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NIPA SUB DISTRICT

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NIPA 11 61/62	B.J. Dunn P.O.	Nipa - Shumbi.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. NIPA 1 of 1962

Patrol Conducted by D. N. Butler

Area Patrolled Lower Neim River, Ema & Pine Creeks in Kunduru Area

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans R. Fairhall

Natives Sprangc, Interpreter, 35 carriers

Duration—From 27/7/61 to 11/8/61

Number of Days 16

Did Medical Assistant accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services SEE FRONT PAGE REPORT

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

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. NIA 1 OF 1964/65

Patrol Conducted by D. N. BUTLER

Area Patrolled LOWER NEMBI RIVER, EMIA & PAIE CREEKS & KUNDURN AREA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans R. FAIRMALL

Natives 9 RP + NGC, 1 INTERPRETERS, 4 CARRIERS

Duration—From 27/7/1964 to 11/8/1964

Number of Days 16

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? N/O

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../19 SEE FRONT PAGE REPORT

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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1st December, 1961.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MALDI.

WIPA PATROL NO. 1/1961-62

The description of the TIMP Ceremony as practised by the natives of the Nombi Valley has been read with interest by the Anthropologist.

It is about time that the disaffected KOB and YOM groups are taught that their domination of their weaker neighbours by weight of numbers has come to an end. Their arrogance is of long standing and if they are allowed to harbour escapees from justice and abuse patrols for much longer, it is a certainty that adjacent areas will be quick to draw their own conclusions.

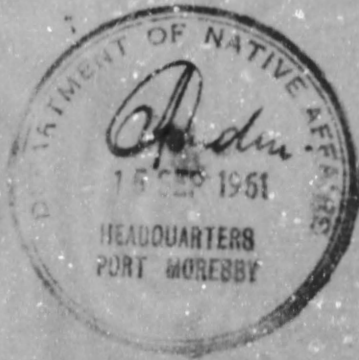
Your large scale operation to rectify this situation should by now be completed and I have no doubt, successfully. I have every confidence that your suggested arrangements will quickly curb the fighting reported by you and teach these recalcitrants that the old days are gone forever, whether they like it or not.

Mr Butler need have no qualms about carrying out executive action on the wrong side of any border if the situation on the spot calls for it. Boundaries, whether District or Divisional are for administrative delineation purposes only and should not inhibit immediate action at any time.

(J. J. McCarthy)
Director.

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FIRED AT JEFFRIES PATROL AREA 10TH NO CASUALTIES ATTACKERS
ARRESTED STOP REPORT LARGE SCALE VILLAGE FIGHTING PUMNEREL
STOP THREE PATROLS LED BY JEFFERIES FOCKEN AND BUTLER IN AREA
AND CONSIDERED ADEQUATE.....DISTROFF

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Common situation being
satisfactorily handled
19/9/61*

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Sub District Office,
MENDI.

29th. August 1961.

District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL No. 1 of 1961/62.

Forwarded herewith the a/mentioned Report and Camping Allowance Claims in respect of Mr. Butler and one Interpreter.

The information contained in this Report is most disturbing and indicates clearly that the attitude of the people towards the Administration is not all it should be after more than two years of occupation by officers of D.M.A. at NIPA. It is quite obvious that very firm action is required. To fully understand the present situation the following Reports should be read:- NIPA Nos. 3 and 4 of 1960/61 and MENDI No. 10 of 1960/61.

The defiant action of the PUMBUREL men should be dealt with and possibly Sec. 93 (1d) of the N.R.O. could be invoked in relation to the stone thrower and Sec. 71 (e) against the tree cutters.

In view of the existing state of affairs plus the fact that there are numerous escaped prisoners from NIPA at large in the MERUT area arrangements are now in hand (our discussions today refer) to mount three and possibly four patrols into this trouble area.

Mr. Butler has been instructed to proceed to MERUT from NIPA whilst I will leave MENDI and proceed South to PARABUNGA thence to MERUT. Mr. Foken has been instructed to depart MENDI and proceed South West to TINDON the MERUT Ceremonial ground, it is in this area the escapees are said to be hiding. The patrols will be timed to meet at MERUT on Wednesday afternoon 6th. September, both MENDI patrols will leave on the 4th. September. Every effort will then be made to capture the escapees. The fourth patrol, if it is possible, will leave Lake Kutubu under Mr. Howard and he will then be in a position to cut off the escapees should they attempt to cross the WAGE River.

On completion of the patrols' duties at MERUT I will lead the NIPA and MENDI patrols into the PUMBUREL area and take whatever administrative action I consider necessary to strengthen the Administration's position which now appears to be weak.

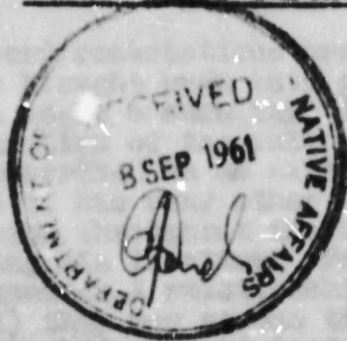
TIMP CEREMONY.

This ritual is a secret cult which has been in existence for years. It originated somewhere south of the MENDI valley and its existence has been known for a considerable period. As far as I have been able to ascertain the ritual has been handed on from group to group after about seven years use with each group. An element of the ritual is a restriction on the use of some words which are normally in daily use. The restriction imposed appears to be quite an arbitrary one and includes Common Nouns, place and clan names. An alternative word is supplied for those banned, and these must be used whilst the cult is in residence. Whenever the cult vacates an

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District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

31st August, 1961.

Assistant District Officer,
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL NO. 1 of 1961/62

Thank you for Mr. Butler's report on his patrol to the Lower Nambi and your covering comments.

The intention of this patrol was to make further contact with the people in this, to date, difficult area and at the same time be in the vicinity of the CSIRO party who were doing a survey through this area en route from Kagua to Lake Kutubu.

I entirely agree with you that the time has come when firm action should be taken against such groups as the PUMBUREL and that the past escapees from the NIPA gaol be apprehended and dealt with according to law. As discussed with you I agree with the proposals to send in two patrols from the Mendi side as well as one from NIPA early next week and I look forward to receiving your report on the situation.

I regret that due to the lack of a wireless at MENDI this past week that it has not been possible to contact out-stations. However it is my intention that Lake Kutubu patrols can give useful support to work being done in the NIPA area as has already been done by KAGUA patrols moving through into the Lower NEMBI from the Western SUGU.

As a general direction I wish the escapees from the NIPA prison to be recaptured and dealt with and at the same time for the NIPA people to firmly understand that we intend to administer the law and will expect their compliance.

Claim for camping allowance is returned herewith, duly funded, for payment.

cc
Patrol officer-in-Charge,
NIPA.

cc
The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

KW
(K.W. Dyer.)
District Officer.

Copy of Patrol Report No. 1 of 1961/62 from NIPA is forwarded herewith for your information, please.

KW
(K.W. Dyer.)

and conclusions.

*You appear to meet the situation well
Seynes be contacted and I have no doubt
successfully. I have my confidence that you
suggested arrangements will quickly come
the highly respected by you and that the
people will be old days are gone forever.
whether they like it or not.*

area the word restrictions are lifted and those temporarily banned are brought back into general usage. In the case where an individual bears a name that is one of the restricted words he will for the duration of the cult in his locality he will adopt a name that is prescribed as an alternative or he will adopt for general usage one of his many other names. It should be noted that the normal custom throughout the Mendi area is for a man to adopt many names during his lifetime. For instance he may become involved in a deeply emotional relationship with another male friend (not homosexual) they may at one time share a meal and perhaps the meal is poorly cooked or even inedible from that time on it is possible they will always refer to each other by the local word for either poorly cooked food or inedible food. In short what may be termed a jocular relationship is set up between the two and from henceforth they will use that word or term as a name.

The sanctions invoked against the breaking of TIMP restrictions are numerous but the most common is the very real fear of malevolent ghosts. It is important to note that the TIMP cult is concerned with many things but the chief appears to be the placation of ancestral ghosts and violations of the TIMP tam bun will arouse and attract their wrath.

Again it should be noted that in many conversations with MENDI Valley people I have been told that their ancestors would not approve of the occupation of their lands by Europeans or other foreigners. Thus it is possible that the TIMP ceremony could be somewhat anti-European or could be easily turned in that direction.

A. D. G.

ALAN G JEFFERSON.

It is about time that the disaffected Koro and Yoma groups are taught that their domestic gods are weaker neighbors by virtue of numbers than even to a god. This may be a long study and if they are allowed to harbor jealousies and abuse patriots for much longer it is a certainty that adjacent areas will be quick to draw their own conclusions.

You speak to me by the selection and beyond be included and I have no doubt successfully. I have ever experienced that you suggested arrangements will quickly and be highly reported by you and that these people that the old days are gone forever. Whether they like it or not.

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File No. 67-2-3

Patrol Post, Nipa,
Mendi Sub District,
Southern Highlands District.

21st. August, 1961.

Patrol Report : Nipa No. 1 of 1961/62.

Patrol Conducted by : D. N. Butler, Patrol Officer.

Patrol Accompanied by: R.T. Fairhall, Patrol Officer.
8 members R.P. & N.G.C.
1 Interpreter.
35 Carriers.

Area patrolled : Lower Nembi River, Emia and Pwe Creeks
and Kunturu Area of Lower Wage River.

Duration of Patrol : From: 27th. July, 1961.
To: 11th. August, 1961.
Number of days: 16 days.

Last Patrol to the Area : Emia Area, Kagua No. 12 of 1960/61.
Lower Nembi, Mendi No. 10 of 1960/61.
Lower Wage, Nipa No. 1 of 1960/61.

Map references : Accompanying sketch map.

Objects of Patrol : Vide A.D.O. memo. 35-7-2 of the 23rd.
June, 1961 ... A patrol from Nipa is
to be in (.. the Lower Nembi ..) area
by the end of July ... to stand by in
case the C.S.I.R.O. party encounters
any difficulties; and .. General
Administration.

D. N. Butler

D. N. BUTLER
Officer-in-Charge, Nipa.

*Mr. Butler need have no qualms about
security measures taken and any border
of the schools on the spot calls for it.
Bordering White's District, however, as an
primary administrative matter for delineation
purpose and should not inhibit unprovoked
settlement at any time*

INTRODUCTION :

This patrol was planned as a compact party which could move through the area to the south and east of Nipa Patrol Post at a reasonably fast pace, which could assist should the C.S.I.R.O. party strike difficulties and which could also carry out normal administration in the area and instruct the people concerning the proposed census to be carried out within the next six months.

This patrol met up with the C.S.I.R.O. Party twice and was never more than six hours walk from it while it remained in the Nipa Administrative area.

Only short visits were paid, however the patrol did visit at least one hamlet of every group in the area and spent at least 30 minutes in conversation with villagers.

Apart from the very unco-operative attitude of the people at PUMBUREL Ceremonial ground, the patrol did not experience any hostile or unfriendly actions from the villagers of the area.

All objectives were successfully achieved.

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DIARY :

Thursday, 27th. July, 1961.

ONT Village UGUR Group.

Departed Nipa at 1430 hrs. after some delays and arrived at ONT hamlet of the UGUR Group at 1700 hrs. The camp had been erected by the advanced party and the people of the Group.

Ample foods were purchased from the 100 men and 200 women and youths who had been gathering at the camp-site since midday, and the people appeared to pay attention to the talk given.

Friday, 28th. July, 1961.

UBA Village PALOM Group/

Departed ONT at 0915 hrs. after further talks with the people and passed through the following hamlets :- KARAWA, Mandep Sub group SEMIN Group: EBERA, Toulap Sub Group SEMIN Group: UGURA, Sadela Sub Group, SEMIN Group: MONT, Humudu Sub Group, MERUT Group: ~~MONT~~ WEIP, Weru Sub Group, MERUT Group: OMBIN, Pibere Sub Group, MERUT Group: KENTAPKEBIL, Oropur Sub Group, PUR Group: ALE, PUR and OR Groups: and arrived at UBA hamlet of the PALOM and OROP Groups at 1335 hrs.

At UBA the patrol found some 800 to 1,000 people attending a pre-pig feast ceremony. After watching the dancing for a short while, the patrol moved off some five minutes walking and camp was set up in an old garden area.

Despite continuous rain from 1420 on, many men and youths gathered at the camp and ample foods were purchased and the people listened to the talks attentively. Among those present were two sets of enemies whose past hostility had been the cause of patrolling and unrest - PABERONGA/UJUBIA, men were interviewed and they stated that the Moga Compensation payments arranged by Mendi Patrol No. 10 of ~~the~~ 1960/61, would be paid over at the pig feast at UJUBIA to take place within four months.

- PETUM/PENEROP men were interviewed and stated that part of the Moga payments arranged by Nipa Patrol No. 5 of 1959/60, had been paid over and further payments were being arranged. These matters are more fully discussed in the body of the report

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Saturday, 29th. July, 1961. DEL Rest House.

After leaving the camp at 0845 hrs. in light rain, the patrol passed through the hamlets of KUM, WET Group: WANGU, Erepa Sub Group YANDARABA Group: PUNJULA, Tip Sub Group KEMBIL Group: then following the TANGILI Creek descended to the Nembi Valley and arrived at UJUBIA, PURU Group at 1040 hrs.

The patrol remained here for some 40 minutes during which time the forthcoming census, pig feast and Moga payments were discussed with the villagers.

Leaving UJUBIA at 1130 hrs. the patrol passed WABUGAM hamlet of the PUNGEL Group and arrived at DEL Rest Houses at 1400 hrs., travelling the last half an hour in heavy rain.

A very small quantity of poor quality foods were brought in to the patrol and carried rations were issued.

Sunday, 30th. July, 1961. DEL Rest House.

Early in the morning the DEL and PABERONGA Village Constables were requested to have their Groups gather at DEL. Although some discussion was had with the few who did gather very few had come to the camp when the C.S.I.R.O. party was seen coming up the Nembi Valley at 1330 hrs.

A party from this patrol went across the Valley to meet them and arrived at their proposed camp site at about 1430 hrs. After discussions with the C.S.I.R.O. party, members of this patrol returned to Del. where we were informed that a few of the people required for discussions had come to the camp and left again very shortly afterwards.

Monday, 31st. July, 1961. DEL Rest House.

Again requested Village Constables to have the people gather at DEL and in preparation to leave had the tentage dismantled and the patrol packed. When at 1350 hrs. there was no sign of the people gathering, the camp was re-erected and the patrol made ready to spend the night.

By 1430 hrs. some 40 or so DEL and PABERONGA men had come to the camp - luckily including a fair percentage of the influential men - and lengthy discussions concerning the Moga exchange with UJUBIA were held. Later discussions concerned the peoples attitude to the Administration and its aims in relation to the people, the actions of patrols and instructions given by them and the powers and duties of Village Constables.

During the day the nearby hamlets were inspected and found in very poor state - contrary to instructions given by a previous Mendi patrol. The Village Constable of DEL was sent to report to the A.D.O. with a report concerning these matters as DEL is within the Mendi Administrative Area and it is considered that Mendi Patrols should take any action required.

Again very little, very poor quality food was purchased and supplemented by carried rations.

Tuesday, 1st. August, 1961. POROMA Village POLOM Gp.

Left DEL at 0800 hrs. and passed through TUNDU hamlet, MULI Group, MANGALAM hamlet, AROP/PURILIBA Group and arrived at UNJA hamlet AROP/PURILIBA Group at 0845 hrs. Stayed here for 30 minutes and discussed the census and other matters with the people before moving on. At 0930 hrs. reached the bridge over

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DIARY Cont :

over/

the Nembu River which was found to be in a dangerous state of dis-repair. A rough, but solid, pole bridge was made at a lower level and the patrol crossed by 1030 hrs.

At 1045 hrs. reached MATO Ceremonial Ground of the TUNDU Group and after an hour's talk with the people gathered there moved on, passing through KUVIRI a well known pre-war camp-site, arrived at POROMA Ceremonial Ground of the POLOM Group at 1300 hrs.

Camp was erected before the rains started at 1345 hrs. and despite the very heavy rain about one third of the food requirements were purchased from the villagers. Some 60 men attended the talks which seemed to be well received.

In the late afternoon a party of Mubi River natives arrived at POROMA with many long bamboo containers of TIGASO oil. This oil is being awaited by the groups involved in the forth-coming pig feasts.

Wednesday, 2nd. August, 1961. NENJA Village WEGIA Gp.

Departed at 0745 hrs. and passed through WAMBU hamlet, POLOM Group; and at 0900 hrs. met members of the C.S.I.R.O. party. After discussing several matters the patrol moved on through URIA hamlet of the KARI Group; YEBIT of the IRU Group; and TOMBET of the WEGIA Group before meeting with other members of the C.S.I.R.O. party at 1130 hrs. Moving on the patrol passed through ARAMARA hamlet of the TANK Group and arrived at NENJA Rest House at 1215 hrs. Rain commenced and decided to camp here.

After the rain ceased at 1330 hrs. the people were requested to bring foods to the patrol however there was very little response. The new Village Constable appeared to be mainly talk at this stage and the people simply looked down on the patrol from the road to their village, which was some twenty minutes walk from the Rest Camp. The Rest House must be moved nearer to the Village.

Carried rations were issued to supplement the very small amount of foods purchased. The Village Constable announced then that he had no gardens in this area and further conversation revealed that he was not a member of the WEGIA Group. Further details of this matter are in the body of the report.

Thursday, 3rd. August, 1961. TIGIP Village MURUPA Gp.

Departed 0800 hrs. and after a delay crossing the swollen Emia Creek, passed through WANGAL hamlet of the MEBA Group and climbed into the range between the Emia and the Nembu, passing above WANGAT, OTAROP Group on the Emia, and at 0930 hrs. rested on a ridge top immediately above MATO Ceremonial Ground where we could see several hundred people gathered to buy the Tigaso Oil from the Mubi River natives.

After passing through WABUNT, POSUR Group; KUSA, MAMURI Group, and KESU, YANDARAPU Group, the patrol descended again to the Emia Creek and reached TIBERAM of the PETUM Group. After talks with the people we left TIBERAM at 1200 hrs. and passing through KABIT hamlet, PETUM Group and OLEBE hamlet, MURUPA Group, arrived at an old garden area near TIGIP hamlet of the MURUPA Group, where it was decided to camp (1400 hrs.)

Talks with the people who assembled appeared to be received very well and ample food was purchased,

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DIARY Cont.

Friday, 4th. August, 1961. MAMBOBO Village PENAROP Gp.

Left the camp at 0800 hrs. in misty rain and passing through EMBI and PUNJALA hamlets of the PENAROP Group began the crossing of the range between the Emia and Wage River. After walking for two hours through dense forest the patrol arrived at TULA a very small hamlet of the ANDASIBA Group and passed on through HUMBERA the Ceremonial ground of the group to YATI AND MAMBOBO hamlets of the PENAROP Group. Camp was set up near the hamlet of MAMBOBO at 1345 hrs.

A little food was purchased and some 30 people attended the talks given.

Saturday, 5th. August, 1961. KUNTURU Village NEI Group

After very heavy rain all night which lasted until 0945 hrs. the patrol got away from the camp at 1015 hrs. and after a muddy, slippery walk arrived at KEREPERAPARU (KUNTURU) hamlet of the NEI or YEGENEG Group at 1200 hrs. Rain had again started and camp was set up.

Foods were purchased between rain storms and the people were attentive to the talks given. After the talks and discussions were over the people requested a firearms demonstration, saying that they had heard of, but not seen, the power of rifles. The demonstration was given using fighting shields and fence palings in the absence of pigs available for sale.

Sunday, 6th. August, 1961. KUNTURU.

Extremely heavy rain continued during the night and all the day. Very wet and miserably cold. There were no visitors to the patrol.

Monday, 7th. August, 1961. OTAME or TIGA, ANGASIBA Gp.

Departed at 0745 hrs. in misty rain and at 0855 hrs. joined the main Mubi River - Lai River oil route. At 1010 hrs. arrived at the banks of the swollen Erave River and followed these to TOIYAWARO hamlet of the POIYOL Group. The three men seen stated that villagers from all nearby villages had gone to a ceremony at POROMA which included the killing of cage-fattened cassowary in honour of the TIMP Spirit. It was decided not to visit the main POIYOL hamlet of KEBINDA which is high in the limestone country west of the Erave River and the patrol made the very hard climb to TIGA or OTAME Hamlet of the ANGASIBA Group. Here too it was found that many of the men had gone to the TIMP ceremony however there were some 20 or so left who visited the patrol and to whom a talk was given. From its arrival at TIGA at 1300 hrs. the patrol was in a thick blanket of cloud and this remained so until dark.

Tuesday, 8th. August, 1961. MANDAMAP, WEGIA Group

Departed at 0855 hrs. in thick fog and after a hard slippery walk over a rain sodden track arrived at MANDAMAP hamlet of the WAGIA Group at 11 00 hrs. The camp was set up in rain.

At 1400 hrs. the rain cleared & many of the people came to the camp. Food was purchased and a talk was given.

DIARY Cont :

Wednesday, 9th. August, 1961. PUMBUREL Vil. KON Grp.

Self woke with a temperature and feeling far from well. Departed MANDAMAP at 0830 hrs. and passed through KIBAL hamlet, WECIA Group: KOMBUR, WEGIA Group: WAPI, PENAROP Group and at 1210 arrived at PUMBUREL, KON and YOM Groups.

Here the patrol was met by some 50 men who assumed an arrogant stance and demanded that the patrol move on. They were told that the patrol would sleep at PUMBUREL and that tent timbers, firewood and food were required. The villagers laughed at the patrol and refused to assist in any way.

The patrol members, under the supervision of Mr. Fairhall then went to a grove of natural timber and cut some tent poles etc. On hearing some shouting I went to a place from where I could see the patrol party in time to see a PUMBUREL man, whose name is not known, draw back his arm to throw a jagged limestone rock towards the patrol party, from whom he was hidden. Shouts from the camp party were not effective until a 38 revolver was pointed at the man who then dropped the rock and ran away.

As the patrol timber party began to return to camp, several PUMBUREL men began to cut into the base of a large casuarina standing in the ceremonial ground. I believe that this was not a real attempt to cut down the tree but a gesture reckoned to arouse the tempers of the villagers. Until forced to stop by myself they continued cutting, in fact one axe blow was not more than one inch from my leg.

After a stern lecture from myself the PUMBUREL people were made to sit quietly while the camp was erected by the patrol and the patrol members collected timber and firewood some distance from the camp. After a further lecture when the people were told that the first sign of trouble would mean that food buying would cease, the patrol commenced to buy foods. While the PUMBUREL people refused to bring tent timber or firewood and wanted the patrol to leave, they want to sell food and bring in large quantities to camps outside their group area. The food was purchased quietly and without incident.

The assembled people, men women and children were again addressed and told that the Government required them to abide by its laws and that they were required to co-operate with patrols etc.

Thursday, ~~9th~~ 10th. August, 1961.

Early this morning it was reported that clothing had been stolen from a carrier and at 0700 hrs. while the patrol was breaking camp, a PUMBUREL man was seen carrying the stolen article pushed inside his bark belt. A constable was told to arrest the man however the man saw the police man move and began to run. A carrier managed to snatch at his bark belt, but only caught the stolen article which was thus recovered. Again there were many PUMBUREL men near the camp however they were not allowed within the camp area, and after some time they were quietened and again addressed. A discussion with some of the older men followed and before the patrol left at 1000 hrs. some interesting statements were made by the people. (Reported in body of Report)

The patrol followed up the Pve Creek and passed TOBWA at 1100 hrs. (IP Group): PEYANDA, IP Group: KARAMELA, TSIGIRIBA Group: KARIPUMP, EL Group: and camped at TAGIPA, EL Group at 1430 hrs.

A little food was purchased and the few people who came to camp paid attention to a talk.

DIARY Cont.

Friday, 10th. August, 1961.

Departed camp at 0800 hrs. in misty rain and after a wet, muddy walk arrived at Nipa Patrol Post at 1200 hrs.

The patrol was stood down.

+++++ END OF PATROL +++++

NATIVE AFFAIRS :

The patrol passed through the area without meeting hostility and only at PUMBUREL the main Ceremonial Ground of the very large KON and YOM Groups, were the people unco-operative and unwilling to assist the patrol.

At one hamlet of each Group within the patrol area, the patrol paused or camped and the people who gathered were given a talk. Whenever the people were willing the talk was followed by general discussions and it is thought that these proved helpful, both to the people who were able to enquire further into various subjects and to the patrol which was then able to understand the people more thoroughly. Unfortunately discussions did not always follow the invitation issued by the patrol and too often the people's only statement was something like " We are without knowledge. It is for you to tell us and for you to ask us questions. We cannot ask questions."

The talk given at each stopping place encompassed the following subjects :-

The announcement that the next patrols would be carrying out a census in all Groups. The meaning of census and the way in which it would be carried out.

The announcement that the next patrols would be selecting Village Constables in all groups, the powers of and the duties of Village Constables and the ways in which the people must help and assist the Village Constables.

The people were told something of the Administration's aims in coming into the area and it was pointed out that only through co-operation with the patrol's that entered the area and the instructions given them, could the people begin to reap the benefit of the Administration's presence.

Basic law and order was emphasised and the value of punishment by imprisonment was compared with the traditional means of retribution, when an innocent person may pay for the crime of a distant or near relative.

In areas where there had been inter-village unrest and the people's settlement by Moga had been arranged in the presence of a patrol, the people were reminded that the Administration had taken note of such settlement arrangements and would not forget them until settlement had been made.

It is considered that the situation throughout the whole area is very good. There are no signs of rising inter-village unrest and persons from traditionally hostile groups were seen together, either visiting camps or attending ceremonies relative to the coming pig-feasts.

Without doubt this good state of affairs has come about

NATIVE AFFAIRS :

because the pig-feasts at UJUBIA, UBA, MATO, POROMA and KUBA will be held in the very near future and that at FUMBUKEL will follow within two or three months of these. For this reason the people do not wish to have inter-village fighting bring in Patrols and unsettle the area with the result that the ceremonial preliminaries and the Feasts themselves are delayed or spoiled.

Although the patrol was always told that the main ceremony, the pig-feast at the long houses, was some three or four months distant, it is confidently expected that some of them, if not all, will take place within the next few weeks. A previous patrol from Mendi had suggested to the people that they should, as a gesture to the Administration, send an invitation to Nipa and/or Mendi for an Officer and a small patrol to visit the area during the ceremony, to witness the ceremony and to witness the Moga Exchanges which were arranged. It appears that the people do not wish to have such Official guests at the Ceremony and have therefore given this patrol false information concerning the date of the ceremony.

UJUBIA/PABERONGA HOSTILITY.

Although when at UBA, when this patrol met with members of both the above groups, we were informed that the Moga Exchange arranged before a Mendi Patrol were well in hand and would be ready to pay over at the UJUBIA Pig Feast, it was learned at later visits to UJUBIA and PABERONGA/DEL, that the people had not even begun collection of the Moga items and that there was no intention of paying over such Mogas.

While there appears to be no increase in the tension between the two groups and while there is no likelihood of inter-village fighting until after the very large Pig Feast at UJUBIA has taken place, this will remain an extremely dangerous situation until such time as the Moga Exchanges have been made, for hatred between the two groups is at a high level and with non payment of the Mogas, each group can consider itself wronged and may feel free to take the offensive.

At each place, DEL and UJUBIA, this patrol pointed out that any attack or fighting by or between the two groups would be considered to be without excuse, that the past happenings would not be considered as giving reason for such action and that any such action would bring police and court action.

In conclusion it is considered that if the Moga Exchange is made, the UJUBIA/PABERONGA Hostility will cease to be a danger, but that without completion of the exchange, there is a high chance that fighting will flare up after the UJUBIA Pig feast has taken place.

PETUM/PENEROP HOSTILITY

Members of both groups were met; together at UBA and separately at their own hamlets, and informed the patrol that parts of the Moga Exchanges had been paid over and that other parts were being readied for payment.

It appears that this matter has reached settlement however there is still possibility that the matter may be raised anew by some overt action by one side or another. A watch is being kept to obviate such action if it is possible.

MERUT/SEMIN HOSTILITY.

Members of both groups were not seen together and it appears that they are still far from friendly. Both MERUT and SEMIN men were seen at various hamlets of the Groups and the patrol had conversation with them. There were no signs that the conflict is being renewed and the people professed themselves willing to let the matter rest. A close watch is being kept and a patrol will leave Nipa immediately there is any sign of hostile action or fighting in this area.

PUMBUREL AREA.

PUMBUREL is the Ceremonial Ground of the KOW and YOH Groups and is the centre of a very prosperous and very strong population. In the whole of the area there is not one sign of fighting having hit home at the people, there are no ring-barked trees, no destroyed gardens and all hamlets and Ceremonial Grounds are of considerable age and none have been destroyed in the past 40 years or so.

The people are fully aware that they are strong and that they have been in the past, the 'top' people of the area.

Every patrol that has camped at PUMBUREL has been met with a show of arrogance and although the people have always brought in ample foods for sale, food purchases have been a time of tension as the people demand more liberal trade payments and endeavour to intimidate the patrol members buying the foods. On several occasions the men have threatened patrol members with axes - these axes are often set on 4 to 5 foot handles and are, to say the least, dangerous implements -.

Shortly before this patrol camped at PUMBUREL, it is reported that a PUMBUREL man stole an axe from the tent of the O.I.C. Kagua who was escorting the C.S.I.R.O. Survey Party. This axe was recovered by the Kagua patrol, however there was some ugliness in the people's demeanour and the man responsible escaped.

On arrival at PUMBUREL, and after this patrol met with an attitude of complete contempt, the people were severely lectured concerning this attempted theft and their attitude to patrols in general. After several incidents, which were in themselves relatively minor but which were also indicative of a very poor general attitude and the contempt with which this powerful group views the small and large patrols which have visited them, the people were given an even more severe lecture and eventually this patrol purchased foods in a quiet and subdued atmosphere.

The next morning an item of clothing was stolen from a patrol carrier and recovered, and again the atmosphere in the village and around the camp was ugly. After a further severe lecture the people, mainly some of the old men and the influential men, began to talk to the patrol. The gist of what they said was that -- The group has feared no-one for several generations and had been able to get away with many thefts and killings with very few retaliatory actions being successful against them. They therefore considered themselves extremely powerful. Of the five patrols which had visited them in the last 18 months, two had been very large (Mandi Patrol No. 10 of 1960/61, with four Officers and 20 police plus carriers and the C.S.I.R.O. Party with seven Europeans and a large party of police and 100 carriers.) but never had the village been outnumbered by the patrols. The people had thought that if the village had stolen from the parties or patrols, or if they had threatened or insulted the parties or patrols, that the patrols etc. would have been afraid to take

any action or that had they taken any action the villagers would have outnumbered them to such an extent that the patrol or party taking the action would have suffered more than the village.

The old men claimed that they had tried to tell the younger men that they had the wrong attitude but with no success and always it was the younger men who stole, insulted or threatened patrols.

During the talking various men stated that even now they were sure that this patrol could not take any action or enforce any instructions for it was one of the smallest that had visited the village, that they were not afraid of the patrol and could, should they so desire, take all the patrols belongings with impunity.

Following the statements made by the villagers the patrol explained to the people that although the patrols which visited the area, came with only peaceful intentions they had been sent into the area by a higher authority which considered that it had the right and the power to send the patrol. It therefore followed that should the patrol be attacked or the people attempt to take all its belongings that there must be some force or power behind the patrol which would punish the people. The older men appeared to follow this argument and agree and several of them went on comparing the patrol's possessions with the village possessions and drew the conclusion that such wealth must indicate the power to hold wealth.

Even after such statements by the older men, some of the younger men appeared to doubt that the patrol could withstand their numbers, for an old village leader, with an enormous goitre in his neck, stood up and told the young men that the elders would move to a distant village and leave youth at PUMBUREL. The youth would then be free to attack patrols and engage in a trial of strength with the Administration while the elders would look on awaiting the outcome.

This statement by the old man was fully supported by the patrol and the people were told that should this be the only means of convincing the younger men then the patrol was willing to remain in the area until a conclusion was reached. That all those who disagreed with the young men's attitude should, by their actions, indicate this and so, should the young men attempt to begin a trial of strength with this or any other patrol, then the patrol would know the innocent were the people who had moved away from the area and taken no part. It is realised that this could have been a dangerous move, however in the situation it was felt that the old and more influential men had to be given support in their public statements and the younger men made to realise that although patrols come in peace they are also willing to defend themselves and their property from attack.

When the patrol left PUMBUREL it stood on reasonably friendly terms with the villagers although there was, of course, some tension in the air. It is considered that the people knew that the patrol came in peace but would defend itself if it was required, however most certainly there are some young men who still wonder if the patrol would acquit itself half so well as its stance intimated it thought it could.

Later patrols must exercise caution in this area but should always take a very firm stand, for these people may interpret as weakness any conciliatory moves and consider making an attack.

In conclusion it is considered that the native situation in the patrol area was good and excepting at PUMBURUL, the people appeared to accept the patrol's peaceful intentions and were co-operative. Although the closeness of the pig feasts at various Ceremonial Grounds may in part account for the fact that the area is quiet it is also thought that there is some general improvement and that the people are beginning to realise something of the Administration aims.

AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK :

Agriculture of the area has been previously reported on. This patrol did not purchase good quality sweet potatoe at any camp but it is thought that the people, who are preparing for the pig feasts, brought only second grade produce to the camp and that the better quality produce is being saved for the great number of guests who will be visiting the feasts.

A very large number of large pigs were seen, all were in good condition and it appears that the pig feasts will have a plentiful supply of pig meats.

MEDICAL & HEALTH :

Patrol members remained in good health and there were no serious injuries.

The health of the native people appeared quite good and no sick people were seen by the patrol.

EDUCATION :

N11

MISSIONS :

N11

VILLAGE OFFICIALS :

At all villages the people were told of the position of Village Constable and informed that the next patrol, which would conduct census, would be selecting men for the position. The powers and duties of the Official were explained and the people were told of their own obligations towards the Official and that in certain fields they were required to obey his instructions on pain of imprisonment for non obedience.

Village Constable MENGIABE of MATO.

This Official was met at MATO hamlet of the TUNDU Group and the patrol spent some time in conversation with him before passing on. No opinion of his effectiveness was gained.

Village Constable LANA of NENJA.

This Village Official was met at NENJA Rest House of the WEGIA Group, where the patrol camped. The patrol received little assistance from this Official who rather than go out to inform his people of the patrol's requests, remained at the camp. By this man's statements, he does not belong to the WEGIA group and lives there because he was chased from his own land. He claims that he plans to return to his own village IAPI, in the Kagua Administrative Area, in the very near future as the village now is under Administrative control and the villagers not likely to kill him. (Memo to A.D.O. concerning this matter.)

ROADS & BRIDGES :

There are no roads or bridges in the patrol area, however the patrol kept its eyes open for likely vehicular road routes and it appears that it will be possible to construct with village labour, a loop road down the Nembu Valley and up the Nipa Creek. A true survey was not carried out and there may be difficult stretches of terrain which will make such a road impossible.

AIR STRIPS :

Although the patrol noticed several places where short (1,500' to 2,000') airstrips would be possible, it did not see a likely Category "A" strip site. With a potential Category "B" strip site surveyed at Nipa, it is thought that only Category "B" or "A" strip sites would warrant close investigation.

TOPOGRAPHY & MAPPING :

The area patrolled is extremely rough limestone country and it is possible to pass within five minutes walk of a large ceremonial ground without realising that it exists.

While visiting the C.S.I.R.O. party it was noted that they were compiling a map from the aerial photographs they had and it is hoped that this map, accurately charting watercourses and villages as it does, will be copied and made available for use in this area.

CONCLUSIONS :

The patrol was not required to assist the C.S.I.R.O. Party and was able to carry out valuable contact and consolidation work within the patrol area. In all ways the patrol achieved its planned objectives.

D. N. Butler
D. N. BUTLER
PATROL OFFICER

REPORT ON MEMBERS OF R.P. & H.G.C. ACCOMPANYING PATROL.

3176 Sgt. 3/C GIAR. Conduct: Good
Comment: Good N.C.O.
This N.C.O. was new to the area and the detachment and acquitted himself well.

7747 Constable HAMABU Conduct: Good
Comment: Good bush constable.

7842 Constable AKAN Conduct: Good
Comment: Reliable

8792 Constable TUNAH Conduct: Good
Comment: Reliable

9084 Constable DEMAK Conduct: Good
Comment: Satisfactory

9686 Constable KAMBIAN Conduct: Good
Comment: Intelligent

9715 Constable NIMBONGI Conduct: Satisfactory
Comment: Reasonable

10490 Const/Trainee KATIBAGA Conduct: Good
Comment: Improving

D. N. Butler

D. N. BUTLER
Officer in Charge.

The above comments entered the members Duplicate Record of Service.

Copy Forwarded to the Commissioner of Police.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. NIPA No. 2 1961/62

Patrol Conducted by R.T. Fairhall Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled NIPA BASIN

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives B.P. & N.G.C - 8 Interpreter - 1 Carriers - 10

Duration - From 20/9/1961 to 6/11/1961

Number of Days 48

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by - District Services 8/1960

Medical / / 19

Map Reference Sketch map attached

Objects of Patrol Initial census 2/ Consolidation of Influence

Director of Native Affairs, PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

28/1/1962

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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15th February, 1962.

District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL NO. 2 OF 1961/62.

Receipt is acknowledged of the above report, together with your memo 67-3-4 of the 25th and minute thereon.

2. To reverse the order whereby Mr. Fairhall concludes his report with the comment that "all in all the patrol successfully accomplished its set tasks", I preface mine with the comment that all in all, it is obvious he did not. The omission to provide statistical data of the initial census, which was one of the main objects of the patrol, is a rather glaring one and the reason given that census books have now been re-issued to officials, is far from satisfactory. This is a job to be done in the field, not on the station. Your comments have my complete endorsement.

3. Your appreciation of the need to have a proper survey done before extensive road works are commenced is noted and I am glad to see your remarks in this regard.

4. I have instructed Mr. Galloway to take up this matter with yourself and Mr. Fairhall during his forthcoming visit to your District.

J.K.M.
(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

67.15.33

I am most dissatisfied with the delay on this report which was finally received only after Mr. Fairhall was brought to Mendi in the New Year. On this occasion I discussed delays in reports, ASOPA assignments etc with Mr. Fairhall who has no excuse whatsoever to offer. I did ascertain that Mr. Fairhall is under family pressure to seek a job in Australia when next on leave and that it is his intention to see what may be available. This is possibly the underlying reason for an apparent lack of interest at the present time.

I am including an additional copy of this memorandum for Mr. Fairhall's personal file.

W. W. Dyer
(W. W. Dyer)
District Officer.

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67-3-4

District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDEI.

25th January, 1962.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
MENDEI.

NIPA PATROL NO. 2 OF 1961/62.

Mr. Fairhall's report on his patrol to the Nipa Basin area together with covering comments by the FOIC Nipa and yourself are acknowledged.

I agree that the value of the report has been lost because of the excessive delay which is inexcusable. This is particularly so as I understand Mr. Fairhall was given time off to complete it and also, according to Mr. Butler, Mr. Fairhall indicated the report was ready for posting on the 14th November when Mr. Butler was evacuated with a broken leg.

The report itself is quite well written and indicates that a considerable amount of work could have been done by Mr. Fairhall. I am prepared to give Mr. Fairhall the benefit of the doubt that he disregarded instructions - however he was certainly slack and careless in carrying them out properly. This is evident in the census work. How thorough his other work may have been is subject to doubt. I was interested to read that "the boundaries of each group were defined" - if done thoroughly, documented and recorded this is very sound administration and basic information to have available. On the other hand if it has not been recorded it is of very limited benefit. I would like to see this sort of work undertaken whenever possible but the report should state to what extent the marking of boundaries has been done, where they are recorded and any other matters arising therefrom.

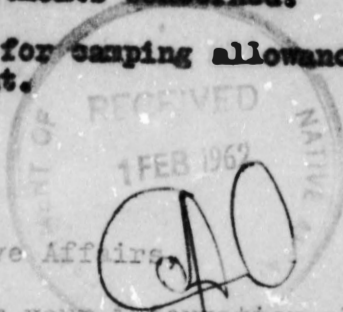
The report does not indicate just how much work was done on a road survey. If any definite route was investigated it was certainly not mentioned in the report. As already indicated to you I prefer to see an overall preliminary survey of any particular road giving among other things details of reason and need for road, likely route, population, future needs (hand tools, cash) etc before undertaking too much construction work which may later be found to be wasted effort. Would you please ensure this is done at NIPA as opportunity permits and I will expect to receive proper documentation by August this year. In considering a road link with Mendi there will of course need to be similar investigations in the Mendi area and co-ordination between the two areas.

Comments reference Agriculture and Health have been passed to the Departments concerned.

Claims for camping allowance duly funded are returned herewith for payment.

c.c. The Director,
Dept. of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

attached.



K.W.D.
(K.W.Dyer)
District Officer.

For your information please. Copy of the report is

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Henry
(K.W. 200)
District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

No. 57-2-1

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Patrol Post,
NIPA.
10th. January, 1962.

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67-2-3.

Sub-District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

16th January, 1962.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO 2 of 1961/62.

Attached hereto with Camping Allowance Claims.

I fully agree with the Officer in Charge's comments. After studying the Report I believe Mr Fairhall to have the potential of an efficient Field Officer but at present he is less than mediocre.

A letter has been placed on his personal file regarding disobedience of instruction.


(A.C. JEFFERIES)
Assistant District Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

No. 67-2-1

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Patrol Post,

NIPA.

10th. January, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,
Mendi Sub-District,
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO.2/1961-1962

Forwarded herewith the above report, claims for camping allowance and sketch map.

Mr. Fairhall has apparently failed to carry out his instructions for the patrol. Firstly, although the main object of the patrol was to have been census work, no statistics have been submitted. Mr. Fairhall has been approached about this but states that since the completion of the patrol village books have been re-issued to Village Constables and he has thus been unable to extract the statistics. I do not consider this a reasonable excuse as instructions state that statistics will be extracted immediately following census and that books will be left with Village Officials. There should never ^{have} been any need to bring census books back to the station.

Secondly, although sufficient time was given Mr. Fairhall to complete the report following the patrol, it is now two months overdue.

I think that the patrol and the report on it are of negative value, probably even less than negative as it will now be the duty of future patrols to complete the majority of the work which should have been completed by this. In view of all these factors I doubt if the report could be acceptable.

(signed)

(N. D. Lucas)

Officer-in-Charge.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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File No. 67-1-2

Patrol Post, Nipa,
Mendi Sub District,
Southern Highlands District.

31st. August, 1961.

Mr. R.T. Fairhall, Patrol Officer,
Patrol Post, Nipa.

Nipa Patrol No. 2 of 1961/62

My 67-1-2 of the 19th. August, refers:

As instructed by the A.D.O. Mendi your date of departure on patrol was postponed until completion of the land survey of the Nipa Station. You will now leave tomorrow the 1st. September.

All other instructions of my above memo hold good.

Constable BUNIMA was recalled but has again gone out to advise the people of your coming. They have now had ten days warning.

Senior Constable WARUS, six other Constables and Interpreter KANGEU have been detailed to accompany the patrol. I am sorry that no A.P.O. is available to accompany you. Please send in any sick or injured and I will endeavour to replace them.

For your information Village Constables have been recommended for the Groups KOMIA, SOI, MAK/INGIN, TROINTS, HEREP, PULIM, INJEP and WOLAL. Please make selection as directed at other Groups.

I wish you a successful patrol.

(sgd) D. N. Butler
Officer in Charge.

A.D.O., Mendi.

For information.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

File. 67-1-2

Patrol Post, Nipa,
Mendi Sub District,
Southern Highlands District,

19th. August, 1961.

Mr. R.T. Fairhall, P.O.
Nipa, Patrol Post.

Nipa Patrol No. 2 of 1961/62.

Confirming our discussions, you will please mount a patrol to leave Nipa on the 28th. August to patrol to groups in the Nipa Basin Area and to visit the Wage River twice - I will join your patrol for the period spent in the Wage River area and will direct operations there.

Your objectives on this patrol will be :-

1. To compile initial census of all groups in the Nipa Basin, that is including all groups bounded by the TEMBIL, SEMIN, KONGU, EREP, TROINTS, SOI, and SUMA Groups on the East and North; by the Wage River on the West and by the tops of the Karinj Range on the South.

You are required to compile new census books, to enter all relevant data including statistical details on the last page. Please follow the District Officer's Census Instruction in his 7/2/1205 of the 15th. May, 1960 and the Nataff Circular instruction attached.

Any instructions given to the Village Officials or to Villagers will be entered on the appropriate page together with the legal authority for such instructions.

2. Where-ever you consider it administratively desirable you will instruct the people that :-

(1) Inter village roads are to be cleared to a minimum width of 9 feet and maintained in good order by the villagers as is laid down by Reg. 118 of the N.R.O. I suggest that you have the villagers commence a section and supervise this with the patrol.

(2) Villages should be cleaned and maintained in a clean condition by the villagers as under Reg. 101 of the N.R.O. I suggest that you have the hamlet at which the census is conducted cleaned under patrol supervision and inform the people that they are to clean all other group hamlets in a similar manner. Tell the villagers that the next patrol will inspect all hamlets belonging to the group.

(3) Under Reg. 108 of the N.R.C. villagers are required to defecate in latrines. You will please inform the people of this obligation and instruct them concerning the construction of suitable deep-pit latrines - I suggest one for each group of women's houses and one for each men's house.

(4) Only in the near Nipa Villages where it appears administratively desirable, you will mark out burial grounds and instruct the people concerning Reg. 100 of the N.R.O.

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3. After the census is completed at each group where there has been no Village Constable appointed, please select two or three men whom you consider possible Village Constable material and send them to Nipa immediately with the following details :

NAME	FATHER'S NAME	NAME	CENSUS GROUP	SUB GROUP
NUMBER OF WIVES	WIFE	WIVES NAMES		

I will then select one and make out the papers to be forwarded to the Director. This will mean that most of the recommendation will have received the Director's approval by the time the patrol is completed.

4. During your patrol please examine the terrain and map out a possible vehicular ~~xxxx~~ route south-east from the MOMOPuril and west from Nipa - that is the planned Nipa Basin road. - On this occasion you are not required to clear a track or place marker pegs, but you could roughly check inclines and obviate, if possible, difficult sections.

The District Commissioner's minimum requirements are that roadways must be 24 feet between drains, that there must be a good camber from the centre and that the centre 12 feet will be paved with stone as a carriageway. Inclines will follow the directions set out in the booklet which I have given you to study and which you may take on patrol with you at any time.

At all times, you, as the man in the field, may exercise your discretion in following these instructions, but any deviation must be sub-stantiated by good reasons. Any radical deviations must be explained in your report of the patrol.

I estimate the duration of your patrol should be some six or seven weeks, however, should you find in the field that this will not be the case, inform me by runner and I will amend these instructions or issue new ones.

On your return from patrol it is directed that you will be given one free day and then be relieved from all duties for a further five days to permit you to complete your report and maps. These must be submitted to me by the afternoon of the fifth day.

(sgd) D.N. Butler
Officer-in-Charge

A.D.O. Mendi.

For your information. I will inform by radio when Mr. Fairhall leaves on patrol.

(sgd) D.N. Butler
Officer-in-Charge.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA

Patrol Post, NIPA,
Mendi Sub-District,
Southern Highlands District.
7th November, 1961.

The Assistant District Officer,
Mendi Sub-District,
MENDI

NIPA PATROL REPORT No. 2 - 1961/62

Patrol Conducted By; R.T.Fairhall, Patrol Officer Gr. 1
Accompanied By; Europeans - Nil
Natives - R.P.&N.G.C. - 7
Interpreter - 1
Carriers - 11
plus village to village
carriers as required.
Area Patrolled; The Nipa Basin, Upper Nembi River
and Lai/Nembi Divide.
Duration of Patrol; 20th September, 1961 to
6th November, 1961.
No. of Days; 48
Did E.M.A. Accompany; No.
Last Patrol to Area; August, 1960. - D.N.A.
Map Reference; Sketch Map attached.
Objects of Patrol; 1. Initial Census.
2. Consolidation of Influence.

R.T. Fairhall
R.T.Fairhall
Patrol Officer.

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL.

I certify that all necessary local administration
action has been or is being taken on matters arising out
of this patrol.

K.W.Dyer
District Officer.

INTRODUCTION:

The patrol was originally scheduled to depart on the 28th August but was postponed until the 20th September, shortly after Mr. Butler, O.I.C. Nipa had returned from a rendezvous with a Mendi Patrol in the middle Nambi River area.

The main object of the patrol was to compile an initial census of the Nipa Basin and environs with emphasis placed on consolidation by means of instructing the nearer Nipa villages to construct walking tracks and latrines. *Do latrines consolidate?*

Much of the area has been visited often over the past year during patrols and village inspections and the people are proving amenable to the change a new concept of law is having over their lives. The patrol moved slowly through the area and good contact was made.

DIARY:Wednesday, 20th September, 1961:

Departed NIPA Station 1050. Crossed the YA Ck 15 minutes later and ascended sharply to arrive at PULIM ceremonial ground at 1158. Camp erected as rain commenced.

V.C. appeared and informed of the census on the morrow. Very few people visited the camp during the afternoon. By 1700 the weather had cleared sufficiently for the people to bring in food for sale.

Thursday, 21st September, 1961:

At PULIM. Patrol personnel commenced construction of specimen track and latrine. People gradually assembling and by 1000 sufficient had arrived to commence the census. Talks outlining their statutory obligations, health and census were given. Census proceeded slowly to be completed in heavy rain at 1650.

Adequate foods purchased.

Friday, 22nd September, 1961:

Made short inspection of hamlets and, with V.C., marked out a suitable cemetery site at WA'UNK. Returned camp 0945 and broke camp 10 minutes later to depart for the INJIP hamlet of MUNGURE. Arrived at 1012 and with the assistance of 40 local men, established camp.

Due to size of group the KWIMP-ALOP sub-group was instructed to assemble for census. V.C. Malt quite helpful and census commenced 1315. Dense mist and accompanying rain at 1508 scattered those not required for census and made conditions unpleasant. Very few absentees and census concluded at 1608.

Visited the recently constructed "TIMP" building nearby and found the people reluctant to discuss this influence which is appearing throughout the area from the lower Nambi.

One complaint brought forward and satisfactorily settled.

Saturday, 23rd September, 1961:

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At INJIP. Dawned cloudless sky. By 0930 major sub-groups MEMBAL and NANDEIP assembled and discussions held and people instructed on duties and jurisdiction of newly appointed Village Constable MALT, and general talks regarding village cleanliness, track construction and cemeteries given.

Commenced census 1008 and completed in rain which started at 1418. Absenteeism rife and people warned next census patrol would expect full attendance. Still two minor sub-groups to census. Cold wet night.

Sunday, 24th September, 1961:

Observed.

Monday, 25th September, 1961:

Dawned raining which concluded at 0825.

With police party and interpreter to ELIP ceremonial ground where conducted initial census of the HONDOL and HIT sub-groups. Completed 1405 and party returned to camp. Cemetery marked and, after short inspection of houses and gardens, broke camp at 1505 and proceeded onto EBIL ceremonial ground, arriving 1552. Camp erected. Some 45 men in during afternoon and short talk re. census given. Instructed to assemble early tomorrow morning for census.

Copious quantities of food bought.

Tuesday, 26th September, 1961:

At EBIL. People slow in appearing and census commenced after instructions issued and discussions held with people, at 1118. Estimate 90% of group appeared for census.

Inspection of nearby gardens and houses made during late afternoon. Returned camp 1740.

Wednesday, 27th September, 1961:

Further discussions held with large group who came in this morning. At 0910 camp broken and patrol, under charge of the Senior Constable, proceeded on to ANDUWARI ceremonial ground of the KOMBILA group to erect camp.

Self and party to HADADAP ceremonial ground and initial census of the UGUR group commenced. 146 names recorded. This, to the knowledge of patrol personnel would appear to be only 50 - 60% of this groups total. An investigation into a serious wounding met with little result.

Departed for ANDUWARI 1345 and descended steeply to the NEMBI River and ascended 1000 feet, arriving ANDUWARI 1500, in light rain. Very few people visited camp during afternoon.

Thursday, 28th September, 1961:

At ANDUWARI. Census commenced 0835. Heavy rain at 1145 interrupted proceedings until it had eased off sufficiently by 1230 to complete the census at 1354. 181 names compiled.

Two cases of Hansens disease seen ; one in an advanced stage and the other in the early stages and not disfigured. By their own choice both were sent to Nipa for movement to Mendi for treatment.

Friday, 29th September, 1961:

Broke camp and departed ANDUWARI 0738 and descended rapidly to ARO ceremonial ground of the EREP group situated on a saddle between the Nipa Basin and Nembi Valley. Camp quickly erected and census commenced on the EREP people. Man discovered attempting to conceal a relative and a stern lecture was given to the offender and the assembled people and man let off with warning. However, shortly afterward another man attempted to conceal a sick relative and was gaoled under the N.R.C.s. Completed at 1510.

Informal discussions with headmen until rain at 1604.

Saturday, 30th September, 1961:

Camp broken 0809 and patrol proceeded down to Nipa, arriving 0930. Reported to Office.

Sunday, 1st October, 1961:

Observed.

Monday, 2nd October, 1961:

Departed Nipa 0730. Passed through ARO at 0905 and continued down to KUNT ceremonial ground in the upper reaches of the NEMBI Valley arriving 25 minutes later. Camp erected. People of SULAL group already assembled and census compiled. Estimated 85% of group censused. SULAL and EREP groups are exogamous and refer to themselves as the EREP group. Completed by mid afternoon and with V.C., marked out a cemetery site. Majority of gardens seen are established on near vertical limestone slopes.

Visit paid to TRIRIL ceremonial ground during late afternoon. Returned camp 1815.

Tuesday, 3rd October, 1961:

After heavy, driving rain had cleared sufficiently by 0950, camp was quickly broken and patrol departed at 1010. Crossed the flooded AR Creek and climbed through old garden sites and bush to arrive at the deserted MALAMINS (PULIM group) ceremonial ground at 1135. After a short rest continued on through rain forest to arrive at the EGENDA plateau at 1245 and the rest house at 1313.

However, informed most of the men and the Village Constable are at work at Nipa. A small group of women in with V.C. to sell food at 1530 and a short talk re. census, given.

Intermittent rain during afternoon.

Wednesday, 4th October, 1961:

People in by 0925 and instructed on census and village duties as laid down by the Native Regulations Ordinance.

Runner from Nipa in at 0958 instructing self and six native Police to ENJUA to escort Interpreter KOMIA at present with Mendi Patrol into Nipa for onward movement to Mendi for the Supreme Court sittings.

Passed through Nipa 1113 and proceeded through PURIL, INJIP and HUL and arrived ENJUA 1537. At 1600 no sign of the patrol party so continued on to OBUA, arriving 1625. At 1645 informed by local men that the Nipa carrier had, upon not finding Mendi Patrol in area, returned with note to ENJUA, and was still there. Returned ENJUA and sent note on with local runner to patrol. Returned Nipa, arriving 2110.

Thursday, 5th October, 1961:

Departed Nipa 0945 and arrived EGENDA camp at 1110. Weather threatening so only Nipa sub-group instructed to assemble for census that afternoon.

People in by 1315 and census commenced. Completed 1608.

Inadequate amount of food brought for sale and a supplementary amount of rice issued.

Friday, 6th October, 1961:

At EGENDA. Remainder of group assembled by 0900 and further discussions held - people appear reluctant to ask questions when invited and accept what is said without comment. Census commenced 1012 and compiled without incident.

Adequate food bought.

Saturday, 7th October, 1961:

Camp broken 0810 and patrol proceeded through gardened western ranges of the EGENDA plateau and descended to the EBI River, the boundary between the SOI and TRCINTS groups. Followed it downstream for a short distance then continued on to INGIN ceremonial ground of the SOI group situated on the INGIN Ridge. Camp established.

People slowly dribbled in for census but at 1440 the Village Constable informed me that many had still not arrived so it was decided to cancel the census until tomorrow, and discussions were held with those who had arrived - about 200. Rain commenced at 1530 and the people dispersed.

Sunday, 8th October, 1961:

At SOI. Day observed.

Monday, 9th October, 1961:

People in by 0855 and assembled people instructed on their statutory obligations and given talks on census and hygiene. Compiled census which was completed by 1430. One flagrant census evader arrested.

Broke camp at 1505 and patrol proceeded on to KOSERE ceremonial ground of the MAK group crossing the KEREP Creek en route. Arrived 1548. Camp made and Interpreter and self to LOREG ceremonial ground of the LAROP sub-group of KOMIA group. Short inspection made and discussions held with headman. Returned camp 1815.

Tuesday, 10th October, 1961:

Day broke raining with heavy mist. Continued until 1250 when weather cleared sufficiently for the people to assemble by 1415 and census was commenced after a short talk. Rain started again at 1630 but continued census to complete it in drizzle at 1818.

Wednesday, 11th October, 1961:

Departed KOSERE 0715 and passed through the deserted PEP (LAROP group) ceremonial ground to arrive at LOREG 0755. By 0910 the last of the stragglers had appeared and talks given. Census commenced and concluded at 1200 with 103 names recorded. This is an estimated 80% of this group. Although the LAROP people are a KOMIA sub-group, it is thought advisable to census them at LOREG rather than have them walk to the mother PUGBUG ceremonial ground - an 80 minute walk and only have two thirds of the group appearing. Ascended the MOI Range, crossing at PEP. Much new housing and gardens were in evidence. Descended gradually to PUGBUG, arriving 1310.

Village Constable advised that some 30 men were working at Nipa so census cancelled until tomorrow. People slow in bringing in timber for construction of camp.

Inspection of area made with V.C. during mid-afternoon and cemetery marked out.

Thursday, 12th October, 1961:

Group assembled by 0925 and census commenced after instructions issued and talks given. Completed without incident at 1420.

Self and small party departed for Nipa 10 minutes later to renew low patrol stores. Remained Nipa overnight.

Friday, 13th October, 1961:

Departed 0800 for SUMA. Passed through KOMIA garden areas to cross the UR Creek and ascend to SUMAMA ceremonial ground at 0905. Remained short while then continued on to INGIRIP ceremonial ground, arriving 0944. Some 25 men and 40 women and children had appeared. One of the headmen informed me that a child had died and many of the group were mourning him. At 1215 word was sent for them, and, when they had not arrived at 1500, the people present were given a short talk and told everyone was required for census tomorrow.

Saturday, 14th October, 1961:

By 0850 headmen advised me that all had assembled. Instructions issued and their obligation to attend a census when required to do so was impressed upon them. Census completed by 1705.

Sunday, 15th October, 1961:

Awoke with a painful foot which, on inspection, appeared to be poisoned. Slowly walked the four miles to Nipa for proper attention. Arrived 0940. To bed after treatment.

Monday, 16th October, 1961:

Foot still painful but subsiding. Unable to walk far. Bedded once more.

Tuesday, 17th October, 1961:

Departed Nipa 0735 slowly for TOMBERA. Passed through SUMAMA and turned off at INGIRIP to arrive at KWAIBAL ceremonial ground of the TOMBERA group at 0948. People already assembled

Tuesday 17th cont.

and talks given and instructions issued. Census completed 1650. Arbitrated in a non-payment in a long standing "Moga".

Wednesday, 18th October, 1961:

Camp broken and patrol departed KWAIBAL 0805 to pass through TOGABAL ceremonial ground 15 minutes later. Continued through light forest and over undulating cane grass ridges to arrive at PUGMABIL (TOMBERA group) at 0945. After brief break, continued down to KINDA ceremonial ground of the INJA group at 1010. Camp erected in heavy downpour which ceased at 1230.

People appeared in twos and threes until at 1350 group advised that all had arrived. Initial census compiled by 1715.

Considerable roar from the flooded WAGE River some 800 feet below the camp.

Thursday, 19th October, 1961:

Rain. Discussions held with headmen until rain had eased sufficiently at 1130 to allow camp to be broken. Self and party to WEAYA hamlet on inspection while patrol continued on to UGUN ceremonial ground (KIL group). From gardens, tracks, etc, it would appear that only 75% of this group censused yesterday.

Returned through PUGMABIL and descended to the SUMA hamlet of EDMANDA at 1525. It is situated within hearing of the WAGE River. Believe there are a considerable number of SUMA and TOMBERA census evaders from this area which is heavily gardened to the banks of the WAGE. Continued on to arrive at UGUN at 1635. Talks re. census given to small number of people who brought in food for sale. Native foods supplemented with rice.

Friday, 20th October, 1961:

People in by 0745 and census commenced. Concluded at 1037 and camp broken and patrol proceeded on to BOIA ceremonial ground, principle ground of the KIL group arriving 1105. Very few people present and the remainder extremely slow in appearing, although a runner was sent from UGUN yesterday as to anticipated time of arrival. Headman announced all were present at 1540 and instructions were issued and talks given. This was completed by 1634 and one small sub-group censused while remainder some 238 people, were instructed to return tomorrow. Food bought.

Saturday, 21st October, 1961:

Group in by 0930 and census checked. Many new names recorded. Completed at 1410 and three minor disputes brought forward by individuals of other groups with complaints. Two of these concerned "Moga" payments, the other was over the theft of a pig. As good weather holding, the camp was broken at 1540 and the patrol moved on through jagged limestone ridges to ascend to HRLA ceremonial ground of the KWIM group at 1652. Camp erected.

Sufficient food bought.

Sunday, 22nd October, 1961:

Observed.

Monday, 23rd October, 1961:

Group in by 0820 and instructions issued and census compiled. Camp broken and patrol descended through POMBORA ceremonial ground (KALAL group) to cross the YOR Creek and ascend

Monday, 23rd cont.

to SEGENDA ceremonial ground of the KALAL group.

Advised by headmen that a two-month old child had died during the previous week so the opportunity was taken to instruct the people in the use of the cemeteries. A cemetery was marked out some 10 minutes west of SEGENDA and, before much of the group, the child was properly buried.

Tuesday, 24th October, 1961:

Group in by 0900 and talks given and the census commenced. Completed by 1315 and camp broken and the patrol proceeded to SJOMKABEL ceremonial ground of the YALAL group some 20 minutes walk away. Paused en route to inspect the body of OGEP - PEP of the YALAL group who was murdered in June this year by members of the PULIM and TROINTS groups. It was in a complete state of mummification and marks of blows struck were clearly discernable.

Inspection of houses and gardens during the afternoon.

Wednesday, 25th October, 1961:

Group assembled by 0850 and talks and instructions given. Census compiled. Completed by 1350 and camp broken and patrol ascended through heavily gardened area to arrive at KOBINA hamlet 25 minutes later. Patrol continued on to YUK ceremonial ground of the ALOP group while self and party inspected the swampy, cane grass covered YALAL plateau. It was found to be lightly populated - the main population living on the slopes we have just passed through. Arrived at MORCAL ceremonial ground (ALOP group) at 1510 and descended 500 feet to arrive 20 minutes later, at YUK.

Rain commenced at 1625 but sufficient food bought.

Thursday, 26th October, 1961:

ALOP group censused by 1155 and the patrol departed for HIT ceremonial ground of the HOMDOL group. Passed through the deserted PONGAL ceremonial ground of the PINJIP-KARIL group. The terrain here is characterised by sink holes and limestone spurs and ridges.

Arrived HIT 1320 to be informed some of the group working at Nipa. Erected camp and proceeded to descend into the upper PWE Creek where many of the group's houses and gardens are, to ascertain population. Returned camp 1640.

Friday, 27th October, 1961:

HOMDOL group censused with a 50% increase. During the preliminary census in 1960 this group assembled at INJIP as a sub-group of INJIP and were recorded as such. However they are a separate entity and the group as a whole was censused. Census completed at 1520 and camp was broken and the patrol departed for HULAL. Passed through LUI ceremonial ground at 1630 and arrived PESANT at 1638 where camp was made. Villagers given instructions on census and food bought.

Saturday, 28th October, 1961:

People assembled by 0835. Talks given and census compiled. Two "Moga" complaints brought forward for arbitration and settled to the satisfaction of both parties. Camp broken and patrol

Saturday, 28th October, 1961 cont;

departed for ENJUA, arriving 25 minutes later, at 1320. Rain at 1400 dispersed the assembling people and informal discussions were held with headmen. Advised that the KARINJ group were preparing for census on their own volition and decided to visit them. Arrived at their ceremonial ground, OBUA, at 1510. It transpired that the people had seen much of the Nipa Basin preparatorily censused and could not see why they should be excluded from the present census. The group were not scheduled to be censused this patrol but it was considered administratively advisable to do so and the people were told to assemble the following Tuesday for Census.

Returned camp 1750.

Sunday, 29th October, 1961:

Day Observed.

Monday, 30th October, 1961:

Census of the TEMBIL group commenced 0850. Completed without incident in mid afternoon. Check made of the gardens in the vicinity that were hit by frost shortly before the patrol entered the field.

Tuesday, 31st October, 1961:

Camp broken at 0715 and patrol proceeded to OBUA where the people were assembling. Commenced census half an hour later. From the vast areas of garden the 217 persons censused would appear to be only about 50% of the total. However, good relations were made with the group who listened attentively to the Administrations aims, health and justice. At 1330 patrol moved off to arrive at MOBERA ceremonial ground of the SEMIN group. Due to troubles in this area over the past two months many of the group had been gaoled. Some 20 men were seen in the area as the patrol proceeded on to HWIM ceremonial ground of the KONGU group. Passed through KARUA and EPI ceremonial grounds at 1605 and 1620 respectively and descended to the Nembi River to ascend to HWIM. Very few people seen and the Interpreter informs me that many of the houses we passed in the area had been deserted for two or three days. Despite much calling, an insufficient amount of food was purchased from some 20 youths and men. No women were seen. Rations were issued to supplement the native foods.

Wednesday, 1st November, 1961:

It would appear that this group have no intentions to either appear for census or to visit the camp. Word of the intended visit was given to them five days ago. Many people were seen to be watching us from the opposite slopes of the Nembi Valley but no move was made to approach the camp. By 1100 the group Councillor appeared with his clan - numbering 42 persons, to say he did not know what was causing this attitude amongst the group.

At 1310 self and three police crossed the Nembi to ascertain the reasons behind the people acting as they were. However we were unable to approach them so the patrol, without further ado continued on to MALA ceremonial ground of the upper KONGU, arriving at 1550. Here found the situation normal and was met by the headman who had sent word for his relatively small group to assemble. However rain commenced half an hour later and census called off until the following day.

Thursday, 2nd November, 1961:

Dawned wet and cold. Cleared sufficiently by 0930 for the people to appear and the census was commenced at 1000. Rain commenced at 1145 and the census was completed at 1220 in heavy rain which subsided sufficiently by 1300 for the patrol to break camp. Passed through TRERIL at 1500 and continued through heavy forest to arrive at EGENDA 75 minutes later and camp was made.

Friday, 3rd November, 1961:

Camp broken at 0715 and the patrol climbed over the forested Lai River Divide to arrive at SUMBI at 0925. Camp erected. Census commenced 1130 and completed 1330.

Saturday, 4th November, 1961:

Inspection made of nearby villages on the Lai River. Returned camp 1700.

Sunday, 5th November, 1961:

Broke camp and proceeded back over the Lai Divide to arrive at EGENDA at 1100 and Nipa Station at 1210 where the patrol was stood down.

Monday, 6th November, 1961:

Sen. Constable Warus, Interpreter and self to KUARE ceremonial ground of the WOLAL group where the census of the group was commenced at 1000. Concluded in rain at 1415.

Returned Nipa for night.

END OF PATROL DIARY.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS:

The Native Situation throughout the area visited was, on the whole, quite satisfactory. It varied from the welcome we received at WOLAL to the unexplained attitude of the KONGU group. However in most hamlets we were accorded hospitality and were inundated with food for sale.

Throughout the area talks were given on health and hygiene and a start on the construction of latrines was commenced in all villages but INJA and KONGU where it was considered premature to encourage these groups to use them. Elsewhere the people took it as "one of the fashions of the white man", as one man put it, but the odd family was complying before the patrol left the group.

Discussions were held on the Village Constable; his duties and jurisdiction explained; and their duty to obey him, under certain regulations, under pain of imprisonment or fine.

In the near Nipa hamlets the people were instructed to construct and clear suitable sites for cemeteries. A young boy who had died a short while previous to the patrol's visit

was buried properly before much of the group. The reaction to the burial was favourable and should affect more burials throughout the Valley. *But no statistics compiled!*

A census of all groups visited was made. There was an approximate 30% increase in the preliminary census figures carried out in August 1960. The increase is, in the main, indicative of the confidence gained by the people during Mr. Hoad's patrol at that time. Absenteeism was slight and was noticeable only at FULIN and INJIP. A further census check within the next six months should result in full attendance from all groups. The general demeanor of the people would indicate this.

A large number of disputes was brought up for settling and mainly concerned the non-payment of outstanding mogas. These were settled administratively. Also, but encouraging, were a small number of complaints brought up for Court for Native Matters action. These were for theft and assault. One of these cases which occurred at UGUR and which was later settled at Nipa, nearly resulted in a murder.

During mid-September the UGUR group were constructing a TIMP house. Assisting them were a large number of people from surrounding friendly groups. During this a small pig belonging to PEALT - PIANG disappeared. A search was instituted without success.

Meanwhile SEGAP-KUNAP was looking for his betrothed, INJI-KOLIPIS and, not finding her, and seeing INJI's sister-in-law, TALI-WEHELAL, working in her garden, gave half of a small pig to her which he was to have given INJI. After a while INJI arrived at the garden and the two ate some of the cooked meat. After eating their fill they put the meat aside and worked, a short distance apart, in the garden.

PES-PIANG, PEALT's brother, while searching for the missing pig, came across the partially consumed pig that TALI had placed under a rough shelter near the garden. Thereupon he accused TALI of the theft of the pig and, without awaiting a reply to the charge, struck TALI two deep tomahawk blows at the back of the head exposing the brain. TALI fell unconscious. INJI fled to inform her brother, PONE who set off to retaliate against PEALT's wife. PES met him on the road and fired an arrow striking PONE in the arm. At this stage the matter was referred to Nipa.

TALI was flown to Mendi in a critical condition and lapsed into a coma and was close to death for several days. She recovered and was returned home.

The above incident could have started hostilities and the people were unsettled and wary while the patrol was in the area.

There is a considerable amount of movement among the groups in the Basin. The SOI group, routed to the Nembi River flats north of Nipa are returning en masse to their land above the Station. There was much activity - houses and gardens being built - while the patrol was in the field. Also returning to former land is the PINJIP group, at present on the Wage River slopes, who are returning to the Karim Slopes above INJIP.

The present instability will continue for some time as groups reclaim previously owned land throughout the area.

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK:

The area visited produces the normal highlands crops - sweet potatoes, sugar-cane, taro, edible pit-pit, banana, and occasional yam. The Breadfruit tree was in evidence and the everpresent Pandanus palm.

Noticeable in the area was the European bean and corn which have a place in most gardens. The groups nearer the Station have the odd tomato, cabbage and spring onion. There was no sign of the produce of the peanuts issued by the last patrol through the area.

The gardening technique has been described in earlier reports, but an item of interest was noticed in the manner some gardens are split up. The owner of a piece of land may, in times of shortage, clear and prepare and fence a garden and invite his close relatives to plant crops such as taro, sugar-cane, or pit-pit in the garden which he divides up into plots of about one-tenth of an acre by means of bark thongs laid across the ground and pegged down. When the crops have matured the ground reverts back to the owner.

Shortly before the patrol entered the field, a severe frost was experienced throughout the valley, destroying or partially destroying, some estimated 500 acres of gardens, mainly on the river flats or valley floor. However no food shortages were noticed during the patrol.

Livestock kept by the people are the normal and five-toed pig which was seen in small numbers in the southern end of the basin, dog, domesticated cassowary and a pair of domestic fowl, evidently brought in from Mendi, at EGENDA.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

A start has been made on the Nipa - Lower Nembi - Emia Creek Road. It has been pegged as far as the Methodist Overseas Mission at PURIL, a distance of 1½ miles and has been completed, at time of writing, for about 400 yards. The proposed road beyond the Mission, as was ascertained as a feasible route, would proceed to GBILA and MUNGURE thence to SOA, all being undulating kunai and cane grass ridges, to follow the banks of the Nembi River descending easily into the Nembi River Valley to follow the River to its confluence with the Lai River.

The north-western road to Magarima, as far as the patrol went in the direction, would present little difficulty, if the UR and MANDIBA Creek banks were followed to INGIRIP and up the Valley to WEAYA and thence following the southern bank of the Wage River to cross the gorge in the vicinity of Magarima.

A third road is contemplated in the Nipa - Lai River Road. This would be the most difficult of the roads. It would necessitate considerable rock-blasting on the southern descent to the Nembi River and trouble with the soft, pliable grey clay which constitutes much of the swampy EGENDA plateau. From there to the Lai River Valley should not prove difficult.

The Nipa area, in general, lends itself to roadmaking and, with the population of this area, labour should prove the least of the problems.

The native tracks were in a shocking state, due mainly, to the wet weather experienced during the patrol. There were no walking tracks, as such, in the area visited.

The people were instructed to have regulation walking tracks constructed between ceremonial grounds of each group.

EDUCATION:

A Native School has been erected at Nipa and is expected to open in the coming year, when two native teachers are expected. It will hold 70 pupils.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH:

The health of patrol personnel was good throughout the duration of the patrol and no serious accidents occurred.

The general health of the people was quite good. The usual number of cuts and abrasions, sores and ulcers were seen and treatment given to those willing to accept it - which was considerable. A number of malfunctioning joints were seen, and one, a woman with an arrow head in the knee, was sent to Nipa for attention and movement to Mendi. However she absconded before being taken to Mendi.

Four cases of Hansenides disease were seen. Two advanced cases were sent into Nipa and on to the Hansenides Centre at Tari. One woman, in the early stages of the disease, refused point-blank to leave her family to receive treatment at Tari. She was told to report at Nipa every month for a check-up, but it is not intended to send her to Tari without her consent.

A medical patrol conducted throughout the area visited would help considerably to allay the fears of the many people who will not accept treatment.

MISSIONS:

The Methodist Overseas Mission at PURIL is the only permanently established Mission in the area visited. The Mission, which is staffed by a Resident Minister, Rev. C. Keightley and family and a Nursing Sister H. Young. The Mission has leased 45 acres, much of which is going under gardens.

It's activities are mainly concentrated on the construction of staff housing and ancillary buildings. Little purely mission work is being done at present due to the inadequate staff position.

The Mission provides medical facilities to the people, including a maternal and infant welfare clinic. Some 760 out-patients receive treatment every month and 8 in-patients are admitted.

The Capuchin Mission is represented by the Rev. Fr. S. Glass who makes three monthly visits to Nipa and remains a week to ten days. The Mission is interested in starting a mission at Nipa and has found a suitable site on the UR Creek some 45 minutes west of the Station. However they have not applied for the lease as yet as it may be some time before the necessary staff can be made available.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

Village Constables were provisionally appointed at KOMBILA, EBIL, INJIP, HONDOL, KWIMP, YALAL, KALAL and HUL. Constables at PULIM, SOI, MAK, EREP, KOMIA, EGENDA and WOLAL were appointed shortly after the patrol commenced.

The V.C.s appointed earlier showed much promise and it was seen that many command respect from their groups. V.C. NANGA of WOLAL the only Nipa to have visited the main centres and coast with a group of Mendis, is most pro-Government and has much influence over the KALAL, YALAL, KWIMP and KIL groups as well as his own. V.C. SAP of SOI is also most pro-Government and influential in securing the arrest of two census evaders.

Already the results of the appointment of the V.C.s can be seen in the increasing numbers of workers on village tracks and airstrip work. No doubt the novelty of the position is causing the present reaction but as the V.C. and his group realise their responsibilities closer co-operation should result.

DEVELOPMENT:

It would appear that very little land will be available for alienation throughout the area, particularly for European enterprises. The people have little excess land, the exception being in the Central Basin where 2-300 acres could be spared without effecting unduly the increased amount of land which can be anticipated to be required over the next ten years from the natural population increase.

During the patrol the boundaries of each group were defined and it is estimated that a group in this area possesses an average of 4-5000 acres with an average population of 300.

Coffee appears to be doing well at Nipa as is Tobacco which may well prove to be the better of the two as a cash crop for this area. Small amounts of tobacco seed have been handed out and have done well to date.

ANTHROPOLOGY:The Santiso

Of interest anthropologically in the Nipa Basin is one method where magico-religious implements are used in tribal warfare. This is the Santiso or Kuba stone.

During a tribal fight an armed party with the Kuba stone held at the lead by the leader moves stealthily into enemy territory. The leader holds the stone at arms length and jerks his hand continually, pointing his hand toward the ground, in a semi-circle about him. If there is enemy in the vicinity, a tingle is felt by the bearer according to the distance the enemy is from them. If he is very close the tingle is felt at the knuckle; if at a short distance, at the wrist; if further back, at the middle forearm; if some considerable distance away, at the elbow; and finally, if the enemy is asleep in his house and there are no guards, the tingle is felt at the shoulder - in which case they could proceed with impunity to kill the man.

If the party are approaching the enemy the stone will inform the holder of their presence and simultaneously numb the senses of the enemy which leaves them open to attack. After killing as many of the opposing group as possible, the holder of the stone retreats and effectively cuts off chances of being followed by throwing the stone on the track.

The Kuba stone itself does not have these powers but one or two men in a group, who have either inherited them or bought them with pig and M.C.P. Shell.

During warfare, if the holder is not to lose his powers, he must abstain from pig meat and intercourse. Further, he must cook all food in the leaves of the PEA tree and consume it when half cooked.

When preparing for a raid the holder may use any type of stone. He firstly breathes the ovrds at the stone which is then wrapped with a piece of 'Kip' grass. This is covered with a piece of 'Kwimp' grass, and the whole wrapped in a layer of wild pandanus palm or 'Nusalt'. The stone is then ready for use.

CONCLUSION:

X All in all the patrol successfully accomplished
it's set tasks.

APPENDIX 'A' - NIPA PATROL REPORT No. 2 - 1961/62

Report on the members of the Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary accompanying the patrol.

No. 3442 Sen. Const. WARUS:

In charge of the detachment. He is a first class bus policeman and a man whose integrity is beyond reproch. He is worthy of further promotion.

No. 8029 Const 1st. Class HEVEHEVIRA:

This man is very quiet and lacks enthusiasm and drive. He is more of a burden than a help in the bush.

No. 8592 Const. TUNAH:

Quite a good dependable, average constable.

7842 Const AKAU:

A reliable, experienced man.

7747 Const HANABU:

An average policeman, he knows the people and is a good man to have in the bush.

9715 Const NIMBONGI:

This man is average and requires firm handling at times.

9448 Const GOIKULA:

New to the detachment, he worked well.

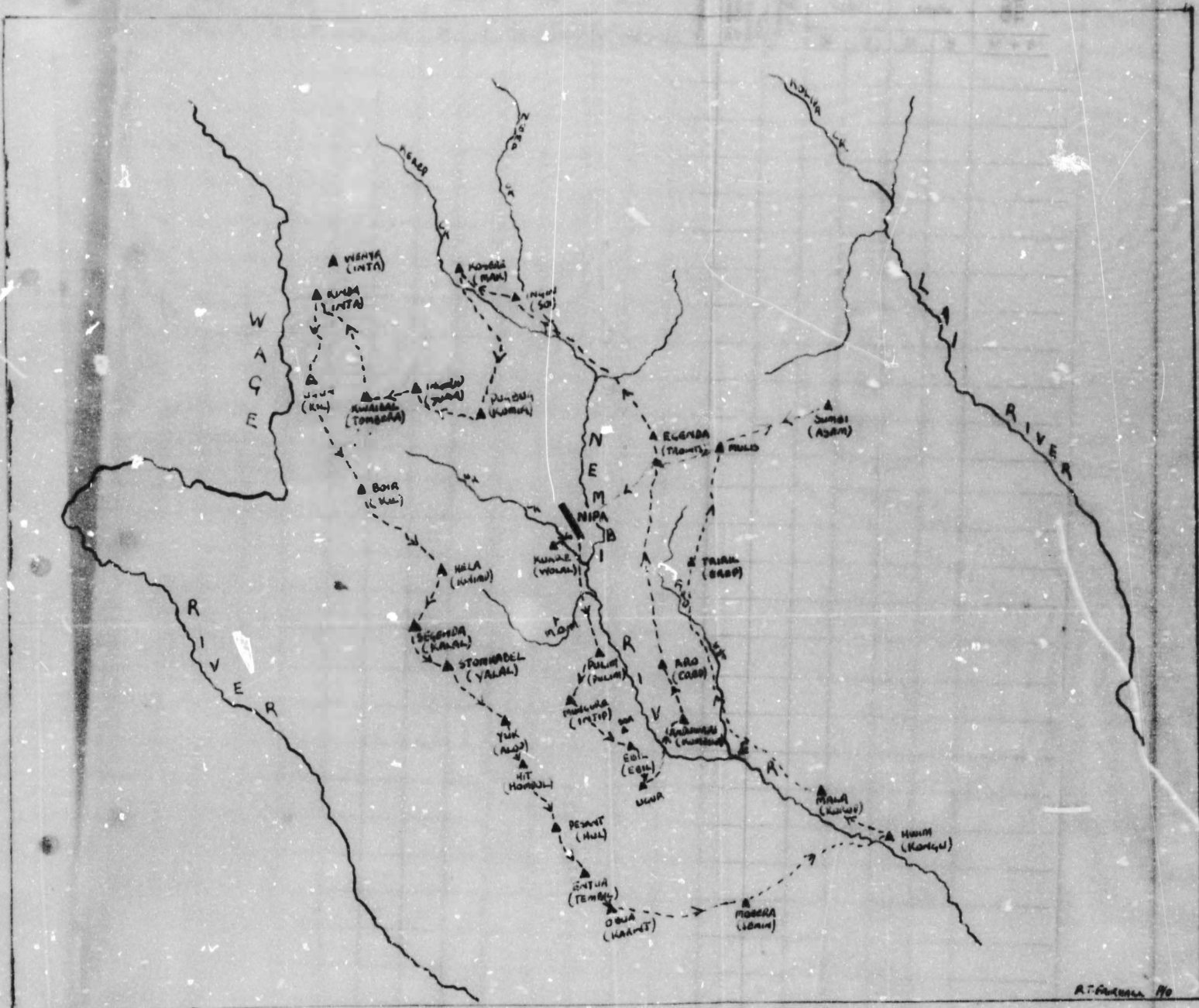
10490 Const KATIBAGA:

Young and inexperienced. Quite a good worker.

R.T. Fairhall

.....
R.T. Fairhall
Police Officer

Copy to R.P.C. N.G.C. H.Q.
KONEDOBU.



SKETCH MAP TO ACCOMPANY

NIPA PATROL REPORT No 2 1961/62

SCALE 1" = 2 miles

LEGEND

- ▲ - HAMLET
- (XIV) - GAOUV
- - - PATROL ROUTE



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. NIPA NO. 5/1961-1962

Patrol Conducted by H. J. LUCAS PATROL OFFICER GR. 2

Area Patrolled NEMEN RIVER

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans

Natives 6 R.P.& H.G.C., 1 INTERPRETER, 1 A.P.O., 16 CARRIERS

Duration—From 12/12/1961 to 29/12/1961

Number of Days 12 actual

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 11/1961

Medical 11/1961

Map Reference Sketch map attached

Objects of Patrol Routine Administration

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

24/1/1962

[Signature]
District Commissioner

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

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

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

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67-15-32

20th February, 1962.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
M.R.D.I.

NIPA PATROL NO. 5 OF 1961/62:

Receipt is acknowledged of the above report
with accompanying memoranda.

2. With reference to SEMIN, does the population
warrant a Village Constable appointment? The situation
appears to, and I suggest that if one is to be so appoint-
ed it should be on the basis of enforcing law and order
and not as a reward for continued group good behaviour
which seems to be implied in the SEMIN remarks at the
bottom and top of pages 3 and 4.

3. It must have been encouraging to have Village
Constable WARANKA render such assistance in effecting the
re-arrest of his brother KELEM.

JRM
(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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KWD:AL

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District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
NERU.

25th January, 1962.

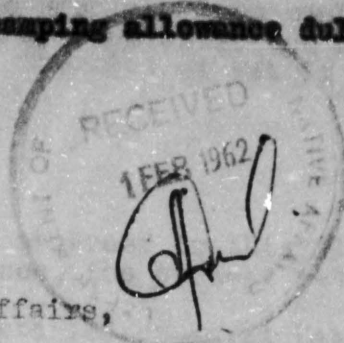
Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
NERU.

NIPA PATROL NO. 5 1961/62.

Thank you for Mr. Lucas's report on his patrol over portion of the Nambi Valley and your covering comments.

I agree that progress in the Nambi Valley area has been most gratifying. Much remains to be done particularly with the SHIN and HERU groups - rigorous patrolling is the only answer and I am confident the program planned for the NIPA area will bring results.

Claims for camping allowance duly funded are returned herewith for payment.



K.D.
(K.W. Dyer)
District Officer.

c.c. The Director,
Dept. of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

For your information. Copy of the Report is attached.

K.W. Dyer
(K.W. Dyer)
District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-2-3

Sub District Office,
MENDI.

4th. January 1962.

District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL REPORT No. 6 of 1961/62.

Forwarded herewith with Claims for Camping Out Allowance.


The Native Situation in the NEMBI Valley is now most pleasing. Despite the two rumours contact has been good and consolidation work is most commendable. Obviously the appointment of Village Officials and the construction of Rest Houses has had a stabilising effect on the people. I am confident that with the revised vigorous patrol programme now planned for NIPA, the NEMBI VALLEY area will constantly improve. Control as yet is not good but Administration influence is powerful.

ROADS.

The progress in this field demonstrates the extent of Administration influence, the present response is pleasing.

A detailed proposal based on the Main Roads Ordinance in relation to Sub District roads will be submitted on the completion of my current LAI VALLEY patrol, this should be finished in a few days.

Mr. Lucas has conducted an efficient consolidation patrol and is to be commended.


A.D.O.
ALAN C. JEFFERIES.

cc. O.i/C NIPA.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Patrol Post,
NIPA.
2nd. January, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,
Mendi Sub-District,
MENDI

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO.5/1961-1962

Patrol Conducted by:

N.D.Lucas, Patrol Officer Gr.2

Area Patrolled:

Nembi River to Del, Semin-Merut
area.

Objects:

Routine administration, familiarisa-
tion self with area.

Accompanied by:

6 R.P.& N.G.C.
1 Interpreter.
1 Aid Post Orderly.
16 carriers.

Duration:

Tuesday 12th. December to Thursday
21st. December, and Friday 28th.
December and Saturday 29th. December.
12 days.

Map

Sketch map enclosed.

N.D. Lucas
N.D.Lucas.
Patrol Officer Gr.2.

DIARY

Tuesday, 12th. December.

Moved from Nipa to Ebil. Camp established.
Patrol with Ebil people to work on completion rest house and barracks.
Camped Ebil.

Wednesday, 13th. December.

From Ebil to Semin. Contact poor, camp established.
Several natives arrived in camp late afternoon. Together with patrol they worked on construction rest house and barracks.
Camped Semin.

Thursday, 14th. December.

At Semin. About 60 men in camp assisting with construction rest house and barracks.
Some native foods purchased.
Camped Semin.

Friday, 15th. December.

From Semin to Kongu. Attempted re-apprehend escapee Kelem en route, but unsuccessful.
Poor reception at Kongu, no women or children seen.
Small quantity of poor quality native vegetables purchased.
Escapee Kelem re-apprehended at 6.30 p.m.
Camped Kongu.

Saturday, 16th. December.

Kongu to Merut (Tindom). Camp established.
Few men assisting with construction rest house and barracks.
Camped Merut.

Sunday, 17th. December.

At Merut, continued construction rest camp.
Camped Merut.

Monday 18th. December.

Merut to Udjabia.
Routine matters.
Camped Udjabia.

Tuesday, 19th. December.

Udjabia to Del.

Roadworks and routine matters.

Camped Del.

Wednesday, 20th. December.

Del to Meki,

Camped Meki.

Thursday, 21st. December.

Meki to Mendi.

Friday 22nd. to Thursday 28th. at Mendi

Friday 29th. December.

Mendi to Kip.

Saturday, 30th. December.

Kip to Nipa.

End Of Diary

INTRODUCTION

The main object of the patrol was to familiarise myself with the lower Nembu area. Routine matters were attended to.

The patrol spent Christmas in Mendi

NATIVE AFFAIRS

The reception accorded us in most places was not good. The people appeared wary of our intentions and I think this may have been due to two rumours which had circulated the area prior to our departure. The first was directed against us and had it that the Semin group intended to massacre us. The second directed against the Semin people was that we intended to lay waste to their area. The Village Constable of Ul has been named as the perpetrator and an investigation will be made into the matter. The rumours were obvious attempts to cause friction between us and the Semin, but they failed dismally. I was surprised at the distance the rumours had spread as the Udjabia people had also heard them.

Another reason which I think contributed to the peoples unwillingness to meet the patrol was the fact that a food shortage was prevalent throughout the area. There was definitely an attitude prevalent that if the patrol was not fed the people would be punished. This was not the case of course ^{and} we carried sufficient food for our purposes. Even so it was difficult to convince the people that they had nothing to fear on that score.

The fact that this patrol followed so closely on recent Nipa and Mendi patrols may have had some effect on the people.

I was pleased with our success in recapturing the gaol escapee at Kongu, especially in view of the fact that he had been living in the immediate vicinity of his hamlet for the week of his escape. Apparently he had received good warning of our movements as he had deserted his hamlet on our arrival. His brother, the Village Constable WAKANKA of Kongu was of great assistance in his arrest.

After initial rebuffs by the Semin group we managed to convince them of our intentions. During discussions the people were adamant that when a Village Constable was appointed we could expect an improvement in the situation there. They were also unhappy about the fact that while all other groups in the area had been allocated roadworks and consequently had been given shovels, they had been neglected. They were advised that following

the next patrol when the remainder of their number returned from gaol in Mendi and when they all decided to accept our control we could make some moves along the lines they requested. However, until and unless some settlement is made between the Semin and Merut groups over their recent troubles and the perpetrators suitably punished some amount of friction will remain. An investigation into the trouble with a view to its settlement will be made by the next patrol to the area.

Attitudes towards roadworks and village hygiene and housing is pleasing. Although I cannot judge the present situation against previous ones, I can see that a good deal of work is being done in most places.

REST HOUSES

Frames of resthouses and barracks were constructed at Semin and Merut. The groups are to complete them. On their completion and the completion of those commenced by the Assistant District Officer, Mendi on his recent patrol from Nipa to Margarima, there will be full coverage throughout the valley.

ROADS

Work is continuing on improvement of walking tracks with a view to bringing them to vehicular standard. Many sections will have to be re-routed, but generally a main route through the valley will follow the present tracks. There will be no problems other than convincing the people that they should follow survey pegs.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

All are doing a reasonable job. I was particularly impressed with the effort of Waranka of Kongu who was of great assistance at Semin in aiding us to gain some confidence of the people, and again at Kongu by being instrumental in the arrest of his own brother, the gaol escapee.

No new appointments are recommended as the area patrolled is fully covered by Village Constables.

Nipa Patrol Report No. 5/1961-1962.

REPORT ON R.P. & N.G.C. PERSONNEL
ACCOMPANYING PATROL

No. 7025 Constable 1/C SENGIJO
Conduct good, reliable.

No. 9448 Constable GOIKULA
Conduct good, reliable.

No. 9715 Constable NIMBONGI
Conduct good, reliable.

No. 9084 Constable DEMAK
Conduct good, tends to disobedience.

No. 9970 Constable YAB
Conduct good, reliable.

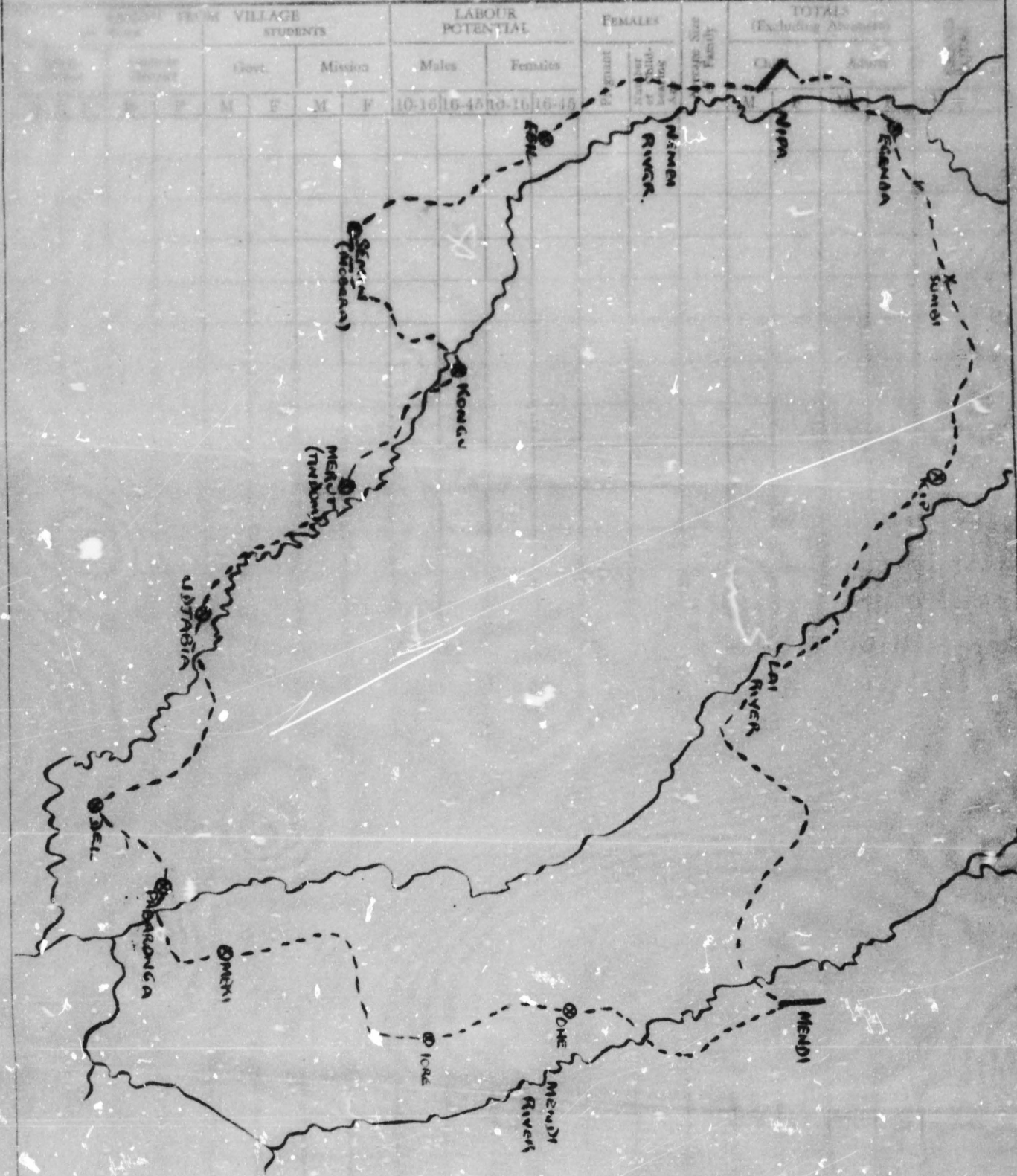
No. 10447 Constable/Bugler KANA
Conduct good, keen worker.

The above comments have been entered in the members' records of Service and R/S Forms 1 forwarded to Headquarters.

N. D. Lucas
N. D. Lucas.
Officer R.P. & N.G.C.

Register

Area Patrolled



STUDENTS FROM VILLAGE		LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES			TOTALS (Excluding Absentees)	
STUDENTS		Males		Females		Pregnant	Under 10	10-15	16-18	19-25
Govt.	Mission	10-16	16-45	10-16	16-45					

SKETCH MAP
NIPA PATROL NO. 5/61-62

SCALE: 1 INCH = 2 MILES.

LEGEND

- PATROL ROUTE - - - - -
- REST HOUSES - ⊗

N. J. LUGAS
D.O.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of... SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. NIPA No. 6/1961-1962

Patrol Conducted by... N. D. Lucas, Patrol Officer Gr. 2

Area Patrolled... Nipa Basin Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans... Nil

Natives 6 R.P. & N.G.C., 1 Interpreter, 1 Aid Post Orderly

Duration—From... 13/2/1962 to... 28/2/1962

Number of Days... 16

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services... 11/1961

Medical ... 1/19

Map Reference... Milinch Sketch Map attached.

Objects of Patrol... Census and routine administration.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please

21/3/1962

[Signature]
District Commissioner

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

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

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. NIPA NO. 6/1961-1962

Patrol Conducted by N. D. Lucas, Patrol Officer Gr. 2.

Area Patrolled Nipa Basin Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 6 R.P. & N.O.C., 1 Interpreter, 1 Aid Post Orderly.

Duration—From 13/2/1962 to 28/2/1962

Number of Days 16

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 11/1961

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

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Objects of Patrol Census and routine administration

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

21/3/1962

[Signature]
District Commissioner

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

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67-15-53

10th July, 1962.

District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,

PATROL REPORT NO. 6/61-62 - NIPA.

Receipt of the above-mentioned Patrol Report
is acknowledged with thanks.

2. I am pleased to note that the Hensp people
appear to be accepting the Administration and its aims.
Your action in bringing a number of patrols into the
one area at the same time has certainly had its effect.

3. I have no doubt that nothing good will come
from the schools conducted for the benefit of officials.

4. The content of the report is full of "meat"
and is well presented. A brief but well presented
report of solid consolidation work.

(W.R. Dishon)
A/DIRECTOR

67-15-53 ✓

KWD:AL

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District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

20th March, 1962.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL NO. 6 OF 1961/62.

Thank you for Mr. Lucas's patrol to the Nipa Basin area and your covering comments.

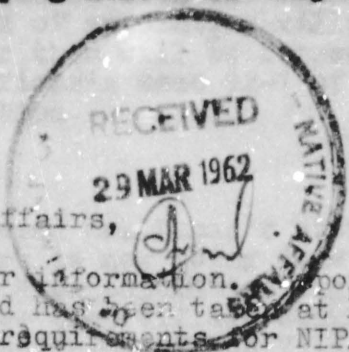
I agree that Mr. Lucas has carried out his patrol efficiently and commendably. The apparent change of attitude of the HMEP people is most pleasing.

On roads you have already given me your assurance that survey work and documentation is well ahead of construction and that all proposed roads will be documented in the very near future. This is good - the people should be encouraged to improve communications but it is clearly on our shoulders to avoid wasted effort by proper surveys and continued supervision and encouragement.

Mr. Lucas has made out a strong case for SHUMBI village to be returned to the Lai Census Division. Your comments under census are not helpful either to myself or the officer at NIPA. Please advise me your firm recommendation and reasons in this matter paying due regard to all factors involved.

The map is excellent. I have forwarded it separately with a request for 5 copies. The area patrolled would all fall inside the area recommended for de-restriction.

Claim for camping allowance duly funded are returned herewith for payment.



K.W. Dyer
(K.W. Dyer)
District Officer.

c.c. The Director,
Dept. of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

For your information, report in duplicate is attached. Action as required has been taken at District level - I note in particular health requirements for NIPA.

K.W. Dyer
(K.W. Dyer)
District Officer.

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Sub-District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI

14th March, 1962

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI

PATROL REPORT NIPA No. 6 of 1961/62

Forwarded herewith attached Claims for Camping Allowance.

NATIVE AFFAIRS:

The situation throughout the area patrolled is most satisfactory, particularly in regard to the visit by the envoys of the Henep group. As a matter of interest this item of news was sent to 'ADCAST' on the 13th inst. The O.I.C. Kutubu has advised that news of the Henep people's present attitude had been reported to him by other WAGE people. The present trend has been received with jubilation as the Henep group were the most feared in the entire area.

It is also reported that the Henep group have openly expressed amazement at the number of 'Kiaps' and police that appeared in their area. They have stated they had no idea so many existed !!

With regard to de-restriction, I feel that although the present situation is excellent it is premature as yet to de-restrict the WAGE. I consider my recommendation to you last December should still prevail, i.e. De-restriction East of Wage Ridge between Magarima at the junction of the Lai and Nembi Rivers.

VILLAGE CONSTABLES:

I am very pleased with the manner in which Mr. Lucas is setting about the task of appointing village officials. The conducting of schools for them will be commenced immediately in accordance with District Officer's memo 92-1 of 21st February 1962, a copy of which was sent to Nipa.

CENSUS:

Again I commend Mr. Lucas's attitude towards his work. Solid constructive work is now being done and within a short time a true picture of the Nipa population figures should emerge. It is indeed pleasant to know that Village Books are at least where they should be - in the possession of the Village Constable.

With regard to SUMBI, I agree they are 'out on a limb' but it is just a wearying to the Mendi Patrolling Officer's legs as it is to the Nipa Officer's to reach there, perhaps they could be persuaded to move their Rest house just a little closer to the Lai River !!

ROADS:

A copy of the R.M.O. 1953 has now been forwarded.

I should like to see a road through the Nembi Valley from DEL, via UJIBIA, KONGU and NIPA thence MAGARIMA, and also from NIPA via EGENDA, SUMBI, KIP thence to TULIM and MENDI. By building this road system the people would have an efficient outlet for their cash crops.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Patrol Post,

NIPA.

2nd. March, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,

2.

MEDICAL & HEALTH:

A detailed memorandum has been sent to the D.M.O. through you, requesting staff for NIPA.

REST HOUSES:

Excellent work is being done here.

CONCLUSION:

A first class patrol, a few more patrols like this and the area will be 'ticking like a clock'

Mr. Lucas is to be highly commended.

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L.C. Jefferies
Assistant District Officer

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Patrol Post,
NIPA,
2nd. March, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,
Mendi Sub-District,
MENDI

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO.6/1961-1962

Patrol Conducted by: N.D.Lucas, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: Nipa Basin Division.

Objects: Initial census, routine administration.

Accompanied by: 6. R.P. & N.G.C.
1 Interpreter.
1 Aid Post Orderly
10 permanent carriers.

Duration: 13th. to 28th. February.
16 days.

Map: Sketch Map attached.

N.D. Lucas
(N.D.Lucas)
Patrol Officer.

DIARY

Tuesday, 13th. February.

From Nipa to Kuare, thence via Soakabel to Segenda. Camp established Segenda. Patrol assisted construction rest house and barracks. Routine administration, census check, as in Kuare and Soakabel.

Camped Segenda

Wednesday, 14th. February.

From Segenda to Boia. Proceeded via Hala where census checked and routine matters attended to.

Checked census Boia and assisted construction rest house and barracks.

Camped Boia.

Thursday, 15th. February.

Boia to Ugun. Camp established. Census and routine matters. Assisted construction rest house and barracks.

Camped Ugun.

Friday, 16th. February.

Ugun to Ilamanda. Initial census, routine matters. Proceeded to Kun, initial census and routine, thence proceeded to Kwaibal. Camp established.

Camped Kwaibal

Saturday, 17th. February.

Initial census Kwaibal. Thence on to Ingirip. Checked census, routine matters. Assisted construction rest house and barracks.

Camped Ingirip.

Sunday, 18th. February.

Proceeded to Komia, census checked, routine matters. Camped Ingirip.

DIARY

Monday, 19th. February.

From Ingirip to Woiya. Census and routine matters.
Assisted construction rest house and barracks.
Camped Woiya.

Tuesday, 20th. February.

Woiya to Mabela. Initial census Mabela. Commenced
construction rest house and police barracks. Routine matters.
Camped Mabela.

Wednesday, 21st. February.

Mabela to Paiyera. Initial census. Routine matters.
Rest house and police barracks completed for the patrol.
Camped Paiyera.

Thursday, 22nd. February.

Paiyera to Sambala. Initial census, routine matters.
Rest house marked out previously had been half completed but had
collapsed, new house commenced.
Camped Sambala.

Friday, 23rd. February.

From Sambala via Oram ceremonial ground to Sa,
ceremonial ground of Ful group censused at Mabela.
Camped Sa.

Saturday, 24th. February.

From Sa to Mak through seldom used route over shocking
country. Census checked at Mak. Routine matters.
Camped Mak.

Sunday, 25th. February.

From Mak to Ingin. Census check Ingin and Soi.
Commenced rest house and barracks. Routine matters.
Camped Ingin.

DIARY

Monday, 26th. February.

Ingin to Sumbi. Any description of this particular track is better left unsaid! Census check and routine administration. Assisted construction rest house and barracks.

Camped Sumbi.

Tuesday, 27th. February.

Sumbi to Egenda. Census check and routine matters
Egenda.

Camped Egenda.

Wednesday, 28th. February.

Egenda to Nipa.

End of Diary

INTRODUCTION

My main object this patrol was to regularise the census work for the Nipa Basin area. All other routine matters received full attention, however.

The Nipa Basin division is situated north of Nipa, and extends from the east bank of the Wage River east to Sumbi in the Lai River valley. This area covers the catchment areas of tributaries to the Nembu River mostly, but small streams drain from north of Woiya into the Wage. The entire area is hilly and large rugged country, geologically similar to most areas of the Southern Highlands.

No untoward incidents occurred, and in all respects we had a pleasant and successful patrol.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

The whole area is well settled. Several groups do, however, require re-orientation, Yalal, Kalal, Tombera and Soi, as they are displaying too much arrogance and not nearly enough energy. This will be righted over the next couple of months.

The patrol was well received in all places and the attitudes displayed towards census work, health and hygiene and roadwork are most pleasing.

We received several envoys from the groups west of the Wage River, Ombal, Injahenis and Songura who were concerned in the recent attack on a patrol at Ugun. We discussed general aims of the Administration with these men, and several of them remained to watch census and other work. All assured us that they were more than willing to abide by the law in future and that they would never consider staging a return performance of their Ugun effort. I advised these men that a routine patrol would visit them shortly and an initial census would be conducted in each group. They were also advised that they would be required to conform to the provisions of law, and that also they would be well advised to give some thought to projects such as the construction of rest houses, work which they are quite capable of doing themselves before the patrol visits them. They were in full agreement again on that point.

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I see no reason at all why the entire area visited should not be de-restricted. The native situation is very good now, and with the intensive patrolling planned for the area it should be one of the most settled areas of the sub-district within six months. I do not mean of course that odd incidents will not occur, there is always bound to be unrest to some degree arise from time to time, but there should never be danger to foreign people.

VILLAGE CONSTABLES

I have submitted recommendations for the appointment of seven Village Constables. This will give a full coverage of Village Constables for the area.

I intend to start an instruction course of about three days for the Village Constables from the Nipa Basin Division commencing on Monday 5th. March. Similarly I have been considering conducting such schools immediately following each of my patrols to the remainder of the Nipa area when appointments and recommendations for the certain areas have been finalised. I think such a scheme is better than waiting several months till there is a coverage over the entire area and then having the total complement congregate. Smaller groups will be easier to organise and handle and they should assimilate more. At least they will have less people about to distract them.

As with all new appointees in these areas Village Constables here have little idea of their work, or what is required of them by law, and the only way of course is to teach them. There should be considerable improvement from now on.

CENSUS

Several of the groups visited had been censused previously but the statistics from previous work had either been lost or mislaid, none had been entered in their form in the village books, and several of the village books were also lost. Consequently the majority of these groups had to be censused again and so all statistics appear as of initial census. All village books have now been regularised, statistics properly recorded, and the books left with the Village Policemen.

Attitudes toward census work were good and those people not previously censused were quick to understand the requirements. I should think that in the three large groups who had not been censused before, PUL, WENJA and SAMBAL, that at least 80% of their numbers appeared and had their names recorded. This is an excellent indication of the attitudes towards us and our work from these groups.

The area patrolled could well form one of the Nipa census divisions. With this in mind I have presented the group statistics in alphabetical order.

The Sumti group is literally and figuratively out on a limb. Their language dialect is that of the Lai River people, and the majority of their relationships are with people from the Lai River. In fact the group lives in the Lai Valley. Their connections with the Nemi people were never extensive, and it appears that most of them have developed since the establishment of Nipa. Furthermore there is a large physical boundary between this and the Lai area, a three hour walk through uninhabited bush and mountain. All this leads me to maintain that the Sumti group should be part of the Lai Valley census division. It is situated only a few hours walk from Kip and/or Mapkebol. I think the only reason it is not so now is because it was not censused on the Lai Valley census patrol in 1960, for the mere reason we were led to believe by both Kip and Mapkebol that the group were part of Mapkebol and had appeared there for census.

The total of 5242 people recorded in the Nipa Basin Division, plus 2239 recorded in Margarima, gives a total of ~~7481~~ 7481 recorded. Incidentally I think there would be at least another 1000, maybe 1500 people, south of Margarima, west of the Wage and north of Songura, who have yet to be censused in the Margarima division.

ROADS

Walking tracks throughout are shocking. Some attempts have been made to improve them, but without tools there has been little success. I issued a limited number of spades to each group for work on their tracks and there will be a good deal of improvement over the next month or so. All groups are quite willing at the moment to improve their tracks, and I can only hope the enthusiasm lasts.

The construction of a vehicular road through to Margarima would not present any great difficulty. Probably the greatest problem would be bridging the Wage River near Margarima. I did not do any survey work on a road route this trip. Firstly, I want to know a good deal more about the country the road should go through, and secondly, I want to do the job in accordance with the Roads Maintenance Ordinance 1953. To date we have not received a copy of this Ordinance, but I believe we should have one soon. Labour along the route is plentiful, and even at this stage I think a large project such as this would be would receive support from each and every group.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH

Aid Post Orderly KOMIA from Nipa accompanied the patrol and turned in a commendable effort.

The frustrating part of medical work in this area is the inability of patrols to follow up treatments. This patrol we encountered several cases requiring further treatment, but in the absence of staff from the Nipa Aid Post, we could not despatch these cases to the station for treatment. We were fortunate however as two nee^dcases were accepted by Sister Young at the Methodist Mission and are still there receiving treatment. Such assistance is very much appreciated but I do not think it reasonable for us to have to rely on the services of the mission post as doubtless Sister Young has more than enough to cope with without us despatching persons to her from all over the country.

We do need further medical staff here. I consider that a medical orderly should accompany every patrol, and that there should be someone left at the station Aid Post to receive those we send along for further treatment. Perhaps the District Medical Officer could ^{be} approached on this matter.

REST HOUSES

Each group is now working to complete a rest house and police barracks. Those I have commenced I have not made elaborate, but I suspect that there is a lot of rivalry creeping into the business between groups as each seems to want to do better than the other. I certainly wouldn't complain about that, most commendable I should think.

Following the completion of these there will be a complete rest house and barracks coverage in the Nipa Basin area.

CONCLUSION

I think we had a reasonable amount of success in all aspects, and the response from the people was most pleasing.

Appendices, Report on R.P. & N.G.C. Personnel, Census statistics and sketch map are attached.

N. D. Lucas
(N.D. Lucas)
Patrol Officer.

Nipa Patrol Report.

No.6/1961-1962

APPENDIX "A"

REPORT ON R.P. & M.G.C. PERSONNEL
ACCOMPANYING PATROL

No.3442 Sergeant JARUS

Conduct good, excellent man.

No. 7842 Constable AKAU

Conduct good, reliable.

No.9007 Constable TUMBI

Conduct good, reliable.

No.9448 Constable GOIKULA (20-2-62 to 28-2-62)

Conduct good, reliable.

No.9517 Constable DAMAWA (13-2-62 to 20-2-62)

Conduct good, reliable.

No.9649 Constable ASARIP

Conduct good, reliable.

No.10930 Constable ANDANGAMA

Conduct good, inexperienced but should improve.

The above comments have been entered in the members' Records of Service and Forms 1 have been forwarded to Police Headquarters.

N. D. Lucas

(N.D.Lucas)

Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. NIPA REPORT No. 7 1961-62

Patrol Conducted by R.T. Fairball Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Part Nipa Basin

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives R.P. & N.G.C. - 7 N.M.O. - 1
Interpreter - 1

Duration—From 10/1/1962 to 12/1/1962

Number of Days 3

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services /10/1961

Medical / /19

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol 1: Census 2: Construction rest houses

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

17/3/1962

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Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

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

67-15-48

2nd April, 1962.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

NEPA PATROL REPORT NO. 7 1961/62.

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report
is acknowledged with thanks. Consent has already been
offered in the context of Mendi Patrol No. 40-1961/62.


(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

67.15.48. ✓

URGENT

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District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

19th March, 1962

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO. 7 OF 1961/62.

Mr. Fairhall's report on the above patrol and your covering memorandum is acknowledged.

The report amounts to nothing more than a formal completion of patrolling records and there is no comment.

Claim for camping allowance duly funded is returned for payment.



[Signature]
(K.W. Dyer)
District Officer.

c.c. The Director,
Dept. of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

For your information. Mr. Fairhall's Special Report was forwarded under cover of my minute 67-6 of 5th February, 1962. Action taken following the withdrawal of this patrol has been covered by Mendi Patrol No.10 the report of which has been submitted.

[Signature]
(K.W. Dyer)
District Officer.

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Sub-District Office
MENDI S.H.D.
7th March, 1962

The Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI

Sub-District Office,
MENDI S.H.D.
7th March, 1962

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI

NIPA PATROL REPORT No. 7 of 1961/62

Forwarded herewith attached claim for Camping Allowance.

No comment appears to be necessary as you have received Nipa Special Report 67-1-7 of the 15th January, 1962.

[Signature]
.....
A.C. Jefferies
Assistant District Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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No.

Sub-District Office,
MENDI S.H.D.
7th March, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI

NIPA PATROL No. 7 of 1961/62

This Patrol commenced as a census patrol into the WAGE/
MAGARIMA area to complete the census commenced by P.O. Butler in
May, 1961.

Due to the short duration of the patrol in the field -
2½ days - it was considered unnecessary to submit a report as a
Special Report (Nipa 67-1-7 dated 15/1/62) was submitted on the
attack on the patrol on the 12th January.

DIARY: Wednesday, 10th January, 1962

Departed Nipa 0930 en route KALAL. Stopped at KUARE to
talk to the assembled people and mark out rest house and barracks.
Departed 1420 and continued on to SEGENDA where camp was erected.
R.H. and Barracks marked out and, supervised by police, work commen-
ced on same.

Adequate food bought.

Thursday, 11th January, 1962

Left SEGENDA 0750 for HELA with two Constables while
carriers proceeded on to BOIA to erect camp. Arrived HELA 0835 and
marked out R.H. and barracks and remained until 1230 supervising
construction. Some 80 men present. Arrived BOIA at 1320 and the
assembled people put to construction of R.H. and barracks.

Friday, 12th January, 1962

Patrol ready to depart 0730 when a man from UGUN arrived
to inform me a group of natives from HENEP, west of the WAGE River,
were waiting at UGUN to attack the patrol. The patrol continued on
to UGUN and after 45 minutes attempting to dissuade the group from
attackin, we were attacked resulting in a native being wounded by
rifle fire. The patrol returned to Nipa, arrivin 1415.

R.T. Fairhall
.....
R.T. Fairhall
Patrol Officer Gr 1



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. NIPA NO. 8 of 1961-62

Patrol Conducted by B. J. DUNN P.O.1

Area Patrolled NIPA - MARGARIMA AREA - NIPA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Natives 6 R.P.&.N.G.C. 1 INTERPRETER 1 A.P.O. (10 days)

Duration—From 6/3/1962 to 19/3/1962

Number of Days 14

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 11/1961

Medical /19

Map Reference MILLINCH SKETCH MAP ATTACHED

- Objects of Patrol 1. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION 2. CONSTRUCTION OF REST HOUSES 3. RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE CONSTABLES

Director of Native Affairs, PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

11/5/1962

[Signature] District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £
Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund

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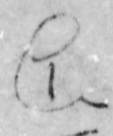
9th July, 1962.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
WINDHOLM.

PATROL REPORT NO. 8 - 1961/62 - NIPA

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report together with covering memoranda is acknowledged with thanks. I shall have ten prints of the attached Patrol Map made and forward to you under separate cover.

The covering comments by yourself and the Assistant District Officer adequately cover the contents of the Report. I concur in the remarks recorded therein.



(W.R. DISHON)
A/DIRECTOR.

67-15-22

9th July, 1962.

The Director,
Department of Lands, Surveys and Mines,
PORT MORTBY.

PATROL REPORT NO. 8 - 1961-62 - NIPA

..... Could you let me have twelve prints of the
attached sketch map please.

W.R.

(W.R. DISHON)
A/Director.

Att.

67.15.62,



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

11th April, 1962.

The Director,
Dept. of Native Affairs,
KONEDOPU.

SUN PRINT COPIES MAPS - NIPA REPORT NO.8 of 61/62.

Ten copies of the attached patrol map would be appreciated please.

Mr. Dunn is showing considerable aptitude at compiling maps and is to be commended on this neat effort.

K.W. Dyer
(K.W. Dyer)
District Officer.

67-15-62

KWD:AL

67-3-4

District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

11th April 1962.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL NO. 8 OF 1961/62.

Thank you for Mr. Dunn's report on his patrol to the Margarina area and covering comments by yourself and the POIC NIPA.

Mr. Dunn appears to have done a very good job and his report is concise, neat and informative.

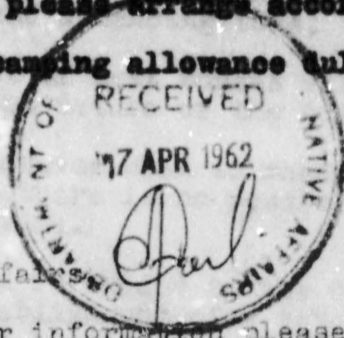
The follow up patrol scheduled for May should provide further consolidation results in the area and no doubt the annual census will be conducted at this time.

With reference to station buildings my views are expressed in my memo 67-2 dated 7th August, 1961 covering NIPA Patrol Report No. 5 of 1960/61. In brief all that is required is superior rest house type accommodation with security for some stores and police accommodation. This can be used as a base for any patrol operating in the area for longer than normal periods.

The general situation in the area is quite pleasing. The District Education Officer has in hand the provision of a school for the area and I believe this should be well worth while and every effort made to have the people fully co-operate and appreciate what is likely to be done for them in 1963.

The District Medical Officer has indicated that the Aid Post at Margarina will continue to be administered from Tari. He has also indicated that the Hansonide sufferer can either walk or be carried through to Tari as has happened hitherto. This could be done when the Medical Orderly visits Tari. In view of air charter funds shortages please arrange accordingly.

Claims for camping allowance duly funded are returned herewith for payment.



K.W. Dyer
(K.W. Dyer)
District Officer.

c.c. The Director,
Dept. of Native Affairs
KONEDOBU.

For your information please. Copy of the report is attached. Matters requiring attention at District level have been attended to or are in hand.

K.W. Dyer
(K.W. Dyer)
District Officer.

ACJ:BT.

67-2-3.

Sub-District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

5th April, 1962.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL NO 8 OF 1961/62.

Forwarded herewith attached Claims for Camping Out Allowances, and Sketch map. Would you arrange please to have ten sun prints produced of the map.

The migration from Magarima is not an uncommon event, in fact it seems to be in accord with similar customs prevailing throughout the Mendi Sub District during periods of hardship. The social structure of the various groups is geared to meet such situations. In the present instance I presume the frost in question descended last September.

If an allowance of one month is made from the time of the frost (this period would permit the population of the affected area's to take stock of the situation and arrange for food supplies and new planting materials to groups) then nine months from October should see the new gardens in bearing (sweet potatoe is the staple crop for this area and it takes 9 months from planting to harvest) Thus this group's anticipated return by May should fit in with the planting/harvesting period.

Mr Dunn's firm attitude towards the people's lethargy is to be commended. My impression of these people is that they will try and get away from all forms of work, only strong purposeful action is recognised by them, requests in a normal conversational tone are viewed by them as indicating no immediate response is required. This is so in their own personal relationships, if a man requires immediate attention to something he must make his request in a loud harsh and demanding tone.

The establishment of Rest Houses will definitely indicate to the people the permanent nature of the Administration.

I am not clear however what is meant by Station Building at Magarima, I understand there is no possibility of a Patrol Post being established at Magarima.

A letter has been forwarded to the Officer in Charge NIPA however regarding the establishment of a school at Magarima. An investigation as requested by you in your 67-3-2 of the 25th January 1962 will be conducted shortly. Unfortunately, because of my personal patrol commitments I was unable to forward the necessary instruction for the present patrol.

It is a pity the village officials school was so short, however a longer course can be arranged at a later date.

I am pleased to see the people are being encouraged to cut and clear walking tracks, the journey between NIPA and MAGARIMA is the most tedious in the Sub District - largely because of the route followed by native pad's.

I have already passed the information regarding the
Lester's absence patient to the District Officer. I hope
that the child can be moved to the West colony as soon as possible.

67-2-3

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CONCLUSION.

Mr Dunn is providing himself worthy of his
last rating.

(A.C. *AK*)
Assistant District Officer.

57-2-3

Patrol Post,

NIPA

21st. March, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,

Mendi Sub-District,

MENDI

NIPA PATROL NO.8/1961-1962

The above report, together with camping allowance claims and sketch map, is forwarded herewith.

Migration from the upper Margarima River area appears to be an annual feature. These people have land rights amongst the Menaria people and garden extensively there apparently, as well as nearer Margarima.

The patrol obviously bettered the attitudes of the Margarima people and will serve to improve the situation there considerably.

Work done on rest houses and barracks is good, and it will not be long before we can offer a complete coverage of patrol camps throughout the Nipa area.

The appointment of Village officials throughout the Nipa area is having an obvious beneficial effect. I am sure that now the Margarima people realise our intentions the appointment of the nine Village Constables will increase the effectiveness of our Administration.

In the matter of MIAHE I had understood that you were to have approached the Assistant District Officer earlier, and I have no doubt that machinery has been put in action to have his records transferred.

Short courses such as were given the appointees will serve as a good introduction to their jobs. Further courses are planned of course, but to have small groups assemble immediately following their selection serves to keep the matter in their minds and gets them off to a good start.

I have already passed the information regarding the Hansen's disease patient to the District Officer. I hope that the child can be moved to the Tari colony as soon as possible.

Valuable work was done by Mr. Duan and its effect will bear substantial improvement. A follow-up patrol to revise the census and check on work done or not done as the case may be is planned for May.

H. D. Lucas

(H.D. Lucas)

Officer in Charge

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

*In Reply
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No. 67-2-2

Patrol Post,
NIPA.
5th. March, 1962.

Mr. B. Dunn,
Patrol Officer,
NIPA.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - NIPA PATROL
No. 8/1961-1962

Please depart on patrol to the Margarima division no later than the 7th. March. I have advised the Margarima people, on my recent patrol, that you will be conducting this patrol.

Your police escort will consist of Constable 1/C TAMUTAI, Constables TUMBI, YAB, HAMABU, OMOL and TONGON. Interpreter KANGEBU will also accompany you. I suggest you negotiate with the Aid Post Orderly at Margarima for him to accompany you through the area.

The objects of your patrol will be as follows:-

1. Attention to village housing and hygiene. Requirements are laid down in Regulation 101 of the Native Regulations Ordinance.
2. Construction of rest houses and police barracks at each group centre. I suggest you construct the frames of these buildings and leave instructions for the people to complete them. A reasonable size is 20' x 20'.
3. Selection and recommendation for appointment of suitable headmen as Village Constables. Make the recommendation for each group. Before returning to Nipa have these appointees congregate at Margarima base camp and give them a short instruction course over three to four days on the immediate aims of the Administration, their powers and duties as Village Constables, the provisions of relevant laws, e.g. the Native Regulations Ordinance, the Criminal Code.

4. Hear and arbitrate on any disputes brought to you. Land disputes must be registered and cannot be heard by us. Take down details of any you encounter and when we receive the correct forms, we can forward the claims to the Native Lands Commissioner. Where cases need magisterial jurisdiction they are to be forwarded to Nipa for action.

5. Inform all groups that the follow up patrol to yours will check to see that instructions issued by you have been carried out. Also advise the people that this patrol will check the census. This follow up patrol should be conducted during May.

6. Inform all people that they are required to select suitable sites for cemeteries and that we will enforce Regulation 100 of the Native Regulations in this respect. I would not press this issue too much at this stage, but at least let them know of the Regulation in order that they will at least be familiar with it.

On your return from patrol you will be allowed one free day, following which you will have four days clear of station duties to write and submit your report and compile your map. The report must be submitted by the fifth day.

N. D. Lucas
(N.D. Lucas)

Officer in Charge.

cc. Assistant District Officer,

MENDI

TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA

Patrol, Post,
NIPA S.H.D.
20th. March 1962

The Assistant District Officer,
MENDI S.H.D.

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 8 of 1961-62

Patrol Conducted by:

B. J. DUMM P.O.1

Area Patrolled:

NIPA - MARGARIMA AREA - NIPA

Accompanied by:

6 - R.P.&N.G.C.
1 - INTERPRETER.
1 - AID POST ORDERLY (10 days)
12 - PERMANENT CARRIERS

Duration:

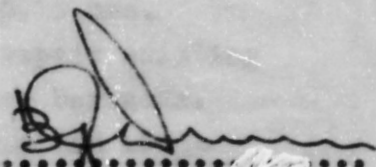
6th. March 1962 to 19th. March 1962
14 days.

Map reference:

MILINCH SKETCH MAP ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol:

1. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.
2. CONSTRUCTION OF REST HOUSES.
3. RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE CONSTABLES.


.....
B. J. DUMM

DIARY

Tuesday 6th. March

Departed NIPA 10.40 hrs.

Arrived WOIYA 15.00 hrs.

Instructions given en route to V. C. at SUMA to complete construction of Rest House. Two hours work on Rest House at WOIYA to complete it.

Inadequate native foods purchased. Camped WOIYA.

Wednesday 7th. March

Departed WOIYA 08.15 hrs.

Arrived KAMBORO 13.05 hrs.

Camp established, area marked out for Rest House and Village Constable appointed. Rain at 15.30 hrs. prevented further work.

Inadequate native foods purchased. Camped KAMBORO.

Thursday 8th. March

Departed KAMBORO 08.30 hrs. and walked for 1 hr. 10 mins. to HUMAIDIA hamlet. Site marked out for Rest House and Police Barracks and V.C. selected for appointment.

Inadequate native foods purchased. Camped KAMBORO.

Friday 9th. March

Departed KAMBORO 08.10 hrs.

Arrived NIGAURUA 09.50 hrs.

V. C. appointed and due to small population (63 censused), lack of timber and close proximity to HUMAIDIA Rest House (20 mins. walk), no site for Rest House marked out. This group instructed to assist work at HUMAIDIA.

Inadequate native foods purchased. Camped NIGAURUA.

Saturday 10th. March

Departed NIGAURUA 08.15 hrs.

Arrived TABALA 10.10 hrs.

V.C. appointed and people instructed to repair existing buildings for use as Rest House and Police Barracks. visited WARALU in afternoon - small population about 20 mins. walk away.

Inadequate native foods purchased Camped TABALA

NIPA PATROL REPORT

NO. 8 of 1961-62

Sunday 11th, March

Departed TABALA 08.30 hrs.

Arrived UGU 10.10 hrs.

Site for Rest House marked out and V.C. appointed.
Afternoon spent rounding up loafers. Heavy rain 15.00 hrs
prevented further work on Rest House and Police Barracks.
Adequate native foods purchased. Camped UGU.

Monday 12th, March

A.M. At UGU on construction of Rest House and Police Barracks.
P.M. Toured the UGU area . Frames and roof completed
before heavy rain at 16.00 hrs.
Adequate native foods purchased Camped UGU.

Tuesday 13th, March

Departed UGU 08.30 hrs.

Arrived WANGALIHUNDA 10.20 hrs.

V.C. appointed and work commenced on Rest House and
Police barracks.
Adequate native foods purchased Camped WANGALIHUNDA.

Wednesday 14th, March

A.M. At WANGALIHUNDA on construction of Rest House etc.
P.M. Toured this area rounding up loafers.
Adequate native foods purchased Camped WANGALIHUNDA.

Thursday 15th, March

Departed WANGALIHUNDA 08.15 hrs.

Arrived YOLOMA 11.45 hrs.

Site for Rest House and Police quarters marked out and
Village Constable appointed. Heavy rain 13.40 hrs.
Adequate native foods purchased. Camped YOLOMA.

Friday 16th, March

Departed YOLOMA 08.30 hrs. and walked
for 40 mins to TAMBURAME hamlet. V.C. appointed here and
site marked out for Rest House and Police Quarters.
Returned YOLOMA 13.00 hrs and supervised construction
of Rest House there.
Adequate native foods purchased. Camped YOLOMA.

NIPA PATROL REPORT

NO. 8 of 1961-62

Saturday 17th. March.

Departed YOLOMA 08.30 hrs.

Arrived MARGARIMA 10.05 hrs.

Commenced immediately on instruction course for newly-appointed Village Constables and continued with same until 17.30 hrs.

Adequate native foods purchased.

Camped MARGARIMA.

Sunday 18th. March.

Departed MARGARIMA 08.30 hrs.

Arrived MABERA 12.30 hrs.

Worked on Rest House at MABERA for 1½ hours to complete it. Talks with native people till 16.00 hrs.

Inadequate native foods purchased

Camped MABERA.

Monday 19th. March.

Departed MABERA 08.10 hrs.

Arrived NIPA 12.40 hrs.

Patrol stood down.

END OF DIARY.

INTRODUCTION

This patrol was sent to the MARGARIMA area to consolidate Administration influence. Instructions were given to the Patrol to select suitable headmen for recommendation for appointment as Village Constables, and to construct a Rest House and Police Barracks at each group centre. In addition to this the people at each centre were to be informed of the Regulations relating to village hygiene and housing and also of the Regulations relating to cemeteries.

It was intended that the Patrol would also include the hamlets of YARIBA, TIANGO and PA'U, but on arrival at NIGAURUA it was found that almost the entire population (approx. 650) of these hamlets had moved down into the MARGARIMA Basin proper, as a severe frost had ruined all their gardens. Consequently the Patrol did not visit this area, and, as the people were scattered throughout the MARGARIMA Basin no Village Constables were appointed. They stated, however, that they intended returning to their area in about a months' time so they were informed that the next Patrol in May would include their hamlets.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

No untoward incidents occurred and at no time was any anti-Government feeling shown to the Patrol. However, early in the peace, there appeared to be a somewhat lethargic attitude towards the Patrol, and at one place it was even stated that the people did not object to the Patrol's presence, but that they did not fancy the work entailed such as was laid down by the Patrol. This was considered to be sheer laziness. At several points it was most strongly shown to the people that the Government, together with the necessary work, was here to stay, and that they WOULD receive co-operation from the native people, no matter what the cost. This message got across to them, and as word spread that the Patrol would stand no slackness or laziness, there was a marked increase in the amount of co-operation that the patrol received. In fact as the Patrol proceeded

on its course, the situation was all that could be desired.

At each centre the people were instructed to clean the area around their houses, construct latrines for each house and select a site suitable for a cemetery.

They were also informed that the next Patrol in May would check the Census and inspect the work allocated to them by this Patrol.

REST HOUSES

Sites for 6 Rest Houses and Police Barracks were marked out at KAMBORO, HUMAIDIA, UGU, WANGALIHUNDA, YOLOMA and TAMBURAME, and in every case the frames were completed and work was well on the way before the Patrol left the Area. In addition, instructions were left for the renovation of the four existing buildings at TABALA, which will make them quite suitable for a Rest House site.

No site was marked out at NIGAUREUA as there is only a small population here and there is little or no timber on this groups' land. As it is only 20 mins. walk from the Rest House at HUMAIDIA these people were instructed to assist in the construction of that Rest House and to assemble there for future census checks.

Similarly no sites were marked out at WABIMARA and PELELE as these two groups live within 10 mins. walk of each end of the MARGARIMA Airstrip. These people were instructed to continue work on the extensions to the Airstrip and station buildings at MARGARIMA.

It was noted that the Rest Houses at SUMA, WOBYA, MABERA, PAIYERA and SAMBALA which had been marked out by a previous Patrol, were now completed and quite habitable.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

From each group a selection was made of a headman suitable for appointment as a Village Constable. This resulted in 9 such appointments being made as well as the appointment of MIABE-AGIWA who was appointed Village Constable by the A.D.O. TARI some 5 years ago. For the past 3 years he has been the only village official in the MARGARIMA area and has done a sterling job. It is requested that the A.D.O. MENDI negotiate with the A.D.O. at TARI with a view to having his Record of Service etc. transferred to NIPA.

These 10 candidates travelled with the Patrol and on arrival at MARGARIMA were given a short instruction course on their powers and duties as Village Constables. It was originally intended that this course would be spread over 3 to 4 days, but the shortage of native foods in the area, due to frost damage, made it necessary to shorten this to one day. During this course they were instructed in:

1. The Aims of the Administration.
2. Their duties and powers as Village Constables.
3. Relevant provisions of the N.R.O. etc.
4. Basic hygiene.
5. Elementary drill procedures.

Recommendations for the appointment of these Village Constables will be forwarded to the A.D.O. MENDI under separate cover.

ROADS & BRIDGES

For the most part, walking throughout the MARGARIMA area is not too difficult. However walking times shown in the DIARY include river crossings which usually took 20 - 30 mins. each. The WAGE River was crossed 4 times; the MARGARIMA River - twice; and the ANDABARI River - once. Each of these crossings was per medium of native-built suspension bridges which were obviously not constructed to support such loads as a Patrol usually carries. Instructions were left with

each group responsible for the reinforcing of these bridges.

It was pleasing to note that the groups between NIPA and SAMBALA have made an honest endeavour to cut good walkings tracks through their respective areas, as laid down by Mr. W. Lucas on NIPA Patrol No. 6 of 1961-62. Although the grades in some sections are too steep for a vehicular road, these roads certainly make for easier and faster walking.

The people of the MARGARIMA area were informed that future Patrols to their area would issue instructions for the building, in the first instance, of reasonable walking tracks.


MEDICAL & HEALTH

Aid Post Orderly IGILA from MARGARIMA accompanied the Patrol for 10 days throughout this area. A normal number of cuts and burns were attended to and no serious illnesses or wounds were brought to the Patrol. One male adult was escorted to NIPA for treatment of scabies, and a male child, suffering from leprosy, is at MARGARIMA Airstrip awaiting transport to TARI for treatment. Arrangements have been made with the District Officer MENDI to have him forwarded to the Hansenide Colony at TARI.

CONCLUSION

All in all, a pleasing Patrol and, it is to be hoped, a productive one. The people have now been made fully aware of what is expected of them and it is felt that future Patrols to this area should receive full co-operation from the Native people.

Comments on R.P.&N.G.C. PERSONNEL accompanying the Patrol have been entered in their Records of Service and Forms RS.1 have been forwarded to the Commissioner of Police KONE DOBU.


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B. J. DUNN
Patrol Officer Gr. 1



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. NIPA 9/1961-1962

Patrol Conducted by N. D. LUGAE P.O. 2

Area Patrolled NEMBI/WA/EMIA Creeks

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 10 R.P. & N.G.C. 1 Interpreter, 20 carriers, 1 N.M.O.

Duration - From 22/3/1962 to 7/4/1962

Number of Days 17

Did Medical Assistant accompany?

Last Patrol to Area by - District Services 10/1961

Medical / 19

Map Reference Sketch map attached

Objects of Patrol Census and routine

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

28/5/1962

[Signature]
District Commissioner [Signature]

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

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



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. NIPA 9 of 1962

Patrol Conducted by N. D. Lucas P.O. 2

Area Patrolled NEMBI/WE/EMIA CREEKS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 10 POLICE, 20 CARRIERS, 1 N.M.S., 1 INTERPRETER

Duration—From 22/3/1962 to 7/4/1962

Number of Days 17

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services /10/1961

Medical / /19

Map Reference SKETCH MAP ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol CENSUS & ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

28/5/1962

[Signature]
District Commissioner [Signature]

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation	£.....
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9th July, 1962.

District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MNDI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 9/61-62 - NIPA.

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report, together with the accompanying comment, is acknowledged with thanks. Progress made is most satisfying.

2. It may pay to put an officer down for 2 or 3 weeks on the Namoi River where it is recorded that the people are displaying odd attitudes.

3. I am pleased that the officer has recorded the causes or probably causes of disputes. These will be of immense value at later dates when the problems will no doubt recur.

4. From his conclusion it appears the officer had a very satisfying patrol. I am very favourably impressed with his work.


(W.R. Dishon)
A/DIRECTOR

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

KW:VHC

In Reply
Please Quote

No.



District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

28th May, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL NO. 2 OF 1961/62.

Thank you for Mr. Lucas's report on his patrol to the Nambi, We and Eua Creek regions of the Nipa area and your covering comments.

Mr. Lucas appears to have conducted a very good patrol and submitted an excellent report. Though control could not yet be said to be everywhere effective there has been a marked noticeable improvement throughout this area over the past year. Mr. Lucas has indicated that he is well aware of trouble that could easily arise and that he can handle it. The proposed program of routine patrolling should consolidate our influence without farther serious trouble arising.

Progress on census is most pleasing. In dealing with census I would like to see as soon as possible a complete list of proposed census units even if for various reasons the census of some of these are deferred.

I feel the schooling of village officials should not be unduly delays until the arrival of issues - however if the issues are expected in the near future there would be some prestige and psychological advantage in having them go forth from the school properly issued.

A good job well done. The report was submitted promptly from Nipa however I am concerned with the undue delay at the Sub-District Office which in my view is excessive even taking into account your reasons for the delay. I must insist that reports are processed promptly and if for any reason at all they are likely to be at the Sub-District office for more than 1 week they are to be forwarded directly to me without comment. Please see that other Sub-District staff and your native clerk are so informed.

c.c.
The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

Kw
(K.W. Dyer)
District Officer.

For your information please. The report in duplicate is attached. The map has been forwarded under separate cover for printing and other District matters arising from the report dealt with on a District level.

K.W. Dyer
(K.W. Dyer)
District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

ACJ:BT

In Reply
Please Quote
No. 67-2-3.

Sub District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

17th May, 1962.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO 9 of 1961/62.

Going forward herewith the abovementioned Report with attached map and Claims for Camping Allowance.

This Report was received during my absence at Madang on the 19th April 1962, the subsequent Easter Holidays and my occupation with Committal Cases in the Court of Petty Session of the Criminal Sittings of the Supreme Court have prevented me giving this Report my immediate attention.

Mr Lucas has submitted an excellent Report and a most neatly produced map.

Native Affairs.

The situation at KONGU is rather disappointing particularly as WARANKA was so helpful to Mr Lucas last December 15th (See para 4 page 3 Native Affairs, NIPA P/R 5 of 61/62). However I am confident of Mr Lucas's ability to successfully handle our avaricious friend.

I agree that the UDJABIA are a flagitious crowd, they only respect force. They must at all times be firmly handled, patrols in this area should always be accompanied by a strong police party, when I feel sure co-operation by the UDJIBIA's will not be withheld.

The friction between PABARONGA/DEL and UDJIBIA could well stem from the incomplete MOGA (See Mendi P/R 4 of 61/62 at page 13-14). The next Mendi patrol to PABARONGA will be instructed to make enquiries re the MOGA.

The MERUT/SEMIN situation appears most satisfactory and Mr Lucas is handling these people well. I have no doubt TROBI and KOMA will be located in the near future.

Re-settlement appears to be going on at a most satisfactory rate in this area.

Census.

The total recorded is most satisfactory. The original estimate for this area was "in excess of 5,000" (See NIPA memo 72-1-1 of 19th April 1961 Report for Period September 1960 - February 1961).

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Village Officials.

I consider a Village Officials School should be organised before the end of the present financial year, however I agree it is most desirable to have sufficient equipment on hand to ensure each official is fully issued on "Graduation Day".

Roads

Without doubt, the fact that the people are constructing reasonable walking tracks does indicate excellent influence.


Health.

The suggestions re Aid Posts appear sound, will you take this matter up with the District Medical Officer, or will I submit separate recommendations to you?.

Conclusion.

A well conducted patrol that has had good administrative effect on the area.

May 10 copies be sun printed of the map please.


(A.C. JEFFERIES)
Assistant District Officer.

C.C.
Officer in Charge,
NIPA.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Patrol Post,

NIPA.

10th. April, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,

Mendi Sub-District,

MENDI

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO.9/61-62

Patrol Conducted by:

N.D.Lucas.

Area Patrolled:

Nembi/We/Emia Rivers.

Patrol Accompanied by:

10 R.P. & N.G.C., 1 Interpreter,
1 N.M.O. 20 carriers.

Duration:

22nd. March, 1962 to
7th. April, 1962.
17 days

Object:

Initial census, routine
administration.

Map:

Sketch Map attached.

N.D. Lucas

(N.D.Lucas)

Patrol Officer Gr.2

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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NIPA.

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Patrol Officer Gr. 2

DIARY

Thursday, 22nd. March, 1962.

From Nipa to Pulim. Camp established.

Checked census and commenced construction rest house and barracks. Routine matters.

Camped Pulim.

Friday, 23rd. March.

From Pulim to Erep. Camp established. Census checked and construction of rest house and barracks. Routine matters.

Camped Pulim.

Saturday, 24th. March,

From Erep to Kombila. Checked census, routine, and commenced construction rest house and barracks.

Proceeded on to Korop. Census checked and commenced construction rest house and barracks.

Camped Korop.

Sunday, 25th. March.

From Korop to Kongu. Checked census, routine matters.

Camped Kongu.

Monday, 26th. March.

From Kongu to Tindom. Rest house commenced in December had been finished and police barracks also erected.

No attempt conduct census Merut group, discussed routine matters.

Camped Tindom.

DIARY

Tuesday, 27th. March.

Discussions with large number Merut people.
From Merut to Udjabia.
Routine matters.
Camped Udjabia.

Wedn. 28th. March.

From Udjabia to Mato.
Rest house and barracks already built.
Initial census and routine matters.
Camped Mato.

Thursday, 29th. March.

From Mato to Poroma.
Rest house and barracks in good shape.
Initial census and routine work.
Camped Poroma.

Friday, 30th. March.

From Poroma to Toiawara.
Rest house and barracks already built and in good order.
Initial census and routine matters.
Camped Toiawara.

Saturday, 31st. March.

Toiawara to Nenja.
Initial census and routine matters.
Rest house and barracks previously built in good shape.
Camped Nenja.

Sunday, 1st. April.

From Nenja to Kusa.
Camp established.
Initial census and routine matters.
Commenced construction rest house and barracks.
Camped Kusa.

DIARY

Monday, 2nd. April.

Initial census Kesu group.
Proceeded from Kusa to Uba.
Initial census Uba.
Rest house and barracks in good order.
Camped Uba.

Tuesday, 3rd. April

Uba to Pumberal.
Day spent contacting Pumberal people. Small percentage of the number already census were seen. Routine matters discussed.
Camped Pumberal.

Wednesday, 4th. April.

Pumberal, via Tobua to Kerongutu.
Initial census Kerongutu. Routine matters.
Visited by Kam headman, whose group is an offshoot from Marut, who requested census of his group. Advised to congregate the next morning as his ceremonial ground was included in the itinerary.
Camped Kerongutu.

Thursday, 5th. April.

Censused Kam, and proceeded on to Enjua. All groups in the upper We Creek area and Nipa area congregated at Enjua for ceremonial pig killing. Limited amount of success in organising some discussions, but eventually left them to their own devices.
Camped Enjua.

Friday, 6th. April

Enjua to Semin.
Routine matters. No attempt to revise last year's census as group still timid and only small percentage of censused number visited the patrol. Although a vast improvement over December visit.
Camped Mobera (Semin).

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Saturday, 7th. April.

From Semin to Ugur. Few present as the majority were absent at Enjua. To Ebil, also majority of group at Enjua. Similarly Injip and Omdol groups. Village Constables of all places were present and work on walking tracks from Ugur through to Injip was allocated.

Patrol returned Nipa.

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INTRODUCTION

The main object of the patrol was to regularise census work already done and to continue initial census amongst as many groups as possible. Routine matters were attended to, construction of rest houses and barracks, selection of suitable men for appointment as Village Constables, etc.

Our itinerary was somewhat disorganised towards the end as the majority of the Karinj groups, Ebil, Injip, Enjua, Obuai, Arop, Ulal and Omdol were all concerned with a traditional ceremony at Enjua which lasted several days. We arrived during the preliminary ceremonies and although we made contact with a fair number of each group, found it impossible to direct any attention elsewhere but the ceremony. As the general situation in this area is quite reasonable I do not think anything was lost by us having only fleeting contacts.

No incidents occurred, and the patrol was generally quite successful.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

The situation amongst the groups nearer the station is generally good. At present there is no reported friction between any of them and they are getting down to village work with no fuss.

Two groups on the Nambi River are displaying odd attitudes. The Kongu people are still very timid despite the number of visits they have had from routine patrols over the past three to four months. None of these patrols have done anything to give them that attitude. I think the main trouble is with the Village Constable Waranka who at this stage does not appear much interested in doing anything that will not bring him material gain. I think with some patience we can bring his faculties into line.

The Udjabia group appear to be inherently evil! Although they are making a reasonable effort on roads and other village work there is something unsavoury underlying their mien.

There still appears to be friction between the ORU and WE groups of Del/Pabaranga and Udjabia. Udjabia claim they have pandanus palms on the range to the west of the Nambi River. These trees have always been harvested by the Udjabia's without any interference from the Del/Pabaranga groups.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

Recently however it is alleged that KONJAMO and KOMBIAP of Oru, NAP of Tegirup, and TRONK and ME of We group, together with several of their clansmen have been keeping watch on several palms to which the Udjabia people claim ownership, and which have previously been harvested by Udjabia.

It is the custom during harvesting for the owner of a pandanus tree to build a small shelf around the trunk of the tree about six feet from the ground to signify that ownership is claimed and also to act as a deterrent to anyone wishing to steal the fruit. This season several of the shelves built on various trees have allegedly been removed and rebuilt by the above men and their groups. Further, Udjabia men going to harvest fruit have been constantly watched by the above men. Apparently there has been no exchange of words, nor as yet any open hostility towards them, but they have taken the inference that the We and Oru people mean no good.

Further the Udjabia people have allegedly been told by a Mala man that he was approached by a We/Oru man and told that as the Udjabia people had received a compensation payment for the death of one of the Udjabia headmen, the We/Oru were dissatisfied about it and intended killing another Udjabia man. The Udjabia's could, or would not support this latter story, but there may be some truth in it.

While at Tindon we were told by the Merut people that threats had been made against them by several groups that as men from these other various groups had been gaoled because of last year's fighting, retribution would be taken out against Merut as the perpetrators of the trouble. I mentioned this matter at Udjabia. The story was not denied, and was met with hang-dog looks so there appears to be truth in it. The consequences were outlined and this may have a bridling effect. I do not doubt that the Udjabia group would ^{be} up to some mischief at the drop of a hat.

We had good contact with the Merut group, although the majority of the group are still away from their area. Many moved out to the Indu creek area, to places near Nipa and various other spots during last year's fighting. Most of these people are now commencing to drift back to Tindon. The rest house commenced on my last visit there has been completed as has a police barracks. I have made recommendation for the appointment of their headman as Village Constable and I think there will be a vast improvement there from now on. So long, that is, as other groups leave them in peace. Threats have been made by various groups, I have mentioned this above, and the people are most concerned about it.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

I discussed this matter with those groups concerned and issued warnings. By regular patrolling we should be able to avert further serious strife.

The influence of Kagua patrols through the lower Emia and We creeks is apparent. These people were friendly and co-operative.

There has been a vast improvement amongst the Semin people. The rest house and barracks commenced on my last visit have been completed. This patrol was met by possibly two hundred people. There are still many who are wary of visiting a patrol, but from present indications their fears are gradually being overcome. A group of between 30 and 40 Semin men regularly come to Nipa to work on the airstrip, and have been doing so since January.

We were unable to locate Trobi and Koma, the two Semin men responsible for most of the recent trouble there. They have not lived in their hamlet for months, and nobody is willing to divulge their whereabouts. I am confident that these two are going to make a fatal mistake later and appear before a patrol of their own accord. Provided we can give the impression that we do not urgently require their apprehension. I am pretty sure that they are moving between the Semin area and the Emia Creek area near Kusa, putting as much land between themselves and patrols as possible. They will be apprehended once we can get some concrete evidence on their movements.

There is a good deal of resettlement going on throughout the area. The group currently ensconced at MALA were apparently originally from the area between Tindom and Udjabia. Of late Mala women have married into the Udjabia group and relationships have been formed between the two groups which did not exist before. Udjabia was apparently No.1 enemy so far as the Mala group were concerned. Since these marriages the Mala people have commenced to reconstruct houses and gardens on their original lands and many moves have already taken place.

A large group from Mato, after an altercation with the remainder of the Mato group, once moved camp to Toiawara. They now form the majority group near Toiawara. However, preparations are now being made between the groups to heal the breach by some form of pig-killing ceremony. Following this ceremony in a few months time, the Toiawara group intends moving back to Mato.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

The Pinjip group, originally from the area near Arop and Injip have been in the Wage River area for some time. Resettlement back in their original lands began some time last year, and since then the majority of the group have returned.

These three instances are the main movements. However numerous family groups are also resettling in their original groups. In these cases I have found that through some disagreement with the group a man and his family would move off to some relation and settle there until either by mutual consent or after suitable compensation payments were made to heal a breach thus enabling the man to return to his group, would remain away. Now it may well be that our influence has given such people the courage to return to their rightful lands without fear of retribution. I think the fact that the entire area is now much more settled and less liable to erupt into open warfare has given the larger groups the encouragement they need to resettle.

CENSUS

All previous work done was checked and statistics taken. No attempt was made either at Merut or Semin to do any census work as a large number of the people of these two groups are still dispersed through the area.

The total names now recorded for the area south of Nipa and bordered on the south by the Erave River is 6406. There are many groups along the We and Emia Creeks which remain unrecorded, but the trouble with these is that they won't stand still long enough for us to get their particulars. Word of census work will spread and I expect that the next patrol will be able to record a good percentage of the remainder.

The total number now censused in the entire Nipa area is 13,887.

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VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Several recommendations will be made for appointments to Village Constables. Men previously appointed, with the exception of Waranka of Kongu, are doing reasonable work in keeping their groups in order.

All officials have visited the station since the patrol's return and have been given instruction on their duties. I have not conducted a school with them as that is planned when appointments for the area are finalised and equipment issued.

REST HOUSES

Construction of rest houses and barracks continued throughout the area. Those previously built are in good order, being well maintained by the people. Those places which did not before have rest houses and barracks are now building them.

ROADS

A lot of work is being done on inter village tracks, I have issued a limited number of shovels to encourage further work. In these cases native tracks have been followed, but in instances where grades have been impossible I indicated alternative routes.

I think that the fact that such work is being undertaken is a positive indication of a good deal of influence. Especially in places where no previous instructions have been issued.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH

N.M.O. Liba from Mendi accompanied the patrol and worked well.

This trip also we encountered cases which needed follow up treatemnt. However, many cases stated their unwillingness to travel the long distances to Nipa but realised that it would be to their advantage to go. They appear favourable towards the establishment of Aid Posts in their areas. I realise that the staff problem would not allow the Public Health Department

to establish Aid Posts in the centres listed below, but the information will be available for future reference.

I suggest that eventually posts be established at the following places:-

1. Erep - to serve Erep (363); Kombila (182); Korop (185).
2. Udjabia - to serve Udjabia (315); Merut (300); Kongu (204).
3. Mato - to serve Mato (105); Kusa (117); Kesu (140) and Poroma (109).
4. Toiawara - to serve Toiawara (126); Nenja (102) and various places in the Kagua Sub-District which are close to Toiawara, populations of which I do not know.
5. Uba - to serve Uba (387); Petum (not censused, est. 200); Pumberal (230).
6. Kerongutu - to serve Sigeriba (358); Tobua (195); Kam (201).
7. Enjua - to serve Tembii (492); Ondol (259); Ula (305) and Ubuai (217).
8. Hont - to serve Hont (146); Semin (357) and Ebil (240).

The figures above are the census figures for the groups.

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CONCLUSION

There has been a vast improvement in the area patrolled over the past few months. There are groups who are as yet quite timid and very near flash point, but I think they should settle down under the influence of regular patrols.

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Nipa Patrol Report.

No. 9/1961-1962

REPORT ON P.P. & N.G.C. PERSONNEL
ACCOMPANYING PATROL

No. 7095 Constable 1/C SENGIJO

Conduct good, reliable NCO.

No. 6938 Constable MUGALIONG

Conduct good, reliable man.

No. 9059 Constable MAREME

Conduct fair only, much below average.

No. 9448 Constable GOIKULA

Conduct good, reliable man.

No. 9517 Constable DAMAWA

Conduct very good, most reliable member.

No. 9649 Constable ASARIP

Conduct good, energetic and reliable.

No. 9970 Constable YAB

Conduct good, reliable member.

No. 9715 Constable NIMBONGI

Conduct good, reliable man.

No. 9992 Constable YAGAM

Conduct not good, needs constant supervision.

No. 10930 Constable ANDANGAMA

Conduct good, is improving considerably.

The above comments have been entered in the members' Records of Service and Forms 1 have been forwarded to headquarters.

N. D. Lucas
N. D. Lucas.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. NIPA 10/1961-1962

Patrol Conducted by N.D. LUCAS, PATROL OFFICER GR.2

Area Patrolled WAGE RIVER

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans MR. B.J. DUMM, PATROL OFFICER.

Natives 8 R.P. & N.G.C., 2 INTERPRETERS, 1 N.M.O.

Duration—From 22 / 5 / 1962 to 6 / 6 / 1962

Number of Days 16

Did Medical Assistant Accompany NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 1 / 1962

Medical / / 19

Map Reference Sketch map attached.

Objects of Patrol Initial census and routine administration.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

25 JUN 1962

[Signature]
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. NIPA NO. 10/1961-1962.

Patrol Conducted by N. D. LUCAS, PATROL OFFICER GR. 2.

Area Patrolled WAGE RIVER

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans MR. B. J. DENN, PATROL OFFICER.

Native 3 R.P. & N.G.C., 2 INTERPRETERS, 1 NMC.

Duration—From 22 / 5 / 19 62 to 6 / 6 / 19 62

Number of Days 16

Did Medical Assistant Accompany No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 1 / 19 62

Medical / 19

Map Reference Sketch Map attached.

Objects of Patrol Initial census, routine administration.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

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K. Lucas
District Commissioner *ell*

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... £

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

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

67-15-75

27th June, 1962.

District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MANDI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 10-61/62 - NIRA

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks. I am gratified to note that the situation in the Northern Wage area is continuing to improve as evidenced in the preparation of sites and building materials for the establishment of rest houses and the improvement of walking tracks.

2. I feel sure that the earlier action you took in the area in having patrols moved in from different directions has had a salutary effect on the people and they are now prepared to accept the inevitable.

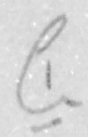
3. You will, of course, find all kinds of rumours, such as that concerning the Bulal group, are alleged to have been spreading.

4. I am sure repeated visits to the Middle Wage area will result in the people returning to their hamlets and settling down; the story concerning mission agents telling them to run away can, I believe, be discounted.

5. The compilation of vital statistics should be regarded as satisfactory at this stage.

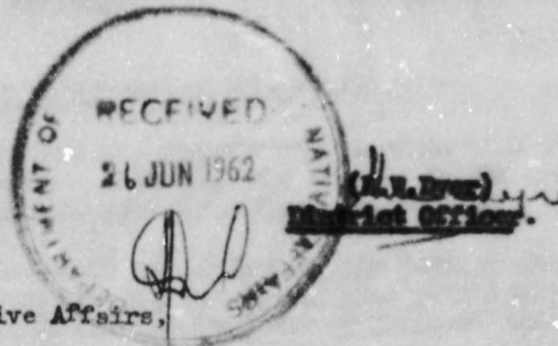
6. Have you taken any action to control the employment of men by the Ufm - I am sure the mission would cooperate.

7. A first class consolidation patrol.


(W.R. Dishon)
ACTING DIRECTOR

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in the mission co-operating by advice to us when their teachers or evangelists are operating in such areas. I do not think they should be discouraged. What appears to be needed is a further patrol to the middle and lower Wage River areas - what are present plans in this respect?

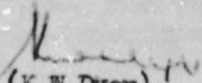
Messrs Lucas and Dunn have conducted a fine patrol. Mr. Lucas's report as usual is both lucid and well written. The lack of funds which for camping allowances are held for the time being at Mandi.



Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDJOU.

For your information please. Copies of the report are attached. The area covered West of the Wage River is the area concentrated upon as a result of an attack on a Nipa patrol last January. The situation now appears quite satisfactory.

Two copies of census figures are attached. Please note that these are for initial census. I hope that when the area is completely covered and that the pattern of population for the area is clear that the census figures already submitted can be re-cast into census divisions that will become permanent and will be the recommendations for the area for the Village Directory.


(K.W. Dyer)
District Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MEKELI.

20 JUN 1962

Assistant District Officer,
MEKELI.

NIPA PATROL NO. 10 of 1961/62.

Thank you for Mr. Lucas's patrol of portion of the WAGE River and your covering comments. Following the trouble in the area during January 1962 the current situation is most pleasing.

I am pleased to see officials are being recommended. I am quite sure that the measure of progress in the area will depend on the encouragement given to and the use made of these officials.

The census work here and in the NIPA area generally is also most pleasing. You will note from the Village Directory that the whole Nipa area is included as the "Nandi" Census Division with no villages listed and an estimated population of 2000. Census Division 27 "Wage" (Kutubu) and No. 33 "Margarima" (Tara) are now administered from NIPA. It should be possible now to demarcate the Nipa area into Census Divisions with complete lists of villages in each case and I want this to be done in draft form and submitted to me as soon as possible. I do not want a multiplicity of small census divisions - including Margarima, Wage and Nandi a total of 4 census divisions should be ample. Should I concur with the approach and what is suggested from NIPA this will probably form the basis of my recommendation to H.Q. for the amended Village Directory and also the basis of units to be incorporated in the new District map. I would like these submissions to be given priority and to include any proposed (anticipated) census units even if the census has not been physically done.

I would also like to know something of the lower Wage area between the Wage and Lai Rivers and North of parallel Latitude 6° 30'. This is still restricted. I was under the impression the area was largely unpopulated but I have recently been approached by the U.F.M. Mission reference the area which they would like to visit from GOROKA and the people of which are apparently requesting them to visit. The area would have been traversed by the GOROKA patrol. Nipa patrol No. 1 of 1960/61 should have covered this area. Please advise me concerning this area as soon as possible and also your recommendations as to the working boundary between the Nipa and Lake Kutubu patrol posts.

Re mission activity - evangelists cannot be stopped nor is their work without risk. There can be a lot to be gained in the settling down of the people when mission workers are in an area. "Explosive" situations exist in many areas of the territory but nothing definite has been put forward to indicate why these people should be in any great peril. I will discuss the matter with Mr. Rile when next I visit Kutubu. I see no great difficulty in

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Patrol Post,
NIPA.
7th. June, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,
Mendi Sub-District,
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 10/61-62

Patrol Conducted by: N.D. Lucas, Patrol Officer Gr.2

Area Patrolled: Page River.

Patrol Accompanied by: Mr. B.J. Dunn, Patrol Officer.
3 N.P. & N.G.C.
2 Interpreters.
1 N.M.G.

Duration: 22nd. May, 1962 to 6th. June, 1962.
16 days.

Objects: Initial census and routine
administration.

Map: Map attached.

N.D. Lucas

N.D. Lucas.
Patrol Officer Gr.2.

DIARY

Tuesday, 22nd. May, 1962.

Nipa to Pingirip.
Contact Mendi A510 portable.
Camped Pingirip.

Wednesday, 23rd. May.

Pingirip to Mobera.
Patrol carriers and local natives prepared materials for repair of bridge at Paiyera.
Contact Lake Kutubu A510 portable.
Camped Mobera.

Thursday, 24th. May.

Mobera to Paiyera thence to Waga River. Crossed and proceeded to Solapem.
Initial census, routine matters.
Contacted headmen from Songura, Umbal and Henepanda.
Contact Lake Kutubu A510 portable.
Camped Solapem rest house and barracks.

Friday, 25th. May.

Initial census Songura and Inja groups at Songura.
Commenced construction rest house and barracks at Songura ceremonial ground of EL.
Contacted Lake Kutubu on A510 portable.
Camped Solapem barracks.

Saturday, 26th. May.

From Solapem via Songura, EL and Injahanis to Umbal.
Initial census and routine matters.
Commenced construction rest house and barracks.
Contacted Mendi on A510 portable.
Camped Umbal.

Sunday, 27th. May.

Umbal to Henepanda.
Initial census Henep group and part of Hulal group.
Contacted Mendi on A510 portable.
Camped in Henepanda rest house and barrack.

Rips Patrol Post.

No. 10/1961-1962

DIARY

Monday 28th. May.

Henepanda to Sebiba via Tubal ceremonial ground.
Initial census of ALK group and the remainder of
HULAL group.
Contacted Mendi on A510 portable.
Camped Sebiba rest house and barracks.

Tuesday 29th. May.

To Obal ceremonial ground for census of SENDAP group.
returned to Sebiba rest house and barracks to camp.
Mendi contacted on A510 portable.

Wednesday, 30th. May.

Sebiba to Hombila.
Initial census Wanda group.
Commenced construction rest house and barracks.
Contacted Mendi on portable transceiver.
Camped Hombila.

Thursday, 31st. May.

Hombila, crossing Wage River to Halalinja.
Initial census Wanda group.
Contacted Mendi on portable radio.
Construction rest house and barracks commenced.
Camped Halalinja.

Friday, 1st. June, 1962.

Halalinja to Ungubi.
Initial census Oboga group.
Commenced construction rest house and barracks.
Contacted Mendi on A510.
Camped Ungubi.

Saturday, 2nd. June.

Ungubi to Kawari ceremonial ground in the middle Wage
area.
Contacted headmen from some surrounding groups.
Contact with Mendi on portable transceiver.
Camped Kawari.

Sunday, 3rd. June.

Initial census Urimsrap and Nait groups.
Contacted Mendi on A510.
Camped Kawari.

DIARY

Monday, 4th. June.

Lawari to Hebinja.

Initial census Nobe group and the remainder of Omdol, Kente and Arop groups not previously censused. The latter three groups a part of the larger groups of the same name in the Nipa basin area.

Contacted Mendi on A510.

Commenced construction rest house and barracks.

Camped Hebinja.

Tuesday, 5th. June.

Hebinja, across Wage River and over IR Range to Ulal rest house.

Contacted Mendi on A510.

Camped Ulal.

Wednesday, 6th. June.

Ulal to Nipa.

END OF DIARY

INTRODUCTION

The objects of the patrol were initial census and routine administration.

The population patrolled is situated on the north-western outskirts of the Mendi/Nipa population area, around the northern and middle Wage River areas. The people from the middle Wage River apparently originated from the Nipa basin area, moving out to the Wage because of either population pressures in their particular groups or tribal fighting. A large number of these people have commenced resettling in the Nipa area, but it appears that the majority prefer to remain in the Wage area while still maintaining ties with parent groups nearer Nipa.

The patrol met with no hostile incidents.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

The situation in the northern Wage area is continuing to improve. Prior to our arrival, rest houses and barracks had been built at Solopen and Menepanda and all other groups in the area had prepared sites and materials for their buildings. Over the past few months I have issued shovels to most of these groups and they have been put to good use on walking tracks. I give these people credit for realising and accepting in a relatively short space of time the inevitability of our control over them. The exception to the rule was the Hulal group near Menepanda. They propagated a scaple of rumours to the effect that the Kene Creek people intended to forcibly prevent our entering that area. The story proved false. The spokesman from the group even had the audacity to tell us that the Lake Kutubu patrols had forbidden them to appear for census for a Nipa patrol, the story was met with the derision it deserved.

Contact by Lake Kutubu patrols on the Kene Creek has proved very valuable. Rest houses have been built at Sebiba and Obal, and the attitudes of the people generally were quite pleasing.

Affairs were not so good in the middle Wage area. One group, Karit of Kawari, reportedly packed up about two days before we arrived and headed for the hills. By the time we arrived all their hamlets were deserted. Immediately after our arrival their rearguard yelled to us from the top of a hill: "Go to church, we

will not line for census." Mission activity in the area is discussed later. We were unable to make further contact with the group, they had completely deserted the area.

Other groups in that vicinity were at first wary, but settled down well and census was conducted. I think that the Karit group may come into line once they see the outcome of our visit to the others. I can see no reason why the Karit group should have deserted the area. One story had it that the mission agents had told them to clear out, but I doubt if there is any truth in that story, as other groups we visited who had had contact with the mission group were reasonably settled. It follows that if the mission men had told one group to clear out they would have told the lot. It may after all be "crneriness", but I think probably the reason of their fear was that they were unsure as to our intentions and played the game very safe.

The groups met at Habinja have had a lot of contact with Nipa groups, the majority of them move freely between the Nipa basin and the Wago River. They were quite friendly and co-operative.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Recommendations will be submitted for thirteen men for appointment to Village Constable. Six of these men accompanied the patrol back to Nipa, were given issues and equipment and spent two days on the station being familiarised with their duties.

REST HOUSES

Prior to the patrol rest houses and barracks had already been built at Solapan, Benepanda, Sebiba and Obal. Attempts had also been made by the Naib group in the middle Wago to build a rest house, but not knowing what they were about it turned out a bit of a mess. The party from Naib which came back to Nipa with us have seen other barracks on the road and with the directions we gave them they should do a reasonable job next time.

Rest houses and barracks were commenced in all other places visited.

CENSUS

A total of 2456 people were recorded. Of these 119 are members of groups previously censused in the Nipa basin area.

The total now censused in the Nipa area is 16,343. The initial census for the area is now virtually completed. A few isolated pockets remain to be recorded.

Five Patrol Report.

No. 10/1951-1952

MISSION ACTIVITY

Two employees of the U.F.M. Lake Kutuba, FORD and ANSIA have been operating at Honopanda, Sebiba, Obal, Numbila, Malalinja, Ungubi, Pijip, Kawari and Inja. Mission houses have been built at all these places. The officer in Charge, Lake Kutuba, tells me that Mr. Kule has been unaware of their activities in the area, and from the amount of materials put into the houses and the extent of their contact it must have been a very smooth operation to escape Mr. Kule's notice. I must re-iterate the point made in my SO-1-1 of the 9th. May, that I consider these men to be taking a big risk by working in the area. The slightest mismanagement on their part could easily amount to their extinction, as even though the contact and control is improving in the area, the people are still at an explosive stage.

I do not think that the men have done anything contrary to law and good government but in the interests of their own safety I think they should be restrained from further entering the area until we have better control there.

CONCLUSION

Census figures are appended, one sheet for the Wago River and the other shows the amended figures for Arop and Oadol. I hope to be able within a month or so to submit correct and complete census figures for the entire area. However, there yet remains some sorting out to do between groups, and of course there are as mentioned some groups as yet uncensused.

High Patrol Report,

No. 10/1961-1962

REPORT ON R.P. & N.G.C. PERSONNEL
ACCOMPANYING PATROL

No. 1856 Constable First Class TAMUTAI

Conduct good, a reliable NCO.

No. 6938 Constable MUOALONG

Conduct good, reliable member.

No. 9607 Constable TUMBI.

Conduct good, works well.

No. 9970 Constable YAR

Conduct good, willing and reliable.

No. 9992 Constable YAGAN

Conduct good, improved this patrol.

No. 9649 Constable ASARIP

Conduct good, reliable man.

No. 9517 Constable DANKEA

Conduct good, reliable man.

No. 10490 Constable KATINAGA

Conduct good, works well.

The above comments have been entered in the members' records of service and Form 1 have been forwarded to headquarters.

H. D. Lucas

H. D. Lucas.

Patrol Officer 2.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of... **SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS** Report No. **NIPA 11 of 1961-62**

Patrol Conducted by... **B. J. DUNN** Patrol Officer.....

Area Patrolled..... **NIPA - SHUMBI**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... **NO**

Natives... **1 INTERPRETER... 6 R.P.&N.G.C. 6 PERMANENT CARRIERS**

Duration—From... **12/6/1962** to... **19/6/1962**

Number of Days..... **EIGHT**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... **NO**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../... **2/1962**

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

Map Reference..... **SKETCH MAP ATTACHED**

- Objects of Patrol... **1. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION**
- **2. LOCATE A VEHICULAR ROAD ROUTE FROM SHUMBI TO NIPA.**

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

25/6/1962

[Signature]
District Commissioner *[Initials]*

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

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. NIPA 11 of 1961-62

Patrol Conducted by B. J. DUNN Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled NIPA - SHUMBI

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Natives 1 INTERPRETER 6 R.P.&N.G.C. 6 PERMANENT CARRIERS

Duration—From 12./6./1962 to 19./6./1962

Number of Days EIGHT

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by District Services 2./1962

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

Map Reference SKETCH MAP ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol 1. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION

2. LOCATE A VEHICULAR ROAD ROUTS FROM SHUMBI TO NIPA

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

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25/6/1964

[Signature]
District Commissioner

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67-16-76


6th July, 1962.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MORILL.

PATROL REPORT NO. 11 - 1961/62 - NIPA

Receipt of the aforementioned Patrol Report is
acknowledged with thanks.

The Patrol Report does not call for any other
comment than that already recorded.


(W.H. BISHOP)
Director.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND RE-SETTLEMENT

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District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
NSW.

25th June 1952



Assistant District Officer,
NSW.

NIDA FORM No. 11 of 1951

Mr. Dunn's report on the above patrol and other covering
comments are acknowledged.

A road to NIDA will be very worthwhile while. I expect that
the survey done by this patrol will be incorporated with other recent
surveys and appropriate recommendations for roads with Government
submitted.

I am interested to see recommendations for the S-4 all-
season with little or no population. It is situations like these that
have to be thoroughly investigated prior to basing a road
to a particular route. Are there other groups willing to lead a herd
either purely voluntarily or a token reward?

Claims for copying allowance are held at Head posting
receipt of funds.

(Signature)
(K.W. Byer)
District Officer.

→ Director,
D.N.A.,
KONEDOBU.

For your information please. Report in duplicate is attached.

(Signature)
(K.W. Byer)
District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-2-3.

Sub District Office,
MENDI.

22nd. June 1962.

District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL REPORT No. 11 of 1961/62.

The attached Report with Claims for
Camping Allowance and Map, received on even date forwarded herewith.

The native situation is obviously good
in this area, this is demonstrated by the willingness of the
people to attend for road work. It was a pity the LAI Pig Kill
attracted so many people from the area but the same feast caused
delays to Mr. Fowler's Local Government patrol this week and also
to Mr. Butler's patrol now in the Lower Lai (UNDIRI Division).

The benching of this present road and
its ultimate completion will mean that MENDI will be linked by
road with NIPA, thus for the first time District H.Q. will be
joined with one of its outstations.

This short patrol has achieved a most
useful purpose and Mr. Dunn has conducted his usual competent patrol.

I look forward to receiving the Report
which will state the complete route has been surveyed.


(A.C. JEFFERIES.)
ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-1-2

Patrol Post,

NIPA.

7th. June, 1962.

Mr. B.J. Dunn,
Patrol Officer,
NIPA

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS

NIPA PATROL NO. 11/61-62

Please patrol to the Egenda/Shumbi area, departing Nipa no later than the 12th. June.

Your primary object will be to locate a vehicular road route from Shumbi towards Egenda to link eventually with the road route pegged by Mendi officers in the Lai Valley, and with the route pegged to the Nembi River from Nipa. Before departing I suggest you read the Public Works Department "Notes on the Location, Construction and Maintenance of Rural or Non-Urban Roads", a copy of which is held in the office.

Attend to other routine administrative matters as they arise. Cases needing magisterial jurisdiction should be referred to Nipa.

You are to remain on the job until immediately prior to my departure for the Margarima patrol later this month.

Your police escort will comprise Constables ^{AKAU} MUGALONG, ~~MUGALONG~~ NIMBONGI, BUNIMA, ANDANGAMA, and GOIKULA. There is no NCO available, but ^{AKAU} MUGALONG should act suitably in that capacity.

A. S. Lucas
N.D. Lucas

Officer in Charge.

NIPA PATROL REPORT

No. 11 of 1961-62

Patrol Post,
NIPA S.H.D.
20th. June 1962

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The Assistant District Officer,
MENDI S.H.D.

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 11 of 1961-62

CONDUCTED BY: B. J. DUNN

AREA PATROLLED: NIPA - SHUMBI

DURATION: 12th June to 19th June 1962
EIGHT DAYS

MAP REFERENCE: SKETCH MAP ATTACHED.

OBJECTS OF PATROL: 1. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.
2. LOCATE A VEHICULAR ROAD
ROUTE FROM NIPA TO
SHUMBI.


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B. J. DUNN
Patrol Officer

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INTRODUCTION

This short patrol was mounted and proceeded to the SHUMBI area via EGENDA and MULIS, in order to locate a vehicular road route from SHUMBI to NIPA. This road was to link up with the road from MENDI through the LAI VALLEY. Prior to the mounting of this patrol work on this road had been started from the NIPA end, with the route located, surveyed and cleared from NIPA to the NEMBI RIVER.

NIPA PATROL

No. 11 of 1961-62

DIARY

Tuesday 12th. June

Departed NIPA 10.00
Arrived Shumbi 14.45

Camp established. Talks with native people. Adequate native foods purchased. Camped SHUMBI

Wednesday 13th. June

At SHUMBI.

Commenced pegging vehicular road. Late afternoon spent tearing area looking for possible road route. Ample native foods purchased. Camped SHUMBI

Thursday 14th June

At SHUMBI

Continued pegging of vehicular road. Adequate food purchased. Camped SHUMBI

Friday 15th. June

Departed SHUMBI 08.30
Arrived MULIS 10.45

No people. All departed to LAI VALLEY for pig-kill. Toured area looking for possible road route. No native foods purchased. Camped MULIS

Saturday 16th June

At MULIS. Commenced clearing site for rest house. No native foods purchased. Camped MULIS

Sunday 17th. June

Observed

Camped MULIS

Munday 18th June

At MULIS. work commenced on Rest House and Police Barracks. Afternoon spent looking for possible road route. Camped MULIS

Tuesday 19th June

MULIS to NIPA

NATIVE AFFAIRS

No untoward incidents occurred in this newly-de-restricted area, during the patrol.

It was intended to carry on with the pegging of the road after Thursday 14th. June, but an important pig-kill in the LAI VALLEY drew the entire population of SHUMBI, EGENDA, MULIS and most of the other groups from the NIPA Basin area.

Shovels were issued to all groups along the proposed road route and the people accepted these quite willingly ~~and~~ even though they realised the extent of the work involved.

At SHUMBI a 100% turn-up of the male labour force, resulted in a good deal of work being done on the preliminary road survey and clearing, and it was unfortunate that the celebrations in the LAI VALLEY occurred when they did, as the people were working very well and were keen on the job.

ROADWORK

Pegging of the road commenced from the point where the MENDI Patrol Officer left off, some 1½ - 2 miles South of SHUMBI Rest House. It was then pegged down to TAGIL Creek (the boundary of the SHUMBI group) and up to SHUMBI Rest House making about 3 miles of road pegged. This road route was pegged by Abney level and roughly cleared to a width of about 20 feet. Instructions were then left with the people to clear this route entirely and commence cutting the bench. Another patrol in about 2 months time will then return to SHUMBI and continue surveying and pegging the road route. The land belonging to the SHUMBI group extends from TAGIL Creek to the ridge just above MULIS and will probably involve some 5 to 6 miles of road. The group is not a large one, having a labour force of able-bodied men, of 42. The proposed route will involve cutting a road from 6500' (at SHUMBI) to 7200' then down again to about 6800' and thus will entail a terrific amount of work for just a small labour force. The route from MULIS to the NEMBI RIVER should present no problems as the terrain is much more favourable to road construction and has a larger labour force to work on it. In addition to pegging this road, a good deal of country was traversed looking for a possible road route.

Such a route was found and a road link will eventually be established between SHUMBI and NIPA via MULIS and EGENDA.

REST HOUSES

Due to the absence of population, the Patrol moved to MULIS and commenced construction of a Rest House and Police Barracks near the proposed road route. Such a rest House will be fully utilised when further work is carried out on this road.

Conclusion

The patrol, although only a short one achieved a good amount of work and would have achieved more had it not been for the native celebrations in the LAI VALLEY. However no restrictions were placed on the native people at SHUMBI as it was an important pig-kill which drew thousands of people from both the LAI and NEMBI VALLEYS.

Comments on R.P.&N.G.C. personnel accompanying the patrol have been entered in their Records of Service and Forms RS.1 have been forwarded to the Commissioner of Police.



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B. J. DUNN
Patrol Officer

