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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Sub District of **Popondetta** Council area: **Higaturu**
 District of **Northern** Report No. **Popondetta No.1 1971/72**
 Patrol Conducted by **A.E. Sibbing A.P.O.**
 Area Patrolled **Part of Sohe Census Division**
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **Nil**
 Natives **J.Kavire - S.Bafape - A.Basao**
 Duration—From **5 / 7 / 1971** to **14 / 7 / 1971**
 Number of Days **10 (7 days camped out)**
 Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **Nil**
 Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **24 / 5 / 1971 (11 days)**
 Medical / / 19.....
 Map Reference **Sketch map attached**
 Objects of Patrol **Territory Census 1971**
 * **Village Population Register not enclosed**
 * **Total population of area patrolled 998**

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ / 19

J.H. Marsh
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

FJM:IT

67-5-1

KOMEDOMU.

16th August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

POPONDETTA PATROL NO. 1 OF 1971/72.

Your reference is 67-1-1 of 26th July, 1971.

2. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of
abovementioned Patrol Report by Mr. A.E. Sibbing.

T.W.E.
(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

67-5-1 (1)

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

67-1-1



Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
POPONDETTA. Northern District.

26th July, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

POPONDETTA PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 1971/72.

I attach hereto two copies of a report of a patrol to part of the Sohe Division conducted by Mr. A.E. Sibbing, Assistant Patrol Officer for the specific purpose of conducting the Territory Census.

I also enclose a copy of Assistant District Commissioner, Popondetta's remarks.

I concur with the general conclusions reached by Mr. Sibbing. The matter of the well casings has been discussed with the District Local Government Officer who is taking appropriate action.

DR Marsh

(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner. 9

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Sub District Office,
POPONDETTA. ND

20th July, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

POPONDETTA PATROL No. 1 of 1971/72 (TERRITORY CENSUS)

1. Attached please find original and two copies of a report of Mr. Sibbing's (APO) patrol, and his claim for camping out allowance.
2. This patrol was purely to conduct part of the recently completed Territory Census and no other activity was carried out. The report therefore consists of impressions gained whilst visiting 7 villages reasonably remote from the Sub-District centre at Popondetta.
3. Comments follow:

A. POLITICAL.

People will only actively support their council if it is new or if it is doing something for them. Sometimes the demands of electors are farfetched. The fate of the Beurn aid post and well is to be deplored. They were built and then the village moved leaving facilities forlorn in the bush.

Self help is one aspect of self determination that must be pushed in preparation for self-government.

B. ECONOMIC.

I disagree completely about the establishment of trade stores. As such they are not mercantiles but purely social ones. I doubt very much if any increase in economic output would follow the opening of trade stores.

C. SOCIAL.

With regard to the 90% mentioned under "Education" I think the reporting officer means that 90% had had no formal education.



(C. G. Day)
Assistant District Commissioner.

Copy : Mr. A. Sibbing,
Popondetta.

DIARY

- 5.7.71 By Toyota jeep to Epa Plantation and from there an hours walk to Ahora Village. Census conducted. Return to Popondetta.
- 6.7.71 By Toyota jeep to Ononda Village and from there 45 mins. to group of block owners, where census was conducted as part of Beuru Village. Another 45 mins. walk to Beuru Village. Commenced census. Camped for the night.
- 7.7.71 Completed Beuru census. Return to Popondetta.
- 8.7.71 By Toyota jeep to New Warisota Village. Census conducted. Walked to New Kikinota Agric. Post, which took 2 hours. Camped for the night.
- 9.7.71 Census conducted for Sehoru Village. Camped at Kikinota Post.
- 10.7.71 One hours walk to Senani Village, where census was conducted. One hours walk to Muhuru Village, where we camped for the night.
- 11.7.71 Sunday observed in Muhuru Village. Camped.
- 12.7.71 Census conducted for Muhuru Village. Camped in Muhuru.
- 13.7.71 Half an hours walk to Morau Village. Conducted census. Camped in Morau.
- 14.7.71 Half an hours walk to Kipore hamlet, where we censused another 4 families, belonging to Senani Village Register. From here Another 2 hours walk to New Warisota. Waited for vehicle and returned to Popondetta. End of patrol.

Sub-District Office,
Popondetta,
Northern District,
16 th July 1971.

SITUATION REPORT

Patrol No. 1 - 71/72

Introduction

This was a Special patrol to conduct the Territory Census as Teamleader for TL area 17, Census Units 1 to 7 (inclusive). It comprised the following villages:

- 1 Ahora
- 2 Beuru
- 3 New Warisota
- 4 Sehoru
- 5 Senani
- 6 Herau
- 7 Huhuru

Some use was made of a 4 wheel drive vehicle, although most of the movement was by foot.

The 3 appointed census interviewers were students from P.A.T.I.

A. Political

The area patrolled is part of the Sohe Census Division and under the Higaturu Local Government Council. Local Government in this area has been established since 1956.

The Council has not achieved much in this particular area. Apart from one aidpost in Kipore, there are no other Council facilities in the area. The aidpost in old Beuru village has been out of use, since the people moved to their new village. There is no road access, which appears to be the main obstacle. Road construction in the area will have great problems with drainage, as a large part of the country is low lying and swampy, partly caused by the spread of the Ambogo River into a network of smaller streams.

The people, particularly in the larger village of Huhuru, rely a great deal on the health and education facilities provided by the Gona Mission.

From this it can be understood, that little enthusiasm can be expected towards the Local Government Council. However people appear to make an effort to raise money for their taxes.

People seem to show little initiative. A few years ago, the Council trucked some concrete ring casings for wells in villages to the area. These were taken up as far as possible by road and then dropped along the road. Since then no effort was made to roll them to destination.

Although the Councillors show their representation at the Higaturu Council, there appears some discontent amongst some of the villages for Councillors not showing enough interest in conveying their matters to the Council and reporting back to them. Perhaps this feeling could be caused as they expect direct action to their demands or would like a Councillor from their own village.

B. Economic

In this mainly coffee growing area, lack of initiative is the main problem. Bad access into the area cannot be blamed for this. After all a two hours walk to the nearest outlet cannot be a great deterrent.

Some of the coffee gardens have been let go and been self sowing with the result of no spacing. Trees are aiming for light and bear no berries.

The coffee pulping machine in Huhuru has been broken down for months and no effort has been made to have it repaired.

At the present some people are working their coffee for meeting their Council tax obligations and process their coffee by hand beating.

Again the old story, it is the NEED for money that make people work, like taxation, schoolfees and own needs. As own needs are very small, there appears to be little need for money and therefore no initiative for cashcrops.

To increase the need for money and stimulate better living, I suggested more tradestores in the area, as there were none. People could make a profit on the goods sold and also on carrying out the produce, while buying new stock for the tradestores.

As I had little opportunity in observing economic conditions in the direct vicinity of New Kikinota Agricultural Post, I cannot comment on this locality, although I expect the position to be better.

C. Social

Education

There are no schools in the area. Children go to Gona Mission School and walk home for the weekend. Some Sehor children go to Isavene School. The school in Huhuru has closed down.

Absent workers and school going children were not included in this Census. This would have left the less educated section of the population in the villages. Considering this, the census showed that in this group the educational standard was almost nil. My estimation would be that in this group only 5% had education up to standard two and 2.5% any higher up to standard 5. The latter would be the 90% of the total village population. Population of Census conducted was 1000.

Health

Services have already been described under Heading Political. People's health appears to be comparative to areas with better communications.

In Senani Village I insisted Kore Sinopa, an approx. 17 year old male, to go to hospital. He obviously appeared very ill with extremely enlarged abdomen and anaemic expression. Investigation showed he escaped from Lae hospital. The matter was passed on to the Hospital after my patrol.

Club activities

There are none. People keep themselves occupied with their traditional village activities, preparations for feasting and dances. Morning and evening church meetings play an important part in the daily programme.

Territory Census

This Census covered a population of seven villages, totalling 998 people according to the '70 / '71 village register.

Only 875 people were enumerated, leaving a remainder, which would have been enumerated elsewhere.

In any of the villages males outnumbered females, the totals being 468 for males and 407 for females.

We used 182 census forms, indicating an average of five persons per house / family.

The number of hours spent on cash cropping around the villages appeared high and unrealistic. This seemed to be caused by the effort of people raising money for their L.G. tax, which coincided with the time of the Census.

Halfway the patrol, I slipped over a log and on my return at the end of my patrol an X-ray showed a fractured rib.

The Censuswork was carried out in its scheduled time and completed successfully.

A.E. Sibbing

A.E. Sibbing
A.P.O.

Situation Report Map

Patrol No. 1 7/1/72



Scale 1:10000

A.

Amount Returned to State

FILE



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

POP. PATROL REPORT
No. 1A of 7/72

15/70/71
No. 6/74/72

District of Northern Report No. L.G. 1/71-72

Patrol Conducted by S. Robin Lafitua, Assistant District Officer (L.G.)

Area Patrolled Part of the Illimo Council

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans nil

Natives Gau Samana, Trainee Patrol Officer

Duration—From 16/12/71 to 22/12/71

Number of Days six days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / / 19

Medical / / 19

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol Local Government and Area Authorities

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ / 19
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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Amount
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to Store



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

(R002/71-72)

District of Northern Report No. L.G. 1/71-72

Patrol Conducted by E. Robin Safitea, Assistant District Officer (L.G.)

Area Patrolled Part of the Ilimo Council

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans nil

Natives Gau Namana, Trainee Patrol Officer

Duration—From 16/12/1971 to 22/12/1971

Number of Days six days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? no

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / / 19

Medical / / 19

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol Local Government and Area Authorities

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund \$.....

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P.O. Box 2396 - KONEFOBU

67-5-18

27th January, 1972

The District Commissioner
Northern District
POFONDETTA.

POFONDETTA PATROL NO. 2 of 1971/72

Your reference 67-1-1 of 14th January, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special, Annual
Census, Area Study and Situation Report by MR. R. SAFITOA,
A.D.C. of part of the LIMC Council Area.

I would have preferred to have seen this report reach
the D.L.S.O. through the A.D.C. Hokoda for his comment.
Reports should be numbered by station.

Despite your instructions Mr. Safitua has made no
effort to comply with my 67 1-0 of 25th November, 1971.

Mr. Gau Baumana should have been asked to produce a
report as a training exercise.

A competent piece of field work. I am pleased with
Mr. Safitua's approach.

(S.J. NEARBALE)
a/secretary

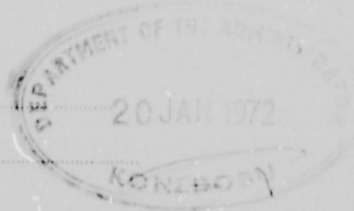
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams
Telephone 67-1-1
Our Reference
If calling ask for
Mr.



In Reply
Please Quote

No.

Department of the Administrator,

Division of District Administration,
Popondetta, Northern District.
14th January, 1972.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBUN.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PATROL NO. 1 OF 1971/72


1. Attached please find in duplicate copies of a report of the above mentioned patrol together with copies of comments by the District Local Government Officer.

2. Comments follow:

Local Government - possibly part of the "apalling" ignorance on the part of the village people is their innate politeness. These questions have been asked, and answered, before by field staff.

Area Authorities - at present there is not much we can tell the people about Area Authorities - many questions are left unanswered. The reaction of the people is predictable. They are still inclined to believe the Administration. However, if questions (see Appendix E) are not answered satisfactorily enthusiasm will quickly wane.

3. Mr. Safitua has presented a coherent report.


M.J. Denehy
a/District Commissioner

cc. District Local Government Officer,
Popondetta.

39-1-7

Office of Local Government,
P.O. Box 132,
KORORUA.

5th January, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
KORORUA.

PATROL REPORT L.G. 1/71-72.

Three copies of the abovementioned patrol report as submitted by Mr. Robin Safitua, Assistant District Officer (L.G.), are attached hereto. A copy of the patrol instructions is attached to each copy of the report.

Mr. Safitua has prepared a well written report. His English expression is very good.

The Ilimo Council has had four advisers in the past 13 months, three of them Assistant Patrol Officers with very little experience. It is little wonder therefore that advisers have not undertaken patrols to educate the people in Local Government matters. Even now the adviser to the Ilimo Council is on transfer; he is to be replaced by a newly recruited Assistant Patrol Officer.

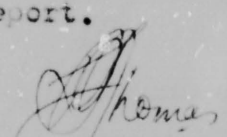
I am making an all out effort to access the knowledge of village people in Local Government, and then hope to be able to plan an education campaign, staff permitting.

The reaction by the villagers to the introduction of Area Authorities is encouraging. The poor response at Kokoda and Wamba was to be expected. The last general elections produced the same poor response. The attitude of "while someone else is doing the work, let's not get involved" is quite apparent on most Administration stations and private plantations throughout this district.

Mr. Gau Baumana seems to be good material. He is now on patrol in the Tameta area with Mr. McCrum. I will forward a comprehensive report on him before he returns to Waresby.

Claims for camping and travelling allowances are attached.

A worthwhile patrol and a good report.


P. J. Thomas,
District Local Government Officer

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner,
KORORUA

39-1-7

Office of Local Government,
P.O. Box 132,
POPONETTA.

16th December, 1971.

Mr. Robin Lafitea (P.D.O./L.G.),
District Local Government Office,
P.O. Box 132,
POPONETTA.

Dear Robin,

Please prepare to depart for Kokode on Thursday 16th December, 1971 to conduct a patrol through part of the Iliio Council area. The Council executive committee will accompany you, and in fact have actually prepared the patrol programme.

Your main task will be to talk to the people about Local Government in general with specific mention of the proposed introduction of Area Authorities. Read file 40-3-1 before you depart. Utilize the written material I have prepared on Area Authorities as you see fit. You may care to prepare some diagrams and flip-charts to help with explanations to village groups.

Return to Poponetta on the 23rd December.

You should prepare a patrol report using the new format (Circular 67-1-0 of 25/11/71.) Give special attention in your report to,

- 1) An assessment of the knowledge of the village people of Local Government,
- 2) The response to your talks on Area Authorities - do the people appreciate what the role of Area Authorities will be? Have the people other ideas of functions of Area Authorities.

I will not require a patrol map.

This will be the first time that Area Authorities have been discussed with villagers. Your report will help us adjust our approach as required.

Your patrol report will be number L.G. 1/71-72.

J. Thomas
J. Thomas,

District Local Government Officer

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner,
POPONETTA.

c.c. Commissioner for Local Government,
Office of Local Government,
P.O. Box 2396,
POPONETTA.

PATROL DIARY

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- 16/12/71 Left Popondetta for Kokoda by an Administration Toyota. Held a meeting at Saga Mission. Slept at Kokoda.
- 17/12/71 Held a meeting at Kepara village and returned to Kokoda. Went to Mamba Plantation in the evening but unfortunately no one turned up. Slept at Kokoda.
- 18/12/71 Arrived Ilimo Village by the Council Car in the morning. Walked to Eiwo Mission to make some arrangements with the Priest for the Meeting. Slept at Ilimo.
- 19/12/71 Walked to Eiwo and held the meeting after the Service (Sunday). Returned to Ilimo and slept there.
- 20/12/71 Arrived Ajeka village by the Council car. Held a meeting and then left for Gorari by the Car. Slept at Gorari.
- 21/12/71 Held a meeting at Gorari. Slept at Gorari.
- 22/12/71 Left Gorari by an Admin Toyota for Kokoda. Returned patrol equipment and then left again for Sairope village. Held a meeting at Sairope. Arrived Popondetta at 2.00pm.

End of Patrol

SITUATION REPORT

1. Introduction

The main purpose of this patrol was to talk to the people in the Ilimo Council area about Local Government in general with specific mention of the proposed introduction of Area Authorities.

The patrol was conducted from 16th to 22nd December, 1971.

Mr. Gau Bunana, a Trainee Patrol Officer, who is at present attached to the Office of Local Government in Popondetta accompanied the Patrol. A report on this Officer's performance is in Appendix "A" for your information.

2. Political

(a) Local Government:

Meetings during the patrol were held at Kepara, Ilimo, Ajeka and Sairope Villages, and Saga, Eiwo and Gorari Mission stations. The names of villages and the total attendance at these meetings are shown in Appendix "B".

It was observed in all these meetings that although the Ilimo council has been functioning since 1953, there is still a large number of people who do not understand the functions of Local Government. This was clearly indicated from the questions which I thought were rather appalling. Following are the sort of questions asked:

- (i) What does the Council do with all our money we pay in Taxes.
- (ii) Why do the Councillors from other wards often turn down our requests for assistance from the Council during estimates meetings? We will refuse to pay future taxes if this sort of attitude continues.
- (iii) The Council has been functioning for a very long time now and yet we cannot see many of its activities in our villages. Why?

I told the people that due to the shortage of funds, the Council was unable to meet all the demands at once. Therefore it was necessary for the Council to provide certain services as it saw fit in some villages during each financial year. They were also told that because the Council depended upon taxation as its main source of revenue, the people's refusal to pay taxes would only jeopardize the work of Local Government in the area. Furthermore, to make these things clearer, I spent at least one hour during some of the meetings telling the people as simply as possible, the functions of Local Government, the meeting procedures and why meetings are held, the reasons why taxpayers meetings are held in January of each year, Council estimates, and the role of Councillors.

However, it was good to see during each of these meetings that a few men were able to convey some favourable ideas about Local Government Councils to their groups. For example at Ajeka, one of the men said and I quote "we are very pleased with the way our Council works. If the people want to see many things brought into their area then they will have to be prepared to pay taxes. The Council's works programme is often ruined by the people themselves as they do not pay their taxes immediately when they are due." I have an opinion that this may be the result of lack of Political Education, particularly in regard to Local Government. It was discovered that even some of the Councillors themselves are not aware of what their role is.

May I take this opportunity to suggest that although there is a shortage of staff in the District, some steps should be taken by the Council itself to educate its people. Perhaps a team should be comprised of the members of the executive committee and the Council Adviser to tour the Council area at least once or twice a year to teach the people about Local Government functions and procedures. This may be a time consuming task but I feel it would eliminate a lot of confusion and misunderstanding in the long-run.

(b) Area Authorities

The proposed introduction of Area Authorities and their functions were explained to the people in all the meetings we held during the patrol. I have only used the information we have got in File 43-3-1, plus the written material you have prepared. However, I have also used some diagrams which I prepared to help with explanations to the villagers. These diagrams are shown in Appendixes "C" and "D" for your comments if necessary.

Following the initial talks which you and I had given at the Council's general meeting on Area Authorities at Kokoda on 14th December, 1971, the Councillors were able to pass on some of this information to their people before the patrol commenced. As a result the people were very ambitious to know more about it when the patrol arrived.

The most conservative group I thought were the older men as some of them demonstrated to me that they were not in favour of the idea when I was explaining. Perhaps they had been familiar with the present policies for a long time so they were reluctant to change when the functions of the Authorities were mentioned. However, after long explanation on the relationship of the Area Authorities and the Central Government they realized how important these Authorities were and in fact these were the people who favoured the proposal whole-heartedly in the end.

On the whole, the people's reaction towards the proposal is very good indeed. Over ninety percent of those who were at the meetings favoured the idea. All the questions that were asked by the people were answered. The most interesting and common questions asked are listed in Appendix "E" for your information. I suppose some of these questions may be of some guide to us when preparing later materials.

The diagrams in Appendixes "C" and "D" had been very useful indeed. The people were able to understand better by following through these diagrams than just only listening from written materials. I therefore feel that if some visual aids similar to these were provided by the Administration, the work of the Officers involved with the Area Authorities would be made easier. In addition the written material you have prepared is very helpful and may I suggest that this be translated into Police Motu for distribution if it is approved by the Commissioner.

(C) House of Assembly

Up to the end of the patrol, only one candidate was seen campaigning for the Sohe Seat. The people asked who the other candidates were but I told them that they should be able to know the candidates after nominations were closed on 29th December.

However, at Sairope village one man pointed out that his people were not happy with their present member for Sohe. He said that the member had not been visiting them since he was elected. I told them that it was their responsibility to see that a better man was elected.

3. Social

Social ... cont.

(a) Education

The Anglican Mission School at Gorari was apparently closed down last year. I understand that the Department of Education has decided to re-open the school next year and the people have been asked to rebuild the school buildings. A catechist is now supervising the work on the school buildings. One double classroom and a teacher's house are almost completed. Construction is done with bush materials.

(b) Mission

A total of 440 people were confirmed by bishop George Ambo at Eiwo on 18th December, 1971.

Miscellaneous

There were no major incidents during the Patrol. However two minor ones did occur during the first two days. Firstly, the meeting that was supposed to have been held at the Council Chambers at Kokoda was not held. Councillor Walter Kekedo informed the station people that the meeting would be held at 7.30pm on 16th December but no one was present.

Secondly another meeting that was schedule at 5.00pm on 17th December for Manba Plantation workers was also not held. I was told that the Councillor did not inform the people that there would be a meeting on that day.

The people were very courteous. They were eager to ask more questions about Area Authorities at nights after the meetings. Over night discussions usually lasted for ~~two~~ or three hours.

Safitua
 E. Robin Safitua
Assistant District Officer (I.G.)

REPORT ON MR. GAU BAUMANA-TRAINED PATROL OFFICER

Following is a brief report on the above Officer who accompanied the patrol.

As Mr. Baumana has not had very much experience on local Government and that the Area Authorities are new to this Country, I was reluctant to let him give speeches in some of the meetings during the patrol. However, he observed very carefully on how the meetings were conducted.

He was always alert and certain jobs which I asked him to do were done willingly and successfully.

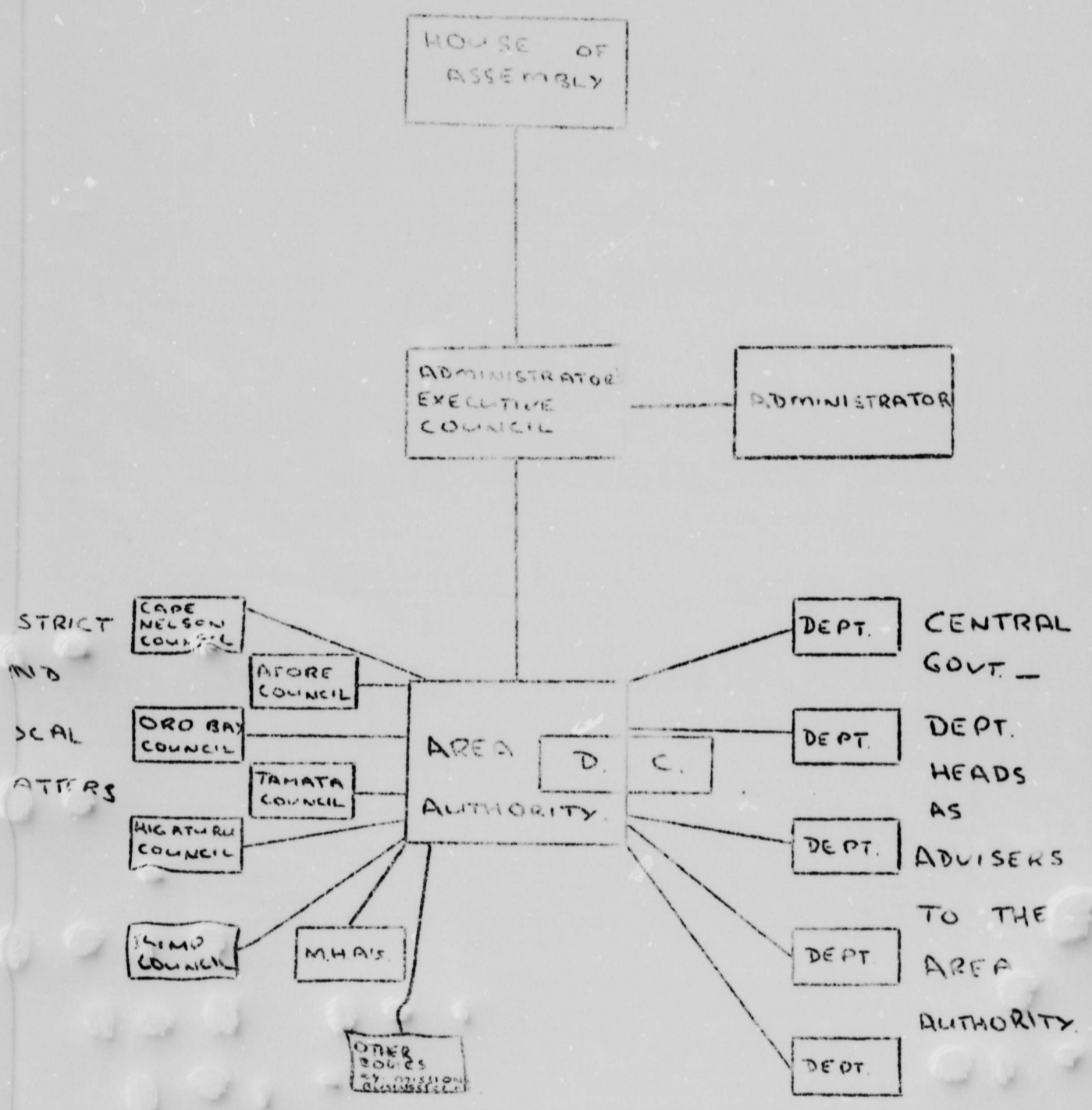
The only problem that I noticed with this officer was that he was too shy to communicate with the people. The only times when he could talk freely to the people were during night discussions where we did not have many people around.

On the whole, his behaviour was excellent. No ill-treatment was given to the people. He was always present at the meetings and at nights throughout the patrol.

Names of the Villages and the No. of people at the meetings

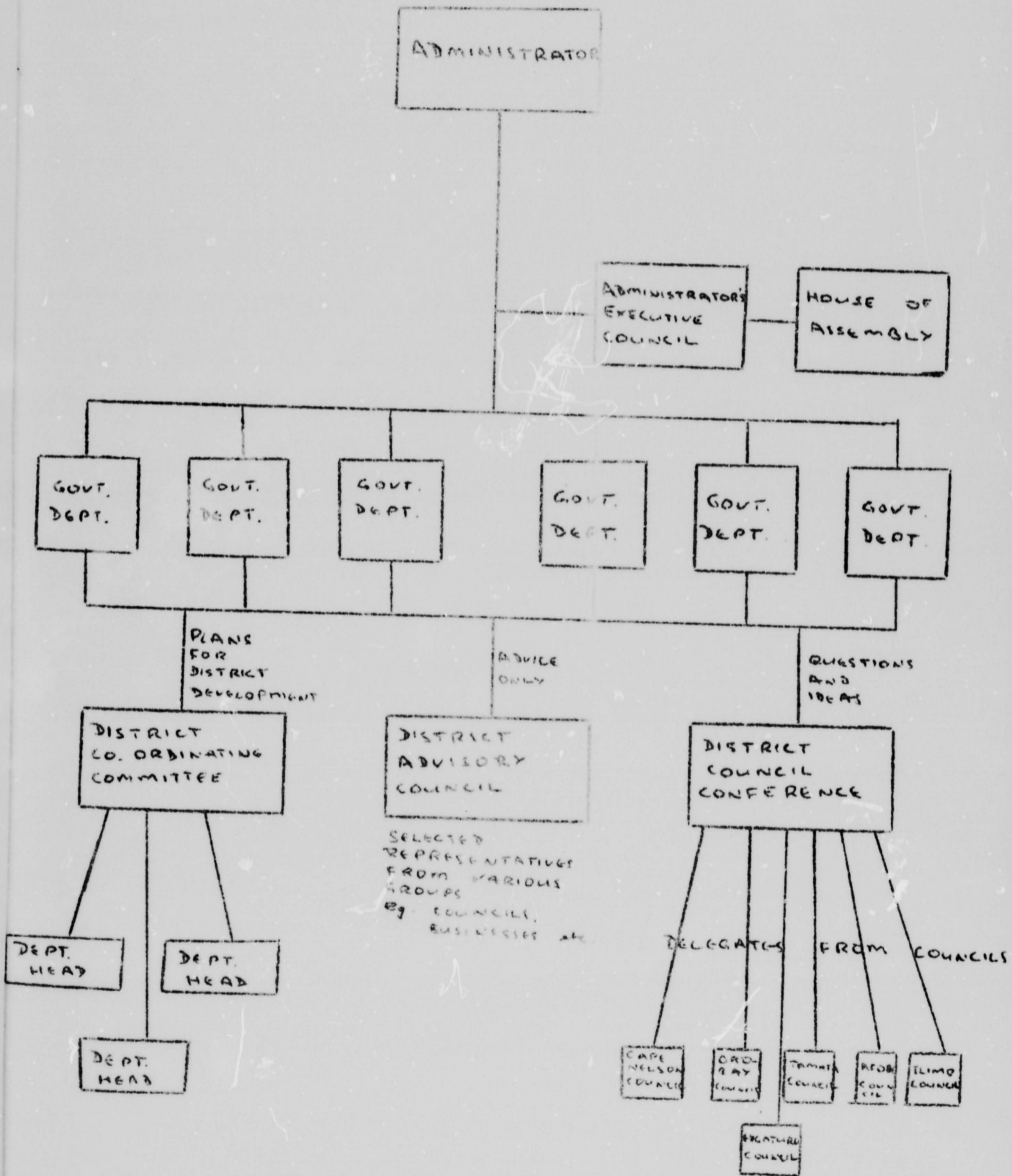
Place of Meeting	Names of Villages at the Meeting	Total No. of people attending
Saga Mission	Saga, Savaia, Kanga, Kokoda	40
Kepara Village	Kepara, Kanandara, Kaire, Farai, Peira, Pirive, Kamondo and Gendi	102
Eiwo Mission	Hamara, Eiwo Mission, Haki, Ilimo, Asisi, Sirorota, Asapa, Wawanga, Ambene, Ajeka, Sairope and Papaki	600 approx.
Ilimo Village	Ilimo only	21
Ajeka Village	Ajeka and Ombisusu	31
Gorari Mission	Waju, Sisireta and Hanjiri	150 approx.
Sairope Village	Sairope and Sinci	80 approx

ANNEXURE C
RELATIONSHIP OF LOCAL (DISTRICT) BODIES AND
CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AFTER THE INTRODUCTION
OF AREA AUTHORITIES.



APPENDIX D

RELATIONSHIP OF LOCAL (DISTRICT) BODIES AND CENTRAL GOVERNMENT BEFORE THE INTRODUCTION OF AREA AUTHORITIES



Common Questions asked by the people on Area Authorities

- (a) Does an Area Authority mean Self-Government?
- (b) Can an Area Authority make laws at district level?
- (c) Does an Area Authority have judicial powers to hear courts?
- (d) Can an Area Authority levy taxes?
- (e) Can an Area Authority suspend its members if they fail to carry out their duties?
- (f) Where will an Area Authority Obtain its funds and manpower?
- (g) Will the members of an Area Authority be paid?
- (h) What functions of the Central Government are likely to be transferred to an Area Authority?
- (i) Why did the Government choose the Northern District to be one of the first four Districts to get Area Authority?
- (j) Whose idea is this to establish Area Authorities in Papua New Guinea?
- (k) Do other developing countries have Area Authorities similar to this?
- (l) Will all the people elect the members of an Area Authority?



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

*Area Study Filed
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District of.....Northern..... Report No. *343A* of 71/72
 Patrol Conducted by..... Andrew Pingo Patrol Officer
 Area Patrolled..... Oro Bay Census Division
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... A.P.O. Mr. Sibbing
 Natives..... Kingston Sigoro Interpreter
 Duration—From..... 2 / 8 / 19 71 to..... 1 / 9 / 19 71
 Number of Days..... 25 (20 days slept out)
 Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... No
 Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... / / 19
 Medical / / 19
 Map Reference..... See Attached Map
 Objects of Patrol..... Census, Area Study and Routine Administration.....

Director of District Administration.
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

27/9/1971

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

Amount Returned to State

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P.O. Box 2396,
KONDOBLE

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20th December, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA

POPONDETTA PATROL NO. 5/3A OF 1971/72

Your 67-1-1 dated 27th September, 1971, refers.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Reports by Messrs A. Pingo and A.E. Sibbing, of ORO BAY Census Division.

Mr. Sibbing's report has been re-numbered as Popondetta Patrol Report No. 3A-1971/72.

S. J. Pearsall
(S. J. PEARSALL)
Secretary

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Division of District Administration,
Popondetta, Northern District.
27th September, 1971.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
POPONDETTA.

PATROL REPORT AND AREA STUDY 3 OF 71/72
ORO BAY CENSUS DIVISION

Both Mr. Pingo and Mr. Sibbing appear to have been diligent in their duties and have raised a number of matters which require further attention.

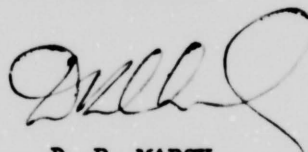
- (1) The settlement of Musa people in the vicinity of Waiwa requires further investigation immediately. If they are sincere people we could offer them agricultural blocks at Kokoda. Otherwise I would encourage them to return to their own area. There is no scope for them at Waiwa and it will end up with violence.
- (2) The Pongani people have always been truculent, argumentative and non-co-operative. I know of no instance during the war or since when they were underpaid but I do know of many instances where they have been grossly overpaid. Their trouble stems from disputed land boundaries and the present threat of fighting should be investigated so that those who made the threats can be dealt with in a court.
- (3) I am concerned about the appearance of anaemia at Banderi. These mountain people now tend to visit the coast where they contract malaria. Ask Dr. Dowell to look into the matter in his next patrol.
- (4) Coffee production figures are quite inaccurate.



D. R. MARSH
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

→ The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

The attached report for your information please.



D. R. MARSH
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Territory of Papua and New Guinea

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Report No.: Popondetta No. 3 of 71/72
Sub District: Popondetta
District: Northern
Council Area: Oro Bay Council
Patrol Conducted by: Andrew Pingo
Designation: Patrol Officer
Area Patrolled: Oro Bay Census Division
Personnel Accompanying Patrol: A.P.O. Mr. Sibbing
Interpreter Kingston Sigoro
Duration of the Patrol: 2/8/71 to 1/9/71 25 days (20 slept out)
Date of Last D.D.A. Patrol:
Objects of Patrol: Annual Census, Area Study and Routine Admin.
Total Population of Area Patrolled: 6,035 Souls
Map Reference: See attached sketch map.
Village Population Register: Find enclosed

- 9.8.71 Census for Emo; including Endaduru. Census for Leiba; including Kovira. All taken in Emo. Talked to People and census figures compiled. Camped in Emo.
- 10.8.71 Walked to Togofu in 2½ hours. Talked to people and settled village problems. Camped in Togofu.
- 11.8.71 Census of Togofu; Beamatu, Boreara in Togofu. Walked to Banderi in 2½ hours. Camped in Banderi.
- 12.8.71 Census of Banderi and Borou in Banderi. Talked to people and troubles settled. Compiled census. Camped in Banderi.
- 13.8.71 Mr. Sibbing walked to Waiwa in 1½ hours, conducted census for Waiwa and talked to People. Returned by dinghy / vehicle to Popondetta. Mr. Pingo walked the old army road to Oro Bay.
- 14.8.71 Saturday observed.
- 15.8.71 Sunday observed.

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- 16.8.71 By Toyota to Oro Bay resthouse at Council's Chambers. Beama people got sick of waiting and went to the gardens. We apologised for being late and scheduled census for the next day. Camped at Oro Bay.
- 17.8.71 Census at Beama and at Baberada for these villages. Talk in the evening. Camped at Oro Bay resthouse.
- 18.8.71 Census of Busega, Dombada and Embogo. Evening talks. Camped at Oro Bay.
- 19.8.71 Compiled census figures. Census of Kopure in the afternoon. Evening talk. Camped at Oro Bay.
- 20.8.71 Census of Hanakiro and Embi. Talked to people. Return to Popondetta.
- 21.8.71 Saturday observed.
- 22.8.71 Sunday observed.
- 23.8.71 Census of Hanau and Garuro. Talked to people. Compiled census figures. Camped in Hanau.
- 24.8.71 Due to car trouble no census for Urio as scheduled. Compiled census figures. Boro census in the afternoon. Camped at Hanau.
- 25.8.71 Census of Dobuduru and Ango villages. Talked to people. Camped at Dobuduru.
- 26.8.71 Census of Barisari, Siremi and Kendata villages. Talked to people. Camped at Dobuduru.
- 27.8.71 Census of Harigo, which includes Borio. Talked to people. Return to Popondetta.
- 28.8.71 Saturday observed.
- 29.8.71 Sunday observed.
- 30.8.71 Mr. Pingo stayed in Popondetta, due to fever. Mr. Sibbing did the census of Buna. Talked to people. Camped in Buna.
- 31.8.71 Census for Sanananda. Buna - Sanananda walk 1 hour. Talked to people. Return to Popondetta.
- 1.9.71 Census of Urio village. Talked to people.

END OF PATROL

Situation ReportIntroduction

The aims of the Patrol were as follows;

1. Revision of Annual Census
 2. Preparation of an Area Study
 3. General Administrative Duties
- A.P.O. Mr. Sibbing also accompanied for training purposes.

The first part of the Patrol was carried out in the Govt's 18 foot Dinghy with the 33 H.P. outboard motor. Initially the motor gave some trouble, however the situation righted itself and the motor behaved normally thereafter. 25 gallons of fuel were taken along and of this 15 gallons were used. Mr. Kingston Sigoro, Interpreter, performed a competent job of boat handling for this period of the Patrol.

The area patrolled extends from Songadi in the south, up the coast to Sanananda in the north. The Patrol was by boat foot and truck; at no time was progress hindered by people refusing to carry and generally, the attitude encountered could be described as cordial. The Pongani people showed some degree of unrest and this will be covered more fully under that section of this report.

As Patrol Leader I delegated the duty of Census taking to A.P.O. Mr. Sibbing. I should say at this point, that he applied himself to this, singularly uninteresting task, in a painstaking and competent manner. Furthermore, he has reached a standard in his training, where I feel, he could be patrolling solo.

Patrols should I feel be carried out with a greater frequency in this Census Division, particularly in the Pongani area. I believe some estrangement has occurred between the Pongani people and the Government, and this could be eased by more contact.

The Patrol achieved all its objects and was to this end successful.

PoliticalSelf Government and Independence

The people are evidently becoming more used to the concept of Self Government. Where it used to be quite common to hear of requests for Self Government in ten or more years, there now seems to be a swing to Self Government within the lifetime of the next House of Assembly. At first I thought this could be a reaction of a different area, but later discussion with A.D.O. Mr. Duffield, confirmed that fear of Self Government was lessening.

Knowledge of the mechanics of Government has not improved, if in fact remains the same, practically nil. Conversely, the name of the elected member was well known, and with the exception of 2 villages, held in high regard. Another cheering aspect was that most people were aware of Paulus Arek's main function in the House; that he was their representative and their voice.

Some complaints were made about lack of visitation by their elected Member. Many people equated him with a Local Government Councillor and were of the opinion, that he should come personally and acquaint them with the latest developments in the House of Assembly. I pointed out to them that this was not possible, and went on to say how contact could be made; a village spokesman, a letter written by some educated person in the village, or by word of mouth via some representative Councillor. Furthermore, the importance of continued and close contact with their elected Member, was made clear.

One of the major worries about Self Government and Independence was the lack of Industrialisation. It was explained that because the Country had what could be described as a rural economy, industry need only be minimal. Comparison was drawn with Australia, which although not purely rural, is not fully industrialised by any means. The idea that money gained by a rural economy could buy industrialised items, was communicated to the people. They appeared to accept this.

Another worry was instability of cash crop prices. Explanations were offered about world market fluctuations; repetitions of explanations already made by Agricultural and Co-operative Officers. I suspect the people were unconvinced.

Defence was coupled with Industry as a problem. How can we make guns, bullets, tanks and war-ships, without factories? When asked why they required these articles, they replied, "To fight our enemies". I did not discover who these mythical enemies were, but informed them that external defence would be in the hands of the Australian Government when Independence came. They expressed satisfaction with this arrangement. *Self Govt.*

Councillors complained that the villagers would not accept with confidence the talks on Self Government and Independence that they, the Councillors, had given. They further stated that the people wished to hear European Officers speak on these matters. At this point, I will state that avid interest was shown in all talks I gave on Political matters. Furthermore, the people complained that previous Patrols had neglected to hold talks on this particular subject, and the request was made for regular visits by Political Education Officers. The fact that talks and questions usually lasted upwards of 2 hours, indicates the interest and concern shown by the people.

A question frequently asked was, "Would Self Government mean that conditions would become better"? Furthermore, could the Officer give a guarantee that Self Government would succeed? The answer was ofcourse that there was no guarantee. Self Government could and would succeed by hard work, self help and personal sacrifice. This point of view did not enchant many of the older men, who would like to live off Australian bounty ad infinitum. The young men generally were in favour of early Self Government, however many were loath to voice this opinion in front of the elders. To get the opinions of young people I usually spoke to them privately.

There was a common fear along the Oro Bay Road, and around the Siremi area, that when Self Government came the Government would claim and take all Native owned land for it's own. According to the Seremi people this statement was made by McKenzie Tigio, however if he actually made this statement, or was misunderstood by the people, is a matter for conjecture. The Governments acquisition of portions of land, for the construction of the Oro Bay Road, without paying for it, has to some extent bolstered this fear. I quickly allayed any misgivings the people had on this matter. It was pointed out that the road would be of great benefit to the cash croppers and would greatly assist the economic viability of the area. I stated that personal selfishness was a poor foundation on which to build a Nation. The people wanting free road construction and compensation for land and crops destroyed is not a problem confined to the Oro Bay area. It was a good opportunity to hammer home the concept of self sacrifice.

I saw no real evidence of traditional village parochialism breaking down, as many people still spoke disparagingly about other villages and other districts. Many people wished to know why it was necessary for the country to have a new name. Although many saw no need for a change of name, most were adamant that if a new name came into being, the word Papua must still be retained.

To sum up, generally people did not appear unduly distressed at the thought of Self Government occurring within the next 3 years. However, Independence is still something they think of with foreboding. Their acceptance of Self Government is given with the understanding, that European Officers and Australian money will still be forthcoming. Independence was something most did not wish to discuss or think about. It is to be hoped that continuous Political Education will alleviate this fear.

Local Government

The Oro Bay Council, since its inception 3 years ago seems to be keeping pace with the developments in its area. Although the peoples attitude to the Council could be described as good, I feel that the average tax payer fails to involve himself in the affairs of his Council. This is in marked contrast to the people in the Kokoda area who would regularly attend Council Meetings, to hear agenda items discussed. The attitude here seems to be that you tell your Councillor your wishes and leave the rest to him. This lack of support by the people, probably explains why some Councillors fail to keep their constituents informed of latest Council developments.

As usual there were the average number of complaints concerning Council Tax, particularly in the hill villages around Banderi. They claimed, and with some justification, that they receive no tangible reward for their taxes. They were told ofcourse that without taxes the Council would never be able to assist them. Furthermore, they were warned that tax prosecution Patrols would shortly be moving through the area.

Although the Council appears to have done a good job on village wells, I discovered 4 that have been out of action for some time. The details have been made available to the council Administrative Adviser. I believe that most villagers are indifferent to wells and unless there is a severe shortage, they are quite happy to draw their water from the nearest creek.

Although the people recognise the worth of the Council as a body, there were a few complaints about the personalities and worth of various Councillors. Most of these complaints could not be checked, however I did see a case where a Councillor refused to give a Tax Exemption Certificate to a village man who was permanently crippled in one leg. This kind of thoughtless arrogance will not endear the Council to its tax payers.

The Council is making a conscious effort to improve the economy of the coastal area around Emo and Pongani. It has allocated 25 coffee pulpers and equipment for 15 copra driers for this area. Unfortunately, the coastal people seem to get everything while it is the hill people who get very little.

In conclusion I would say that the Council with their present resources are doing their best, and generally the people are appreciative of the Council's efforts on their behalf.

Social

Missions

The predominant Mission in the area is Anglican. There is evidence that the wish of Bishop David Hand, for early Self Government, has been communicated to the people. I am inclined to believe that his views are influencing the people more strongly than Bishop Ambo's. The central sphere of operation is at Eroro. It is headed by a European resident Priest, who is fortunate enough to possess the services of a European Station Manager and his wife. Mr. Woodman, the manager, informed me that the church's efforts to promote self help and a self governing church, were not meeting with much success. According to Mr. Woodman the people, still see the church as a benevolent handout institution. Nevertheless, it must be stated that a good relationship exists between church and people. Present contribution rate indicates that a man pays 1 dollar annually. A woman contributes roughly 50 cents annually. The present plate collection system will probably be superceded by the envelope contribution system in the near future.

Health

The health of this area appeared generally good. There are 4 Aid Posts in this division and although this does not appear adequate, there is also an 80 bed hospital at Oro Bay. The people at Iwuji have requested an Aid Post because the nearest is 2½ hours away at Puin. Although this is not an excessive distance, an Aid Post at Iwuji would be strategically placed for the servicing of the outlying villages of Nembadi, Combara and Siriri. I did not see much congestion and the people were moderately clean, however the people of Iwuji and Wai'ie were badly afflicted with Grille. Pale complexions in the hills around Banderi, indicated anaemia, no doubt aggravated by malaria. A check with Aid Post orderlies indicated that the people were utilising the facilities offered by Aid Posts.

Malarial eradication continues and although some of the people see the value, I feel the bulk are not reconciled with spraying operations. Complaints about the mess left and the attitude shown by spraying teams were manifold. Apparently, many of the team leaders are extremely bumptious young men. Malarial eradication is essential and it is a pity if its success is jeopardised by the complete absence of patience and tact.

Education

The attitude to Education remains good. Its importance is well seated in the minds of the villagers. Many see it as a factor affecting the success or failure of Self Government and Independence. A common statement was that Self Government should not occur until the number of educated people had increased appreciably. The current Census figures indicate that upwards of 110 people are pursuing Secondary Education.

The villages of Iwuji, Borio and Harigo have all requested that schools be built in their respective villages. There is a common idea that every village should have its own school. People were informed that this was impossible and that schools would continue to be built in areas that had the necessary population.

The Council have asked the Emo people to position a 2 hectare school site between Emo and Banderi. The Emo people have selected a piece of ground, called "Kiro" about 20 minutes walk from Emo. The Education Dept's original idea was for the Banderi people to close down their school and transfer to the new school at Emo. The Banderi people have rejected this scheme and have in fact erected new buildings. On completion of the Patrol I informed the District Superintendent, that the population around the Banderi area is in the vicinity of 500 people. Emo and surrounding hamlets has a population of approx. 400. Mr. Williams advanced the theory that on population figures it might be possible for both areas to have schools. Furthermore, he stated that application would have to be made through and by the Oro Bay Council. This is heartening because the Banderi area is about 4 hours walk from the proposed school site at Emo. Coupled with this I should not like to see the hill people missing out again. This is the only solution of-course because no compromise is possible between these 2 areas on this issue.

Unrest

I encountered some unrest at Pongani after I returned from Iwuji and prior to embarking for Emo. I received word that the Sovarapa Clan (Pongani) and the Okena Clan (Doramusa) were planning to fight, the next day, over a piece of disputed land called "Kopoe". Apparently the Sovarapa Clan had burnt off this piece of ground without consulting the Okena Clan who lay claim to it. This ground has long been a source of trouble and, the fact that the two members of the demarkation committee, are also leaders of the respective clans, means that an impasse has occurred on interclan dealings concerning this ground. I called the clans together and spoke strongly about the stupidity of fighting. Should such an event take place, they were warned that Police action would be swift and sure. I promised them that the matter would be placed in the hands of District Officer Lands, Popondetta. They expressed satisfaction with this arrangement. The old men showed a distinct reluctance to fight, and it was my impression that the issue was being forced by a few young hot heads. Before I left for Emo, the Councillor at Pongani was instructed to contact me at Emo, should the trouble flair up again. On return to Oro Bay the Rural Police Post was briefed on this situation.

Sorcery

Some sorcery has allegedly occurred in the Banderi area. Councillor John Newman has lost 2 children to what he believes is sorcery. No Post Mortem was carried out and the deceased were seen to vomit blood shortly before they died. The resident Aid Post Orderly could offer no explanation for their deaths. I have told the villagers that if any similar deaths occur they must get the bodies to Dr. Dowel, at Oro Bay, as soon as possible for a Post Mortem. Dr. Dowel is aware of the situation and has made a similar request to the people. The people believe that a Boreara man is responsible and they have told him to leave the area; he has since gone. Whether sorcery has occurred or not is a matter for conjecture at this stage. Any unexplained death will conjure up the explanation of sorcery in the minds of the villagers.

Further to this, the people of Waiwa have complained that a group of about 20 Musa people are living in the immediate area. Moreover they are reputed to be dabbling in sorcery. According to the villagers, the Musa people, fled to the bush when they heard that the Patrol was approaching. The attendance at Census in Waiwa was poor because many people had gone to the garden together for protection. The story according to the villagers, was that many years ago 30 Musa people were killed by Kovira tribesmen, for working poison on a Kovira man. The people fear a repetition of the incident. Although an escape route, taken by the Musa people, was pointed out to the Patrol, at no time did the Patrol see these people. Mr. Sibbing was conducting the Patrol in this area, as I had walked on to Oro Bay with a view to investigating the condition of the old Army Road. I agree with Mr. Sibbing that this incident should have a place in the report.

Carriers

The Pongani people have a reputation for refusing to carry. The main problem is the rate of pay; they refused point blank to carry for 10 cents an hour. Their demand is for 25 cents an hour. They claim to have had unfortunate experiences at the hands of Angaa, for whom they were forced to carry extremely heavy loads without pay. At least that is their story. They bluntly stated that if they carried cargo for Patrols, they would have to be adequately paid. It is difficult to pin down the source of anti Admin. feeling in Pongani, however I think carrying and the lack of adequate remuneration in the past, is certainly a factor. Their attitude could be summed up as one of indifference to the Government. Like all coastal people they prove to be poor carriers in comparison with the hill people living around the Banderi area.

Census

Reception of the Patrol

Generally the Patrol was received with courtesy and co-operation. It is evident that many people regard Census taking as something of a gala occasion.

As will be explained in the reconciliation on the back of the village population registers, the Census was commenced with an error of 209 people, due to a mistake made in the 1969 Census. Figures for school attendances are not entirely factual due to school holidays taking place half way through the Patrol. 15% of absentees appeared to be absent through no valid reason. It appears that 25% of the male population are engaged in occupations other than subsistence farming. Recommendation is given for the Wai'ie people to be Censused at Iwuji as both villages have now combined. The birth rate stands at 4.02% and the death rate is .75% therefore, this indicates a natural increase of 3.27%.

EconomicDevelopment Bank

Development Bank Officers in Popondetta indicate that any number of Loans could be forthcoming, if easy supervision of borrowers was possible. Absence of roads along the coastal area of Oro Bay makes Bank supervision virtually impossible. These Officers have indicated that extention could be carried out if they had a power boat at their disposal; even so this would be extremely time consuming. They have in fact said nothing new, however with possible road development in the Imo and Pongani area the future looks a little brighter. Another suggestion, which I consider quite valid, is that a Business Advisory Officer be stationed in the Northern District. Mr. Semmens informed me that he has had quite a few inquiries, from Indigenous people, concerning the opening of new businesses.

Cattle

Indigenous cattle projects appear to be progressing well. At present there are 9 such projects in being, and of these 3 projects possess 50 head of cattle each. R.D.O. Mr. C. Abel states that these 3 projects will repay their loans within the next month. The 9 projects represent 162 head of cattle. There are 32 new applicants for loans concerning cattle projects. The new abattoir at P.A.T.I. will provide the necessary outlet for local meat production. The next ten years will possibly see this District unsurpassed as far as local meat production is concerned.

Fisheries

D.A.S.F. will shortly be utilizing the services of a local Fisheries Specialist in the Oro Bay area. His duties will be to visit coastal villages and give instruction on the repairing, and the setting up of fish nets. He will also give assistance on the construction of fish smoke houses, and the cleaning and gutting of fish.

Mr. T. Perreau who has at present a Trade Store at Oro Bay, has plans for the reopening of an old slip way at Harvey Bay, with a view for starting a line fishing business. At the time that I spoke to him he could give me no more details of this project.

AgricultureCoffee

The present coffee price stands at 14 cents a lb. for dry coffee; the price is a source of much discontent in the villages at present. Although the people have an outlet for their coffee with the Orokaiva Coffee Growers Syndicate many are selling their coffee to Mr. Lance Oldmeadow, who calls at coastal villages with his boat. He purchases the coffee for 12 cents a lb. dry and for 10 cents a lb. wet. The Pongani people, who hold 21 shares with O.C.C. have rejected his services and prefer to sell it to the Syndicate. The people of the Banderi area are at present holding 200 bags of dry Robusta coffee, in the hope that the price will shortly rise. They have an agreement to sell it to Mr. Curtis, a European Planter resident in the Popondetta area.

D.A.S.F. will shortly have a quarantine station for cattle situated at Embi. At present there is an Agricultural Assistant situated close to Barisari. This man does not appear to be on good terms with the people in the immediate area. He has complained to the District Rural Development Officer, that he has been threatened in the course of his duty. Mr. Fischle has warned the people that if their attitude continues, they will jeopardise extention in this area.

Miscellaneous

During the course of ~~their~~ this Patrol word reached us that District Commissioner Mr. J. Emmanuel, had been murdered while performing his duty. On communicating this news to the villagers, I was able to some extent to gauge their reaction. Two attitudes presented themselves

- (a) Acute embarrassment
- (b) Complete lack of comprehension that such a thing could occur.

The foregoing report is for your information

A. Pingo
Andrew Pingo
(Patrol Officer)

Iwujii River in the District

The topography varies from coastal plains with large areas of kumai in the northern half of the Census Division to mountains rising up to 3700 feet in the southern half. Many rivers traverse the country towards the coast of which the Girua, the Sambogo and Bariji Rivers are the larger ones.

Vegetation varies from coastal vegetation, such as mangroves and nipa palm; swamp vegetation, such as pandanus and sago to kumai on the coastal plains and rainforest on the mountains. Some interesting eucalypt savannah country can be seen before approaching Iwujii from the coast.

The rainfall varies from approx. 100 inches annually at coastal level to slightly higher towards the mountains. Temperatures also vary from around the 80°F at the lower to approx. 70°F at the higher altitudes.

B. Observations and Comments1. Reception of Patrol

Generally the reception of the patrol was friendly and cooperation was experienced with resthouses, food, drinks, carriers and census.

However the Pongani people appeared to be less friendly and cooperative. More persuasion was needed to achieve the same atmosphere as in the rest of the area. However with an understanding and friendly approach we did not experience any more of the initial almost indifference to our arrival. The indifference towards the Administration appears to have been caused by too much of an authoritorial attitude towards the people and carriers by some Administration Officers and people in private enterprise.

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Sub District Office,
Popondetta,
Northern District.
7 th September 1971.

Patrol No. 3A- 1971/72

Oro Bay Census Division

A. Introduction

The objects of the patrol were:

1. Census revision.
2. Political education.
3. Routine administrative duties.

Although, through circumstances, I have carried out two patrols solo, this one has now been my second patrol completed in company of an Officer senior to me, during my first two year term as an A.P.O.

While I carried out the Census, Mr. Pingo made the Area Study and did the Political Education talks.

As Mr. Pingo is writing his Situation Report and Area Study, it would be excessive to duplicate his facts and figures, however I will hereby give an appreciation of my findings.

The Oro Bay Census Division covers an area of 380 square miles and extends along the Solomon Sea coast for approx. 40 miles from Sanananda in the North to the mouth of the Yapuri River in the South.

The topography varies from coastal plains with large areas of kunai in the northern half of the Census Division to mountains rising up to 3700 feet in the southern half. Many rivers traverse the country towards the coast of which the Girua, the Sambogo and Bariji Rivers are the larger ones.

Vegetation varies from coastal vegetation, such as mangroves and nipa palm; swamp vegetation, such as pandanus and sago to kunai on the coastal plains and rainforest on the mountains. Some interesting eucalypt savannah country can be seen before approaching Iwuji from the coast.

The rainfall varies from approx. 100 inches annually at coastal level to slightly higher towards the mountains. Temperatures also vary from around the 80°F at the lower to approx. 70°F at the higher altitudes.

B. Observations and Comments

1. Reception of Patrol

Generally the reception of the patrol was friendly and cooperation was experienced with resthouses, food, drinks, carriers and census.

However the Pongani people appeared to be less friendly and cooperative. More persuasion was needed to achieve the same atmosphere as in the rest of the area. However with an understanding and friendly approach we did not experience any more of the initial almost indifference to our arrival. The indifference towards the Administration appears to have been caused by too much of an authoritorial attitude towards the people and carriers by some Administration Officers and people in private enterprise.

2. Villages

The Local Government Council rules inspector has now taken over the role of the patrol Officer in regard to village inspection. The rules inspector finds it more difficult to achieve the same results as the patrol Officer in the past. However the village people seem to continue the set pattern of village rules introduced by the Administration Officers reasonably well.

The standard and type of housing is uniform for the whole of the Census Division. Materials used are sago palm for the walls and roofs; liabum is generally used for flooring, sometimes blackpalm. The standard of housing is reasonable, with an average family of 5 per house.

People living on the mountain ridges have some problem with their watersupply. The water is carried up in bamboo sticks from often up to a quarter of an hours walk or more down the mountain track. Some effort has been made to catch the water into 44 gallon drums, however lack of plumbing causes lack of efficiency. The watersupply in these villages could be improved by installing watertanks and catchments. Other villages are in a better position and located near rivers and/or have a well. Somehow it is surprising to learn, that people still use the river water in spite of well water available in the villages. Therefore people seem to be little upset if the operation of the well breaks down, which often happens. A well appears also to be regarded as a status symbol.

3. Village Officials

An occasional complaint was made about Local Government Councillors not putting enough effort into their representation. This may be true to some extent, but it was also explained that people themselves should put more in, rather than just sit back and leave it to the Councillor. Some people are still confused as to which matters can be referred to the Councillor and which to the patrol Officer.

4. Political Situation

Some of the attitudes have already been described under paragraph 1 and 2.

In Pongani there has been some unrest between the Soverapa and Okena clans in relation to land. This came to a climax during our patrol and a fight was organised at the local mission ground to settle this matter with the aid of all available weapons. Fortunately we returned from Gora the night before and the matter was settled peacefully, pending on the Administration looking into their land problems.

In Waiwa I was informed of Musa people sorcery in the area. Apparently there has been a long previous history of this matter. Many years ago an old man in Kovira was killed by Musa people sorcery as they left their mark there. After the death local people went bush and killed about a dozen Musa people. The court case was held in Tufi.

A small group of Musa people now hang around the Waiwa, Banderi and Togofu area. They hide in the bush during the day and around the villages at night. People are in fear and threaten to shoot, when they get a chance. Whether true or not, I was told that this was the reason so many villagers were absent from census as they needed food and so they went to the gardens in large numbers for safety.

On my approach to Waiwa village, I noticed the carriers being aroused by some trail of fresh flattened grass and bush, leading off our foot track on the high side of a steep drop. It looked like some people suddenly detected an oncoming patrol. In Waiwa people explained to me, that they suspected Musa people, who had taken escape into the bush, other than pointing out the view of the Law and reporting it to the Administration there was little else I could do at the time.

The influence of the Anglican Mission is strong in the area and some influence of the S.D.A. Mission in the villages near the Bariji River and towards S.D.A. Mission Station at Karaisa.

The Political Education talks should have been beneficial, as the people knew very little about the present and the future of their Government.

5. Agriculture

As most of the area is good coastal country, the food situation is good. Fish and shellfish are plentiful. There is no land shortage and gardens do well. In the dry season sago and stored Yams are used.

The smaller population of the mountain region are not as well off, however no shortage of food was observed.

Coffee is the main cash crop with the Orokaiva Coffee Growers Society and regular boat runs by private enterprise as buyers.

The land tenure conversion Scheme is the only land tenure system in the Oro Bay census division so far and can only be found in the Northern half. Unfortunately people like the idea of having their own blocks, but achieve very little in planting. Some people have had their blocks for years and have not done anything with it. The very few cattle blocks however seem to do better, mainly because there is more drive to keep these enterprises going, as cattle are grown on loan and if not looked after regularly, can cause sudden disaster.

A problem in the Land conversion scheme seems to be, that tenants are selected from a small local group of people and therefore are inclined to be less promising than selecting tenants from the District or the whole of the Territory, like is the case in application for Crown land blocks. In the latter case, people who are prepared to leave their own homes and kinship and are prepared to make a go of it in to them foreign territory must and prove to be more successful. This can be seen in the Popondetta Sub District, where both systems are operating. In the case of the L.C.T. Scheme, it would be advisable to more investigation into the applicant's practical agricultural achievements from the village community or elsewhere.

The traditional village gardens planting is individual and every family has his own plot.

6. Commerce and Industry

A good quality of native pots is made in Iwuji, where the L.G. Councillor's wife, who is the president of the local womens' club is the leader and expert. Many women participate. However the market seems to be very limited with commercial views and much competition from Wanegila in Tufi Sub District. Only local trading with the coastal people occurs.

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Fishing could only be an industry of commercial value with powered boats, freezing equipment and sufficient market outlets. This seems to be very unlikely at the present time.

7. Resthouses

These can be found at all points, where essential. Only one or two were in need of repair. In villages, where previous patrols hardly ever camped for the night, did we have to use accommodation other than resthouses. In such cases we found comfortable accommodation elsewhere like womens' club houses, village shade or talkhouses and vacanted sections of private native dwellings. People are very kind and helpful and I think as little imposition as possible should be made on having resthouses kept up in "every" village.

8. Carriers

From previous patrol reports it was learnt, that some difficulty in obtaining carriers around Pongani could be expected. However with friendly talk and slight pay increase and tobacco, we found the cooperation we needed. It appears, there has been some discontent about the approach and pay to carriers in the past by private enterprise and Administration Officers. However no difficulties were experienced. Our average carrying rate worked out 23 c/hour. Carriers were able to return home on the same day.

9. Health

No unusual observations were made. High birthrate and low deathrate indicate a healthy community.

Aidposts are within reach of everybody and at the most not more than a 2 hours walk for the more distant people.

St Margareths hospital (Anglican) at Oro Bay provides the hospital services; Embi hospital (Anglican) only deals with tuberculoses and leprosy. The Embi hospital could be closing down soon, as the number of patients is declining and at the time of the patrol only 60 of the 200 beds were occupied.

The deaths of two teenage children in the Togofu area was blamed on sorcery. Enquiries made from the aidpost orderly indicated no definite suspicious circumstances.

10. Education

From the census figures we learn, that the people show great interest in education and go into the required sacrifices to give their children the opportunity.

Further figures and data on education will be found in the other Officer's report - area study.

11. Roads and Bridges

For the Northern half of the Oro Bay C.D. the roads and bridges seem to be more than adequate. Maintenance is carried out regularly and at the moment many thousands of dollars are being spent on the building and rebuilding of bridges along the Oro Bay Road.

The Southern half of the Oro Bay C.D. is relying on sea transport by canoe and dinghy.

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The Pongani road will be a valuable asset mainly to the people of the mountain region. These people are more industrious than the coastal people and they should be encouraged in their coffee growing with the new road coming through.

12. Labour

Census figures indicated, that 25 % of the adult male population are employed in occupations other than subsistence farming. One third of this workforce would be unskilled and the greater half of the unskilled labor are locally employed. Local employment is mainly provided by the Administration in Popenetta; by Rybars construction engaged in bridge building along the Oro Bay road and Hornibrooks wharf construction also at Oro Bay.

13. Census

The last census was carried out two years ago. Before commencement of the 71/72 census a calculation error of 209 in the total 69/70 population of the census division was discovered. However present census was carried out accurately and successfully.

15 % Of the people, who could have been present in the village at the time of census and were absent, seems to be a larger percentage than anticipated. This could be regarded partly as attitude towards Government. However other than stressing the importance of and peoples obligation towards census, there was little else I could do.

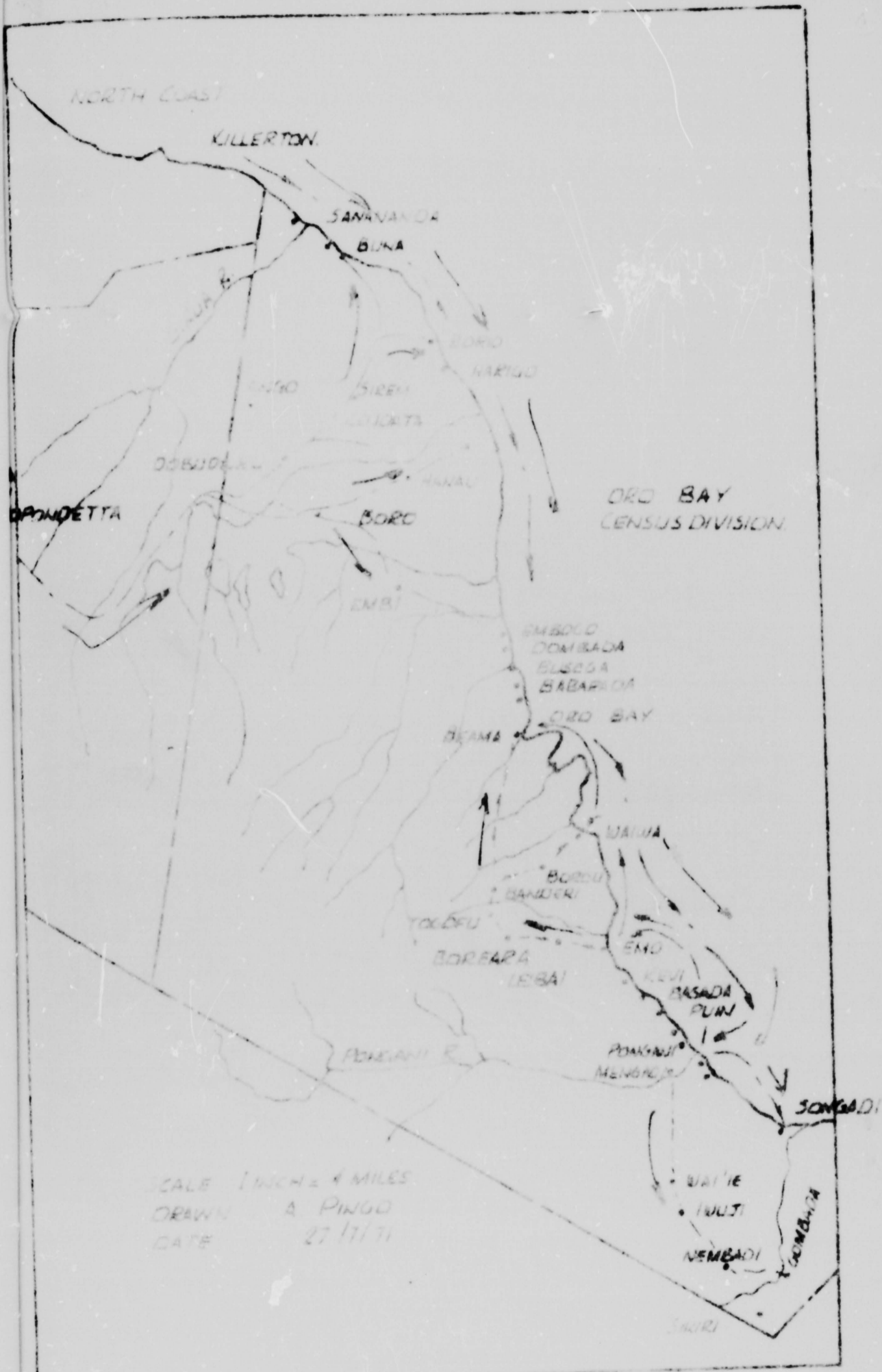
On my last census patrol I had two dozen court orders in a population of 15000, who were not willing to appear for census. These cases still have not come through and probably never will.

Further analysis of the census can be found in Mr. Pingo's report.

14. Miscellaneous

I am pleased to have gained some more experience, which is the most essential requisite for a junior Officer. It has also been a good idea to go on patrol with an Officer other than on my first patrol as no individual handles all matters in quite the same way.

P. E. Sibbing



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 DATE 27/11/71

PATROL REPORT

Report number: No. 4	Objects of patrol: See Patrol Report
District: Northern	Station: Popondetta
Patrol conducted by: R.W. Webster	Subdistrict: Popondetta
Area patrolled: Musa Valley	Designation: A.D.C.
Duration of patrol: 8 days	Personnel accompanying: Vyn er Ruruga
Last D.D.A. patrol: 15.8.72 - 22-8-72	Number of days: 8 days
Last O.L.G. patrol: 1972	Total population of area: 2300
Map reference: Tufi Formil	Council area: Afore
	House of Assembly Electorate: Ijivitari

The District Commissioner,

Northern District,
POPONDETTA

In respect of this patrol, I attach	
Field Officers Journal Folios 3 To 4 ,	(✓)
Patrol Instructions,	()
The Report and my comments,	(✓)
Area study,	()
Updating of area study,	()
Situation Reports No's 1— ,	(✓)
Patrol map,	(✓)

DATE: 30/8 1972.

R. G. Hume
Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol, I attach	
Area study,	()
Updating of area study,	()
Situation Report No's. 1—	(✓)
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District Headquarters assessment of	Above average
Patrol & Report.....	Average

Date: 24 9/19 72

D. R. Maish
District Commissioner

P.O. Box 2396
KONEDOBU

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13th November, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Northern District
POPONDETTA.

POPONDETTA PATROL NO. 4-1972/73.

Reference your minute of 22nd September, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report arising out of the above patrol of the MUSA VALLEY, together with the appropriate assessments, as submitted by Mr. R.W. WEBSTER, Assistant District Commissioner.

A competent and valuable piece of field work and reporting.

The matter has been referred to the Principal Lands Officer for his action.

S. J. P.
S.J. PEARSALL
a/Secretary

Project Officer.....

Date.....

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District Office

Popondetta

Assessment District Commissioner

Date Received

22-9-22

A penetrating and valuable report revealing a high standard of competence.

It is gratifying that the people are prepared to permit ownership investigations - you will be aware that we hold this authority from the Director of Lands - a tremendous task.

It now becomes important that we be granted approval to purchase the land already investigated (approx. 9500 acres) in the Kakasa/Embessa/Ovessa area to satisfy the needs of these people who could be left land less and also permission to investigate ownership of additional land in that area with a view to purchase.

The suggestion of family compensation has considerable merit and your attitude to such a proposal is sought, please.

Sgd. *D.R. Marsh D/R*

Date *22-9-1922*

Headquarters

Date Received

Forwarded.....Section

Project Officer.....

Date.....

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SITUATION REPORT No. 1

Station..... POPONDETTA Officer Compiling..... R.W. Webster

District..... Northern Subdistrict..... Popondetta

Census Division..... Musa L.G. Council..... Afore

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(Use Reverse side if necessary)

Govt. Print.—1792/40,000.—5.72.

Subject: ATTITUDES: Musa Land

The purpose of this patrol was to ascertain the views of as many people as possible towards

- 1) The proposed Musa hydro electric scheme
- 2) The sale of land likely to be flooded or for use a cattle raising area.
- 3) Attitude to cattle raising and
- 4) To delay any fears or misconceptions that the people may have about the proposed dam.
- 5) To explain plans for resettlement and the future of the Musa area generally.

The patrol visited or spoke with people from all but three villages in the Musa valley and met representatives of these other three. Thus it is safe to say that the views presented in this report are representative of all people in the area.

1. The feelings of the people fall into two quite distinct groups. 1 Those in favour of dam construction 2. Those opposed it. These does not appear to be any "middle of the road" opinion.

Those group 1 were mainly younger people who could see very little future in remaining on their own land to, in their own words, grow taro yams and bananas and lead the same life as their ancestors. Also in this group were people who owned land outside the flooded area and would not be greatly affected by the resultant loss of land. These include Namudi to some degree Awala, Moro, Umauma, Asanga, Aimare, Auwaka, Avikaro, Safia, Obeia, Domara, Ubo and Silimidi, in fact the greater part of the population.

Those opposed to the construction of a dam were mainly the older men who had stronger feelings than most for their land and the people of Kaira and Bibira village.

Sgd: *R. Webster*

Date: 22.9.72

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SITUATION REPORT No. P.2

Station..... Popondetta Officer Compiling..... R. W. Webster
 District..... Northern Sub-district..... Popondetta
 Census Division..... Musa L.G. Council..... Afore

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Subject: Attitudes - Musa Land

There were dissenters in each village but they were a *minority* group and did not represent the people as a whole.

The conclusion that can be drawn is that the majority of people are not against the construction of a dam and the flooding of their land.

2. The sale of land is a very contentious issue. At this stage and it is very doubtful if any land could be purchased at this time. However the people have given a mandate for investigation into ownership and survey of their land to proceed. By the time this task is completed a decision one way or the other should have been made. Either way the work will not be wasted. If it was intimated that until such time as something concrete was done with the land already purchased no further land would be sold.

3. The proposal of cattle raising on a large scale was much more popular than the dam proposal. There is considerable ignorance of the physical aspects of cattle raising but this is to be expected and if cattle were introduced to the Musa area training would be essential.

4. Many fears and misconceptions were evident and the patrol spoke at length in an effort to delay these fears and correct misconception.

The greatest fear or point of concern was that there would be no compensation paid for land flooded. In fact more time was spent discussing this aspect than any other.

The patrol went to great lengths to re-assure the people that compensation would be paid for land trees houses etc and assistance would be given in resettlement. This explanation appeared to satisfy most people but there were several men who claimed that the govt was lying and never kept its promises and would do the same thing in this instance.

Sgd: R. W. WebsterDate: 22.9.72

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SITUATION REPORT No. 1 P.3

Station..... Popondetta Officer Compiling R.W. Webster
 District..... Northern Subdistrict..... Popondetta
 Census Division..... Musa L.G. Council..... Afore

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Govt. Print.—1792/40,000.—5.72.

Subject: Attitudes Musa Land

A major problem will be overcoming the insular attitude of a large portion of the people. While these are generally the older men they are the ones in authority i.e. leaders and who must be convinced of the efficiency of any proposals for the development of the Musa. Almost without exception the people were unaware of the purpose of the dam. When it was explained that the water would generate electricity there was a stunned silence. The process of hydro electric generation was explained in simple terms and appeared to be understood. This then was the topic of considerable conversation. This together with the possibilities of expanding the economy were discussed at length. The majority of the people expressed a keen interest in new and different things and the impression gained is one of definite interest in leaving the immediate confines of the Safia valley and rebuilding elsewhere.

LAND PURCHASE.

An area of some 200 sq miles will be flooded if the hydro scheme is developed. Additional land will be required for various purposes and total area of some 250 sq miles will ultimately have to be surveyed investigated and purchase.

It is estimated that the survey of all boundaries i.e. external and internal clan boundaries will take 3-4 years. The investigations and inevitable disputes will take almost a long. An inexperienced field officer could create problems by virtue of inexperience and ignorance and prolong the task.

It is therefore suggested that a different method of land acquisition be practiced in this case. The area of approx 65,000 ha has to be purchased irrespective of who owns the land. At a normal \$10/ha this is \$650,000. Economic trees are relatively to count but as yet are an unknown quantity but could easily amount to \$650,000.

Thus it is reasonably expected that up to \$1.3 m will be expended on land purchases (a conservative estimate).

Sgd: R.W. WebsterDate: 22.9.72

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SITUATION REPORT No. 1 P. 4

Station..... Popondetta Officer Compiling..... R.W. Webster

District..... Northern Subdistrict..... Popondetta

Census Division..... Musa L.G. Council..... Afore

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Subject: Attitudes - Musa Land

Rather to spend time and deploy considerable resources to complete this task a simpler solution could possibly be reached by giving each man a resettlement grant (compensation) calculated according to his age and family size. This together with a suitable land grant and assistance to re-establish themselves would be a much shorter process and in the long run less expensive.

CONCLUSION.

Whatever use the Musa area is put for is bound to cause a certain amount of resentment and ill feeling. Native people have an overwhelming affection for their land and to dispossess them of their heritage is not to be taken lightly. It is therefore imperative that every opportunity be taken to put these people at ease so that in the event of dam construction they are a receptive and co-operative group.

Sgd: R.W. Webster

Date: 30/8/72

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of ~~District~~ Northern Report No. 5 of 71/72 (Popondetta)

Patrol Conducted by Andrew Pingo Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Part Sohe Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Jacob Hauje Interpreter

Duration—From 27/9/1971 to 29/9/1971

Number of Days 3 days (2 slept out)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? Nil

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / Apr 19 71

Medical / / 19

Map Reference Fourmil Buna Milinch Danawatu

Objects of Patrol Determine willingness of People to sell further Land

Director of District Administration, PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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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P.O. Box 2396,
KONEDOBU

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20th December, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA

POPONDETTA PATROL NO. 5-1971/72

Your reference 67-1-1 of 7th October, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr.
A. Pingo, Patrol Officer, of part of the SOHS Census Division.

S. J. Pearsall
(S.J. PEARSALL)
Secretary

PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
POPONDETTA. Northern District.

7th October, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

POPONDETTA PATROL REPORT NO. 5 OF 1971/72

Attached are forwarded original and duplicate of Mr. Pingo's report of the above patrol.

2. The patrol was of a special nature, and was in effect, a brief visit to the area in question.
3. The objects of the patrol were achieved and Mr. Pingo has presented his report in an efficient and commendable manner.
4. It is very pleasing to see resulting enthusiasm from definite developmental work and I will press for an early finalisation of the purchase of land reviewed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D.R. Marsh".

(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

Att: 2 Copies

Sub District Office
POPONDETTA, Northern District,
Papua.
30/9/71

Popondetta Patrol Report No. 5 of 71/72

The purpose of this Patrol was to contact and ascertain, whether the people in the Perombaturu, Divinikoiari, Togohau area had now decided to sell further land to the Government.

It was pleasing to note that the Perombaturu and Divinikoiari people had decided to sell further land situated on the South East area of the proposed road. Now that they can see the road materialising they can judge the benefits in a more realistic sense. The attached Sketch Map will show the rough position of this land, however the map is intended to be positional only and does not show any acreage figures. I believe this is the fifth Patrol to visit these people in regard to this project. As I have stated they are still keen, but many felt that the Government should hurry up and purchase the ground. Although the majority have an eye to the future, there are still many who cannot think beyond the cash they will receive for their land.

The Togohau people, and particularly the Manuahere Clan, have indicated that they will not sell their land at the moment; rather they would prefer to wait until they see the amount of money that will be paid out for land in the Perombaturu area. The Manuahere Clan Leader avoided the Patrol and sent word to me through a Clan spokesman. The purchase of this ground would not I think be essential for future development.

No formal survey was carried out, but I feel that it should be done in the near future, before the people begin to lose interest. Although I am no soil technologist, the ground appeared to be sound and I would judge it to have good agricultural potential.

The Hurata people also own land adjacent to the South Easterly section of the road. When I spoke to a few of the Hurata men, they indicated to me that they would have no objection to selling this portion to the Government. This Hurata ground is known as Isomo. No Clan Genealogies were recorded, as this has been previously carried out by Patrol Officer Mr. F. Favetta.

I apologise for the brevity of this report, however my instructions were to ascertain the people's attitude to further Alienation only, and not to carry out a formal survey. A comprehensive picture can be gained by referring to Popondetta Patrol Reports Nos. 8,9,12, and 14, of 70/71.

An amusing side light was shown by the Perombaturu people practising for a Sing Sing, for the celebration of the proposed road's completion.

For your information and action please.

A. Pinto
A. Pinto
(Patrol Officer)

Territory of Papua and New Guinea

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Report Number: 5 of 71/72

District of: Northern

Sub District of: Popondetta

Patrol Conducted by: Andrew Pingo Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled: Part Sohe Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans: No

" " " Natives: Jacob Hauje, Interpreter

Duration: 27/9/71 to 29/9/71

Number of Days: 3 days (2 slept out)

Area Last Patrolled: April 71 D.D.A.

Map Reference: Fourmil Buna Milinch Danawatu. See attached Sketch Map

Objects of Patrol: Determine willingness of People to sell further land in the Perombaturu, Divinikoiari, Togohau area.

Situation Report

Political

As this Patrol had a duration of only 3 days, and only one Political talk was given, my remarks will naturally be brief. Apart from the younger more educated people, general knowledge of political matters is not high. In spite of this, self government is now more acceptable to the people. This acceptance can be traced to some extent, to Political Education, and to the idea that self government is inevitable. The majority of the people are reconciled to the fact, that self government will occur within the life of the next House of Assembly.

Another reason for this acceptance is the reassurance, that when self government comes, Papua and New Guinea will still be receiving substantial aid from Australia. The people are extremely worried by Independence because, of lack of industrialisation, and what they claim is a shortage of trained technical people. Many felt that Papuans and New Guineans were incapable of governing for themselves. This view is held exclusively by the older fraternity. It was encouraging to see that the more educated and younger men, had confidence both in their country's future, and themselves.

The prestige of local government, has I believe, increased appreciably since the construction of the road commenced. Many took it as a welcome sign that they had not been forgotten by the Government. They were well aware, without my telling them, of the material benefits that the road would bestow on them. They were in fact, appreciative of the Council's and the Government's efforts on their behalf.

Economic

There is no doubt the area has good cash crop potential, and this is born out by the extensive plantings that can be seen adjacent to the villages. Increased plantings have been carried out in anticipation of the roads completion. The fact that many have offered to sell land to the Government for the roads construction, indicates that the people have an eye to the future.

Social

Education is provided by the Anglican Mission in this area which catered for about 230 pupils in 1970. The villages of Divinikoiari, Hurata and Siai have village schools run by a Mission Teacher (unqualified) and Evangelist.

Medically speaking the area seems to be well catered for by the Saiho Hospital and other sundry Aid Posts. I saw no evidence of major illness, and the people seemed to be generally clean and healthy.

Conclusion

I concur with the previous Patrolling Officer's statement, that the Administration should set about purchasing and surveying the land required, as soon as possible. It is essential to act now, while the people's attitude is favourable.

A. Pingo
A. Pingo
(Patrol Officer)

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Patrol Diary

Monday 27th. September 1971

To Kumusi area re. land investigation.
Departed Popondetta 1030 hrs.
Arrived Perombaturu 1500 hrs.
Set up camp.
Patrol slept out.

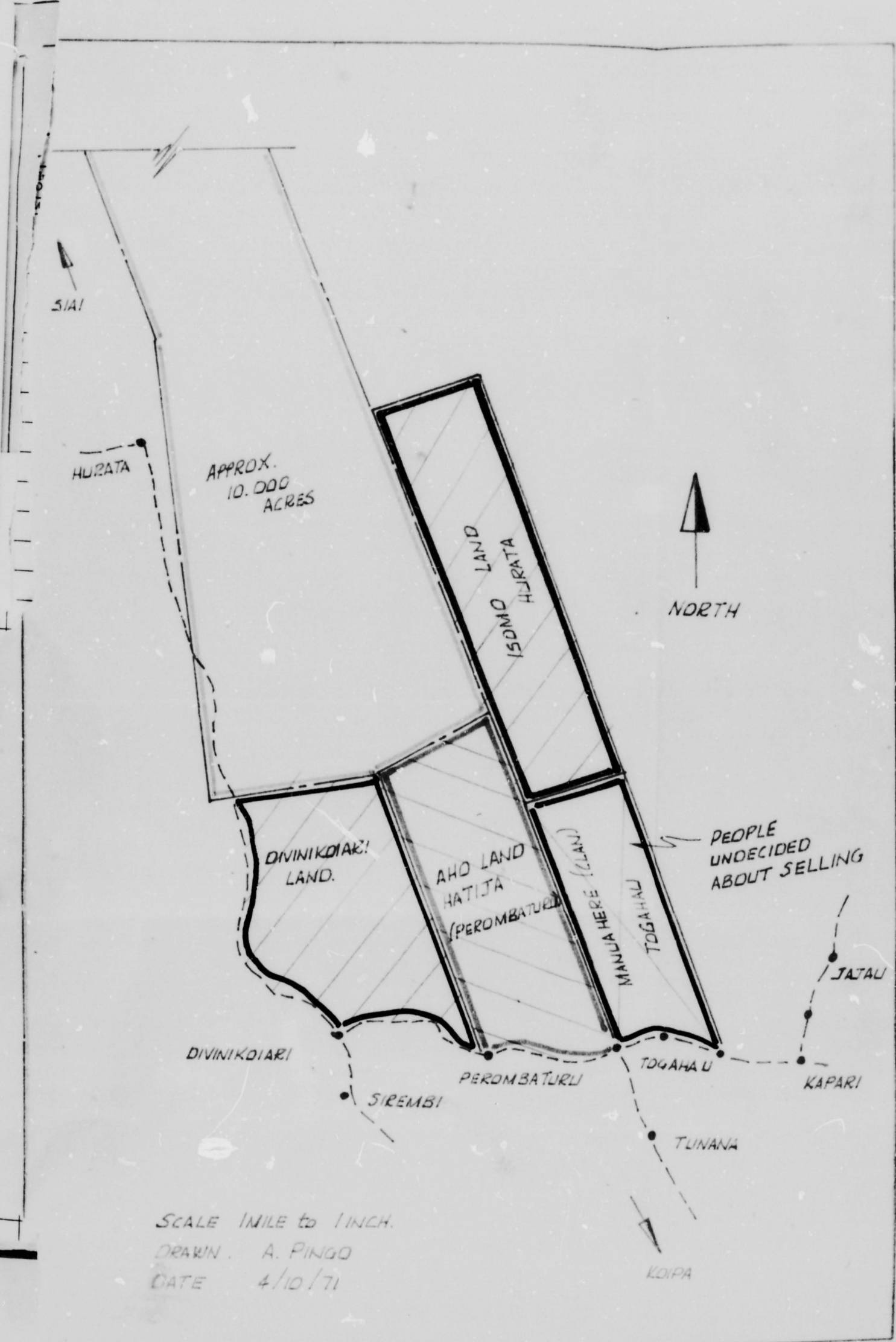
Tuesday 28th. September 1971

Talked to people of Perombaturu, Divinikoiari
and Togahau re further land. Togahau still undecided.
Rest House talk given on Political matters in evening.
Patrol slept out.

Wednesday 29th. September 1971

Made a brief inspection of ground the Government
wishes to purchase.
Returned to Popondetta 1530 hrs.

End of Patrol.



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 DRAWN A. PINGO
 DATE 4/10/71



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Northern Report No. 6 - 1971/72

Patrol Conducted by A.E. Sibbing A.P.O.

Area Patrolled Sohe Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans No

Natives Kingston Sigoro (interpreter)

Duration—From 4/10/1971 to 3/11/1971 (broken periods)

Number of Days 11 (8 camped out)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 24/5/1971

Medical No. ---/---/19---

Map Reference Attached

- Objects of Patrol
1. Informing people about Council projects and programme.
 2. Encouragement of economic development.
 3. General discussions on political, social and economic development.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

[Signature]
District Commissioner

12/11/1971

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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P.O. Box 2006,
POPONDETTA.

67-5-17

26th January, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

POPONDETTA PATROL NO. 6 OF 1971-72.

Your reference 67-1-1 of 17/1/72.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report
by Mr. A. Sibbing, A.P.O. of the Sohe Census Division.

(S.J. PEARSALL)
a/Secretary.

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Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
POPONDETTA. Northern District.

17th January, 1972.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

POPONDETTA PATROL NO. 6 OF 1971/1972.

In duplicate please find report of above patrol prepared by Mr. Sibbing, Assistant Patrol Officer, together with covering memo, from the Assistant District Commissioner, Popondetta which covers most points.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M.S. Denehy".

(M.S. Denehy)
/District Commissioner

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Sub District Office,
POPONDETTA. ND

11th November, 1971.

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The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

POPONDETTA PATROL REPORT No.6 - 71/72
A. E. SIBBING A.P.O.

Attached please find Original and 2 copies of a patrol report by Mr. A. E. Sibbing A.P.O. carried out in the Sohe Census Division, Popondetta Sub-district.

The patrol was of a routine nature and the following comments made on the report.

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Although the Nigaturu Council has been established almost 16 years it is doubtful if the people do in fact understand the why's and wherefore's of Local Government. If they did, then the apathetic attitude towards Local Government may possibly dissipate.

The water supply in many villages is a problem during the dry season. Wells have been established in several of these villages but people appear reluctant to use them. Also they are more often than not, broken down and useless.

I cannot believe that the people do have a positive attitude towards self help. The facts speak for themselves and point out a very negative attitude towards self help. I have been told during a meeting with villagers that they want the government to do all the work and for them (the villagers) to be paid excessive amounts for sand gravel etc.

2. POLITICAL EDUCATION.

I concur with Mr. Sibbings remarks that attendance at Political Education lectures should be part of the duties of Local Officers. It is vital that these people have a sound Knowledge of government.

3. SELF GOVERNMENT.

There has been a complete change of attitude over the past two years toward Self Govt. There is no longer an unreasoning fear of Self Govt and what it may bring, this fear having been replaced to a degree by acceptance and some understanding and a partial realization that hard work and progress go hand in hand.

4. ATTITUDE TOWARDS GOVERNMENT.

The peoples willingness to assist patrols is hardly an indicator of attitude towards govt. More often than not, the carriers require a little money or have nothing else to do. If they are required to carry a considerable distance they are most reluctant to do so.

Most of the walking in the Sohe Census Division is over flat country with the maximum walking time of about 1 hr.

I do not agree that 25c/ hr for carriers would be inadequate. This rate is equivalent to \$10/week, considerably in excess of the present urban wage.

5. LEADERS.

New leaders are emerging but it is still the old men who hold the real power in the villages.

6. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

People living a basic subsistence economy require money only for a few small luxuries. They are not dependant on money to buy food, clothing etc. In short there is no real demand for money and until there is, cash cropping will not be a major part of their lives.

7. CULTS AND UNREST.

There appears to be "Cargo cult" thinking throughout the area and we appear unable to dissuade the people from thinking this way. After all we like to think what would we do if we won the Opera House Lottery and there appears to be little real difference in the style of thinking.

8. HURATA LAND PURCHASE.

There appears to be misunderstanding by the village people as to what land is being investigated and what promises were made. I feel it is essential that one officer investigate survey and purchase the land. In this way confusion and misunderstanding can be avoided.

9. CONCLUSION.

This report, like many others by junior officers tends to generalize and not cover specific points. It is important that these officers gain experience in report writing but is it necessary to report for reporting's sake. Possibly the new Patrol Report format will eliminate this to a degree.

This report is also marred in places by peculiar grammar, but as English is not Mr. Sibbings natural language, this is understandable.

Claims for camping allowance are attached.

R. W. Webster

(R. W. Webster)
Assistant District Commissioner.



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Department of the Administrator.

Sub District Office,
POPONDETTA. Northern District

30th September, 1971.

Mr. A. Sibbing,
Assistant Patrol Officer,
POPONDETTA.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS.

Further to my verbal instructions please prepare to patrol the Sohe Census Division commencing on Monday 4th October.

This patrol will be of a general nature and the following objects should be pursued.

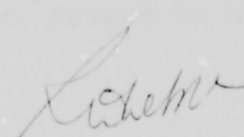
- 1) Inform the village people of Council projects and programs. These can be obtained from the Council or Local Government Office.
- 2) Press the subject of economic development, encourage coffee production etc. Emphasize the need for self help as a primary requirement of successful development.
- 3) Make yourself available to answer questions and general provoke discussion with the people on any matter you think fit that has bearing on political social and economic development.

I require this patrol to be informal and relaxed and particularly not hurried. The more time you spend in the area the better.

I suggest you read previous patrol reports and A.N.U. Bulletins. No.4 No.11 as a means of obtaining background material.

Take one interpreter with you the choice being yours. You will require a patrol advance and I suggest that \$50 should cover all contingencies.

I wish a pleasant patrol.


(R. W. Webster)
Assistant District Commissioner.

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Diary

- 4.10.71 A.M. By vehicle and by foot to Hujavasusu - 1½ hrs walk.
Talked to people.
P.M. Walked to Divinikoiari - 1 hr walk.
Talked to people of Sirembi.
Camped in Divinikoiari.
- 5.10.71 A.M. Walked to Hungiri - 2½ hrs walk.
Talked to people.
P.M. Walked back to Urarisusu - 1½ hrs walk.
Talked to people. Returned to Divinikoiari.
Camped in Divinikoiari.
- 6.10.71 A.M. Talked to Divinikoiari people.
P.M. Received instruction to break up patrol and
return to Popondetta for family reasons.
- 25.10.71 A.M. By vehicle and by foot to Tunana - 1 hr walk.
Talked to people.
P.M. Walked to Togahau - 1 hr walk.
Talked to Togahau and Poha people in Poha.
Camped in Togahau.
- 26.10.71 A.M. Walked to Hurata - 3 hrs walk.
Talked to people about land purchase.
P.M. Walked back to Perombaturu - 2¾ hrs walk.
Talked to people. Returned to Togahau.
Camped in Togahau.
27. 10. 71 A.M. Walked to Jajau via Papoga and Kanari - 1½ hrs walk.
Talked to people in Papoga and Kanari.
P.M. Talked to people in Jajau.
Camped in Jajau.
- 28.10.71 A.M. Walked to Iwori, Waru people assembled - ¼ hr walk.
Talked to people. Returned to Jajau.
Walked to Ongoho - 1 hr walk.
P.M. Talked to people. Walked to Girigirita - ¾ hr walk.
Talked to people. Walked to Oire - 1¼ hrs walk.
Camped in Oire.
- 29.10.71 A.M. Talked to people. Walked to Kikinota - 1 hr walk.
Many people went to "pay week" market in Popondetta.
P.M. Returned to Popondetta.
- 1.11.71 A.M. By vehicle to Kikinota.
Talked to Sehoru and Ehu people.
Walked to Senani - ½ hr walk. Talked to people.
P.M. Walked to Huhuru - 1 hr walk.
Talked to people.
Camped in Huhuru.
- 2.11.71 A.M. Walked to Horau - ½ hr walk.
Talked to people. Walked to New Warisota - 2½ hrs.
P.M. Talked to only a few people, as many went bush
fearing tax prosecution. Walked to Ahora - 1½ hrs.
Talked to people.
Camped in Ahora.
- 3.11.71.A.M. Walked to Beuru - ½ hr walk.
Talked to only a few people, as many went bush
fearing tax prosecution. Returned to Ahora.
By foot and vehicle back to Popondetta.
Completion of patrol.

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Sub District Office,
POPONDETTA,
Northern District,
4 th November 1971.

Patrol No.6 - 1971/72

Sohe Census Division

SITUATION REPORT

Introduction

The objects of the patrol were:

1. Informing people of Council projects and program.
2. Encouragement of economic development.
3. General discussions on political, social and economic development
4. House of Assembly election talk.

It is regretted, that this patrol was broken twice; the first time for family reasons and the second time because many people went to the "pay weekend" market in Popondetta.

The Sohe Census Division covers an area of 288 square miles with a population of 3947 people.

Its location is North-west of Popondetta and extends from a few miles West of the Kumusi River to a few miles from the coast at Gona.

The topography is mainly flat and swampy in parts, traversed by numerous rivers and streams.

Vegetation consists of primary and secondary forest with some areas of kunai.

A Political

1. Local Government

The Sohe Census Division is under the Higaturu Local Government Council, which was established in 1956.

The people are well aware of the main functions of the L.G.C. and how it works.

The Council has not achieved as much in the area as it anticipated, mainly because of lack of enough funds. So far road communications in the area have been virtually nil. Many people do not pay their Council Tax. Many excuses are given such as: - The Council has been promising roads for a long time and every year it gets put off again. The cycle of - people not paying tax - therefore no funds - therefore no roads - and therefore an excuse of not paying tax again - is obvious.

When the patrol reached Perombaturu, New Warisota and Beuru villages, people packed up the night before and moved en masse to the furthest gardens, fearing Police or tax prosecution. In fact Beuru village alleges it has been on a 2 year strike and do not pay tax, until they see some value for their taxes paid in the past. However Beuru village has a record of moving their village and leaving a good Aidpost behind.

Another village that moved and left the Aidpost behind is Kipore, wher the people moved to Senani.

However the Council is well aware of the 2 Aidposts situation and has plans of appropriate action.

The other Aidposts are situated in strategic locations and provide a satisfactory medical service in Sirembi, Togahau and Ongoho.

The Huhuru people complained about the manner the Council By Election was carried out. Enquiries from Mr. P. Thomas S.L.G.O. informed me that everything was in order.

The watersupply in all villages has been checked. With the exception of 4 villages the watersupply is good or either on the Council Plan to be attended to.

However the watersupply of Beuru ceases in the dry season. The Council appears to be reluctant to look into this, as people refuse to pay tax and left their Aidpost behind by moving their village.

Ongoho has a good supply, but a long way down to carry.

Ehu supply ceases in the dry season and then people have to walk for half an hour to the nearest swamp. Nothing can be done here as the majority of people live spread out on their blocks.

Urarisusu is without water for three months in the dry season and then people have to walk to the nearest sago swamp.

The people have a positive attitude towards self-help and are prepared to Help and cooperate with the Council. Ahora village Has just about completed their village road to Popondetta. The work included building a couple of bridges and clearing the forrest. The road runs from the end of the East Ambogo blocks road.

Often the Councillor is blamed for lacking in his job, when village needs are not attended to reasonably soon. It needed explaining that factors like lack of funds through people not paying tax and preference to areas with more urgent needs etc. are quite often reasons for no immediate action.

New warisota village has now been abandoned and moved East almost halfway their old location and Ahora.

2. Political Education

Young people, who often know something about Government, find it hard to communicate with their elders for some "shame" feeling. They only tell people the new things, when being asked.

I would like to stress more need for Local Officers and Assistants, of all Departments, who are in close contact with the village people in the course of their duties in the field to receive more Political Education. Local Officers have asked me questions, which they were unable to answer to village people.

I realise, that Political Education has been given to Local field Staff on a voluntary basis. However it should be done on a compulsory basis during working hours so everybody can attend. Too many escape this kind of training on a voluntary basis.

3. Political Activities

In addition to patrol instructions House of Assembly talks were given as a preparation for the '72 elections. People were eager to find out details about their Candidates.

Andrew Albert from Gona was campaigning at New Warisota, Beuru and Ahora. He is the son of Fr. Albert, who is a priest at Sasembata. His main Policy was:

- Less taxation.
- Higher prices for cash crop produce.

It is disappointing to learn that this man might have a chance with such an impossible and yet to ignorant people attractive Policy.

4. Self Government

A survey indicated that people wanted Self Government within a time period from 2 to 10 years, with a mean of 5 years.

Although most people were ignorant of the meaning of Self Government, in 90% of the villages at least one man stood up and explained the proper meaning.

I feel that the peoples decision on the time of Self Govt. is very much influenced by Press, Radio and talk. Little thought comes from the people themselves as they do not understand the implications of the future of Self Government.

Some comments:

In favor of early Self Government -

"That will stop us from hanging around the villages and doing nothing as then we will be forced to work."

Undecided -

"We do not know whether it will be good or bad."

Not in favor of early Self Government -

"Then the Government will take our land"

5. Attitude towards Government

The attitude towards the Government is very good. This can often be measured by the willingness to carry cargo for Government patrols. No difficulties with carriers were experienced. However some Lands Dept. Field Assistants, being Local staff, met more difficulties during one day of my patrol with the same people in the same area. They found it harder to get carriers and had to pay higher rates. Once they carried themselves.

The rate of 20 c /hour for carrying was maintained. People prefer not to carry if it would just be for the money. However the attitude towards helping the Government patrol is good and willing.

Unless the Administration wants to regard carrying at 20c/hr as an obligation of the village people towards Govt. patrols, I would strongly recommend to increase carrying rates to a more realistic labor rate of at least 25c/hr, which would in fact still be inadequate.

6. Leaders

As well as the Clan Leaders, Councillors, sometimes teachers and evangelists etc. who all can take leading functions, two non-hereditary leaders will be noted in my report:

a) Laban Hauru

Age 23 - married - education Form 2 High School - subsistence farmer - ex Army - no convictions. His influence is limited to his own village Papoga. He has a good attitude towards progress, development and Administration. He stood for Council Candidate. Also spent a few months in Australia.

b) Kingston Tungahari

Age 25 - married with 3 children - education Grade 3 Primary Mission School - cash cropper - no convictions. -His influence is limited to his own village Iwore. He has a good attitude towards progress, development and Administration.

B Economic

1. General rural development

Some Census Division is almost entirely a coffee cash cropping area. Coffee gardens are numerous, but the trees are virtually non producing. Trees are old and too high. People are not able to pick their coffee.

- Increasing coffee production can be done in 3 stages:
- a) Get the people to pick the coffee, that can be picked.
 - b) Rejuvenate the old trees by hard cutting back.
 - c) New plantings.

So far Agricultural Officers have been pressing the first stage and would have been satisfied if people only managed to pick their coffee. Now with plans of new roads coming into the area and the more pressing need of better economy towards Self Government, the second stage is being pressed.

A demonstration coffee garden has been established in Awala along the road to Hujavasusu, where old coffee trees have been cut back to 6-12 inches off the ground and 4 young shoots allowed to form the new tree.

Agricultural Officer Mr. J. Horne has demonstrated cutting back techniques with the bushknife during his visits in the area.

During my patrol I explained and encouraged how and why to rejuvenate their old coffee trees.

It was disheartening to find, that the people were confused, as they were instructed to leave the old coffee trees as they are and pick what they can by pulling down the branches. Apparently this instruction has been spread by local Agricultural Field Assistant Augustus and is quite contrary to what his senior Officer tried to achieve.

This matter has not yet been referred to, people concerned and should be done to assure that this type of advice does not continue.

Some Councillors suggested during a Council meeting to destroy the old coffee gardens and planting young coffee. I am sure, that the Agricultural Dept. would not advise this and would strongly recommend the cutting back method.

In fact, at this stage I would very much like to advice a campaign to start in this area to take some more positive action in rejuvenating the old coffee. I suggest Agricultural Field Assistants and / or P.A.T.I. students to go out to the villages and lead and supervise an organised programme in cutting back these trees. These people should stay out in the field to do this job. There would be little or no danger that the peoples income would be cut off, as these trees are not producing anything at all, that could be picked. If any trees could be picked, these should then be left till later date. One Officer should go out before the intended campaign and investigate the willingness and cooperation of the people to undertake this campaign in community effort.

Ahora, Girigirita, Horau, Huhuru, Hungiri and New Warisota villages have not even coffee pulpers and have been encouraged to buy one. I am sure that the L.G.C. will be able to help by either arranging this for them or buying in bulk. Contrary to the lack of coffee pulpers Hujavasusu has 7 and Iwore 8 pulpers.

Cocoa is grown only in the Eastern part of Some towards the coast. Die-back, pod suckers and Panthorytes causes the cocoa yield to be very poor.

Coconut plantations have been and are being planted in:

Ahora	Divinikoiari	Hujavasusu (1,000)
Beuru	Horau	New Warisota (5000)

Some rubber plantations are also located in the Eastern part of the area and in the following villages:
Huhuru (approx. 40,000 seedlings) - Waru - Sehoru and Senani.

No cattle in the area.

Recent talks about the possibilities of oilpalm industry in Sohe have created interest. A talk by the District Commissioner to the Higaturu Council meeting has in fact over excited Councillors David and Graydon from the Kanari and Jajau area. These men told the meeting that they were going to cut down their existing cash crops to make room for the oilpalm. However I explained the present position of the oilpalm only being in the "incubation" stage.

People in the Kanari - Iwori area, which is situated on the fringe of the intended oilpalm growing area, expressed their fear and non willingness to sell land for the oilpalm project as they claimed land shortage.

2. Activities of Development Departments

The Sohe area has been patrolled by the Agricultural Officer Mr. J. Horne approx. 3 months ago.

However the area under the attention of the Kikinota Agricultural Post appears to have been lacking in visits completely, supposed to, be carried out by local Agricultural Field Assistant Mr. Wilson. The villages concerned are Huhuru and Horau. These people claim, they have never seen an Agricultural Officer for certainly as long as the Administration has moved from old Higaturu to Popondetta, which was in 1951.

Mr. Wilson seems to stay put in his Kikinota Post and does not worry about the further away villages. In fact the people have asked for him to be transferred. No complains were heard from around the Kikinota Post as people can easily walk up to him at the Post and ask him for help and advice.

C Social

1. Education

Only Anglican Mission Primary Schools are located in the area in the following places: Sirembi (4 grades)
Togahau (3 grades)

The L.G.C. is persuading the Anglican Mission to reopen the Ongoho Primary School with assistance from the Council.

Many children make use of schools outside the Sohe boundaries (Gona, Isenehi, Awala and Agenahambo)

2. Health

A survey indicated the following mean figures:

- Housing: 5.5 people per dwelling.
- Toilets: for 92% of the houses.
- Pigs : 1 pig to every 9 people in the village.
- Dogs : 1 dog to every 4 people in the village.

Note Perombaturu (242 people) - 136 pigs.
Papoga (211 people) - 272 dogs.

Asking the people about the use of dogs, they answered mainly for hunting, but we also value the teeth.

Malaria spraying has been done right through the area less than 6 months ago.

Only one third of the number of villages complained about the incidence of malaria when being asked. The other two thirds claimed no incidence of malaria at all.

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Ahora, Beuru, Oire and Senani claimed to be free of bedbugs, while the other 19 villages claimed to have them.
3 people appeared to be mentally unbalanced (insane).
1 Male in Perombaturu has Leprosy.
7 Cases of elephantiasis were recorded.

In Perombaturu a 7 year old girl was carried to me with the following complaint:
Her leg was amputated below the knee at Lae Hospital. This was done after a long persuasion for parents consent and this was given subject to the child getting an artificial leg. Nothing has been done for the child and the matter has now been passed over to Dr. Aisi for attention.

3. Cult and unrest

Some of the people still believe, that it is far easier to look for money that may be in the ground somewhere than the laborous effort of making money through working their coffee. Surprisingly even some young people seem to believe this.

Laban Hauro of Papoga, who told me this story of his area, has also been encouraged to counteract this way of thinking. He is an intelligent and educated young leader, who has also been in Australia and the right person to talk people out of this sort of thing.

There is no unrest in the area and so far it has been the only area where I have heard almost no complaints. People are all very happy and peaceful together.

There is no friction among any of the component social groupings or between component groups and outside groups, like Binandere and Aiga tribes.

One interesting village is Huhuru, where people speak the Baraharawa language, while all the other villages in the area speak Orokaiva. They call themselves Baraharawa people and must have penetrated into this to their foreign territory as a large single group long ago.

4. Clubs

The following clubs are active in the area:

Hujavasusu - Soccer club.
Iwore - Womens club
Jajau - Womens club
 - Basketball club
Kanari - Womens club

Miscellaneous

Although not in the Sohe Census Division, Marcel Kokova from Isiveni Block 97, who is a man originally from Kerema may be worthwhile mentioning. I met him on my return to Popondetta.

He is building a 40 feet long and 3 feet deep double canoe on which he will build a platform after joining them together. He has saved enough money to buy an outboard motor. He intends to carry passengers and cargo along the coast as far as Tufi, and the North Coast. He was enquiring about insurance.

He appeared to be an educated young man with good English and knew what he was talking about.

Hurata land purchase

Re file 35-2-249, misunderstanding about the land purchase appeared to be on both parties, vendors and purchasers. People never intended to sell, because of fear of shortage of land to grow food. They claim this, as some of their land is swamp and some of it has already been bought for the airstrip.

People were friendly, sincere and willing to negotiate if they would have been in the position to do this.

Relevant people and Departments have been informed about my findings.

All objects of the patrol were carried out successfully and spirits were high.

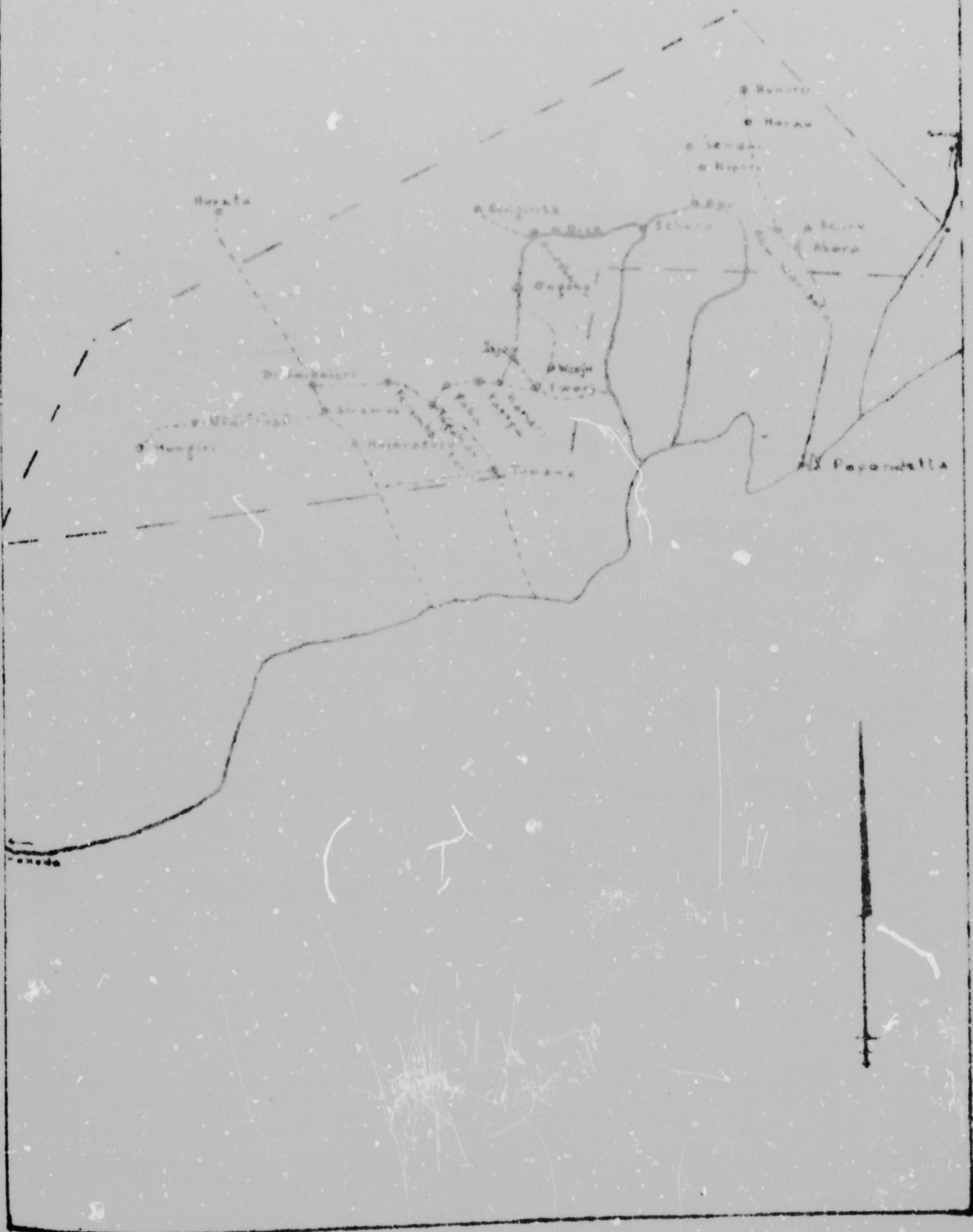
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SOME POPONNETTA CANALS BY VISAGE

----- Village tracks ————— Vehicle roads

Scale 1"=4 Miles



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PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER: 7 of 71/72 OBJECT OF PATROL: Pongani to Safia Road
DISTRICT: Northern STATION: Popondetta
PATROL CONDUCTED BY: A. Pingo P.O. SUB-DISTRICT: Popondetta
AREA PATROLLED: Pongani to Safia DESIGNATION: Patrol Officer
DURATION OF PATROL: 72 days approx. PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING:
LAST D.D.A. PATROL: December 1970 A. O. Mr. Stent and T. O Terereambo
LAST O.L.G. PATROL: Not known NUMBER OF DAYS: 6 days
MAP REFERENCE: Tufi Scale 1:250,000 TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA:
COUNCIL AREA: Oro Bay & Cape Nelson
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTORATE:
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The District Commissioner,
District,

In respect of this patrol, I attach
FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, FOLIOS TO , ()
PATROL INSTRUCTIONS, ()
THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS, ()
UPDATING OF AREA STUDY, ()
SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 - 2 , (✓)
PATROL MAP, (✓)

DATE: 21/3/1972.

[Signature]
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Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. Papua

In respect of this patrol, I attach
AREA STUDY ()
UPDATING OF AREA STUDY ()
SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 - ()
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DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS ASSESMENT OF
PATROL & REPORT

ABOVE AVERAGE
AVERAGE
BELOW AVERAGE

DATE: / /19 .

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District Commissioner.

SITUATION REPORT NO. 1.

STATION OFFICER COMPILING A. Pingo Patrol Officer
 DISTRICT Northern SUB-DISTRICT Popondetta
 CENSUS DIVISION Oro Bay & Cape Nelson L.G. COUNCIL Oro Bay & Cape Nelson

(For the reporting of information specifically of Headquarters value and requiring Headquarters knowledge or actions. Information is required on matters of political significance, importing trends in the economic and social structure, cult and unrest situations, law and order problems, and miscellaneous matters that Headquarters needs to know. One report will be compiled for each specific topic. Each to be submitted to Headquarters in duplicate).

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SUBJECT : Pongani - Safia Road Re Proposed Musa Dam

Introduction

This was a special Patrol required for the cutting and the clearing of a road which is to run from Pongani, to the proposed Musa Dam site in the Safia Patrol Post Area. The route was laid down in a report Tufi No 3 of 1970/71, submitted by Patrol Officer Mr. Robbins. Approval of the route was also given by a C - D - W engineer who passed through the area after Mr. Robbins. Although the main object of the road is to service the Dam site, it will doubtless have a profound effect on the economy of the area, and provide a useful link in communication with a relatively inaccessible area.

Initial stages

I set off initially on the 15/10/71 to try to stimulate interest in the road at Pongani. After spending 5 days there, I only managed to recruit 7 men. As this fell short of the 40 man team I needed to work, I dispensed with the idea of using local labour and returned to Popondetta to recruit men there. This was achieved without difficulty and the first party with 2 weeks supply of rations, landed at Pongani beach on the 19/10/71. It was decided to commence cutting operations at Nembadi, a point inland about 3 1/2 hours walk from Pongani. After 1 weeks work the team had reached a point 1 1/2 hours walk beyond the village of Kinjaki. After another weeks work we had reached Korala.

In the first stages, the quality of the work was of a low standard. The labour proved themselves to be indifferent axemen, and even when work quantity improved it was virtually impossible to stop them felling the trees across the road. Mr. Robbins was to experience a similar situation, when he started cutting operations from the Safia end. I finally came to the decision to press on and come back and clear the road with backup teams later.

I returned to Popondetta on the 5/11/71 to organise further food supplies. The carrying of supplies by the labour teams was resulting in considerable time being lost, and on communicating this problem to the District Commissioner, it was decided to institute a series of air drops.

SGD :

DATE :

The first air drop was made at Kakasa on the 10/11/71 and I moved the cutting team to this village 3 days later. During this period Mr. Robbins, who was based at Safia Patrol Post, received instructions to proceed with labour and cut the road from the Dam site, to a point where our 2 teams would eventually rendezvous. This induced me to walk on to Safia so that I could outline to Mr. Robbins some of the problems associated with this project. When I returned to Kakasa I organised the cutting of the road from this village to Ovesa. At this time Mr. Robbins and myself had A.P.O's Mr. Bambury and Mr. Stent allocated to us for assistance. I decided to return to Popondetta for the Christmas period and accordingly arranged for my imported labour to return also. Prior to departure I proceeded with Mr. Stent to Embessa and recruited a village team, to work under Mr. Stent in my absence. This team made the rendezvous with the team led by Mr. Robbins in the Didana Range area.

Operations early 1972

On the 11/1/72, accompanied by A.P.O. Mr. Stent and T.P.O. Mr. Tererembo, I led a team into the Bariji River area to recommence work on the road. After I recruited more labour, from the surrounding area, I had at my disposal 2 teams of approx. 40 men each. I placed Mr. Stent and Mr. Tererembo in charge of each team respectively. Mr. Stent was given the task of clearing a 12 foot clearance way through the already cut section of the road, from Nembadi to Ovesa. Mr. Tererembo was instructed to cut from Nembadi to Pongani Creek, there to link up with the Afore road. Mr. Stent's team included a section of 15 contract labourers, whose duty it was to saw timber lying across the road into 12 foot lengths. I myself maintained a command post at the Bariji River, to enable me to visit both Officers and ascertain their progress and difficulties.

Progress

At the time of the writing of this report the road is fully clear, with at least a 12 foot clearance, from Nembadi to Korala. The road is fully cut from the Dam site to Pongani Creek. Cordoroy has been laid from the second hill after Kinjaki to Korala. Side cutting and benching is required from the section which skirts the sago swamp, which lies between Kinjaki and Korala. A recent discussion held between the District Commissioner, Mr. Ball C.D.W. and myself, resulted in Mr. Ball agreeing that this side cutting should be carried out by a bulldozer which will be shortly moving along this road. At present, the road from the second big hill after Kinjaki is covered with water, however my experience of this road in dry weather leads me to believe, that by May this area should have dried out fairly well. The portion of the road running from Nembadi to Pongani Creek passes through large areas of Kunai, therefore this will prove an easy task to clear.

Clearing operations are progressing well, even so we must assume it to be a Herculean task. The method we are employing is to send ahead a team of 15 to 20 men, equipped with 6 foot cross cut saws; the team saws the fallen timber into 12 foot lengths. They are followed by an additional team, who move and roll the sawn pieces off and to the side of the road. This section from Nembadi to Korala which has been cleared, looks good, in spite of the fact that heavy foot traffic and much rain, have reduced it to a quagmire. However, subsequent dry weather will alleviate this problem. Some timber has been stockpiled for use as cordoroy, should some areas fail to dry out sufficiently.

River Crossings

a. Crossing the Bariji River will not present a problem, as the road has been cut to a fordible stretch of the river. Even in January, when some heavy rain was experienced, this section proved to be only about 3 feet deep. During the dry season this section averages a depth of 1½ to 2 feet.

b. After leaving Kinjaki village, the road crosses the Kinjaki River. The crossing we have provided for is a section of the river that has a sand bottom. This is about 3 feet deep at the moment but in the dry the depth should be reduced to about 18 inches. Although the bottom is sand it is extremely soft and will therefore need some covering; I suggest marsden matting. This will be much better than cordoroy as it is self weighted and not prone to early disintergration. Entry and exit grades will have to be cut into the banks by the bulldozer, however this work will be minimal.

c. The water crossings at Korala and Kakasa present no difficulties and therefore do not need to be commented on.

Supplies and Labour

Initially imported labour has been used with a pay rate being fixed at 8 dollars 40 cents per fortnight. Rations have been supplied to these labourers in the form of food, soap, and tobacco. Axes, knives and saws have also been supplied. For the financial aspect please see the sheet covering the break down of costs.

Although I originally advocated the use of imported labour, I now believe it to be limited for the following reasons:

(1) These men have grown soft from living in towns, and do not compare favourably with village people in regards to work potential.

(2) They must be supplied with rations, the supplying of which adds to a drain in finance. The carrying of these supplies results in work time being lost.

(3) When inland from the coast this form of labour has been supplied by air drop; also very expensive.

(4) Government facilities are also strained by transport and repatriation of imported labour.

Attitude of Village People to Road

Although the future advantages of this road have been explained to the village people many times, many did not display any interest until they saw the road begin to take shape. Indeed, there are many still who just see the road as a means of obtaining a cash wage. Considering the pragmatic nature of the villager, this is understandable. However, I believe there has been an awakening of interest, and in the future we may expect to see a more fuller village co operation and participation in this project.

In spite of the fact that many village people are not happy with imported labour working in their own immediate area, there has been no overt show of hostility at any time. Permission was given at every point along the road, for me to shoot game and thereby supplement the labour teams meat ration. Because most of the villagers are S.D.A. and therefore not allowed a meat diet, the area abounds in wild pig, wallaby, and assorted bird life.

Because of this new growth of interest, I think in future we may be able to dispense with imported labour.

Map

For a quick appraisal of distances covered and village sites please refer to the map provided with the report.

Description of Various Sections of the Road lying between Pongani and Ovesa

No description was given of the sections between Ovesa and the Dam site, as this area was worked by Patrol Officer Mr. Robbins; Mr. Robbin's Patrol report will doubtlessly cover this section.

Section a. Pongani - Iwuji - 5.7 miles long approx.

This section will start opposite the Pun rest house and cross a small area of swamp and proceed to an old wartime airstrip. From this point to Nembadi, the road travels through mainly kunai which should require no work at all. The few patches of jungle which the road passes through, have been cut. However, the cut areas have not yet been cleared of fallen timber. This clearing work will not require much effort. Although the road must cross the Pongani Creek, this is not a major obstacle as it is shallow, and the banks are low and at a gradual slope.

Section b. Iwuji to Kinjaki - 6.3 miles approx.

Iwuji to Nembadi passes through mainly kunai requiring no work. The few areas of jungle have been cut but there is some fallen timber yet to clear. However this work will be minimal.

Nembadi to Kinjaki is now fully cleared with a 12 foot clearance way. Crossing the Bariji River offers no hindrance as the road approaches the river at a fordable point.

Section c. Kinjaki to Korala - 8.5 miles approx.

This section is fully clear with a 12 foot clearance way. This section skirts the Agaiambo swamp, and for this segment side cutting will be required. Mr. Ball a C.M.D. Engineer has agreed that this falls within the province of the D.6 Bulldozer. After Gunubo the segment of the road which runs to Korala has been well cordoroyed.

Section d. Korala to Ovesa via Kakasa - 10.8 miles approx.

The road is fully cut for this distance, but as yet not cleared of fallen trees. The Korala River will not prove a major obstacle and this area of the road will not require any cordoroying.

These distances between villages have been taken from Map Scales and walking times. This page should be read in conjunction with the attached map.



Breakdown of Costs

1. Rations	1923.58 dollars
2. Wages	3606.30 dollars
3. Equipment	185.21 dollars
4. Insurance	269.63 dollars
5. Airdrop Charges	1008.00 dollars
6. Carriers	169.60 dollars
7. Hospital Orderly	56.00 dollars
8. Sundry Expenses (including rations bought in the field)	110.20 dollars
<u>Total</u>	7,428.52 dollars

Notes on Personnel Accompanying the Patrol

A.I.O. Mr. D. Stent

This Officer although new to the Service, exhibits signs of maturity beyond his 23 years. He has a vigorous and energetic approach, which when coupled with more experience, will eventually make him a valuable officer.

T.P.O. Mr. N. Tererembo

Although still in training, he shows signs of becoming a competent Officer. Being a young man he is of a slightly impetuous nature, but I have no doubt that he will overcome this with increased training and field experience.

Conclusion

Although much work on this road still remains to be done, I believe we have broken the back of the operation. In the near future I have decided to purchase 2 chain saws, and this should speed up sawing and clearing operations considerably.

The foregoing report is for your information and action.

A. Fingo
(A. Fingo)
Patrol Officer

PATROL REPORT NO. 2

STATION..... **POPONDETTA** OFFICER COMPILING..... **A. PINGO. P.O.**
DISTRICT..... **NORTHERN** SUB-DISTRICT..... **POPONDETTA**
CENSUS DIVISION..... **ORO BAY** L.G. COUNCIL..... **ORO BAY**

(For recording of routine information not of a situation report nature, actionable at Sub-District or District level, and of value to succeeding officers. No copy is required at Headquarters).

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On the 27th January 1971, a contingent of Pongani people led by a man called Wallace, went to Keta Point.

Their purpose then was to take and mark land for themselves. The man Wallace was wearing a large shell with two crossed bones marked on it. This is an article worn when the Notu people make war.

The land on Keta Point is allegedly owned by the Beama and Erere people, and the action by the Pongani men will doubtless have some repercussions.

The Pongani people are Notu like the Beama and Erere people, however their action was taken without the approval of the owners of this ground.

The Pongani people are an embattled group and their village is surrounded by the villages of Baruga, Gena and Gaina people. This I believe makes the Pongani people fairly aggressive.

The young men ^{at} Pongani seem to be under the influence of this man Wallace, who I believe was dishonorably discharged from the P.I.R. for striking an officer. Wallace seems to have set himself as a unofficial fight leader and the same man figured prominently in the trouble with the Okena people over the Kepoe land in 1971. When I left Pongani the situation was quiet, but the volatile nature of the Pongani people necessitates vigilance by this office.

A Pingo P.O.
(A. Pingo)

Introduction.

This patrol had two objectives;

- (a) to gain experience in the field,
- (b) to assist Mr. Robbins in supervising the clearing of a road from Bafarde to a proposed dam site on the Musa River.

The Electricity Commission have been investigating the feasibility of constructing a reservoir in the Musa River, with the eventual possibility of installing a hydro-electric power station.

Preliminary surveying had been carried out by Mr. Robbins, P.O. Tufi, and also by engineers from the Dept. of Public Works. These surveys were to ascertain the position of the dam wall and the possibility of building a road from Pongani to the site. Rain gauges were placed in strategic areas to gather information on periods of high and low condensation, annual rainfall and the volume of water flowing from the cataract area.

A sum of \$15,900 was given under contract to the Afore Local Govt. Council by the Electricity Commission to open a 12' wide track. This will allow a D6. bulldozer to proceed from Pongani to the dam site. The bulldozer will grade and further widen the road so two tipper trucks can follow it through.

The road lies in a north nor'west to south sou'east direction and is approximately 25 miles in length. It was planned to detour swamps, villages and village gardens at all stages. Pongani, on the coast, is the commencing point and proceeds from there to Nembardi, Kenjaki, Korala, Kakasa, Ovesa, Bafarde and Nuaro, concluding at the dam site.

This initial clearing was supervised by Mr. D. Pingo, P.O., Popondetta, and Mr. Robbins. Mr. Pingo commenced on the 21.10.71 with 30 men recruited from Popondetta. Starting at Nembardi he proceeded to Ovesa where his men finished work on the 5.12.71 and returned to Popondetta. He and Mr. D. Stent, A.P.O. Popondetta, then recruited 46 men from Ovesa and Embessa, who were to cut from Ovesa to Bafarde. Here they would link up with Mr. Robbins and his group.

The second group consisted of 75 men and 7 women employed from villages in the Upper Musa region. They were divided into two sections; one under the supervision of Councillor Borase and the other under Councillor Livingstone with Mr. Robbins and myself overseeing both. Councillor Borase was camped at a new spot about one hours walk south of Bafarde, while we camped at Nuaro. However, we had to shift to Gogripapa on the 4.12.71 to facilitate easier movement to the work site.

Mr. Stent and I left Popondetta at 1300 hours, 30.11.71, on a Macair charter flight, our destination being the patrol post at Bafia. Here we met Mr. Robbins and at 1400 hours, with eight carriers, we set out for Nuaro.

We arrived at the camp site four hours later, around 1800 hours. Councillor Livingstone informed us that the work was progressing steadily through thick bush and therefore it would be necessary to move our camp further south in a few days time.

Two days later, on the 2nd December, the three of us walked to Councillor Borase's camp to inspect his progress. Mr. Stent left us here to move down to Ovesa, where he was to assist Mr. Pingo.

Councillor Borase explained that his progress had been impeded by heavy bush and a lack of provisions. Mr. Robbins advised him that rations were being air-dropped by Mr. Webster, A.D.C. Popondetta, that day and also the following day. We then inspected the clearing and walked back to Nuaro.

By the end of the 3rd December it became obvious we would have to move camp closer to the dam site. The men and women had been working steadily and it was now an hour or so for them to walk from Nuaro to the end of the previous day's clearing.

Therefore Friday 4th December and Saturday 5th December were employed in moving camp to Gogonipapa, as well as gathering the remainder of the rations which had been air-dropped at Bersi. These rations had suffered minimal damage, with the biscuits being broken but still edible and approximately one dozen tins of fish being buckled and split, but most of the spilled goods had been salvaged. A certain portion of these rations were collected by men from Councillor Borase's crew and transported back to their camp.

Mr. Robbins and I remained in Nuaro until Monday 6th December to allow time for my blisters to heal. These had proved awkward, more than painful, with the covering being rubbed off each time I walked. The extra day's rest gave them sufficient time to heal completely.

When we reached the new camp site at Gogonipapa we found the men had established well constructed living quarters. They had also brought in the remainder of the rations from Bersi.

On the Sunday the aid post orderly from Safia had attended the men. These injuries only amounted to cuts and abrasions. Fortunately no serious injuries were sustained throughout the whole clearing operation.

When Mr. Robbins and I reached Gogonipapa on Monday we found the men had almost cut through to the camp site itself. This area was thick with large trees, vines and bush being tightly entangled. This created the problem of making it virtually impossible to get the larger trees to fall off the track. These trees were cut in the appropriate manner, but while falling they would be wrenched in the opposite direction by the vines.

Councillor Livingstone reported there were only small areas of thick bush, with large expanses of kunai interspersed between Gogonipapa and the dam site. He anticipated the work would be completed either on the 10th or 11th December.

On Friday 10th December Mr. Robbins and I broke camp and returned to Safia in order to arrange the salaries for the labourers. We left instructions with Councillor Livingstone to bring all the men and women back to the patrol post after finishing on the Saturday.

Upon reaching Safia we discovered we had insufficient funds to cover the total wages. A call was made to Mr. Webster in Popondetta on Saturday morning for extra funds. Arrangements were made for \$500 to be flown in on Tuesday 14th December and instructions were also given that Mr. Robbins, Mr. Stent and

myself were to leave on this plane.

A note was sent to Mr. Stent to this effect, but for some unknown reason it failed to reach him. Fortunately he had decided to come to Safia on the Tuesday to make enquiries in regard to the salaries for his men at Baforde. He was given the note at Bersi and hastened on ahead of his carriers.

Meanwhile the plane had arrived with Mr. Dennehy, D.D.C., Northern Districts, aboard, in transit to Tufi. He decided to search for Mr. Stent and we spied him crossing the Musa River. Returning to Safia we awaited his arrival and finally flew out at 1600 hours.

Political Aspects

Mr. Robbins, on a previous survey patrol, had explained to the villagers the purpose and importance of the road. We continued to discuss these points with the labourers throughout on patrol. They appeared genuinely interested in the project and were fully acquainted with the advantages such a road would bring.

Mr. Robbins stressed the necessity of maintaining the road at all times. They acknowledged the fact it was in their own interests to accept the responsibility and verbal assurances were given that this would be done.

When told the road might be extended in the future, to link up with the one at Pongani, they were inspired by the fact that this would provide continuous transport to Popondetta. The economic benefits, which could accrue from such a shortening in communications were fully discussed. Many of them were particularly pleased to know they would no longer be isolated, except for the plane, and that this would provide great opportunities for their children in the fields of education and employment.

Many of the constituents of the Afore Council had neglected to pay their taxes over the previous two or three years. They objected to paying on the grounds that little, or nothing, had been provided for them by the Council. This road has given the Council a much needed boost by showing its members something tangible for their money. I feel the people of this area will prove more co-operative in the future and will give greater support to the Council's objectives.

At no time did I hear a condescending word in regard to the possible flooding of the Musa Basin. All the people we came in contact with appreciated the advantages such a large hydro-electric scheme could afford. Even if this project should fail to materialize, then it would be replaced by a worthwhile cattle industry.

The Musa Basin is well grassed at present and with such improvements as the planting of legume grasses, would improve even more.

These talks were not in the form of lectures, but took the shape of informal group discussions. Small groups gathered around our tent after the evening meal, with questions being asked and fully answered. We would often inject questions to find their reactions.

In my opinion the people of the Upper Musa are in favour of both the hydro-electric project and the road. They will also show more support for their Local Government Council in the future.

Topography

From Camp 2. (Councillor Borase's Camp) to Gogonipapa the clearing route lay over fairly rugged country with heavily timbered areas. The clearing work followed the existing track with only minor detours around villages and their gardens.

From Gogonipapa to the dam site there were large tracts of kunai interspersed with light timbered stretches.

All the work was done with axes and bush knives, but cross-cut saws will be necessary to cut the large logs into moveable lengths.

Rations

When we arrived at Nuaro the ration situation was becoming critical. This was alleviated by two air drops at Busi, one on the 2nd December and one on the 3rd December. These supplies consisted of fish, rice, salt, sugar, tea, margarine, tobacco and shotgun cartridges.

There were seven men with shotguns and each was issued with one cartridge per day. At Gogonipapa four or five Wallabies were shot each day and these were contributed to the overall rations. Further additions were brought in from the local villages. The rations were more than sufficient for a full day's work and the men and women were quite satisfied with their issues.

The Labour

The project was conscientiously approached and a full eight hours work was completed each day. Apart from this they offered constructive suggestions as to the methods of approach and the division of labour for setting up camp and collecting rations.

Councillor Livingstone, a gentle, quiet-spoken man, was invaluable and handled all his tasks competently. Each evening he discussed the day's work with us and gave advice on problems, which may have arisen the next day.

There was always a pleasant atmosphere, both on the road and in camp, with no noticeable signs of friction. The women were outstanding as they not only performed a full day's work clearing the bush but also attended family duties at night.

Villages which provided labour were:

Bibira 2	-	14
Awala	..	13
Bibira 1	-	11
Moro	-	10
Obeia	-	8
Safia 2	-	7
Nanudi	-	6
Bari	-	5
Domara	-	5
Safia 1	-	3
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Miscellaneous

Whilst at Nuaro I found some interesting rock samples containing dull golden crystals. The District Commissioner, Mr. Marsh, advised me to send them to the Department of Lands, Surveys and Mines for analysis, which I did.

John L. Banbury A.P.O.
John L. Banbury, A.P.O.

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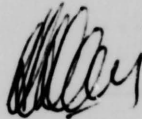
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7th June, 1972

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

POPONDETTA PATROL No.7 of 71/72.

1. This patrol was of a special nature - the patrolling officer was engaged upon the construction of a track from the beach at Pongani to the Musa dam site. He was accompanied for a time by Messrs Stent and Banbury - two new A.P.O's.
2. Mr. Webster has added his assessment of the situation report and the delay in submitting covering comments is regretted.
3. As this patrol was not basically an Administrative patrol native Administration was only incidental to the main task and Mr. Pingo's narrative account of his progress is clearly presented although he appears to have confused the purposes of a "patrol" and "Situation" report.
4. Messrs Banbury and Stent had appended their reports as a training exercise.



(C. G. Day)
Assistant District Commissioner.

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POPONDETTA PATROL NO. 2 OF 1971-72

PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER: L.G. 2/1971-72
 DISTRICT: Northern
 PATROL CONDUCTED BY: Eric McCrum, P.O.
 AREA PATROLLED: Aiga/Binandere C.P.
 DURATION OF PATROL: 6-19th Jan 1972
 LAST D.D.A. PATROL: (broken) Sept 1971
 LAST O.L.G. PATROL: Sept 1971
 MAP REFERENCE: 4 mil: Buna
 1:1 inch: Jona
 1:50,000: Jona
 1:250,000: Jona

OBJECT OF PATROL: Local Govt.
 Council Patrol
 STATION: Popondetta
 SUB-DISTRICT: Popondetta
 DESIGNATION: Patrol Officer
 PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: Mr. Gau Sumana (T.P.O.)
 NUMBER OF DAYS: 10 days
 TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA: 6645
 COUNCIL AREA: Tanata
 HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTORATE: Sohe

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

In respect of this patrol, I attach
 FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, FOLIOS TO , ()
 PATROL INSTRUCTIONS, ()
 THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS, ()
 UPDATING OF AREA STUDY, ()
 SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 - , ()
 PATROL MAP, ()

DATE: 24/2/1972

[Signature]
 Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. Papua

In respect of this patrol, I attach
 AREA STUDY ()
 UPDATING OF AREA STUDY ()
 SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 - ()
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 DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS ASSESMENT OF
 PATROL & REPORT

ABOVE AVERAGE
~~AVERAGE~~
~~BELOW AVERAGE~~

DATE: 2/3/1972

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 District Commissioner.
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Sub District Office,
POPONDETTA. ND

24th February, 1972

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

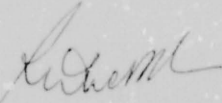
PATROL REPORT POPONDETTA No.8/71-72.

Attached please find 2 copies of the above mentioned report conducted by Mr. E. McCrum Patrol Officer through the Tamata Local Government Council area.

Also appended is a report on the economic problems of the area by Mr. G. Bumana T.P.O.

Both officers have submitted clear and concise picture of the Tamata Council area. The attitudes towards Local Government are to be expected and it is probable that the people have reached a limit on the amount of Local Government knowledge they can absorb or wish to absorb, Further efforts to increase their knowledge should be continued but the reception by the older people resident in area is likely to be minimal.

The problems of the area are well known but instead of the perpetual requests for the Admin to do this or do that, the initiative for development must now come from the people. A genuine desire for progress and a manifestation of this desire in progress of self help is more likely to spur Admin assistance than continual verbal requests for aid.



(R. W. Webster)
Assistant District Commissioner.

OA:JH

P.O. Box 2396,
KOLBOBU.

67-5-23

17th March, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

POPONDETTA PATROL NO. 8 OF 1971-72.

Your reference is 67-1-1 (undated).

I acknowledge receipt of notification of the above-referenced patrol by Mr. E. McCrum, Patrol Officer of the Aiga/Binendere Census Division.

I am advised that it will be at least another month before colour-coded forms will be available through the Government Printer. In the meantime, please roneo sufficient supplies for District needs.

I am glad that Mr. McCrum and Mr. Bumana are maintaining such a high standard of work.

(T. W. ELLIS)
Secretary.



W/A 67.5.23

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
7 MAR 1972
KONEDOBU

Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
POPONDETTA, Northern District.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

POPONDETTA PATROL REPORT NO. 8 OF 1971/72.

I attach all that appears to be required by Headquarters of the above mentioned report, which is two copies of the jacket. This does not appear to be correct but the rest of the report consists of the Field Officer's Journal and the Patrol Report.

2. This report was prepared prior to your most recent circular and there are errors of format occurring in it's presentation. When we receive the proper colour-coded forms for reports the situation should right itself.

(M.J. Denshy)
A/District Commissioner

39-1-7

Office of Local Government,
P.O. Box 132,
POPOLEHTIA.

11th February, 1972.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
POPOLEHTIA.

REPORT REPORT POPOLEHTIA 2-1971/72.

Mr. E. McCrum, P.O., has submitted the attached Patrol Report. A copy of my instruction is attached to each copy of the report.

Mr. McCrum's comments and suggestions regarding the attitudes and knowledge of Local Government are to be acted upon. Several attempts have been made to produce newsletters; we will again try to use this method of disseminating information.

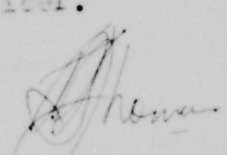
This patrol has allowed us to discuss the formation of Area Authorities with the people at the village level. Generally people seem to be prepared to accept the fact that Area Authorities are to be established as just another step by the Administration towards self-government. I am sure that many people express their surprise, and pleasure, when told that their representatives have the sole voting rights.

The attachment on Rural Development, prepared by Trainee Patrol Officer Mr. Gau Sumana, is a good effort as a first report by this young officer. I am sure that the Department of Agriculture will be interested in the views of a local officer of another department on extension problems.

Mr. McCrum has assessed Mr. Sumana as being an officer with a bright future. He also impresses me. A separate report on him has been forwarded to the District Commissioner.

Camping allowance claims are attached.

Another good report on a worthwhile patrol from an extremely conscientious and capable officer.


R. J. Thomas,
District Local Government Officer

DISTRICT OFFICE

REPORT NO. 1

1/12

REPORT NUMBER: Popondetta No. 9 of 1971/72. DISTRICT: Local Government Council Patrol
 DISTRICT: Northern DISTRICT: Popondetta
 PATROL OFFICER: Eric O. Jay DISTRICT: Popondetta
 AREA PATROLLED: Oro Bay and North Coast Census Divs. DISTRICT: Patrol Officer
 DURATION OF PATROL: 1/2/72 to 4/2/72 PERSONNEL: Eric O. Jay
 LAST PATROL: Patrol No 7 of 71/72 Jan 72
 DATE: July/Aug. 1971
 BY REFERENCE: Patrol: Oro Bay
 District: Milne Bay
 District: Milne Bay

The District Commissioner,
 Northern District,
 POPONDETTA.

In respect of this patrol, I attach
 FIELD OFFICER'S REPORT, POPONDETTA
 PATROL INSTRUCTIONS,
 THE REPORT AND BY COMMENTS,
 UPDATING OF AREA STUDY,
 SITUATION REPORT NO. 1 -
 PATROL APP,

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DATE: 21/3/1972

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 Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
 Department of the Administrator,
 Division of District Administration,
 MILNE BAY. Papua

In respect of this patrol, I attach
 AREA STUDY
 UPDATING OF AREA STUDY
 SITUATION REPORT NO. 1.

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DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS ASSISTANT
 PATROL REPORT

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DATE: 1/1/72

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 District Commissioner.

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REPORT NUMBER: 151/2/1972
 DISTRICT: NORTHERN
 PATROL CONDUCTED BY: D. G. DENNIS
 AREA PATROLLED: Waga Ceasus Div.
 DURATION OF PATROL: 51 days
 26.10.71 to 15.12.71
 LAST B.C.A. PATROL:
 LAST C.I.C. PATROL:
 MAP REFERENCE: T11 & NORSSEY
 POINTS
 COUNCIL AREA: APORT
 HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTORATE:
 IJIVARI

The District Commissioner,
 Northern District,
 KONDORU.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

- FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, FOLIOS to
- PATROL INSTRUCTIONS,
- THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS
- AREA STUDY
- UPDATING OF AREA STUDY
- SITUATION REPORTS NO'S 1, 2 & 3
- PATROL MAP

DATE: 15/2/1972.

[Signature]
 Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
 Department of the Administrator,
 Division of District Administration,
 KONDORU, Papua New Guinea

In respect of this patrol, I attach

- AREA STUDY
- UPDATING OF AREA STUDY
- SITUATION REPORTS NO'S 1 - 3

DATE: 21/2/1972.

DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS ASSESSMENT OF
 PATROL & REPORT ABOVE AVERAGE ✓
 AVERAGE
 BELOW AVERAGE

[Signature]
 District Commissioner

OA:MG

P.O. Box 2396,
KONEDOBU.

67-5-22/67-24-1

28th February, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

POPONDETTA PATROL NO. 10 OF 1971-72.

Your unreferenced minute of 21/2/72.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 1
to 3 arising out of the above Patrol of the Musa Census Division,
together with the appropriate assessments as prepared by
Mr. D. Robbins, Patrol Officer.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

SITUATION REPORT NO. /

STATION Tufl/Safia OFFICER COMPILING D.G. Robbins, P.O.
DISTRICT Northern SUB-DISTRICT P. Pondetta
CENSUS DIVISION Musa L.G. COUNCIL Afore

SUBJECT ; Musa River Hydro-electric Scheme
Land investigation

SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

This investigation was carried out as part of Mr. Robbins duties at Safia.

The claims made by IAGI FIRUKA may or may not be true. It is difficult to extract the actual feelings from native people because of their know habit of only telling a person what they think that person wants to know.

The fact that this man made a trip to Moresby with these accusations indicates that there may be some opposition to the proposed dam. It will this be necessary to further gauge opinion in the Safia Basin towards the dam.

ACTION TAKEN :

When Safia is re opened the O.I.C. *Etchem* will be required to discuss this matter with the SGD people concerned.

DATE ..25th Jan. 1972.....

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DISTRICT OFFICE

ASSESSMENT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

DATE RECEIVED

16th February, 1972.....

The Assistant District Commissioner's assessment is concurred with. The temptation to circumvent District authorities is increasing and the claim that one has seen the people in Moresby tends to build up the ego and consequently the credibility. However Mr. Robbin's remarks at the foot of page 2 have been noted.

ACTION TAKEN: When the elections are over and the staff position at Safia is resolved, extra effort and care will be taken to re-examine the position of the people's feelings.

SGD *M.J. Devichy*

DATE...21st February, 1972....

HEADQUARTERS

DATE RECEIVED

.....25/2/72.....

Forwarded RLO Section

PROJECT OFFICER.....*Alley*.....

DATE.....28/2/72.....

MUSA RIVER HYDRO-ELECTRIC SCHEME

LAND INVESTIGATION

The District Commissioner's letter of 24th. September 1971, reference "Mr. D.G. Robbins", serves as instructions for this part of the patrol.

During my Popondetta Patrol No. 13 of 1970/71 a chain and compass survey of the Western side of the Musa Gorge was completed and the resulting plan is held at District Headquarters. On 10th. November 1971 this patrol proceeded to the Eastern side of the gorge and a survey of that side, closing with the Western side, was completed by 12th. November 1971 on which date the patrol returned to Safia, it's base camp.

The survey commences at the flying-fox over the Musa River at the Streamganger's hut and then follows a path, recently cut by locals, direct to dam site number 5 first rising to about 1200' ASL immediately above the natural clearing which drops steeply to the river, then dropping to Karepu Creek at 475' ASL, rising again to 950' ASL crossing a saddle on the ridge at the end of which are dam sites 3 and 4 and finally dropping to the river at 350' ASL to follow it a short way to dam site number 5. The Musa River closes the survey and serves as a common boundary with the Western 773 acre portion already surveyed. I estimate that this current survey will add less than 130 acres to the area of the dam site under investigation by virtue of Land's Instruction No. 70/11. All the land on the Eastern side is rugged and thickly covered by forest, used only for hunting.

Land's Instruction No. 70/11 authorises an investigation of the land required for the construction of a Base Camp for Commworks. Commworks' engineers visited Safia during this patrol, one of their tasks being to locate the camp site. From information I could gather, they propose positioning the new camp on the kunai hill which forms the Western side of the gorge. I assume that Commworks will consult the landowners who walked the boundaries to ascertain the position of the boundary as surveyed by myself during January 1971. By superimposing the plan of survey over contour map PH 68/104, Sheets 1 & 2, of Musa River Dam Site it will be seen that, in the main, the boundary lies on top of the ridge, following a walking path.

The completed survey of both sides of the gorge, apart from providing more than sufficient area for Commworks' camp, encompasses dam site number 3, which is under investigation as the best of the five sites, and the power-house site downstream on the right bank.

No trouble was encountered during this investigation. Nobody voiced opposition to the possible construction of a dam resulting in the flooding of Safia valley land. As was the case during my earlier patrol, everyone seemed happy with the prospect of future development in the area. I was therefore surprised at the contents of our Secretary's 95-2-5 of 6th. December 1971 (copy attached) which was presented to me on the day of my departure from Safia, 15th. December 1971. To my knowledge, IAGI FIRUKA is land boss of Safia I village only. Land of other villages in the area is not his concern and I feel sure that other villagers would not admit him as their land boss and in no way could he be regarded as a community leader or spokesman. In my opinion, his claim as set out in paragraph three of the letter is completely false. During the first two or three weeks of my stay at Safia I tolerated this man while he lolled around my doorstep talking, unintelligibly at times, about various trivial matters. Through his persistence, he obtained from me a "pass" for the purchase of a new shotgun, his old but useable one to be transferred to his brother, and another which, in effect

and at his request, said that this man in his capacity of land boss for Safia wished to learn more about the laws of the land. I was bewildered by such a request but at the same time considered that his motives were praiseworthy. I knew that he intended travelling to Popondetta and Port Moresby but at no time did he reveal to me the real purpose of the trip.

When the time comes to purchase this land (refer Popondetta Patrol Report No.13 of 1970/71) investigation documents may readily be compiled from the following information collected during my two 1971 Safia patrols :

Western (left) side

Safia portion - BABODI land

Owners (all with full rights) - BABODI clan :

(refer Popondetta Patrol Report No.13 of 1970/71 for list)

Improvements - nil

Gobera portion - BURABA land

Owners (all with full rights) - BURABA clan :

AVE GADUNA	M Adult	- Leader
OGAI GADUNA	M Adult	
BUBAI BOWEGE	M Adult	
DOMARA ODOBU	M Adult	
INAPE KOMA	M Adult	
DOBURU KOMA	M Adult	
OROROGO DOBURU	M Adult	
ISIWA ODOBO	M Adult	
BUIESA PIPIRAMI	F Adult	
TARARATU BOWEGE	F Adult	
GOBERA BOWEGE	F Adult	
BOWEGE No.2	M Adult	- P.I.R.
BERO OPARI	M Adult	- Dae
FRANK OPARI	M Adult	- Daru
BUBURE OPARI	M Adult	- Port Moresby
PIPIRAMI No.1	M Adult	- Alotau
OGAI AVE	M Adult	
SASE KOMA	M Adult	
SASI ODOBO	M Adult	- Kundiawa
GEGERA ODOBO	F Adult	
BENOBA INAPE	M Adult	- Kerema
UWEBE AVE	F Adult	- Port Moresby
KORE AVE	F Adult	- Popondetta
AVE No.4	F Adult	

Improvements - Ave Gaduna - 12 coconut trees & 3 sago trees
Bubai Bowege- 8 coconut trees & 3 sago trees

Eastern (right) side

Gobera land - BURABA land

Owners (all with full rights) - BURABA clan :

(same as left side - refer list above)

Improvements - nil

Walked boundaries - with first eight men listed above as owners.

D.G. Robbins
(D.G. Robbins)
PATROL OFFICER

PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
POPONDETTA. Northern District.

24th September, 1971

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
TUFI.

MR. D.G. ROBBINS.

On 1st November Messrs Duffield and Tabua will be in Moresby to attend a Political Education Seminar. The Seminar is expected to be of three weeks duration.

2. We are bringing Mrs. Tabua and family into Popondetta for this period. I do not want Safia to be unmanned for this period and therefore require Mr. Robbins to move to Safia to hold the fort and commence work in sorting out the land position at the dam site.

3. Mr. Robbins should move to Popondetta by workboat Wednesday 27th October and he will be going into Safia by charter aircraft which will bring out the Tabuas. Mr. Robbins can expect to be away from Tufi for approximately four weeks.

Sgd.
(D.R.Marsh)
District Commissioner.

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TUPI PATROL No. 5 of 1971/72

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P.O. Box 2396,
KONEDOBU.

95-2-5

6th Dec , 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

PROPOSED HYDRO-ELECTRIC SCHEME : MUSA.

On 6th December, 1971, Mr. Iagi-Firuka of Safia Village visited this Headquarters. He had previously visited the Department of Lands and also the Land Titles Commission. I understand that before visiting these Administration Departments he had discussions with Mr. Albert Maori Kiki.

At D.D.A. Headquarters he was interviewed by Mr. Elaikie, acting Principal Officer (Lands) and Mr. Hannan of District Office, Port Moresby.

Mr. Firuka claimed that he had been sent to Port Moresby by numerous people in the Musa area to advise that the people of the Safia area did not want their land to be inundated by the proposed Musa dam. He claimed that the majority of people were against the idea of a dam in the Musa.

After lengthy general discussions, Mr. Firuka was advised to visit Popondetta on his return to the Northern District and discuss with you his worries over the Musa area,

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

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PAGE 1.
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SITUATION REPORT NO. 2

STATION	Tufi/Safia	OFFICER COMPILING	D.G. Robbins, P.O.
DISTRICT	Northern	SUB-DISTRICT	Pondetta
CENSUS DIVISION	Musa	L.G. COUNCIL	Afore

SUBJECT ; Musa River Hydro-electric Scheme
Rain Gauge Sites

SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

No comment necessary.

ACTION TAKEN :
No action required.

SGD *[Signature]*

DATE **25th. January 1972**

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DISTRICT OFFICE

ASSESSMENT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

DATE RECEIVED

16th February, 1972

It is pleasing that Mr. Robbins had no difficulty in obtaining permission of the landowners for Comworks to install and service rain gauges in the area.

ACTION TAKEN: Not applicable.

SGD *M. J. Deane*

DATE 21st February, 1972:

HEADQUARTERS

DATE RECEIVED

25/2/72

Forwarded 67-24-1 Section

PROJECT OFFICER *[Signature]*

DATE 28/2/72

MUSA RIVER HYDRO-ELECTRIC SCHEME

RAIN GAUGE SITES

While at Safia I was called upon to accompany a Commworks officer, Mr. John Pfitzner, to various villages in the Musa catchment area to interview landowners of proposed rain gauge sites and obtain their agreement to allow Commworks to enter the land for the purpose of constructing and servicing the rain gauges. In some cases this will involve the construction of helipads and the consequent disturbance of a further small area of land. To reach these villages, which would take many weeks by foot patrol, a helicopter was utilised.

A list of sites together with landowners' names follows. No one objected to Commworks' existing and proposed activities in the area which are connected with investigations into the Musa Hydro-electric Scheme.

Site A	Upper Awala on Oiwa River	ABUNA SUMA of Awala Mission
Site B	Upper Moni - Main Range	TOBALA TAMUR of Iaure II
Site C	Lower Moni (existing)	BU'ERI of Namudi
Site D	Middle Moni in village	AIARE village land
Site E	Urere near Arai'ia	KEINA MIRA of Awala Mission
Site F	Sisiworo on Sisiworo River	BORASU YABI of Moro
Site G	Upper Domara - Bibi Mtn.	KOKORUMA DUMU of Safia II
Site H,J&Y	Upper Adau - Te'ule Mtn.	WARUA OKALA of Faiva
Site I	Wowo - Geophoto camp	LIVINGSTON BEDIRA of Obeia
Site K	Adau Gorge (existing)	AROMARA BOKARA of Silimidi

Landowners have unconditionally consented to Commworks using these small pieces of land. Purchases are therefore not required. Rent payments by Commworks direct to the owners was not raised. Besides, the majority of people in the catchment area are agreeable to granting Commworks rights of entry and permissive occupancy whenever necessary for the investigations.

D.G. Robbins
(D.G. Robbins)
PATROL OFFICER

SITUATION REPORT NO. 3

STATION Tufi/Safia OFFICER COMPILING D.G. Robbins, PO
DISTRICT Northern SUB-DISTRICT Popondetta
CENSUS DIVISION Musa I.G. COUNCIL Afore

SUBJECT ; Musa River Hydro-electric Scheme
Land investigation.
PONGANI - MUSA DAM SITE ROAD

SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Work is progressing well on all sections of this road.
Teams of villagers and recruited labour are currently working
on the Pongani end of the road and it is expected that a
preliminary inspection could be made in March.

ACTION TAKEN : Work will continue until General Election in
February and March.
SGD *[Signature]*
DATE 25th January, 1972.

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DISTRICT OFFICE

ASSESSMENT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

DATE RECEIVED

...14th February, 1972.....

Work appears to be progressing satisfactorily on this track and no serious doubt exists that it will not be completed in time. Comworks personnel have inspected work done to date and verbally have expressed complete satisfaction with what has been done.

ACTION TAKEN: On the completion of elections further patrols will continue with this project.

SGD *M. J. Keely A.D.*

DATE. 21st February, 1972.....

HEADQUARTERS

DATE RECEIVED

.....*25/2/72*.....

Forwarded 67-24-1 Section

PROJECT OFFICER.....*Alclaw*

DATE.....*28/2/72*.....

PONGANI-MUSA DAM SITE ROAD

Instructions for this part of the patrol were issued by the District Commissioner through his 1-1-9 of 22nd November 1971. My task was to organize local labour to clear the Ovesa-Musa dam site section of the road which passes through approximately fifteen (15) miles of mainly heavily timbered hills of the Didana Range. The last section of the route follows kunai/eucalypt hills for a further approximate three (3) miles to the dam site. No work was required on this latter section.

Labour teams were recruited from Middle Musa villages and Ovesa and Embessa villages in the Lower Musa. Having local landowners proved to be of great assistance in locating the best route for the road including routes previously inspected by Commworks' officers such as the Nuaro-dam site section. A total of 113 men were recruited and were divided in three groups using a total of five camps over a three week period.

Initially a kunai shelter camp was established at Nuaro Creek - shown at the bottom of Sheet 16 of Strip Map to my Tufi Patrol Report No.3 of 1970/71. A total of about 70 men from Middle Musa villages went to this camp carrying rations for about one week from Safia airstrip. Once work had progressed out from this camp in both directions, about 30 of the men, from Moro/Awala/Namudi villages, moved to construct a new camp in the last kunai patch on the track towards Ovesa (bottom Sheet 15). These men cut towards Ovesa past their land boundary, Yajirariri Creek (Sheet 14) and fifteen minutes further on to Bafade, at the top of the range (bottom Sheet 14). This camp was entirely under the supervision of Councillor BORASU of Moro (Councillor URINA of Awala as his deputy) who carried out his duties fairly capably, although from inspections and reports I consider that his team did not work as well as the team working from Nuaro directly under my supervision. The strength of the Nuaro team grew to about 50, including some women who joined the men each day in hard manual labour. Although myself and Jack Banbury, Assistant Patrol Officer, were camped with these men, they very capably performed their duties under the direction of Councillor LIVINGSTON of Obeia who also capably handled the issue of rations to the men.

During the third week of clearing a new team of about 30, bringing the total work force at that time to 113 in three camps, was recruited from Ovesa and Embessa villages and worked for two weeks initially from Ovesa village and then from a camp at Bafade, finally closing the last uncleared gap to the top of the range, shown at the top of Sheet 13 of the Strip Map. Under my instructions Dave Stent, Assistant Patrol Officer, supervised this team, initially under the guidance of Mr. Drew Pingo, Patrol Officer, who had been working on clearing the lower section of road between Pongani and Ovesa with 40 Highland labourers over the previous eight weeks or so.

Out of the three weeks on the job, about one was spent taking delivery of air-drop rations at Busi, carrying them to the camps and shifting camp sites. The majority of this time-loss on work other than the road should be eliminated with better communications and co-ordination during future work on the road. I consider that one patrol officer is able to control a labour line of 100 locally recruited men but not for a period of more than three weeks. Sufficient rations for this period should be landed at Safia airstrip and carried by the men to the camp as they are recruited and assemble at Safia on a nominated day. Therefore, disregarding this lost time, the economics of clearing

the approximate 15 miles of forest can be summarised as follows :

100 men for 10 days @ \$1000

The local men reckon on allowing two months for the felled timber to dry out before burning off and clearing an unobstructed 14 foot wide path. Thus a follow-up patrol should be organized for sometime during February/March 1972. I estimate that this work will require 100 men for 20 days. Prior to the patrol going in, a Commworks' engineer should walk over the entire route marking any detours from the now cut path. This will reduce the possibility of large scale waste of effort and money. The Afore Local Government Council, which has the \$15,900 contract from the Papua and New Guinea Electricity Commission for clearing the approximate 53 mile road, should have discussions on progress to date, future moves etc. during it's next meeting and prior to the follow-up patrol going in. The Councillors may then return to their Wards to recruit their quota of labourers for the follow-up work. These men will assemble at Safia to have their names recorded on a roll and then proceed to Nuaro camp carrying the rations. Two camps should be sufficient - Nuaro and Bafade - with equal numbers of men at each. It would be preferable to have an Administration officer at each camp but it is not vitally necessary. The local village men realize that they have a vested interest in the construction of a road and, from my experience, will work on it willingly and very energetically. At the request of the men, the Safia Aid Post Orderly, Allan Vago, and Father Reynold Sangai of Safia Anglican Mission visited the camp on week-ends. A similar arrangement should be implemented during future work. First Aid equipment should be on hand in the camp at all times.

D.G. Robbins
(D.G. Robbins)
PATROL OFFICER

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TUFI PATROL No.5 of 1971/72

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Sub-District Office,
POPONDETTA. Northern District.

22nd November, 1971

Officer in Charge,
Patrol Post,
SAFIA.

PONGANI - MUSA DAM SITE ROAD.

Your letter 1-1-9 of 15th November and 35-28-3 of 16th November and your conversation with Mr. Webster on 21st November, 1971 all refer.

Mr. Tabua will not be returning to Safia until after the forthcoming House of Assembly Elections. It will thus be necessary for you to remain at Safia for a further period of 3-4 weeks.

During this time you will commence work on the Ovesa Dam Site Section of the proposed road. Rations will be delivered from time to time to Safia and it may be possible to drop supplies at Fiobcbo. Tent flys are hard to come by so I will endeavour to supply heavy plastic sheeting which is quite a satisfactory substitute.

Those people who work on the road will be paid the standard rural wage of \$8.40 per fortnight. You will need to keep a Daily Roll Book for this Purpose.

It will be necessary to make a slight alteration to the surveyed route and I attach a copy of a letter from the Electricity Commission explaining this detour.

Please keep in contact with Mr. Pingo who will be working in the Kakasa - Kinjaki area.

Copies of the strip map prepared by you, and the basic contract are attached for your information. If you have any queries do not hesitate to call this office.

Sgd.

(D. R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

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PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER: 11

DISTRICT: NORTHERN

POPONDETTA NORTHERN DISTRICT

OBJECT OF PATROL: TAXPAYERS MEETINGS

STATION: POPONDETTA

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: C. A. OVERLAND

SUB-DISTRICT POPONDETTA

AREA PATROLLED: HIGATURU COUNCIL AREA

DESIGNATION: PATROL OFFICER

DURATION OF PATROL: 12/1/72 to 25/1/72

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: N/A

LAST D.D.A. PATROL: -

NUMBER OF DAYS: 7 DAYS (2 CAMPED)

LAST O.L.G. PATROL: DECEMBER, 1971

TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA: 12,000

MAP REFERENCE: HIGATURU COUNCIL AREA

COUNCIL AREA: HIGATURU

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTORATE: SOHE

The District Commissioner,
NORTHERN District,
POPONDETTA

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, FOLIOS TO , ()
- PATROL INSTRUCTIONS, ()
- THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS, ()
- UPDATING OF AREA STUDY, ()
- SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 - , ()
- PATROL MAP, ()

DATE 24/1/1972

Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. Papua

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- AREA STUDY ()
- UPDATING OF AREA STUDY ()
- SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 - ()

DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS ASSESMENT OF PATROL & REPORT

ABOVE AVERAGE
AVERAGE
BELOW AVERAGE

DATE: 14/3/1972

District Commissioner.

P.O. Box 2396, KONEDOBUI.

67-5-25.

20th March, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

POPONDETTA PATROL NO. 11 OF 1971/72.

Your reference is 67-4-1 of 3rd March, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of the Report arising out of the above Patrol of the HICATURU Council area together with the appropriate assessment as submitted by Mr. C. Overland, Patrol Officer.

Apart from the obvious deficiencies in the format I found the report most interesting. I like Mr. Overland's thoughtful and constructive approach.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.



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Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
POPONDETTA, Northern District.

3rd March, 1972.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
IGHEDOBU.

POPONDETTA PATROL REPORT NO. 11 OF 1971/72

I attach in duplicate your sections of the above report and a copy of the Assistant District Commissioner's comments.

2. Again the reporting officer appears not to have understood your circular on the form patrol reports should take. The report was compiled before your most recent circular was received and therefore it is forwarded without amendment. When the colour-coded pre-forms are received the situation should improve.

M. J. Denehy
(M. J. Denehy)
A/District Commissioner.

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Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
POPONDETTA. Northern District.

3rd March, 1972.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

POPONDETTA PATROL REPORT NO. 11 OF 1971/72

I attach in duplicate your sections of the above report and a copy of the Assistant District Commissioner's comments.

2. Again the reporting officer appears not to have understood your circular on the farm patrol reports should take. The report was compiled before your most recent circular was received and therefore it is forwarded without amendment. When the colour-coded pre-forms are received the situation should improve.

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(M.J. Denehy)
A/District Commissioner.

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Division of District Administration,
Sub District Office,
POPONDETTA. Northern District

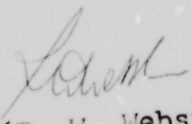
24th February, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

PATROL REPORT POPONDETTA No.11/71-72.

Attached please find the abovementioned patrol report submitted by Mr. C. A. Overland Patrol Officer.

Little comment is required. The people of the Council area have, by their actions indicated that they are generally satisfied with their lot and see no point in changing the status quo.


(R. W. Webster)
Assistant District Commissioner.

PATROL REPORT NO. L.G. 3

STATION.....POPONDETTA..... OFFICER COMPILING.....C. A. OVERLAND.....
 DISTRICT.....NORTHERN..... SUB-DISTRICT.....POPONDETTA.....
 CENSUS DIVISION.....SAIMO & POPONDETTA..... L.G. COUNCIL.....HIGATURU.....

(For recording of routine information not of a situation report nature, actionable at Sub-District or District level, and of value to succeeding officers.
 No copy is required at Headquarters).

(For further pages, use foolscap blanks).

1. INTRODUCTION

This patrol was mounted in order to find out the feelings and ideas of the village people regarding the tax rate for this year. Its secondary, but important aims, were to give talks on the introduction of Area Authorities and on the forthcoming elections. In viewing the reactions of the people to the above I was to assess the extent of the knowledge of the people about Local Government, and to comment upon it.

In addition this patrol served as my introduction to the area and to the people, and enabled me to get some insight into the type of people I would be dealing with, in my work as Council Adviser. The patrol also served as an opportunity to see Councillors in action, enabling me to sum up their good points and faults.

I found the people are a relatively sophisticated lot, at about the level of progress of the people of the Gulf District, where I spent my first term. They have the great Papuan lethargy and apathy found so frustrating to those attempting to help them, although I felt there were hopeful signs, at least in some people that there was a real desire to progress.

Their apparent lack of interest in progress stems from the climate and the fact that all the essentials of life (food, water etc.) are easy to get without effort. They simply have no work orientation, even for themselves. Its hard to convince a basically contented man that he should go out and work in the sun just to earn a few dollars and thus buy a few minor luxuries. To his mind it's just not worth the effort.

The manner of dress, the types of houses, the number of vehicles noted, all pointed to a social set-up where money was becoming important. (instead of pigs)

The area is very easy to patrol due to excellent roads. Unfortunately access is so easy that Rest Houses seem to have gone out of fashion and camping out is practically non-existent in many villages.

It seems that the villagers have fallen out of the habit of coming to see the klap with all their little problems too. Though this certainly relieves the Patrolling Officer of a dull task, it also cuts down on the opportunities for good contact with the people, which is important in our Administration. However, this is a sign of increasing sophistication and I suppose, of progress. It is regrettable that increasing sophistication results in a communication gap forming.

I had thought at first to do a summary of each meeting but this would become repetitious as the same points were raised over and over again. I propose to discuss the meetings generally as they all followed the same format, and make comments where appropriate.

11. TAX PAYERS MEETINGS

The meetings this year came much earlier than usual due to the elections in February. As a result, inadequate warning could be given to the people as to the dates of the meetings. However, despite this turn-ups were good though the nearer we came to Popondetta the less interest there appeared to be in the Council generally. This is the pattern in most larger centres, even in Australia. The audiences consisted mainly of middle-aged and older men; there being a notable lack of interest amongst the younger men. I noticed that some women listened in with great interest, even trying to vote on the tax issue until howled down by the men. Attendances were as follows:-

Sasembata	300
Awala	150
Kiorota	250
Togahau	150
Sangara Blocks	50
Philimons Block	60
Kakendetta	30
Soputa	30
Ajora	50
Isivini	30

The drop in attendance figures is clearly evident. This drop was not due so much to lack of warning, as each village had at least a full day; it was lack of interest in many cases. As I commented before, the younger men were conspicuous in their absence. The older men complained about this a lot, which leads me to believe that the generation gap is not peculiar to our own society. This is bad because Local Government could flounder badly in later years if interest is not maintained.

The meetings all took the same form. Chairman was Vice President, Conway Ihove, with members of the Committee being Councillors Roderick, Stafford and Reginald, with myself as minute taker. One of the Councillors translated for me.

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The entire meeting was run very ably by the Councillors. I never spoke unless a question was directed to me. This was a successful approach and eradicated the time consuming process of translating my speeches to the local tongue. Councillor Conway would open the meeting and tax was discussed first, followed by a speech by one of the Councillors on Area Authority and then a talk on the elections. A general question time was the last item on the agenda.

(A) TAX

The tax rate will almost certainly stay at its present rate this year. The usual excuses for not raising the tax were used, as they have been used for the past four years. Examples were:

(1) The price of coffee is very low this year and so is the price of rubber therefore I think the tax should stay the same. We will put it up next year.

(2) We have to pay school fees for our children every year so we can't afford to increase the tax rate.

(3) The people in other villages want the tax to stay the same so we had better agree with them.

(4) The Council has not built a road to our village so we won't pay tax at all. (Barevaturu)

(5) When Roadmakers built the road to our village (Togahau) they cut down some of my coffee so I won't be able to pay a bigger tax unless the council pays for my trees.

Some people, a little more progressive felt differently:

(1) If we don't put the tax up the council won't be able to do good work for us so we will all be sorry, therefore I think the tax should go up.

Needless to say the vote was overwhelmingly in favour of keeping the present tax level. If these people expect to advance they will have to raise the tax level. They can't come complaining that the Council hasn't done this or that until they give it more funds to work with. The excuses given are showing distinct signs of wear.

Several comments were made on the failure of young men to pay tax. This was a very sore point with the middle age group who felt they were getting the lion's share of the work in supporting the Council while the younger generation was simply bludging off them. This familiar cry is true enough. It seems that the great urban drift of young men, particularly the semi-literate, is bleeding the villages of their future workers in carrying on the small plantations the older fellows have started. The semi-educated, feeling themselves above anything but clerical work, are leaving the village and breaking down the old system or simply remaining in the village but making no contribution to village life or the economy of the village - like a drone in a beehive. I need not elaborate further on this Territory wide problem which no one seems to have a solution for.

Comments were raised on the number of exemptions granted to sick people. It was felt that some of these "sick" people didn't warrant exemptions. It was suggested that the most unsympathetic councillors or even councillors from other areas be put on the Tax Review Committee and that Medical Certificates be produced to verify the claimed malady.

There were a number of requests to know how and where the council has spent its money this year as well as queries as to how much was spent on individual projects. These questions were answered as fully as possible. This sort of question suggests to me that the councillors are not giving out enough information about meetings and the way money is being spent. This matter should be attended to.

The discussion on tax usually occupied an hour or so, even with smaller groups. Most of this time was spent by the people telling us why the tax should not go up. This reluctance to increase the tax will limit the Council's ability to extend its work in its own area.

111. AREA AUTHORITY

The introduction of Area Authorities in this District and in other Districts in the Territory was discussed at the meetings. Councillor Conway, the most competent orator amongst the Councillors usually talked for 20 minutes or so on this subject. He did a fine job and all of his audiences listened with great attention.

The fact that the Area Authority was coming was accepted quietly and there was only a small amount of curiosity about it. The implications of its introduction did not go unnoticed, particularly the fact that the Area Authorities were a big step towards Self Government. There is still a fear of Self Government in these people, particularly in the older people, though I doubt whether it is nearly so pronounced as some years ago. Some of the questions that came up on Area Authorities were:

- (1) If the Area Authority comes will it build the big road from Kokoda to Carsby?
- (2) When the Area Authority comes does that mean that we will have the power instead of the Europeans?
- (3) Does the Australian Government still boss the House of Assembly when the Area Authority is introduced?
- (4) Will the District Commissioner be able to boss the Area Authority?
- (5) Will the Area Authority take over all our land?
- (6) Will the Area Authority put up the price of our cash crops?

Any questions like this were answered carefully and the whole object of Area Authority carefully explained so that there would be no half truths about the idea spread around.

The whole idea of Area Authorities was accepted quite well and there was certainly no opposition to the idea. This is probably because the whole thing will be relatively remote from the common man and thus there is less reason for concern.

Some of the questions that came from discussing Area Authorities were as follows:

(1) I am worried about Self Government. We have no big factories here and also our people aren't very experienced in government so we are not good at looking after ourselves. Is Australia going to give us Self Government soon - before we are ready?

(2) What is going to happen when Self Government comes? Is Australia going to send us money after Self-Government?

Clearly the people fear Self Government for two main reasons - economic and political. The economic fear is the lack of a stable economy and the fact that Australia's money supply may not be everlasting. The second fear is a lack of self confidence, the feeling that they are unable to look after themselves. The latter fear should disappear in time but the former will be around for a long time. There are no satisfactory answers to the economic problems of this country as yet.

IV. ELECTIONS

The forthcoming elections were advertised in all the villages visited and the date of the elections in a particular village was made known. A copy of the election timetable was left with a literate villager for reference.

The new ballot papers were discussed with the people and they professed satisfaction with the new system of pictures next to candidates names.

V. ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT KNOWLEDGE

The people of the Area have now had a Council since 1956. Over the years they have learnt how the Council works, what its aims are. They understand how to use their Councillor and the Council to get things for their village. The basic mechanics of the Council - motions, voting are not alien to them. However they are not well informed about what the Council is doing for the area. They do not know what projects are going on, and how much money is being spent. Clearly the individual Councillors are failing to adequately inform the people of what is happening around the area. In addition many people are apathetic towards the council. This is particularly true of the younger men (with some exceptions).

I do not think this District or this Council has this problem to itself. I have done local Government surveys in both the Gulf and Southern Highlands Districts and these problems are evident there. The problem of apathy is not even rare in Australia. The attendances at Council Rate Payers meetings in our own country are only on a par with here and we are fast to reach more sophisticated. In order to combat the lack of knowledge noted, an education campaign should be undertaken. This should not be restricted purely to

Field Officers in the Office of Local Government.

This education can take the usual form of talks in the villages but these are incredibly dull affairs, usually for the lecturer and lectured. Other forms must be found.

Many people complained that they did not know what went on at Council meetings. It may be possible to stage at least some of the years meetings in the larger villages, giving the people a chance to see the council in action. In this way they can not only see the form the meeting takes but find out what is going on in the Council area. This sort of Council in Action approach is unwieldy because of the fiddling around in transporting the Councils and accommodating them in the village.

Local Government Councillors should do a course on their responsibility to the village people and on other aspects of their work. If they have done courses before a refresher is in order. Many of them are failing to pass on information.

To augment the Councillors little discussions after each meeting an abbreviated copy of the minutes, in simple English could be printed off. This News letter should pay particular attention to the Council Finances showing clearly how and where money is being spent.

The Department of Information and Extension Services should be asked to make a series of films, with simple English narration on all aspects of Council work. The subject of Councils is much neglected in this field, greater precedence being given to Agricultural topics. Film shows are always popular and the eye often retains more than the ear ever can. These films need not deal with the Northern District in particular but could be for general distribution.

Of course in the long run, there is no real replacement for simply going and talking to people about Councils in the field though with the increasing work loads being put on Field Staff, this is getting harder to arrange.

VI. RURAL DEVELOPMENT ROADS: Koipa-Togohau Road

Work has been very intensive on this road and it is progressing rapidly. To date over 7 miles of road has been cleared and forming completed for about 5 miles. 2 miles of surfacing from the Koipa end has been completed.

I walked down the road from Togohau and found that apart from a few boggy patches it was in very good condition. A four wheel drive vehicle can reach Togohau easily, though the last section of the road can be a bit tricky in wet weather.

As it is now the wet season, work on surfacing the road has ceased. With the onset of the dry, work should soon be back swing.

Koipa-Kiorota Road:

This short access road was being graded when I was at Kiorota. In addition a Services Unit tractor has been collecting stone to build a causeway across a small creek near the Kiorota Village. Most of this stone has been collected by now and work should start soon.

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Once the causeway is completed the road will be in excellent condition.

Mumuni Road

This road is in very poor condition due to the Services Unit trucks trying to work on it when it was wet. With the onset of the dry season work can be recommenced.

Isivini-Kikinota Loop Road:

Work has only just started on this road. About six miles of it is formed with 4 miles of this being surfaced. The actual cleared section runs for some 5 miles past the last formed section of road. Six miles of this road past the Isivini School is usable in dry weather by conventional drive vehicles and in wet weather by four wheel drive vehicles.

VII. CONCLUSION

The patrol was on the whole successful though the poor attendances at the meetings during the latter part of the patrol was disappointing.

The forthcoming Elections will give me another opportunity to go through the area and increase my knowledge of the area and its people.


C. A. Overland,
Patrol Officer.

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SITUATION REPORT NO.

STATION POPONDETTA OFFICER COMPILING C. A. OVERLAND

DISTRICT MATURU SUB-DISTRICT POPONDETTA

CENSUS DIVISION SATHO AID L.G. COUNCIL MATURU

POPONDETTA

SUBJECT ; General Situation Report

SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

*This report indicates a normal situation
that has remained unchanged for
many years.*

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ACTION TAKEN : *No action required*

SGD *R. G. Hebble*

DATE *24. 2. 72*

I. POLITICAL SITUATION

(A) House of Assembly Members and Candidates

There does not seem to be as much interest in the elections as I would have expected. It seems many of the candidates have seen fit to ignore going into the more out of the way places like Togohau, Poha and Sasembaya. Annoyance was expressed because of this. The usual complaint that the present incumbent ignores the people were heard.

The patrol steered well clear of the subject of candidates for the election, except to make their names known. How the election goes in Sohe, which has six candidates is anyone's guess at this stage. Similarly with the Regional seat.

(B) Preferential Voting

This system was explained once more to the people to insure that as many people as possible make full use of their votes. With the aid of polling officials most people should be able to use this system.

(C) Political Activities and Parties

Only a few of the candidates for Sohe have made regular appearances in the area. I did not hear any talk regarding party campaigning though I did note a few 'Pangu Pati' shirts about in the villages.

II. ECONOMIC SITUATION

(A) General Rural Development

The main cash crops grown at a village or settler level are coffee and cocoa. Most of this is grown on the resettlement blocks which constitute a greater part of the land under cultivation in the area. The Pantorhytes infestation has taken a heavy toll on the cocoa. However most of the settlers are still making a go of it and in time should regain some measure of prosperity.

Coffee is doing well in the area and is grown extensively. There is a coffee Co-operative in operation at Barevaturu which is apparently going well. At present the price of coffee is low but despite what the local people say it is still worth picking and processing. Rubber is grown mainly on expatriate owned plantations though I saw a group of local people working their own rubber factory at Ombisusu.

There are extensive vegetable gardens in the area. This produce can be easily transported to and sold at the Popondetta Market. There is also an active market at Saiho.

The area produces about 140 tons of coffee a year, 110 tons of cocoa, 36 tons of rubber and a small quantity of copra. The value of the cash crops produced in the area is approximately \$134,000.

The whole area still has plenty of scope for expansion with more intensive work required from the local people. The whole production and return could probably increase several times over with a bit of effort. The area has advantages in easy access to plantings and good transport facilities available to markets outside the area.

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111. SOCIAL SITUATION

(A) Education

There are 14 Primary Schools scattered through the area with about 2,300 students going to them through the various grades. There are several institutes of higher studies available. With such excellent facilities, it is little wonder that the literacy rate is relatively high, compared to other Districts in the Territory. English is spoken by many people, particularly younger people.

(B) Health

Malaria is the main endemic disease in the area and it still takes its toll on the population. The use of curative drugs and the activities of the malaria spraying teams have reduced the effect of the disease in the area.

T.B. is another disease that is fairly common in the area but thanks to treatment readily available it is not the big killer that it used to be.

The villages were generally clean and well drained. Most of the villages had adequate toilet facilities. The village pigs were generally kept out of the village though at Kiorofa a few were sniffing about in the village.

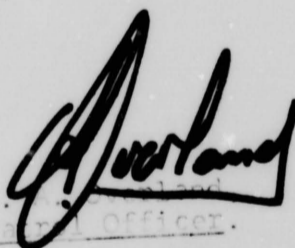
(C) Law and Order

There was one incident during the patrol, when the Sairope people turned up in their best fighting gear claiming they were going to Mongi Village to take revenge for a man they claimed Mongi village had killed. As things turned out they never got past Koipa village because I was able to ring the Police in Popondetta and they were able to "quell" the trouble. The incident received more attention than it warranted because a radio had to be used to inform the Police of the trouble.

The people are generally very law abiding citizens indeed.

(D) Rest Houses

There are few Rest Houses in the area which makes camping out difficult. It is a pity they could not be re-built and used more frequently.


C. Overland
Patrol Officer.

NO. 11-7
 DISTRICT: BERTHARA
 PATROL CONDUCED BY: J.C. Robbins
 DISTRICT: Tufi
 OCCASION: Patrol Officer
 AREA: PATROL AREA: West Bank of the River
 PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: E. Itati
 or Interpreter
 DURATION OF PATROL: 4.4.72 to 1.4.72 NUMBER OF DAYS: 10 (8 merged out)
 DATE D.C.A. PATROL: November 1971
 DATE OF SUBMISSION OF AREA: Nil
 LAST D.C.A. PATROL: Not patrolled
 COUNCIL AREA: Afara
 MAP REFERENCE: Fournal: Tufi
 NAME OF A SUBSTANTIVE: Ijivitari Open

The District Commissioner,
 Berthara District,
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In respect of this patrol, I attach
 the following reports: (1) 47 to 48
 (2) ... of 28.3.72
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 Assistant District Commissioner

To the Director,
 Department of the Registrar,
 Division of District Administration,
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In respect of this patrol, I attach
 the following reports: (1) ...
 (2) ...

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 District Commissioner



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PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER: Pependetta 20 71/72 OBJECT OF PATROL: Road clearing
 DISTRICT: Northern STATION: Pependetta
 PATROL CONDUCTED BY: A.E. Sibbing DESIGNATION: Patrol Officer
 AREA PATROLLED: Musa Census Div. PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: F. Favetta P.O.
 DURATION OF PATROL: ^{Miss road, sth of Ovesa} 20.3.72 - 9.5.72 (broken period) NUMBER OF DAYS: 41 (38 camped out) (11 days only)
 LAST D.D.A. PATROL: November 1971 TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA: 64
 LAST O.L.G. PATROL: Not patrolled COUNCIL AREA: Afere
 MAP REFERENCE: Fourmil Tufi H of A ELECTORATE: Ijivitari Open

The District Commissioner,
 Northern District,
 POPONDETTA.

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, FOLIOS 16 to 20, (v)
 - PATROL INSTRUCTIONS, ()
 - THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS? ()
 - UPDATING OF AREA STUDY, ()
 - SITUATION REPORT NO. 1, 2 and 3 (v)
 - PATROL MAP, Amended Map of Tufi Patrol (v)
 - CAMPING ALLOWANCE CLAIM. No. 3 of 70/71 (v)

DATE: 18/5/1972.

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 Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
 Department of the Administrator,
 Division of District Administration,
 KOROHEBU. Papua.

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- AREA STUDY, ()
 - UPDATING OF AREA STUDY ()
 - SITUATION REPORT NO. 1. ~~Patrol 3-70/71~~ (v)
 - PATROL MAP, Amended Map of Tufi (v)

Patrol 3-70/71

DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS ASSESSMENT OF PATROL AND REPORT *ABOVE AVERAGE*
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 District Commissioner

DATE: 7/6/1972

P.O. Box 2396,
KINNEBORU.

67-5-40

14th June, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

POPONDETTA PATROL NO.20 OF 1971/72.

Reference your minute of 18th May, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 1 and 3 arising out of the above patrol of the HUSA Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments, as submitted by Mr. A.E. Sibbing, Patrol Officer.

Mr. Sibbing has submitted two concise, informative reports. But the information should have formed part of a Patrol Report to your Headquarters, instead of being treated as topics for Situation Reports.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

SGD *[Signature]*
DATE *18/5/72*

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SITUATION REPORT NO. 1

STATION Popondetta OFFICER COMPILING .. A.E. Sibbing .. P.O.
DISTRICT Northern SUB-DISTRICT Popondetta
CENSUS DIVISION .. Musa L.G. COUNCIL Afore

SUBJECT ; Pongani - Musa damsite road: Road clearing on
Ovesa - damsite Section.

SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER
Popondetta

Roadwork appears to have been satisfactorily carried out.
The C.D.W. party has already landed at Pongani and are
presently engaged in moving equipment up the track towards
the Musa Gorge.

No further action is required on this report.

ACTION TAKEN :

SGD *[Signature]*
DATE 18/5/72
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SITUATION REPORT NO. 1

STATION Popondetta OFFICER COMPILING A. E. Sibbing
 DISTRICT Northern SUB-DISTRICT Popondetta
 CENSUS DIVISION Musa L.G. COUNCIL Afore

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(Use Reverse side if necessary)

SUBJECT : Pongani - Musa dams site road: Road clearing on
 Ovesa - dams site Section.

The object of this patrol was to make a minimum of 12 feet clearance track on the Ovesa-Damsite road Section, on which the timber has been felled previously. (Popondetta patrol 10 - 71/72)

The workforce varied from 35 to 107 and were local people clearing the road within their own boundaries.

As work progressed, 5 campsites were used:
 Ovesa village - Bafade Hill - Camp No 2 - Nuara - Gogorogopapa.

The new labor rates of \$ 1.00 a day were paid. Food rations free. 2 Miles of roadwork were paid on a sub-contract basis of \$ 125.00 per mile, which worked out to be the rate for the completed section.

Supplies were airdropped at Busi. Local game hunting compensated for shortage of meat.

Operations were slowed down by the following facts:

1. Timber has been drying out for too long before being cut up.
2. An Easter holiday break caused lack of supervision and although Councillors were in charge of teams, work slowed down.
3. Time losses occurred during recruitment, carrying cargo and moving camps.

17 Miles of road were cleared successfully and without any real problems. However enclosed map shows possible future road improvement and is self explanatory. This map should replace strip map of Tufi patrol No 3 - 70/71 Sheet 16. Also Bafade Hill has a far gentler approach taking a foottrack to the left at the creek at the bottom of it. The road engineer will be informed about this by letter from Ovesa village.

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SGD : *A. E. Sibbing*

DATE : 15.5.72

To Engineer

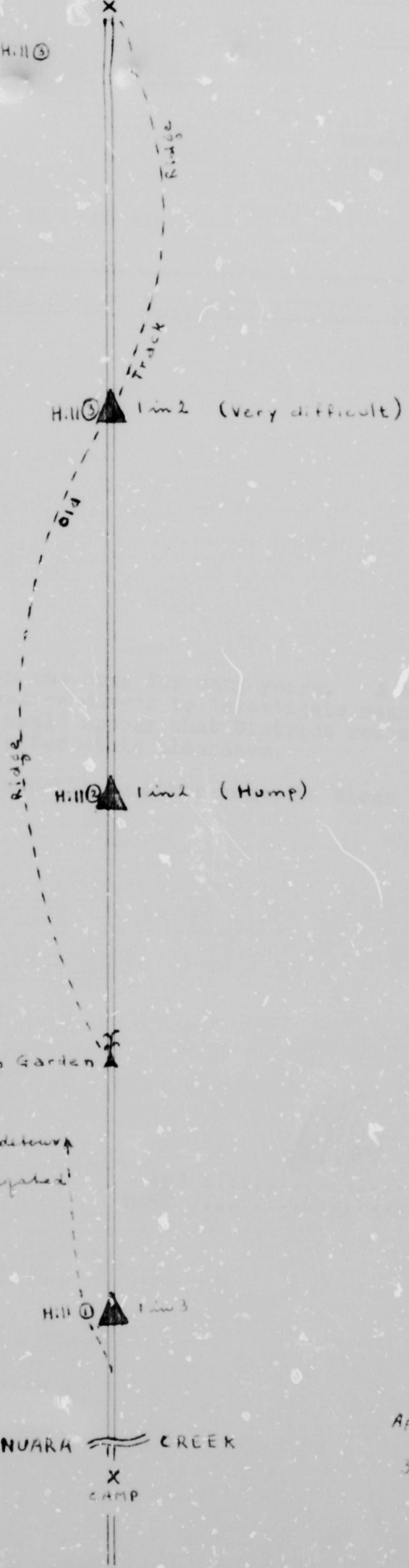
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back from hilltop garden to
Gogopapa is far more superior
road. In particular section A to Hill ③
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NUARA CREEK

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Approx. Scale
3" = 1 mile

Amended Map
Tuti Patrol
No 3 of 70/71

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SITUATION REPORT NO. 3

STATION Popondetta
DISTRICT Northern
CENSUS DIVISION Musa

OFFICER COMPILING
SUB-DISTRICT
L.G. COUNCIL

A.E. Sibbing P.O.
Popondetta
Afore

SUBJECT: Rock obstruction in Musa River.

SUB-DISTRICT OFFICER
Popondetta

ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

The log jam has been in the Musa for many years. A move was made for Navy clearance divers to investigate means of clearing the jam. It would appear that District resources are not sufficient to effect this clearance.

Action is in hand to investigate other means to clear the river.

ACTION TAKEN:

sgd
DATE 18/5/72

SITUATION REPORT NO. 3

STATION Popondetta OFFICER COMPILING A.E. Sibbing

DISTRICT Northern SUB-DISTRICT Popondetta

CENSUS DIVISION Musa L.G. COUNCIL Afore

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(Use Reverse side if necessary)

SUBJECT : Rock obstruction in Musa River.

A large and wide rock formation forms an obstruction across the Musa River at Dove village. This forms a collecting point for logs and almost unmanageable logpiles are created. These jams have been removed regularly in the past and another one will be removed soon.

The situation is well known to our Department and moves have been made to take action. However nothing has happened so far.

In November '71 a D.D.A. Officer visited the area and advised to cut a Heli pad on the spot to enable an Army team to come in and blow up the rock. The pad has been cut and nothing eventuated. I can find no records in previous reports, quoting the latter.

However I hereby repeat and would like to remind authorities concerned about the issue, which Councillor John Kevara from Embessa brought up again.

The Musa River is the only means of reasonable access of transport. Therefore it is of importance to the people to get their products to the coast, but also of importance to the Agric. Dept.; L.G.C.; and D.D.A.

SGD : *A.E. Sibbing*

DATE : 15-5-72

PATROL REPORT
POPONDETTA NO. 22 OF 1971/72

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PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER: No. 22 of 1971/72	OBJECT OF PATROL: By-election & construction
DISTRICT: Northern	STATION: Popondetta
PATROL CONDUCTED BY: Eric McCrum	SUB-DISTRICT Ioma
AREA PATROLLED: Binandere CD	DESIGNATION: Patrol Officer
DURATION OF PATROL: 19th April - 27th April	PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING:
LAST D.D.A. PATROL: Feb. 1972.	NUMBER OF DAYS: 9 (nine) days
LAST O.L.G. PATROL: 6-19 Feb. 1972.	TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA:
MAP REFERENCE: Fourmil: Buna	COUNCIL AREA: Tamata
Milinch: Ioma	HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTORATE:
Wode	Sohe
Inaia	

The District Commissioner,
District,
Northern, Popondetta.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, FOLIOS TO <i>rule</i> ,	(✓)
PATROL INSTRUCTIONS,	(✓)
THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS,	(✓)
UPDATING OF AREA STUDY,	()
SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 - 4,	(✓)
PATROL MAP,	()

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DATE: 30/5/1972.

[Signature]
Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. Papua

In respect of this patrol, I attach

AREA STUDY	()
UPDATING OF AREA STUDY	()
SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 - 2	(✓)
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DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS ASSESMENT OF PATROL & REPORT	

ABOVE AVERAGE
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BELOW AVERAGE

DATE: 7/6/1972.

[Signature]
District Commissioner.

P.O. Box 2396, KONOBOBU.

67-5-39.

15th June, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POFONDETTA.

POFONDETTA PATROL NO. 22 OF 1971/72.

Reference your minute of 7/6/72.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 1 and 2 arising out of the above patrol of BINANDERE Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments, as submitted by Mr. E. McCrum, Patrol Officer.

The subject matter of both these reports should have been incorporated into a Patrol Report, terminating at your Headquarters.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

COMMENT BY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

The organisation of marketing is well hand under the guidance of the Officer-In-Charge, Ioma and the Council Adviser.



(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner

7.6.1972

SUBDISTRICT OFFICE
POPONDETTA

Date received: 11th May, 1972.

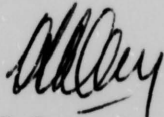
ASSESSMENT BY ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

(Situation report No.1 - Coffee)

Mr. McCrum's comment that some organising and directing of coffee buying in the area patrolled would be of inestimable benefit to the people is concurred with. The fact that the area of the Binandere is so far from accepted and easily organised buying has worked against the people. The Tamata Council would be quite the best agent to organise this.

ACTION TAKEN

The D.R.D.O. will be consulted for his advice and assistance.



(C.G. Day)
Assistant District Commissioner.

Dated: 30th May, 1972.

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SITUATION REPORT, PATROL NO. 22 OF 1971/72

<u>STATION</u>	POPONDETTA	<u>OFFICER COMPILING</u>	Eric McCrum P.O.
<u>DISTRICT</u>	NORTHERN	<u>SUB DISTRICT</u>	POPONDETTA
<u>CENSUS DIVISION</u>	BINANDERE	<u>L.G. COUNCIL</u>	TAMATA

Subject: Coffee

During stays at Ewore, Bovera, Tave, Nindewari and Ainsi, coffee gardens were inspected. Generally, these were found to be greatly neglected, evidenced by the height of trees (up to 6 metres), and the dense seedling growth beneath the adult trees. The people were spoken to in regard to this matter, and asked to make some attempt to maintain their plots in working condition. They were requested to prune their trees, and clear the seedlings out, and where possible to use the seedlings to establish new areas.

Several gardens, notably Jumi Kuvida of Bovera, Aukoro Okoa Begari of Bovera, Selwyn of Ewore, and Noah Jiwaiba of Nindewari, had extremely well kept gardens. Trees had been pruned to 2 metres and well shaped, and the ground kept free of all rubbish.

It was pleasing to see at such isolated areas, i.e. Gira and Eia Rivers, that the people work two days of each week at their coffee gardens. Although many people were doing this, it is obvious that many are not working their gardens.

Agricultural Officers are required to visit these areas, although isolated, at least four times a year, and to remain in the villages demonstrating and encouraging.

It is hard enough for these people to take their coffee to a marketing point: two days by canoe downstream, and three to four days to return. Occasionally a ship will call at the Eia Mouth and more rarely at Manau. These people require an organized and regular buying service for their coffee. Tamata Council is planning to try this year to organize the direct purchase from the growers, and to sell direct to Lae.

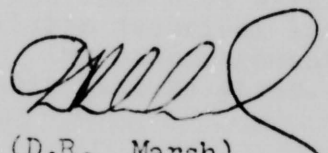
Eric McCrum

Eric McCrum, P.O.
Council Adviser

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COMMENT BY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Concur,



(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner

7. 6. 1972

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POPONDETTA.

Date Received: 11th May, 1972.

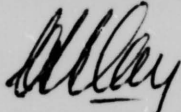
ASSESSMENT BY ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

(Situation Report No.2 - Manau School Project)

The idea of projects such as this one is not new. Unfortunately it does not happen often enough. Two, at least, purposes are achieved in projects like this one: earning money for school equipment; and giving children technical knowledge which will serve them well in life. Any encouragement we can give to projects undertaken by schools must be given.

ACTION TAKEN

None applicable at this moment. However any opportunity to suggest this approach and encourage it will be taken by officers of this sub-district.



(C.G.Day)
Assistant District Commissioner.

Dated: 30th May, 1972.

SITUATION REPORT, PATROL NO. 22 OF 1971/72

<u>STATION</u>	POPONDETTA	<u>OFFICER COMPILING</u>	Eric McCrum P.O.
<u>DISTRICT</u>	NORTHERN	<u>SUB DISTRICT</u>	POPONDETTA
<u>CENSUS DIVISION</u>	BINANDERE	<u>L.G. COUNCIL</u>	TAMATA

Subject: Manau School Project

About five years ago, the Mambututu people donated some land for agricultural purposes for use by the Manau School. This year, Samson Ingita, (Std 6 teacher) has decided to let the Class manage the coffee gardens planted previously.

With this teacher and some students, I inspected the three gardens and gave advice on the pruning and maintenance of the existing trees. Instructions on the picking, pulping and drying of the cherries were also given. I look forward to my next trip there to witness the progress. This is constructive education, and I am glad Mr. Samson Ingita has undertaken this project.

Eric McCrum
Eric McCrum, P.O.
Council Adviser

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PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER: 23 71-72
 DISTRICT: NORTHERN
 PATROL CONDUCTED BY: E.R. McCrum
 AREA PATROLLED: NORTH COAST 8th - 12th MAY
 DURATION OF PATROL: 8th - 12th MAY
 LAST D.D.A. PATROL: FEBRUARY 1972
 LAST O.L.G. PATROL: APRIL 1972
 MAP REFERENCE: FOURMIL BUNA MILINCH IONA

OBJECT OF PATROL: ^{Move/Council} Supplies
 STATION: POPONDETTA
 SUB-DISTRICT: POPONBETTA
 DESIGNATION: PATROL OFFICER
 PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING:
 NO. OF DAYS: 5 DAYS
 TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA:
 COUNCIL AREA: TANATA
 HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTORATE: SOHE

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,

POPONDETTA.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, FOLIOS 3/10	(✓)
PATROL INSTRUCTIONS,	(✓)
THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS	(✓)
UPDATING OF AREA STUDY	()
SITUATION REPORTS NO.S. 1 -	(✓)
PATROL MAP,	(✓)

DATE: 27/5/1972

[Signature]
 Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. Papua.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

AREA STUDY	()
UPDATING OF AREA STUDY	()
SITUATION REPORTS NO.S. 1 - 2 - 3	(✓)

DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS ASSESSMENT OF
 PATROL & REPORT
 ABOVE AVERAGE
 AVERAGE
 BELOW AVERAGE

DATE: 2/6/1972

[Signature]
District Commissioner

MIN:MD

P.O. Box 2396,
1972.

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14th June, 1972.

Mr. M. Mitchell,
Fisheries Superintendent,
Department of Agriculture, Stock
and Fisheries,
P.O. Box 2417,
KONEDOBU.

EXTRACT FROM PATROL REPORT.

The attached information has been extracted from Patrol Report No.23 of 1971/72 covering the North Coast Census Division, Popandetta Sub-District, Northern District. Patrolling Officer Mr. E. J. McGroun, Patrol Officer.

The period of patrol was from the 8th May to the 12th May, 1972.

This report of fishing potential in the Northern District may be of interest to you.

.../incl.

(S. J. SMITH)
Secretary.

P.O. Box 2396,
KONNDOBU.

67-5-33

14th June, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

POPONDETTA PATROL NO. 23 OF 1971/72.

Reference your minute of 29th May, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 1 to 3 arising out of the above patrol of the North Coast Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments, as submitted by Mr. E.H. McCrum, Patrol Officer/Council Adviser.

Mr. McCrum's reports are concise and well written. However the information contained in report No.1 is more suited to form part of a Patrol Report, than to be the topic for a Situation Report to this Headquarters.

A copy of Situation Reports 2 and 3 has been forwarded to the appropriate departments. Mr. McCrum is to be commended for these reports and the accompanying maps.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

NLM:MD

P.O. Box 2396,
MONROVIA.

12-1-10

14th June, 1972.

The Chief Meteorologist,
Commonwealth Bureau of Meteorology,
P.O. Box 1240,
BOROKO.

EXTRACT FROM PATROL REPORT.

The attached information has been extracted from Patrol Report No. 23 of 1971/72, covering the North Coast Census Division, Popondetta Sub-District, Northern District. Patrolling Officer, Mr. E.R. McCrum, Patrol Officer.

The period of patrol was from the 8th May, to the 12th May, 1972.

This report dealing with unusual weather patterns, at the time of Cyclone "Hannah", may be of interest to you.

.../Encl.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

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SUBDISTRICT OFFICE
POPONDETTA.

Date Received; 10th May, 1972.

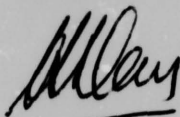
ASSESSMENT BY ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

(Situation Report No. 1 - Coffee)

It is very gratifying to see that the people of the Mambare are taking a renewed interest in their coffee. This interest can be directly attributed to interest shown by Government officers - most people only want encouragement in order to produce. It is hoped that this interest engendered by the Tamata Council and the adviser is maintained by the relevant department.

ACTION TAKEN

The D.R.D.O., Popondetta, and the O.I.C. Ioma, are being circulated with the essence of this report.



(C.G. Day)
Assistant District Commissioner.

Date: 29th May, 1972.

Assessment by District Commissioner,

This improvement in part is also attributable to the energy and interest of the Officer-In-Charge, Ioma - I am awaiting further reports to ascertain the degree of spread of interest in the area.



(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner

SITUATION REPORT ①

PATROL NO. 23 OF 1971/72

STATION : POPONDETTA OFFICER COMPILING: Eric McCrum
DISTRICT: NORTHERN SUB DISTRICT: POPONDETTA
CENSUS DIVISION: BINANDERE L.G. COUNCIL: TAMATA

Subject: COFFEE

During the trip up the Mamba River, it was both pleasing and surprising to see so many coffee gardens being manned and worked. Seventeen gardens were seen at which families were staying in garden houses. There was great evidence, both of gardens manned and those vacant, of pruned trees, cleared ground beneath the trees, and pulping machines in use.

Greatest evidence was near the villages of Taututu and Sia, with lesser evidence near Barara and Iaudari. The swollen river is taking toll of large stretches of bank, and in two localities has begun to undermine coffee trees.

Several plots of approximately 200 trees each, evidenced great care and attention during growth periods. All the trees were pruned to about 1.5 metres, all branches gently down curved; spindly branches removed; and the branches laden with fruit and flowers.

The Tamata Council has already issued the coffee pulpers to this area (1 to each of Mambututu, Taututu and Sia), and already the response has been most noticeable. Last trip up the Mamba River, revealed most gardens neglected and few gardens actually attended. I hope to be able to report additional progress in future patrols to this area. Now with the enthusiasm fired, I hope Agricultural Officers will visit this isolated area to maintain and ^{an} ~~fe~~ those fires.

Eric McCrum
Eric McCrum P.O.
Council Adviser

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SUBDISTRICT OFFICE
POPONDETTA.

Date Received: 10th May, 1972.

ASSESSMENT BY ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

(Situation Report No. 2 - Cyclone Hannah)

Mr. McCrum's observations are interesting - especially since he has recorded wave heights in metres. His map gives elevations in feet. His descriptions could be of interest to the Meteorological Bureau in replotting the path of Hannah.

ACTION TAKEN

Nil required.



(C.G. Day)
Assistant District Commissioner.

Date: 29th May, 1972.

Assessment by District Commissioner:

Concur. Please make a copy available to the Meteorological Bureau.



(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner

SITUATION REPORT

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PATROL NO. 23 OF 1971/72

STATION: POPONDETTA OFFICER COMPILING: Eric McCrum
DISTRICT: NORTHERN SUB DISTRICT: POPONDETTA
CENSUS DIVISION: BINANDERE L.C. COUNCIL: TAMATA

SUBJECT: CYCLONE HANNAH

Unknown to the Patrol members, the weather experienced during Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 10th - 12th May 1972, was evidently connected to, and associated with Cyclone Hannah. This report covers the weather observations made by Patrol members, and presents conditions experienced during the three days. See attached map for locality details.

Wednesday 10th May 1972

Rain began falling at Manau during the night of Tuesday 9th May with little or no wind. However, during the night off shore westerlies developed and were strongly felt. By 0600 hrs, the roar of the waves both on the beach and off-shore of Manau could be heard 400 metres inland.

By morning the Mamba Bay was a strange sight. Waves up to 2 metres high, from the east were breaking, up to 500 metres off shore, in apparent abandon, waves were approximately 20 metres apart. These breaking waves extended from adjacent to Mamba River mouth northwards to the Gira River Mouth. In the sheltered section of Mamba Bay, waves were up to 1 metre high, breaking on the beach as far as Duvira River Mouth, and occasionally on the rifa palm fringes farther to the east. At one reef located 1200 metres off shore, North East of Manau village, waves were up to 2.6 metres were curling over, but the foaming crests were torn off and flung back almost horizontally by the off shore westerlies. For approximately 300 metres off the Mamba River Point waves were breaking over the sand bars.

By mid morning we headed up the Mamba River for Iaudari. Windy and rainy conditions continued all the middle of the day. Clouds were moving south west. By the late afternoon, the wind had abated somewhat and seas slight.

Thursday 11th May 1972

At 0600 hours the seas were quite calm with slight swell and a very gently easterly breeze. By 0930 the swell near the Gira River Mouth had increased to 1 metre in height and approximately 40 to 50 metres apart. The Easterly winds were still slight though freshening. At 1120, we left Manau and headed towards Mitre Rock.

Seas were slight, winds were varying from north east to easterly and were moderate. Half way to Mitre Rock the swell had increased to 1.3 metre waves and wind had freshened considerably. Conditions were quite choppy.

Cloud cover was unusual. The upper layer of altocumulus at an estimated 7000' was clearly demarked. The northern most edge of this high cloud paralleled the coast. Lower, from 500' to 1500' there was nimbus clouds, passing in a series of minor but well defined depressions.

Each depression was approximately one mile across and circular. Rain fell within this depression area. About it, clockwise, winds were blowing inwards (see drawing).

Two lots of swells were met at Mitre Rock one from the north and one from the south east. These were now 1.3 to 2 metres high. The winds from the nearby depression were very strong, so we put in at Iwaia, just south of Douglas Harbour, at 1310.

From Mitre Rock four individual depressions were seen. One off Gira River, one off Mitre Rock, one off approximately Ambasi and one in the Holnicote Bay area.

That afternoon the winds at Iwaia freshened changing with the passage of the depressions off shore. That night rain began at 1800 hours and continued steadily to 0200 in the morning of Friday. Several sheets of lightning were seen over Damburabere but no thunder heard.

Friday 12th May 1972

We left Iwaia at 0700 in slight seas. Clouds were nimbus and about 1000' high. A general large depression several miles (or more) across was north east of Mitre Rock. Actual size could not be seen due to land blocking the view.

Off Ambasi was another small depression and another just off Kumusi River. A third could be seen in Holnicote Bay. These were all moving slightly west of north. All had a clockwise wind circling them. As we ventured southwards the winds changed from Westerlies to south westerlies, to southerlies thence south easterlies to easterlies as we passed each depression.

The seas were moderate, choppy and the winds quite fresh. As we passed the depression in Holnicote Bay another depression south east of Killerton could be seen. Each had its own clockwise spiralling winds (see drawing 2).

Over the land, to the west, the weather was generally fine with high alto-cumulus and stratus. A few cumulus clouds hid the peaks of Mount Lamington, and sunshine generally bathed the visible area from the Hydrograther range northwards. Very cloudy conditions existed out to sea.

Eric McCrum P.O.
Council Adviser

SUBDISTRICT OFFICE
POPONDETTA.

Date received : 10th May, 1972.

ASSESSMENT BY ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

(Situation report No.3 - Fishing Potential, Northern District)

A most interesting report showing the reporting officer's keenness on this aspect of patrolling. It may be of use to the fisheries section of D.A.S.F.

ACTION TAKEN

A photo copy has been sent to the D.R.D.O.,
Popondetta.



(C.G. Day)
Assistant District Commissioner.

Date: 29th May, 1972.

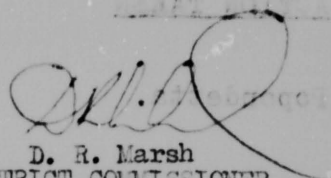
ASSESSMENT BY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Mr. McCrum has made a faithful report on the situation but reveals nothing new. Surveys of the area have been carried out by Fisheries in the past and at present there is a large trawler (Japanese) doing survey work off the mouth of the Musa and other points.

Surface fish are seasonal and there is many a time when competent fishing parties catch nothing. Masters of coastal vessels report going for three weeks at a time without catching a single fish. On the other hand last week one dinghy caught 23 Spanish Mackerel in an hour or so.

I have yet to see the fisherman in these waters who has made an economic success of fishing. Certainly one man has paid back his outboard motor loan but he has had considerable assistance.

Foreign fishing vessels are regularly sighted offshore doing long line work with the tuna schools but they too come and go with the seasonal movement of fish.


D. R. Marsh
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

1st June, 1972.

SITUATION REPORT

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PATROL NO. 23 OF 1971/72

<u>STATION:</u>	POPONDETTA	<u>OFFICER COMPILING:</u>	Eric McCrum
<u>DISTRICT:</u>	NORTHERN	<u>SUB-DISTRICT:</u>	POPONDETTA
<u>CENSUS DIVISION:</u>	BINANDERE + NORTH COAST	<u>L.G. COUNCIL:</u>	TANATA + ORO BAY

Subject: FISHING POTENTIAL: NORTHERN DISTRICT

This is a report compiled from numerous trips along the North Coast and coastal Binandere Census Divisions and three trips along the Dyke Ackland and Cape Nelson shorelines. Trips have been made throughout most months of the year and this report covers the period from August 1969 until May 1972.

River Mouth Food Areas

The whole of this coastline from Gira River south to and including the Dyke Ackland Bay, is fortunate in having many rivers emptying into the sea. These rivers empty much fresh water into the ocean, apparently supplying food or feeding areas for both large and small fish. These fresh water areas have been ^{seen} extending up to 2 miles out to sea and up to 4 miles along the coast from the river mouth. From the attached map, the areas covered by fresh water from the adjacent rivers can be seen, showing the great extent of feeding areas these rivers afford.

In the case of the Gira, Mamba, Kumusi, Yapuri, Foru and Musa Rivers, large and extensive sand tanks have been formed out of the mouths. Observation has shown that these sand bank areas are constantly used by feeding Spanish Mackerel, Trevally and mullet.

Reef-feeding Localities

Small reef areas in the Mamba Bay supply small feeding grounds for reef fish. Little reef is found between Mamba Bay and Mitre Rock areas. From Cape Ward Hunt southwards are a series of good reef localities, notably Douglas Harbour, Red Rocky Point, Black Rocky Point, Bindari Reefs, Ambasi Point, thence Cape Killerton, Cape Endaiadere, Cape Sudest, Oro Bay reefs, Harvey Bay reefs, Emo Reefs, thence from Point Tamina through to Tufi and beyond. At these localities, various pike, Mackerel and

trevally are to be found.

Fish Species and Notes

Barred Spanish Mackerel (*Scomberomorus commersoni*)

This is the more commonly caught of the mackerels found in this area. Large shoals are found feeding at most river mouths more rarely in the coloured waters, usually on the fringes of the coloured areas. They are usually trolled along reef or rocky areas, but just as commonly caught out to sea.

Feeding mackerel are usually accompanied by flocks of terns and storm petrels, who scavenge left overs. Extensive shoals of Barred Spanish Mackerel are seen between Gira River and Kumudi Rivers and from Cape Killerton to Emo Reefs. Occasionally feeding shoals are seen in Dyke Ackland Bay, and Holnicote Bay. Large shoals are encountered off the Cape Nelson peninsula. Specimens around 40 lb are frequently caught. Largest Barred Spanish Mackerel caught by the writer was a female off Red Rocky Point. It weighed approximately 60 lb.

- Tuna Northern Bluefin Tuna (*Kishinouyea tonggol*)
- Striped Tuna (*Katsuwonus pelamis*)
- Mackerel Tuna (*Euthynnus alletteratus affinis*)
- (and others not positively identified).

Shoals of tuna are found both in the dirty waters off the river mouths, in the clear waters well out to sea and also close to rocky shorelines. In seasons, Holnicote Bay and areas of Cape Endeavour are seething with shoals of tuna, mostly in the 8 to 10 lbs size. Smaller shoals and less numerous shoals have been encountered in the Dyke Ackland Bay and Cape Nelson areas. These tuna are not often caught by trolling, although success varies. At times, most of the catch has been tuna, and at other times, with tuna shoals numerous only Mackerel have been caught.

- Pike Barracuda (*Agriposphyraena barracuda*)
- Slender Sea Pike (*Spbyraena jello*)

These have been caught off Black Rocky Point, Red Rocky Point and Cape Ward Hunt. Because of limited trips in the Cape Nelson Peninsula no information of their abundance in this area can be given. Lengths vary from 2 feet to 4½ feet. Weights were not taken.

Trevally Golden Trevally (*Grathanodon speciosus*)
 Blue fin Trevally (*Cranx melampygus*)
 (and others not positively identified)

These have been located all along the coast, from Gira River to Emo Reefs. They are generally caught over reef areas typical of the conditions found from Cape Killerton to Emo Reefs. They are also abundant in the dirty waters at the river mouths, in particular Gira, Manu^o, Opi and Kumusi. Specimens up to 3 feet and 45 lbs have been caught in this region.

Mullet Diamond Scale Mullet (*Liza vaigiensis*)

Blue Tail Mullet (*Valamugil seheli*)

Round headed Mullet (*Liza strongylocephalus*)

(and others not positively identified)

Mullet shoals have been almost exclusively located near river mouths and adjacent bays. Gira and Manba River mouth areas have large shoals present throughout most of the year. Mumusi and Opi River ~~W~~ areas and, to a lesser extent Gira and Samboga Rivers also have shoals. Little is known of the Yapuri, Foru and Musa river areas.

Local Names of Fish

Barracuda (<i>Agriposphyraea</i> barracuda)	JIROGUMA
Slender Sea Pike (<i>Sphyraena jello</i>)	KOADAUA
Barrea Spanish Mackerel (<i>Scomberomys commersoni</i>)	DOIYA
Plumed trevally (<i>Alectis indica</i>)	VIRU
Trevally (general)	MATORO
Whitefish (<i>Chorinemus Lysan</i>)	WORASI
Diamond Scale Mullet (<i>Liza vaigiensis</i>)	KUPO
Round Headed Mullet (<i>Liza strongylocephalus</i>)	SAWARI
Blue Tail Mullet (<i>Valamugil seheli</i>)	KOIPO

Summary

From the evidence gathered over the years of patrolling along this Northern District coast, sufficient fish of commercial value are present in the waters. It would be expedient to have a survey conducted into the possibilities of either

- (a) large scale cannery
- (b) village level commercial fishing suitable for drying

or smoking.

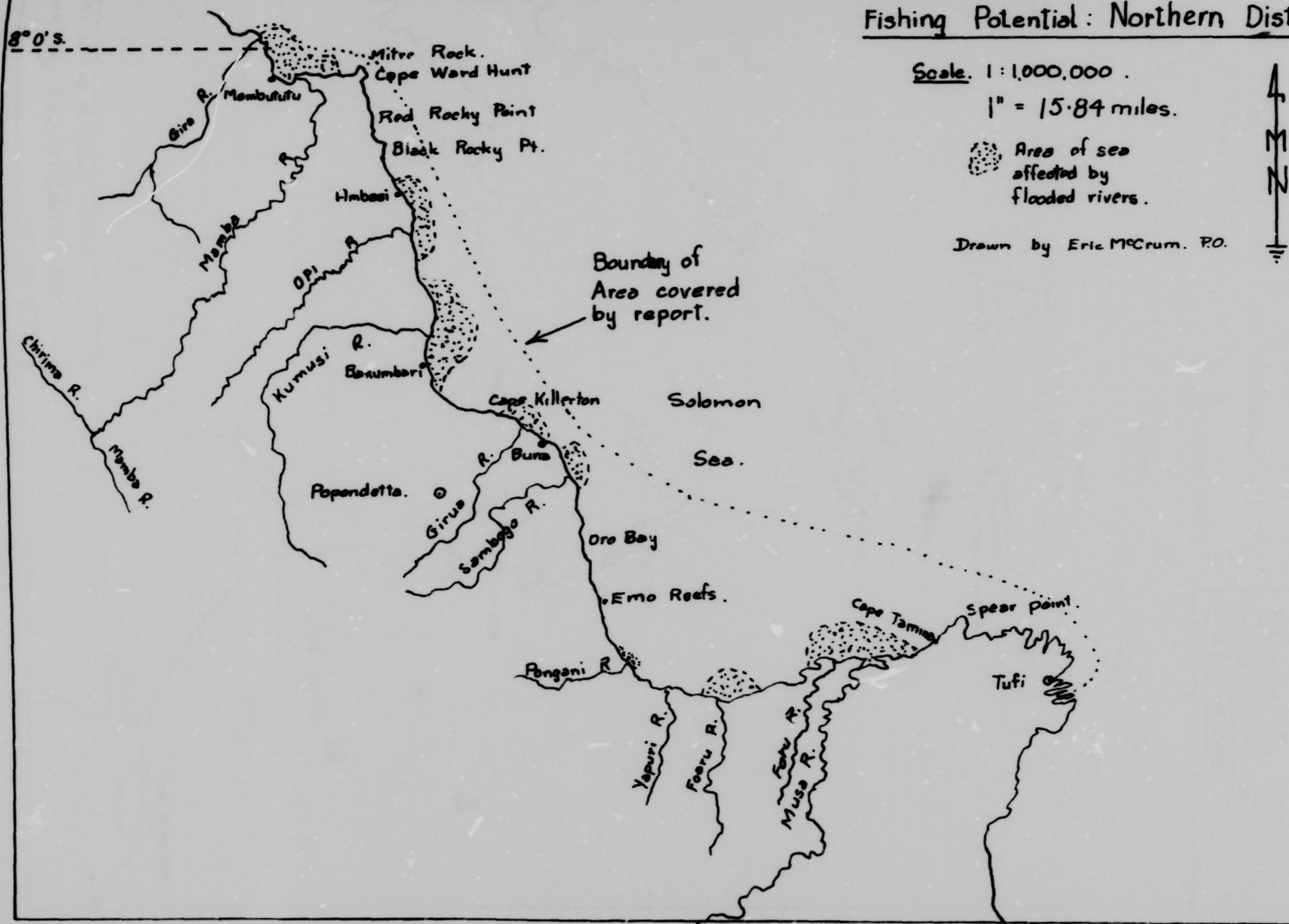
Regular shipping to and from Lae would cater for marketing to Lae, whilst sales in Pepondetta would contribute to village level industries.

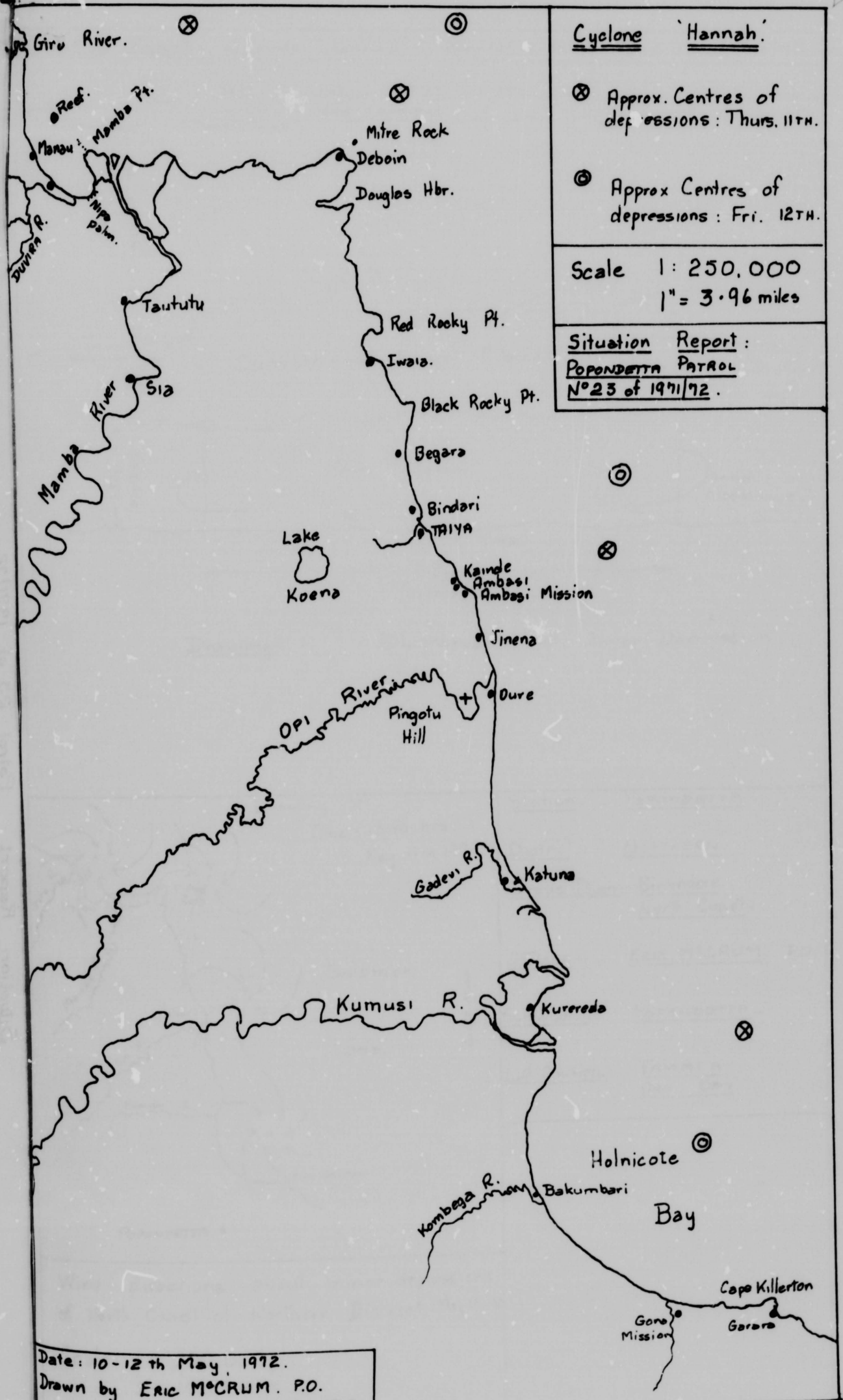
Eric McCrum

Eric McCrum P.O.
Council Adviser

Situation Report: Patrol 23 of 1971/72.

Fishing Potential: Northern District.





Cyclone 'Hannah'

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depressions: Thurs. 11TH.

⊙ Approx Centres of
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1" = 3.96 miles

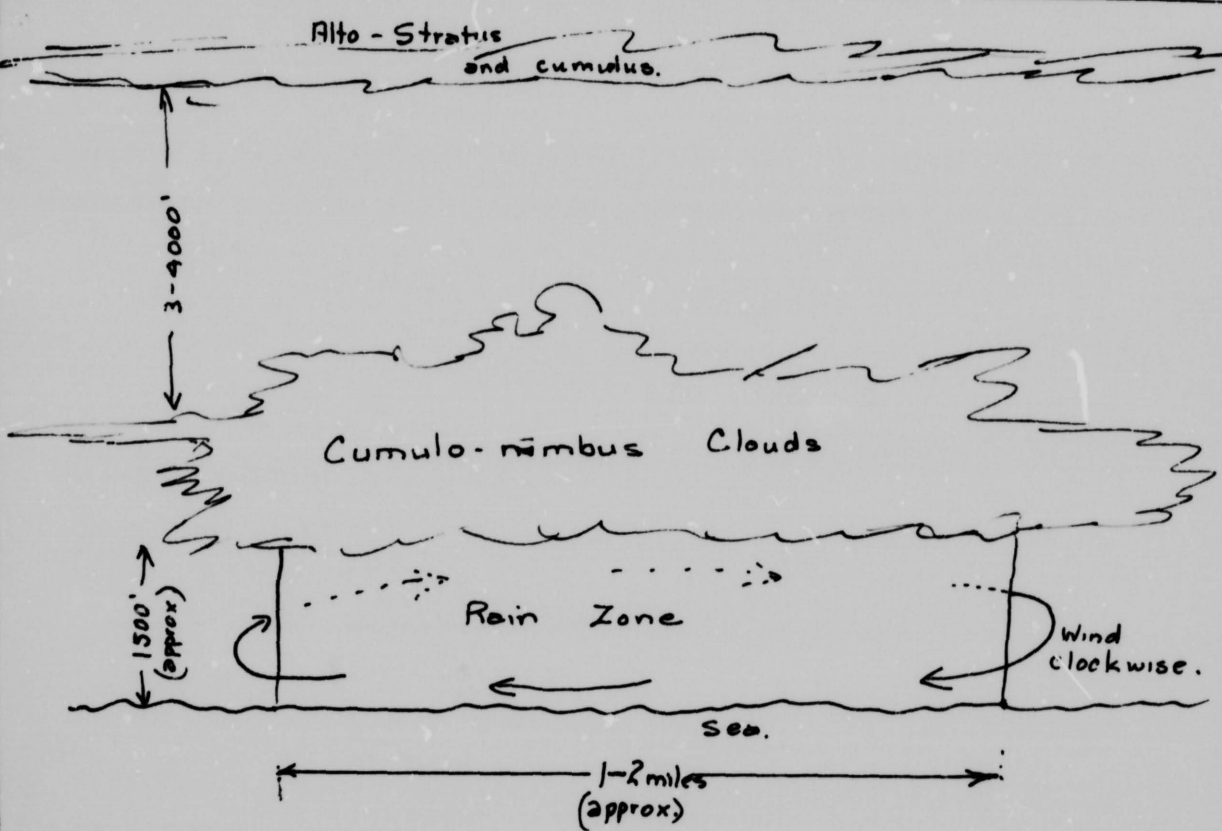
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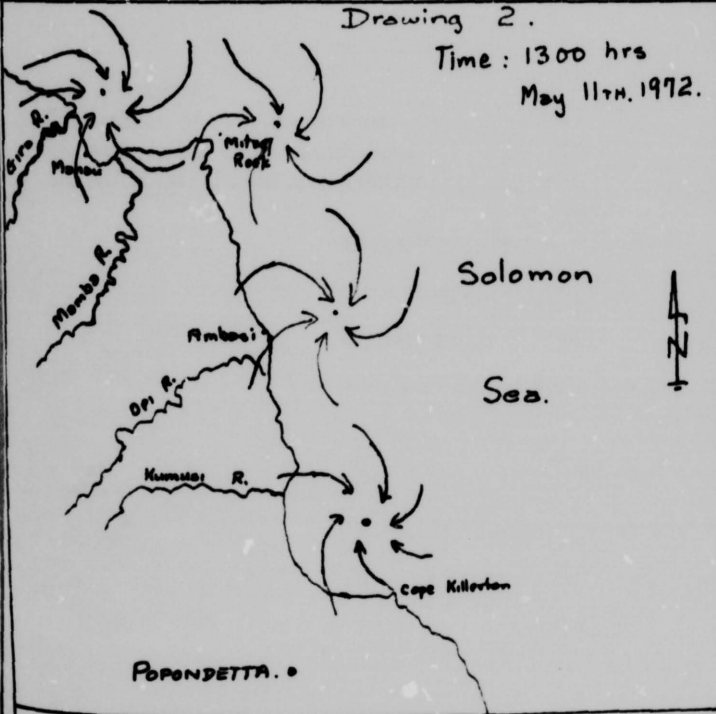
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Date: 10-12th May, 1972.
 Drawn by ERIC M^CCRUM. P.O.
 17-5-1972.

Situation Report: Cyclone 'Hannah' May 10-12. 1972 Patrol 23 of 1971/72.



Drawing 1. Diagrammatic of Minor Depression.



Drawing 2.
Time: 1300 hrs
May 11th. 1972.

Station: POPONDETTA
District: NORTHERN.
Census Divsn: Bindere:
North Coast.
OFFICER: ERIC McCRUM. P.O.
Sub-District: POPONDETTA.
L.G. COUNCIL: TAMARA
ORO Bay.

Wind directions about minor depressions
of North Coast of Northern District. May 11. '72

Scale: 1: 1,000,000.
1" = 15.84 miles

Drawn Eric McCRUM 19.5.1972.

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PATROL REPORT

Report number: Popondetta 24 71/72	Objects of patrol: Census Revision
District: Northern	Station: Popondetta
Patrol conducted by: R.T. Headly	Subdistrict: Popondetta
Area patrolled: Popondetta Census Div	Designation: Patrol Officer
Duration of patrol: 15/5/72 - 16/6/72	Personnel accompanying: Interpreter
Last D.D.A. patrol: 11/1/71 - 9/3/71	Number of days: 25 days
Last O.L.G. patrol: Not patrolled	Total population of area: 3995, Squatters 620
Map reference:	Council area: Total 4615
	House of Assembly Electorate: Sohe

The District Commissioner,

Northern District,
Popondetta

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In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios To ,	()
Patrol Instructions,	()
The Report and my comments,	()
Area study,	()
Updating of area study,	()
Situation Reports No's 1— ,	()
Patrol map,	()

DATE: / 19 .

Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Area study,	()
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District Headquarters assessment of	Above average
Patrol & Report.....	Average
	Below average

Date: / /19 .

District Commissioner

POPULATION

Date of Census	Village Popondotta Census Div	TOTALS (Excluding Absent)				ABSENTEES (Resident outside Electorate)				Grand Total
		CHILD (Under 15 yrs)		ADULT		CHILD (Under 15 yrs)		ADULT		
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
15/5/72	Inonda	19	18	14	16			1		68
"	Ajoro	14	9	15	12					50
"	Mosou	13	9	15	15	2	4	3	1	63
"	Girua Blocks	13	4	17	14			1	1	50
16/5/72	Awowota "	8	10	9	5					32
"	Mohota	46	46	58	47			3	1	201
17/5/72	Sewa	33	48	53	60	3	4	8	4	213
18/5/72	Jegarata	69	66	81	61			3		280
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19/5/72	Huvivi	50	48	45	43	8	1	9	3	207
"	Nonge	20	18	19	23		1	10	1	92
24/5/72	Arehe Blocks	27	32	36	34	2		13	2	146
25/5/72	Mth Sangara "	11	13	20	14					58
26/5/72	Isavene Blocks	94	75	117	97	1	3	27	7	421
30/5/72	Serovi "	93	100	94	84	4	5	19	5	373
31/5/72	Gewoto	65	49	56	49	6	4	24	16	269
31/5/72	Soputa	43	39	51	46			4		183
1/6/72	E. Amboga "	45	57	61	51		1	11	5	231
2/6/72	Sangara "	77	86	80	76	4	3	32	9	367
5/6/72	Kaltandetta	49	65	55	57	1	1	6	4	238
6/6/72	Doboduru	34	22	33	30			9	3	131
								Total		3995

DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER & DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

P.O. Box 2396

KONEDOBU

Ref.: 67-5-42

Date: 21-11-73

The District Commissioner

.. Northern District

.. P.O. Box 71

.. POPONDETTA

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RE: POPONDETTA PATROL NO. 24 OF 1971/72
CONDUCTED BY MR. R.T. HEADLY
TO POPONDETTA CENSUS DIVISION.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report Jacket.

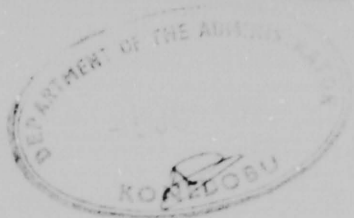
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POPULATION

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Date of Census	Village Squatter Settlements	TOTALS (Excluding Absentees)				ABSENTEES (Resident outside Electorate)				Grand Total
		CHILD (Under 15 yrs)		ADULT		CHILD (Under 15 yrs)		ADULT		
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
/6/72	Baniara	7	7	55	9					78
/6/72	Kabun Iusa	15	9	17	12					53
/6/72	Kakandetta (2)	7	2	4	4					17
/6/72	Serovi (4)	10	12	17	8					47
/6/72	Serovi (3)	26	22	44	24					116
/6/72	New Hurata	18	11	16	18					67
/6/72	Serovi (2)	12	22	18	12					64
/6/72	Serovi (1)	19	15	19	17					70
/6/72	Augasusu	17	14	15	14					60
/6/72	Opi	8	14	13	9					44
/6/72	Golf Club			4						4
									Total	620



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PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER: POPONDETTA 25 of 1971/72
 DISTRICT: NORTHERN
 PATROL CONDUCTED BY: D.G. Robbins
 AREA PATROLLED: Safia - Musa Census Div'n.
 DURATION OF PATROL: 9.5.72 to 14.5.72
 LAST D.D.A. PATROL: Patrols in & out regularly 1971/72
 LAST O.L.G. PATROL: February 1972
 MAP REFERENCE: Fournal TUMI

OBJECT OF PATROL: Musa Dan Site L.T.C. Hearing.
 STATION: KOKODA/SAFIA
 SUB-DISTRICT: Popondetta
 DESIGNATION: Patrol Officer
 PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: S. Smith (Snr. Land Titles Commissioner)
 NUMBER OF DAYS: 6 (3 camps out)
 TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA: 1000 approx
 COUNCIL AREA: ATORI
 HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTORATE: IJIVITARI Open

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, FOLIOS 2 TO 3	(/)
PATROL INSTRUCTIONS,	()
THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS,	()
UPDATING OF AREA STUDY,	(/)
SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 - only,	(/)
PATROL MAP,	()
Camping Allowance & Travelling Allowance Claims	(/)

DATE: 2/7/1972.

M. J. [Signature]
Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. Papua

In respect of this patrol, I attach

AREA STUDY	()
UPDATING OF AREA STUDY	()
SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 only	(/)
.....	()
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DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS ASSESMENT OF PATROL & REPORT	

ABOVE AVERAGE
AVERAGE
BELOW AVERAGE

DATE: 5/16/1972.

[Signature]
District Commissioner.

P.O. Box 2396,
KCHEDU.

67-5-33

14th June, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

POPONDETTA PATROL NO. 15 2 1971/72.

Reference your undated minute.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report No. 1 arising out of the above patrol of the Jafia - Muga Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments, as submitted by Mr. D.G. Robbins, Patrol Officer.

A well written, informative report.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

SITUATION REPORT NO. 1

STATION ... KOKODA/SAFIA OFFICER COMPILING ... D.G. ROBBINS, P.O. ...
DISTRICT ... NORTHERN SUB-DISTRICT ... POPONDETTA
CENSUS DIVISION ... MUSA L.G. COUNCIL ... AFORE

SUBJECT ; MUSA RIVER HYDRO-ELECTRIC SCHEME
DAM SITE L.T.C. HEARING.

SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

This is one step on the road to the eventual settlement of ownership of, and the appointment of agents for, the land on which the CDW campsite for further geological testing of probable sites for a Musa River dam. Mr. Robbins is the officer who has been most involved with this, and is competently carrying out his duties in connection with it.

ACTION TAKEN : No action at present. On clarification of the position steps will be taken to explain again the situation to the village people.
SGD *[Signature]* ...
DATE 2/7/77

Assesment by District Commissioner:

A job well done.

It is pleasing to note that there is little antipathy to the potential hydro scheme.

I have requested the Director of Lands (my 35-13-1 of 2nd **May**, 1972) for authority to proceed with Musa Basin land investigations and purchases.

The Electricity Commission is ^{writing} ~~writing~~ to introduce cattle into the area; I wholeheartedly endorse this approach; I envisage short term leases on alienated land and the progressive acquisition of land in the Lower Musa to which the herds might be transferred.



(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner

SITUATION REPORT NO. 1

STATION ... KOKODA/SAFIA OFFICER COMPILING D.G. ROBBINS, P.O.
DISTRICT ... NORTHERN SUB-DISTRICT ... POPONDETTA
CENSUS DIVISION ... USA L.G. COUNCIL ... AFOM

(For the reporting of information specifically of Headquarters value and requiring Headquarters knowledge or actions. Information is required on matters of political significance, importing trends in the economic and social structure, cult and unrest situations, law and order problems, and miscellaneous matters that Headquarters needs to know. One report will be compiled for each specific topic. Each to be submitted to Headquarters in duplicate).

(Use Reverse side if necessary)

SUBJECT : MUSA RIVER HYDRO-ELECTRIC SCHEME - DAM SITE L.G.C. HEARING.

The purpose of this patrol was to accompany Mr. Syd Smith, Senior Land Titles Commissioner, to Safia for a hearing to determine the owners of the Musa Dam Site and appoint agents.

The hearing was conducted during the afternoon of 10th. May 1972. Evidence was taken from the claimants to the land and myself. No disputes arose and it was found that all the claimants, from two clans, are owners. Genealogies of the two clans, BABAUDE and BURABA, were compiled by Mr. Smith.

Two separate applications were lodged for this one area of land - one by the Administration and another by AGUTO DAIO of Police Detachment Tapini. Refer to Popondetta Patrol Report No. 13 of 1970/71 page 2 Land Investigation and Schedule 5 for background to Aguto's claim. Aguto was not present at the hearing. However, his application now appears to be superfluous as the BURABA clan has discussed his claim concluding that he is to be recorded as an owner. His name later appeared in the genealogy for that clan. The application by the Administration was heard and Aguto's is held in abeyance pending Mr. Smith's contacting Aguto and seeking withdrawal of his application. A letter was written to him by one of the members of the BURABA clan explaining that his name appears on the genealogy and he is accepted as an owner and further explaining that the Administration is only seeking a short lease from the owners to permit the Commonwealth Department of Works legal access to the area for the purpose of constructing a permanent materials camp and conducting geological and other investigations.

While at Safia IAGI BURABA of Safia II village approached me with the request that the Administration proceed with the purchase of his clan's land at IAGI BURABA near Bofobe village and known as "BAUNOBI" (District Office file 35-2-242). This land was surveyed and "cements" were placed around the boundaries at the same time as other large areas of the Safia basin were surveyed and purchased, about 1967. All the land in the Safia basin will be flooded should the Musa River Hydro-electric Scheme proceed. Possibly Iagi has changed his attitudes (refer Popondetta Patrol Report No. 10 of 1971/72 Situation Report No. 1 page 1) and no longer wishes to stand in the way of progress of the Hydro-electric Scheme.

Generally, opposition to the Scheme is virtually non-existent, being confined to some older men and possibly one or two younger radicals. Doubts are widespread but this, I feel, is due to ignorance, and some planned education should eliminate these and result in having a very large proportion of the people "on side".

SGD :
DATE : (D.G. Robbins) Patrol Officer
22nd. May 1972