout remainder of day. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Wednesday 12th. May, 1971:

Supervised and inspected roadwork until heavy rain commenced at 1400 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Thursday 13th. May, 1971:

Inspected and supervised road work until 1430 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Friday 14th. May, 1971:

Supervised and inspected roadwork until heavy rain interrupted at 1130 hours and continued throughout the day. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Saturday 15th. May, 1971:

Rested a.m.. Courts from 1300 hours to 1700 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Sunday 16th. May, 1971:

Sunday observed - KIRIFIA. Day rested. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Monday 17th. May, 1971:

Inspected and supervised roadwork until 1400 hours, and thence to station for courts. In court 1400 hours to 1630 hours. Returned IAPAGUA. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Tuesday 18th. May, 1971:

Supervised and inspected roadwork until 1000 hours. To station for District Court. Returned IAPAGUA 1400 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

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Wednesday 19th. May, 1971:

To station 0630 hours for District Court. Returned IAPAGUA 1030 hours. Road inspection until 1745 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Thursday 20th. May, 1971:

Inspected and supervised road work until heavy rain commenced at 1530 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Friday 21st. May, 1971:

Supervised and inspected road work until heavy rain commenced at 1230 hours. Political education talks with local "big men" from 1330 hours until 1530 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Saturday 22nd. May, 1971.

Courts from 1000 hours to 1230 hours. Discussions with local "big men" re economic development; advantages of roads; political education etc. until 1630 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Sunday 23rd. May, 1971:

Sunday observed - KIRIPIA. Day rested. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Monday 24th. May, 1971:

Departed for KOPINI'I with patrol gear and personnel at 0700 hours, arriving 0900 hours. Inspected and supervised road work until rain commenced at 1300 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night KOPINI'I.

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Wednesday 19th. May, 1971:

To station 0630 hours for District Court. Returned IAPAGUA 1030 hours. Road inspection until 1745 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Thursday 20th. May, 1971:

Inspected and supervised road work until heavy rain commenced at 1530 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Friday 21st. May, 1971:

Supervised and inspected road work until heavy rain commenced at 1230 hours. Political education talks with local "big men" from 1330 hours until 1530 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Saturday 22nd. May, 1971.

Courts from 1000 hours to 1230 hours. Discussions with local "big men" re economic development; advantages of roads; political education etc. until 1630 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Sunday 23rd. May, 1971:

Sunday observed - KINIPIA. Day rested. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Monday 24th. May, 1971:

Departed for KOPINI'I with patrol gear and personnel at 0700 hours, arriving 0900 hours. Inspected and supervised road work until rain commenced at 1300 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night KOPINI'I.

Tuesday 25th. May, 1971:

Departed for MARABUG 0700 hours on road route inspection and road labour potential survey. Returned KOPINI'I via KOMBUGA and GIA, arriving 1730 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night KOPINI'I.

Wednesday 26th. May, 1971:

Inspected and supervised road work until heavy rain interrupted at 1350 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night KOPINI'I.

Thursday 27th. May, 1971:

Inspected roadwork until 1145 hours. Thence to TAMBUL, and then KOMBUGA for meeting with people. Returned to KABO at 1515 hours, and walked from there to IAPAGUA and then to KOPINI'I, arriving 1755 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night KOPINI'I.

Friday 28th. May, 1971:

Inspected and supervised road work until heavy rain commenced at 1300 hours. Discussions re land dispute until 1700 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night KOPINI'I.

Saturday 29th. May, 1971:

Discussions re land dispute continued until 1000 hours. Talks on political education with assembled "big men" until 1500 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night KOPINI'I.

Sunday 30th. May, 1971:

Sunday observed - IPIPIA. Day rested. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night KOPINI'I.

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Monday 31st. May, 1971:

Departed for IAPAGUA at 0815 hours with patrol gear and personnel, arriving 0945 hours. Self on to TSINTSABAI for inspection of new road. Returned IAPAGUA 1615 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Tuesday 1st. June, 1971:

Inspected and supervised road work until 1500 hours. To ALKENA to await Assistant District Commissioner, and then e with him to IAPAGUA. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Wednesday 2nd. June, 1971:

To ALKENA road head at 0900 hours, and walked along route as far as KOPINI'I, with Assistant District Commissioner talking to each group at its respective mark. To BONGA from KOPINI'I, arriving 1330 hours. Break, with Assistant District Commissioner onto GOROKA and self back to IAPAGUA arriving 1700 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Thursday 3rd. June, 1971:

Inspected and supervised road work until 1700 hours, when rain commenced. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Friday 4th. June, 1971:

Inspected roadwork until 1400 hours. Courts until 1700 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Saturday 5th. June, 1971: to Monday 7th. June, 1971:

Patrol broken.

Tuesday 8th. June, 1971:

To IAPAGUA 0800 hours. Inspected and supervised road work until 1600 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Wednesday 9th. June, 1971:

Supervised and inspected road work until heavy rain commenced at 1330 hours. Discussions re road and future work until 1600 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Thursday 10th. June, 1971:

Inspected and supervised road work until rain interrupted at 1400 hours. Courts until 1700 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Friday 11th. June, 1971:

Inspected road work until 1100 hours. To TAMBUK for Council meeting. Returned IAPAGUA 1630 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Saturday 12th. June, 1971:

Courts from 0900 hours to 1300 hours. General discussions with assembled populace until 1600 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Sunday 13th. June, 1971:

Sunday observed - KIPIPIA. Day rested. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Monday 14th. June, 1971:

Inspected and supervised road work until 1600 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Tuesday 15th. June, 1971:

Supervised roadwork until heavy rain commenced at 1130 hours. Rested p.m.. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Wednesday 16th. June, 1971:

Inspected roadwork until 1600 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Thursday 17th. June, 1971:

Supervised road work in continuous light rain until 1200 hours, when heavy rain commenced. Rested in p.m.. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Friday 18th. June, 1971:

Inspected and supervised roadwork until 1400 hours. Courts remainder of p.m. until 1700 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Saturday 19th. June, 1971:

Courts from 0900 hours until 1200 hours. Political education talks from 1330 hours until 1745 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Sunday 20th. June, 1971:

Sunday observed - KIRIPIA. Day rested. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Monday 21st. June, 1971:

Inspected roadwork until 1400 hours. Patrol gear and personnel to PAGAPENA. Self on courts until 1700 hours, and thence to PAGAPENA. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night PAGAPENA.

Tuesday 22nd. June, 1971:

Departed for SUGARLOAF at 0815 hours. Began ascent at 0915, and reached crest at 1230 hours. On to camp site through kunai plateau. Camp site up, and remainder of day spent investigating surrounding area. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night bush camp on SUGARLOAF plateau.

Wednesday 23rd. June, 1971:

Departed for SUGARLOAF at 0915 hours, arriving at camp site at foot of summit at 1430 hours. Two and 1/2 hours walking time. Diversions for exploring area taking up remainder of time. Camp set up and surrounding area investigated. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night bush camp SUGARLOAF.

Thursday 24th. June, 1971:

Day spent exploring SUGARLOAF and environs for soil and flora specimens. Climbed to summit and investigated old crater. Returned camp 1800 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night bush camp SUGARLOAF.

Friday 25th. June, 1971:

Departed for CARIENT at 0900 hours, following SUGARLOAF plateau for 2½ hours, then descending continuously for 5½ hours, until the PILTS river was reached. Followed river for ¼ hours and then set up camp on river bank. Night bush camp PILTS river.

Saturday 26th. June, 1971:

Departed for crater lake at 0900 hours. Heavy rain commenced at 1400 hours, so camped at KAM rest house. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night KAM.

Sunday 27th. June, 1971:

Day rested KAM. Heavy rain fell for most of day. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night KAM.

Monday 28th. June, 1971:

Departed for lake at 0800 hours, climbing continuously for 6½ hours until ridge top was reached. Followed kunai plateau for ½ hour and set up camp. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night bush camp MT. WAMBUPI area.

Tuesday 29th. June, 1971:

To lake at 0830 hours, arriving 1300 hours. Camp set up on north side of lake. Investigated surrounding area until 1730 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night bush camp lake RAT.

Wednesday 30th. June, 1971:

Departed for KEPILAM at 0900 hours, but unable to locate a connecting track, so cut bush for 5 hours, crossing a precipitous gorge and river in the process. Set up camp on northernmost edge of YOBOSUS grasslands at 1630 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night bush camp YOBOSUS grass lands.

Thursday 1st. July, 1971.

Departed for KEPILAM at 0730 hours, arriving 1300 hours. Awaiting vehicle, then to KANAK with some of carriers. Back to KEPILAM 1530 hours for remainder of carriers, and then returned KANAK. All settled in by 1745 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night KANAK.

Friday 2nd. July, 1971:

Departed for TAMBUL by vehicle at 1330 hours, arriving 1800 hours. To IAPAGUA, arriving 1845 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Saturday 3rd. July, 1971:

Inspected road and preparatory arrangements made for moving cement pipes from roadhead to various culverts. Discussions with local populace re forthcoming roadwork. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Sunday 4th. July, 1971:

Day rested. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Monday 5th. July, 1971:

To TAMBUL 0600 hours and thence to HAGEN, arriving 0815 hours. Business conducted and returned TAMBUL 1800 hours. To IAPAGUA. Night IAPAGUA.

Tuesday 6th. July, 1971:

Inspected road and discussed clearing of slipped sections with respective clan leaders. Inspected new work on eastern end. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Wednesday 9th. July, 1971:

Surveyed route down to and out of, the WUNDJAK'A creek. Discussions with Councillors and committees re forthcoming work. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Thursday 8th. July, 1971:

Inspected stockpile of pipes, checked damage, listed same, and shifted pipes for easier removal. Returned IAPAGUA 1630 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Friday 9th. July, 1971:

Courts from 0900 hours to 1100 hours. Walked along proposed route of link road to the NABILIA area, as far as our border. Returned IAPAGUA 1700 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Saturday 10th. July, 1971:

Courts 0930 hours to 1215 hours. To "singsing" at ALKINIA 1300 hours to 1630 hours. Returned IAPAGUA 1700 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Sunday 11th. July, 1971:

Sunday observed - KIRIPIA. Day rested. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Monday 12th. July, 1971:

Transported all pipes from ALKINIA Mission station to IAPAGUA and began installation on two creeks. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Tuesday 13th. July, 1971:

Day spent supervising shifting of pipes to creeks. Returned IAPAGUA 1700 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Wednesday 14th. July, 1971:

To TAMBUL 0600 hours. In Council meeting all day until 1530 hours. Courts until 1700 hours. Returned IAPAGUA 1730 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Thursday 15th. July, 1971:

Supervised transfer and installation of pipes from 0830 hours to 1100 hours. Inspected road with P.O. NEWELL until 1400 hours. Returned TAMBUL with patrol gear and personnel 1500 hours. Patrol stood down.

END OF DIARY

SPECIAL PATROL REPORT:

INTRODUCTION:

This patrol was mounted for the special purpose of commencing work on the AIKENA - GOROKA road in the lower KAUIL area of the TAMBUL Census Division.

As reference to previous patrol reports and field officers' journals for a considerable period past will indicate, several attempts have been made at constructing this road, but for numerous reasons, no significant, satisfactory progress eventuated.

The patrol was based at IAPAGUA for the most part, this being a convenient near central point for co-ordination of the work - effort.

ROAD:

As can be seen from the patrol diary, some workers commenced on the 10th. May, and some were still working until the end of June.

However, the concentrated period of work was during the four (4) weeks between the 17th. May and the 14th. June, 1971. In that time, $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles of road was cut, although no surfacing was carried out, and bridges and culverts were not completed.

There were two reasons for this; the one being that it was decided that more satisfactory progress could be made if there were no "breaks" for culvert work; the other that cement pipes were to be installed in all creeks, and there had been some delay in the delivery of these pipes.

The work period in any particular week varied from 3 to 5 days, according to each clan's daily progress within the time schedule. The average would have been $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 days per week.

The weather during the period of work was, to say the very least, inhospitable, with rain often commencing around 1 p.m., and the writer considers the work effort all the more creditable because of this.

Throughout the duration of the patrol, the native situation was excellent, and work proceeded in a convivial atmosphere of mutual co-operation between the writer and the working clans.

For his part the writer thoroughly enjoyed the patrol, and is grateful for the opportunity provided to join the people in such a "grass roots" task with its consequent problems, and satisfaction of achievement.

At the completion of the majority of the work, a break of two weeks was called to enable to people to settle any outstanding social commitments, and to prepare for the imminent arrival of the tax patrol.

The road is far from complete, but work is continuing, and with such a good start having been made, further work will have that added incentive that visible progress provides.

POLITICAL EDUCATION:

Advantage was taken of every opportunity that arose to discuss politics with the local people.

On several occasions, the "seminar type" approach was used, with the thought and opinion leaders of the area participating.

Little seemed to be achieved from the first two main meetings, and the writer left with the definite opinion that the leaders were as confused as ever on most aspects, and that in particular, their fears and misconceptions relating to self-government and independence were as strong as ever.

Thus, in later meetings, the emphasis was placed entirely on those fears and misconceptions to the exclusion of other "political education" topics.

The last meeting held, on Saturday the 19th. June, was very successful, although an almost identical approach was used. Whether the constant repetition of the basic points had the desired effect, or whether the particular emphasis on certain of those points "hit home" is not known, but the meeting concluded with nods of satisfaction and without the inevitable: "Mipela ino laik long self-gawman"; "Mipela ino inap long kisin self-gawman"; "Mipela ino redi long self-gawman", that followed the earlier meetings.

The writer for one is virtually convinced that the "mass indoctrination" type procedure has little or no effect in this area, whereas an attack on thought and opinion leaders makes for much simpler, and more satisfactory, education.

However, it now remains to be seen whether these leaders can satisfactorily communicate their "new understanding" to the people at large.

Political education talks will continue throughout all forthcoming patrols in the TAMBUL area. There is much work still to be done in all fields of education, and the minor successes only prove how difficult, complicated, challenging and interesting, political education can be.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

The people brought up the subject of House of Assembly candidates many times during the patrol, and much interest was evidenced in their discussions on prospective candidates.

It would appear that quite a few persons intend to stand for the House in 1972, and some early "campaigning" has already begun.

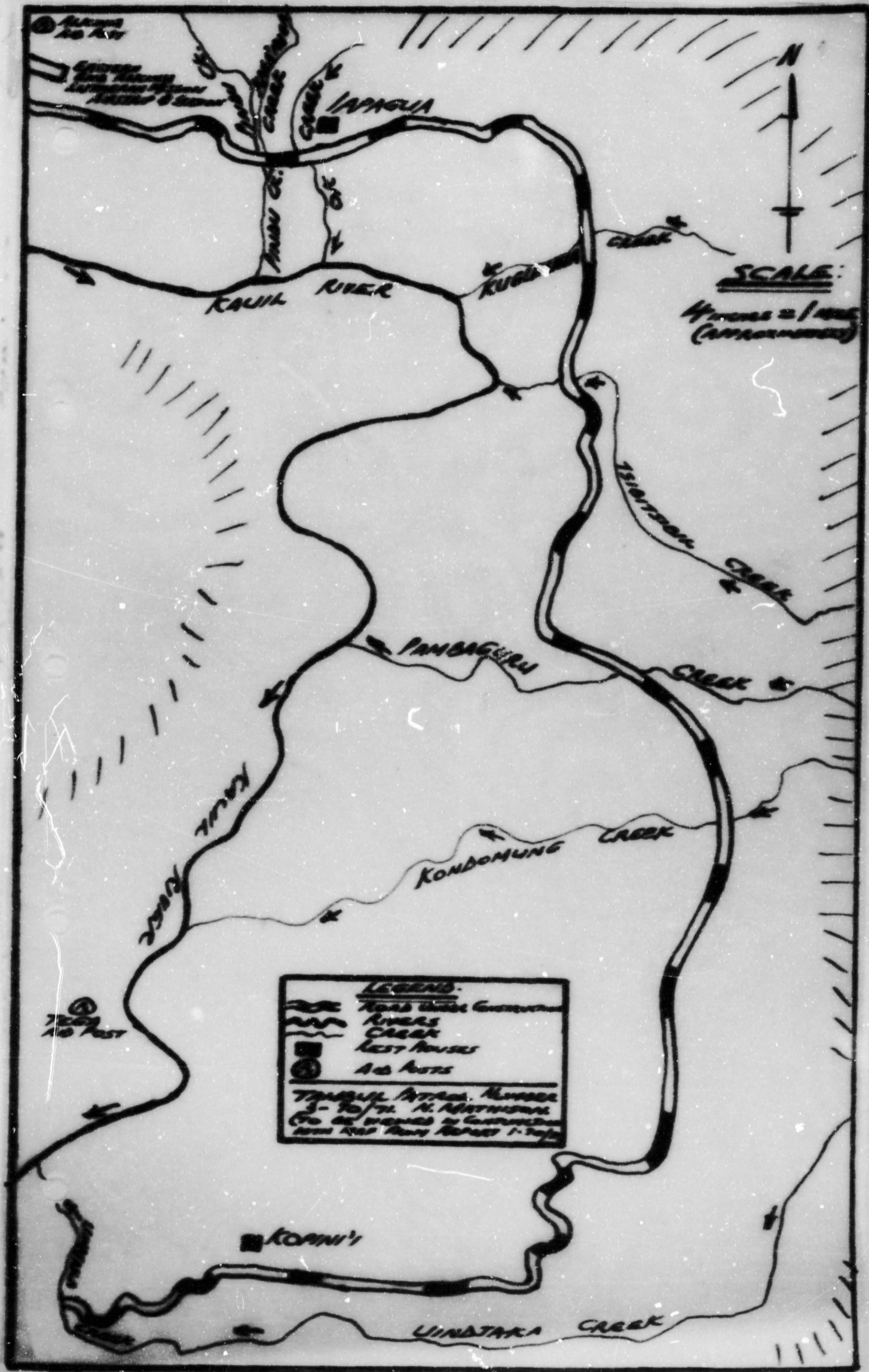
Several younger, semi-educated men are rumoured ~~to be~~ to be interested candidates, but the writer doubts that they will have much success, as they are not influential enough in the area.

In addition, the creation of the new TAMBUL/NEBILYER Electorate will, in all probability, make a "TAMBUL victory" somewhat more difficult than it has been in the past. And if, as appears likely, the votes are split between several candidates in the TAMBUL area, the chances of a TAMBUL winner are even more remote.

Rumour also has it that at least two Europeans have been approached by the people to nominate for the House. When discussing this point, the peoples' reasoning was that, with the rapid changes evident in politics at present, and every indication of more rapid changes to come, a well educated Candidate (hence a European) was obviously desirable.

The coming months will prove who are the real prospective candidates, and it will be interesting to see who in fact nominates.

END OF REPORT



① Air Post
No. 717

② Rest House
No. 718
No. 719
No. 720

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1/4" = 1 mile
(approximate)

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 TANJUNG AIR POST, NUMBER
 3-70/71. N. MONTGOMERY
 (To be placed in Georgetown
 with the first report 1-70/71)

③ Air Post
No. 721

④ Rest House
No. 722

UINDARA CREEK



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number TAMBUL 2 - 1971/72

Subdistrict MT. HAGEN

District WESTERN HIGHLANDS

Type of Patrol ANNUAL CENSUS

Patrol Conducted by N. MATHISON, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.

Area Patrolled TAMBUL CENSUS DIVISION
 (Council and/or MT. GILWE L.G. COUNCIL
 Census Division(s) (PART ONLY)

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

<u>SGT. 3/C 0502 SUMARA</u>	<u>INTERPRETER KURU/MAGENTSIA</u>
<u>CONST. 0863 PIANDA</u>	<u>CONST. 1/C 1286 HIGHERI</u>
<u>CONST. 1/C 1078 NIHUTE</u>	<u>CONST. 1/C 1728 AMATEO</u>

Duration of Patrol—from 26/7/71 to 10/9/71

No. of Days FORTY TWO (42) (BROKEN)

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: N. MATHISON (SPECIAL ROAD)

Date 3/5/71 to 16/7/71 Duration 72 DAYS (BROKEN)

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) (1) ANNUAL CENSUS REVISION (2) MT. GILWE
L.G. COUNCIL TAX COLLECTION 1971/72
(3) GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Total Population of Area Patrolled 9,179

Director of District Administration,
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District Commissioner.

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67-14-5

17th December, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
KOYE HAGEN.

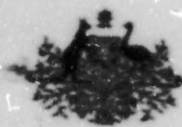
TAMBUK PATROL NO. 2 OF 1971/72.

Your reference S.H.D. 930 of 17th October, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report
by Mr. S. Mathison of TAMBUK Census Division.

Mr. Mathison has submitted a most informative report.
His contribution to the development of this country has been
significant.

(S.J. PRANSKY)
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TAMBUL PATROL POST REPORT NO. 2 1971/72

The above report is forwarded for your information.

The comments made by the Assistant District Commissioner and submitted with this memorandum fully cover the matters raised in the subject report.

This is probably the last report to be received from Mr. Mathison. He is returning to Australia at the end of this year.

During his years in the Service Mr. Mathison has shown himself to be a most capable and energetic officer who has left each of his postings with a considerable advancement in economic and political development. The fact that the Tambul people have asked him to remain on and serve at the M.H.A. is a simple but very genuine mark of the respect in which they hold Mr. Mathison's efforts.

D. FAITHFUL
DISTRICT INSPECTOR

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner,
MOUNT HAGEN.

MINISTRY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Department of the Administrator,
Sub-District Office,
TAMBUL.

30th October, 1971.

District Commissioner,
District Office,
TAMBUL.

TAMBUL PATROL REPORT NO. 2-1971/72
H. MATHISON - TAMBUL

Comments:-

1. No matter how we rationalize, justify and like the D.D.A./Local Government split, it does not make administrative sense in the field.
2. Mr. HISSING, the new Officer in Charge, has been instructed to complete the census revision and submit a full report together with statistics.
3. I agree that this Council will develop rapidly, only because it is starting from a relatively low base. However, I like the attitude generated in the area by Mr. Mathison. I am confident that Mr. HISSING can keep the ball rolling.
4. Because of Advisor inexperience, District Local Government Office must keep a close watch on the mechanics of this Council. I am also very concerned about the Advisor's Public Relations and will closely watch the situation.
5. The number of nominations for the House of Assembly Elections is high right throughout the Sub-District. There is no doubt that interest in politics is at all time, high.
6. Tambul leaders have many times requested the retention of Mr. Mathison and at the same time suggested he become M.P.A.
7. I would still consider ADJAMES/ADJAC, M.P.A., the front runner for 1972, simply on the basis, that he is the sitting Member and therefore the man to beat.
8. An assessment of the M.P.A. operation, i.e. measurement of achievements against cost would be interesting.
9. Tambul is one of the few areas in the Sub-District that is free of large scale tribal friction.
10. A concise neat report adequately covering the situation.
11. I hope that Mr. Mathison is as successful at WAPSIANDA as he was at TAMBUL.

c.c. Mr. H. Mathison,
WAPSIANDA,
c.c. Officer in Charge,
TAMBUL.


Assistant District Commissioner

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PATROL DIARY

Monday 26th. July, 1971:

Preparation for patrol. Patrol gear and personnel by road to KOMBUGA 1000 hours - self followed at 1100 hours. Road inspection enroute, and discussions with various Councillors and komitis. Discussions on Show, tax, Council elections and H. of A. elections with assembled natives until 1600 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night KOMBUGA.

Tuesday 27th. July, 1971:

Census and tax collection 0930 hours to 1500 hours. General discussions and trials with bow and arrows for marksmen for Show. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night KOMBUGA.

Wednesday 28th. July, 1971:

Departed for NARABUG at 0900 hours, arriving 1200 hours over a good track. Census and tax collection 1300 hours to 1700. Talks from 1700 hours to 1800 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night NARABUG.

Thursday 29th. July, 1971:

Departed for GOROKA at 1000 hours, over good track, arriving 1400 hours. Talks on Show, L.G. and H. of A. elections etc. etc. from 1330 hours to 1430 hours. Census and tax collection commenced 1430 hours and concluded at 1730 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night GOROKA.

Friday 30th. July, 1971:

Departed for BONGA at 1000 hours, over good track, arriving 1100 hours. Talks until 1230 hours. Census and tax collection commenced 1300 hours, and concluded 1600 hours. Flag lowered. Night BONGA.

Saturday 31st. July, 1971:

Courts 0900 to 1200 hours. Departed for IAPAGUA at 1200 hours, arriving 1415 hours. P.M. on census books. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Sunday 1st. August, 1971:

Day rested - IAPAGUA. On census figures all day, together with census book re-writing. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Monday 2nd. August, 1971:

Talks with assembled populace on usual subjects from 0930 hours to 1100 hours. Census and tax collection commenced 1100 hours. A.P.O. WADE in at 1130 hours. Explanation of census procedures and census and tax collection continued until 1745 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night IAPAGUA.

Tuesday 3rd. August, 1971:

Census and tax collection commenced 1030 hours and concluded at 1300 hours. To station on Common Bell revision duties, whilst cargo and patrol personnel dispatched to ALKINIA. Returned 1730 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night ALKINIA.

Wednesday 4th. August, 1971:

Courts 0930 hours to 1030 hours. Census and tax collection commenced 1030 hours and concluded 1730 hours. Archery competition until 1800 hours. Flag lowered. Night ALKINIA.

Thursday 5th. August, 1971:

Courts 1000 hours to 1200 hours. A.P.O. WADE to KONDIPI for census and tax collection at 1115 hours. Self to station for meeting with D.O. ASMUSSEN, and returned ALKINIA at 1530 hours. Walked to KONDIPI, arriving 1600 hours and met A.P.O. WADE. Returned ALKINIA with him 1715 hours, arriving 1745 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night ALKINIA.

Friday 6th. August, 1971:

Departed for PALNUL at 0930 hours in vehicle. Awaited remainder of cargo and organized camp. Census and tax collection commenced 1200 hours, after A.P.O. WADE back to HAGEN at 1130 hours. Census concluded 1430 hours, and to station with Insp. TIDEN on Police disciplinary inquiry. Returned PALNUL 1945 hours. Night PALNUL.

Saturday 7th. August, 1971:

To KABO 0930 hours, and commenced census and tax collection at 1030 hours for KGPINI'I clans. Concluded same at 1500 hours, and usual talks until 1700 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night KABO.

Sunday 8th. August, 1971:

Sunday observed. Day rested. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night KABO.

Monday 9th. August, 1971:

Census and tax commenced 1030 hours after talks, and concluded at 1600 hours. Gear and personnel to KIRIPIA. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night KIRIPIA.

Tuesday 10th. August, 1971:

Talks on usual subjects from 0930 to 1100 hours. Census and tax collection followed, and concluded at 1730 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night KIRIPIA.

Wednesday 11th. August, 1971:

To KAGOP 0800 hours. Discussions with assembled populace re Show and postponement of tax collection. To HAGEN 1100 hours. Discussions with A.D.C. and thence to Showgrounds. Returned KAGOP 1930 hours. Night KAGOP.

Thursday 12th. August, 1971:

To station at 0700 hours, and thence KAGOP, KIRIPIA, GIA, and KOMBUGA for discussions with assembled populace re Show preparations. Returned KAGOP 1845 hours. Night KAGOP.

Friday 13th. August, 1971:

To TOMBA at 0800 hours, and thence KAMUGA and PAIAGONA for discussions re Show preparations. Returned KAGOP 1900 hours. Night KAGOP.

Saturday 14th. August, 1971:

Departed for GIA at 0900 hours for trial sing sing. On to KOMBUGA for discussions re Show. Returned KAGOP 1700 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night KAGOP.

Sunday 15th. August, 1971:

Sunday observed KIRIPIA. Day rested. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night KAGOP.

Monday 16th. August, 1971:

Departed for Showgrounds at 0700 hours with advance Police patrol and workers. Organized work programme; inspected housing and arranged for necessary alterations and extensions; and inspected Show exhibit. Returned KAGOP 1900 hours. Night KAGOP.

Tuesday 17th. August, 1971:

Departed for ALKINIA at 0800 hours, thence to KONDIPI, IAPAGUA, and KOPINI'I. Walked back to road at KAPO, and thence to PALNUL, discussing Show preparations in each area. Returned KAGOP 1730 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night KAGOP.

Wednesday 18th. August, 1971:

To TOMBA at 0800 hours, and thence TSINTSABAI, KAMUGA and PAIAGONA for discussions re Show. Inspected bilas preparations. Returned KAGOP 1645 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night KAGOP.

Thursday 19th. August, 1971:

To LAIAGAM at 0830 hours, thence MALGI, PAGAPENA, MALTAGA and KUMBAGABUG discussing Show. Returned KAGOP 1730 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night KAGOP.

Friday 20th. August, 1971:

To PUKUMING at 0900 hours, thence TOMBA and KAMUGA inspecting bilas preparations and discussing Show. Returned KAGOP 1700 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night KAGOP.

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Saturday 21st. August, 1971:

To station for trial singsings at 0700 hours, thence KAGOP, KIRIPIA, KABO, GIA and KOMBUGA for same. Returned KAGOP 1900 hours. Night KAGOP.

Sunday 22nd. August, 1971:

Departed for TOMBA at 0800 hours for housing, food and firewood arrangements. Thence to ALKINIA and PALNUL for trial singsings. Returned KAGOP 1745 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night KAGOP.

Monday 23rd. August, 1971:

Departed for TOMBA at 0800 hours, and thence to KAMUGA and PALAGONA for trial singsings. Returned KAGOP 1945 hours. Night KAGOP.

Tuesday 24th. August, 1971:

To Showgrounds at 0700 hours for final check on housing, food and firewood, and the exhibit preparatory to moving warriors. Returned KAGOP 1840 hours. Night KAGOP.

Wednesday 25th. August, 1971:

Departed for GIA at 0530 hours with vehicle and began transporting warriors. Worked through PALNUL, KABO, KIRIPIA and KAGOP. To TOMBA at 1730 hours for planning and organization of forward movement from there. Returned KAGOP 0200 hours on Thursday. Night KAGOP.

Thursday 26th. August, 1971:

Departed for station at 0530 hours, and supervised transport from there until 1400 hours. To TOMBA, and continued supervising forward transport from there until 0100 hours, Friday. Moved to KAMUGA, and drove as relief until 0600 hours.

Friday 27th. August, 1971:

To Showgrounds at 0630 hours, and checked housing, feed etc.. Reported to A.D.C. at 0715 hours. Waited for vehicles until 0830 hours, and dispatched them to various pick-up points. Self to NABILIA checking loading, thence TIRIA, PAIAGONA and TOMBA. Purchased more firewood and delivered to rest house. Returned to KAGOP for gear, thence to station to organize kaukau. Returned to Showgrounds 1700 hours, arriving 1900 hours. Night KAGAMUGA.

Saturday 28th. August, 1971:

Show duty all day. Night KAGAMUGA.

Sunday 29th. August, 1971:

Show duty all day. Night KAGAMUGA.

Monday 30th. August, 1971:

Organized and supervised transport of warriors back to their respective areas. Night KAGAMUGA.

Tuesday 31st. August, 1971: to Sunday 5th. September, 1971:

Patrol broken.

Monday 6th. September, 1971:

Preparation for patrol. Gear and personnel dispatched to KAGOP at 0930 hours. Self out at 1000 hours. Heavy rain began 0700 hours and continued throughout day. Discussions with Councillors and committees and decision made to abandon tax collection. P.M. on census books. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night KAGOP.

Tuesday 7th. September, 1971:

Census and tax collection commenced 1030 hours after usual discussions, and concluded 1700 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night KAGOP.

Wednesday 8th. September, 1971:

Patrol gear and personnel to OPIABUK at 0900 hours. Self to station for Council meeting and remained until 1730 hours. Returned OPIABUK 1745 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night OPIABUK.

Thursday 9th. September, 1971:

Census and tax collection commenced 0900 hours and concluded 1500 hours. Usual talks until 1630 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Night OPIABUK.

Friday 10th. September, 1971:

Departed for LAIAGAM 0800 hours with patrol gear and personnel. Census and tax commenced 1000 hours after usual talks, and concluded 1630 hours. Returned TAMBUK with patrol gear and personnel. Patrol stood down.

SITUATION REPORT:

INTRODUCTION:

This patrol was mounted for the twofold purpose of annual census revision, and tax collection for the MT. GILWE Local Government Council for the 1971/72 financial year.

Emphasis was also placed on political education talks throughout the patrol, with particular attention being paid to the imminent Local Government Council elections and forthcoming House of Assembly elections.

Reception of the patrol was excellent, and it is regretted that the writer was unable to complete the entire Census Division.

However, Mr. P.R. ZEISING, P.O., and new O.I.C., will have an excellent opportunity to get to know many of his people if he decides to continue the patrol himself.

It is perhaps pertinent to point out that tax collection is the duty of the Council Adviser (Office of Local Government). The writer only took on the task because the Adviser himself had other pressing duties, and it was impracticable for him to be on patrol at the time.

This serves to emphasize the problems of any permanent D.D.A./O.L.G. split in the future.

With regard to ward composition in the Council area, as mentioned in patrol reports 2 - 1969/70 and 1 - 1970/71, the problems have now been settled, and a recent Asending Proclamation established six (6) new wards for the Council.

Two (2) of these were created for the GIA and KOMBUSA groups (ex IALIBU), and the remaining four (4) were created to overcome the unsatisfactory clan disputes which had arisen in four other wards.

The Council now has a total of 36 wards, with one Councillor representing each Ward, and general elections under the new Constitution are currently in progress.

(a) POLITICAL:

Local Government:

It is felt by the writer that the MT. GILWE Local Government Council is presently in an excellent position for rapid advancement to a higher grade.

This is so, in the writer's opinion, in spite of the peoples' apparent insistence that the present tax rate of £5.00, for males only, should remain the same for many years.

Having been at TAMBUL for 2½ years, the writer can say that he has never seen the people in such a state of preparedness to "move with the times."

Their interest in all matters is at a new peak, and they are only awaiting guidance from a keen and dynamic officer to move ahead.

Properly guided, the possibilities for expansion are virtually unlimited, but the move must be made now before interest wanes.

Results from the Council elections to date indicate that the incumbent candidates are being re-elected. This is not necessarily a bad thing even though most of the first-term Councillors were conservative in their outlook. (See patrol report number 1 - 1970/71).

In spite of their initial conservatism, they are gradually seeing the benefits of an effective Council, and, properly guided, will communicate this to the people.

Should their present "burst of enthusiasm" cease before advantage can be taken of it, it is felt that many possibilities for expansion still exist provided, once again, that the Council has an enthusiastic Adviser.

To sum up: The possibilities of advancement, through Local Government, are almost unlimited, provided a steady guiding hand assists the Council in the initial stages, and there is little doubt that the Councillors have the potential if they too are assisted.

Local Government Councillors:

As aforementioned, elections are currently in progress, and until these cease, there is little point in making further comment. (But see also "Local Government")

House of Assembly:

There is much interest evident in the forthcoming House of Assembly elections.

Many more candidates than previously appear to be keen to nominate, and there is much talk on the subject being circulated.

The reason for much of this new awareness can, in the writer's opinion, be directly traced to Political Education talks, and the subsequent "chain reaction" discussions generated by those talks.

At all rest houses in the KAVUL covered by this patrol, the people approached the writer to nominate as their member, and the manner in which the approach was made was both touching and embarrassing to the writer.

The move started in the lower KAVIL, and was obviously gathering momentum as the patrol progressed. "Cheer leaders" accompanied the patrol for much of the time, and the entire matter was all the more embarrassing because the present M.H.A., KOITAGA/MANO, also accompanied the patrol.

When asked why they wished the writer to nominate, the people replied that, because of what they had learned from the Political Education talks, they had decided that a literate, observant and keen member was essential to their interests, and that a European was the only person who could currently fulfill this requirement in the TAMBUK area.

An interesting observation!!!

House of Assembly Member:

Little further can be added to the comments already made on KOITAGA/MANO in patrol reports 2 - 1969/70 and 1 - 1970/71.

It is felt that he now has little hope of re-election, although if he carries out his usual pre-election campaign he may well nullify a lot of the current moves against him.

The very fact that so many persons are apparently going to nominate could well be in his favour, as is the more obvious fact that he is the incumbent candidate.

Election results from here will be interesting, especially in view of the fact that TAMBUK is now linked with the NABILIA in an Open Electorate.

Political Education:

As can be seen from the diary, and previous comments throughout this report, political education talks were continually held and listened to with obvious interest.

There is a lot less currently said about self-government and independence, but this is not because the people are in favour of either.

They simply view the matter in a different context than previously, and in the writer's opinion, are channelling their interest through the House of Assembly as a means of ensuring their wishes are ultimately fulfilled.

Awareness of the system of Government is increasing (albeit in a limited way) and the House of Assembly is being looked to as a solution to problems that previously had no apparent solution.

With continued political education, the masses will gradually become more aware of how to make their presence felt in Government and Administrative circles.

(b) ECONOMIC:

General Rural Development:

Details of work completed to date on the ALKINIA/GOPOKA road can be found in patrol report number 1 -1971/72. This work will continue in the coming months.

Mr. B.P. NEWELL, P.O., will re-commence construction of the KAKUGA/TSINTSABAI road in October, and \$5000.00 of Rural Development Funds has already been allocated to the project.

One hopes that work will shortly commence on the TAMBUL/MALTAGA road, in spite of the fact that no R.D.F. assistance has been granted.

These 3 projects will open up three hitherto isolated areas, and will provide much scope for consolidation of Administration influence in those areas.

The projects are virtual full-time tasks, and could be moved ahead much more rapidly if a third officer was provided for TAMBUL.

Since this appears most unlikely, maximum use will have to be made of the two officers currently here.

The months ahead will prove both interesting and challenging to the field officers at TAMBUL.

Activities of Development Department:

There are now four D.A.S.F. officers at TAMBUL, three with the Research and Survey Section, and one with the Plant and Industry section.

With one exception, all the officers have recently been changed, and it is now to be hoped that some worth-while results will be forthcoming from the Research and Survey section based at the High Altitude Experimental Station (H.A.E.S.).

As previous reports have constantly re-iterated, nothing has been achieved by the H.A.E.S. staff in spite of much time and enormous amounts of money spent ostensibly on high altitude crop experimentation.

The 3 trial cattle blocks appear to be proceeding satisfactorily, although it is a little early to tell whether further blocks can be safely established.

Pyrethrum production remains much the same. Current rumour has it that a Japanese company is interested in obtaining a large area of land on which they can plant pyrethrum for mechanized harvesting.

If the move succeeds, this could well be the incentive required by the local people. As has been commented on in previous reports, the writer feels that lack of European interest in pyrethrum is one of the main reasons for the peoples' generally low opinion of the crop.

Processing and Marketing:

This section has been adequately covered in previously-mentioned reports. It is not considered necessary to report those basic facts again.

Village Cash-Crop Extension:

Again, this matter has been adequately covered in previous reports. (See also "Activities of Development Departments.")

Non-Indigenous Development:

Little further can be added to previous reports.

The market-gardening enterprises of both the Lutheran and Bible Missions appear to be on the wane, although it is understood that the Lutheran Mission is endeavouring to re-organize its project. The Agriculturist previously stationed at ALKINIA has left, and a replacement seems unlikely at this stage.

Land for the Catholic Mission cattle project at KIRIPIA has been purchased, and it will be interesting to see what develops there in the future.

It is understood that tenders have closed for timber leases on MT. GILWE, and the outcome there is also anxiously awaited.

(c) SOCIAL:

Education:

This matter has also been adequately covered in previous reports. The situation remains unchanged.

Health:

The only new development in this field is the establishment of a full-time Infant Welfare Clinic at ALKINIA by the Lutheran Mission.

Dr. Scholz from KOTMA recently addressed the Council on this subject.

Initially, the Clinic will be staffed by a trained A.P.O., and will be supervised by a European nurse for two weeks every two months.

Provided the attendance is satisfactory, and the quantity of work justifies it, efforts will be made to base a nurse at ALKINIA on a full-time basis.

The scheme has apparently been approved by P.S.O., which will provide a subsidy if and when the nurse takes over the clinic.

It is to be hoped that the people of the area co-operate fully with the Mission in this scheme.

Law and Order:

The situation in this field remains much the same, and the attitude of the people on the whole is excellent.

However, in late August a murder occurred, the first for 6 years or more, and although this is a serious matter, it is felt that the case is an isolated one and does not reflect the general attitude.

As has been mentioned in earlier reports, the people have an extremely progressive outlook towards law and order.

Missions:

The situation here remains unchanged. The subject has been gone into in detail in other reports, and does not require repetition.

Cults and Unrest:

There are no cults of any description operating in the area.

A recent clash between rival clans, over land, occurred some months ago, but the matter appears to have settled down.

The native situation is, in the writer's opinion, excellent, and there appears to be no indications of unrest or dissatisfaction in any areas.

Community Education, including Womens' Clubs.

An adult Education course was held last month by Mr. M.K. BARTON, a Community Education Officer with the Welfare Section of the D.ofS.D.and M.A..

The course was held over a period of three weeks at 3 conveniently located centres, and attendance was excellent.

Mr. BARTON has written a report on the course, and his comments on the peoples' attitude are interesting, since they come from an "outsider" not involved in the day-to-day discussions experienced by the writer.

The Womens' Club at TAMBUL is still functioning, and the wife of one of the new D.A.S.F. officers has been taking a keen interest in all aspects of the Club.

She has devoted considerable time to the women and their organization, and it is to be hoped her interest continues.

Youth Activities, Courses etc.:

An inter-club soccer competition has just concluded a very successful season of operation under the surveillance of Mr. P. BROWN of P.W.D. TAMBUL.

There were six teams in the competition, and interest was high throughout the season.

Organization was excellent. Regular practise matches were held, and a draw arranged and followed.

It is a pity that a similiar competition cannot be arranged for a "summer" sport in the coming six months.

(d) MISCELLANEOUS:

An Area Study has not been compiled as the patrol is yet to be completed. In any event, the Study has only to be up-dated this year. Mr. ZIESING will do this when he completes the patrol.

Similarly, Census figures will be supplied upon completion of the patrol.

Response to the tax collection was excellent throughout, and the patrol was an enjoyable one.

Mr. F. WADE, A.P.O., joined the patrol on the 2nd. August and remained until the 6th. August. He has already submitted a report.

The writer regrets he is unable to complete the patrol due to transfer.

END OF SITUATION REPORT.