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PATROL REPORTS SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

LAKE KUTUBU 1963/64

| <u>Patrol No.</u> | <u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u> | <u>Area Patrolled.</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1-63/64 | M.W.Brownridge | Foi'i Census Division |
| 2-63/64 | M.W.Brownridge | Part basu Census Division |
| 3-63/64 | W.McDonald | Lower Tari Census Division |
| 4-63/64 | W.McDonald | Fasu and Foi Census Divisions |
| 5-63/64 | A.F.McNeill | Foi'i and Fasu C/Ds and Buru and Baina villages in Kikori S/D |



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS..... Report No.....LAKE KUTUBU.No..I..of..63/64.

Patrol Conducted by.....M.W.BROWNRIDGE. PATROL OFFICER Gd 2.....

Area Patrolled.....FOI'I CENSUS DIVISION.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....NIL.....

Natives.....6 R.P.A.N.G.C. I INTERPRETER. I A.P.O.

Duration—From 23/8/1963 to 18/9/1963

Number of Days.....27.....DAYS.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany.....NO.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../7/1963

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....GENERAL EXTENSION OF INFLUENCE.....

SUPERVISION OF ROAD WORK (INTRA VILLAGE TRACKS)

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

District Commissioner

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

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

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

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67-15-30

January 22nd, 1964.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
KIBALI.

PATROL REPORT No. 1 - 1963/64 - LAKE KIVU

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

The Lake Kivuba boat hull is now at Kibali and the motor will also be at Kibali within the next week or so (Monday Saturday the 31st refers).

The general situation of the area is satisfactory.

I am gratified to note that there appears to be more interest in the forthcoming elections than there was a few months ago.


(J. E. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

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RWB:NNK.
67-2-4

Sub-District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MEML.

21st November, 1963.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MEML.

LAKE KUTUBU PATROL NO 1 OF 63/64.

Attached hereto please find two copies of a report on the above patrol as submitted by Mr. H. W. Brownridge Patrol Officer.

Delay in forwarding this report is regretted but there was some confusion in this office and the report was inadvertently filed.

The patrol was one mainly of a routine nature and the objects of the patrol were achieved.

There appear to have been quite a large number of disputes over bride price but the fact that the patrol was able to settle these by arbitration is pleasing.

Educational lectures were given to the people on the forthcoming House of Assembly elections and these were well received throughout.

The visit of the Bosavi men should have the effect of broadening the outlook of these nomadic people who have had little contact.

(R. W. BLAIKIE)
Assistant District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegram
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Our Reference
If calling ask for
Mr.

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Patrol Post.
LAKE KUTUBU.
Southern Highlands District.

23rd September '63.

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

LAKE KUTUBU PATROL REPORT No 1 of 63/64.

Conducted by.

M.W. Brownridge, P.O. 2

Area patrolled.

FOI 'I' Census Division.

Patrol personnel.

M.W. Brownridge.

6 members B.P.&N.G.C.

1 Interpreter Grade 2.

1 A.P.O.

Carrier line of some 30 men.

Duration.

From the 23/8/63 until the

18/9/63 - 27 days, camped out 26.

Objects of patrol.

1). General extension of
Administration influence.

2). Supervision of road work.

Attached.

Appendix 'A' Report on Police.

M.W. Brownridge.

INTRODUCTION.

This patrol was of a routine nature. It entered the field with two main purposes; to arbitrate in a number of disputes concerning non payment of debts and to supervise work at present being carried out in the Mabi River area on roads. In particular on the cutting of a bench from the villages of PIMAGA to that of KAPA. Both objects were successfully carried out.

PATROL DIARY.Friday 23rd August.Camp 1.

Day spent getting patrol gear to the village of KESE at the eastern end of the lake. Discussions with the people on numerous matters, in particular the building of several canoes for sale to the station and, non supply of native foods to the station. Rain fell for most of the afternoon.

Saturday 24th August.Camp 2.

Patrol moved from KESE to HERIBU. Inspection made of the villages of HEGISO and RAUNUTAGE. In both villages all were advised to repair latrines and build new ones, if necessary. Several disputes arbitrated in and results posted in the villages book for future reference.

Sunday 25th August.

Remained HERIBU. Two disputes settled by those concerned, in the presence of the patrol. Every effort is being made to have the people attempt to settle slight difference such as those at present prevalent in the area, themselves, before they come running to the authorities. Rain fell for most of the day.

Monday 26th August.Camp 3.

Patrol moved onto rest house at PIMAGA. Inspection of the villages of DAMMAI'IU and PIMAGA made during the day. Instructions issued for the repair of latrines and erection of new ones. Section of road marked out.

Tuesday 27th August.

This occupied in general tour of the area, inspection of gardens, such as they are, Supervision of road work and several disputes settled.

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Wednesday 28th August.Camp 4.

Departed PIMAGA for KAPA at 0710, arrived KAPA at 1150. Camp established. Most of the people absent in the bush. Discussions with village councillor and constable on road work and all advised that the patrol will camp in the village in about one weeks time to supervise road work. Rain.

Thursday 29th August.

Camp 5.

Patrol moved from KAPA to EROSTAGE in some 5 hours. Short rest taken and food purchased. Patrol then moved down stream by canoes to the village of KOBE. Patrol arrived in heavy rain at 1400. Discussions with locals on road work.

Friday 30th August.

OIC suffering from influenza, patrol remained at KOBE this day. Sufficient food purchased. Rain throughout the day.

Saturday 31st August.

Camp 6.

Patrol moved to the deserted village of KARA. Carriers engaged in the making of sago. Police engaged in repair of tentage as necessary. It has been decided that the OIC and small party will walk through to the KIKORI - MUBI junction to survey the proposed overland route to be taken when the 'Lake Kutubu Boat' is brought up from KIKORI.

Sunday 1st September.

Camp 7.

Self and party moved from KARA to the junction of the KIKORI and MUBU Rivers in 5 hours. Quite solid walking across limestone but I do not think it will present any real problem when the boat is carried through. Camp established on the banks of the KIKORI River. Numerous wild life seen throughout the day.

Heavy rain fell for most of the night.

Monday 2nd September.

Camp 8.

Patrol attempted to locate the FOI'I peoples who migrated into this area some months ago. Evidence of them living in the area but no contact made. Patrol returned to North side of the River and camp established. Rain at night.

Tuesday 3rd September.

Camp 9.

Returned to main patrol group at KARA.

Wednesday 3rd September.

Camp 9.

Patrol overland from KARA to KOBE this day. Couple of small matters were brought to the attention of the patrol and these were suitably dealt with. Rain fell for most of the night.

Thursday 4th September.

Camp 10.

Rain continues. Patrol moved from KOBE to OTC this day. Few duties carried out cos of the rain. Couple of minor disputes were brought to the patrol for attention. These were disposed of.

Friday 6th September.

Camp II.

Rain continued for most of the day. Late afternoon the rain abated and patrol moved down stream to the village of SOROTAGE. Sufficient food purchased.

Saturday 7th September.

Remained at SOROTAGE. During the afternoon a small section of road marked out and people lectured on the benefits of decent walking tracks in the area. Rain fell for most of the night.

Sunday 8th September.

Camp I2.

Patrol moved from SOROTAGE to KAPA this day in some 5 hours. Rain falling all the way made things unpleasant. Camp established and sufficient food purchased for all. Two disputes concerning the alleged non payment of bride price were brought to the attention of the patrol. Suitably dealt with.

Monday 9th September.

This day spent in the supervision of road work on the KAPA - PIMAGA section - namely the clearing of the track and trying to put across the idea that road do not go straight up a hill. Some 1½ miles were marked out.

Tuesday 10th September.

Supervision of road work occupies the patrol.

Wednesday 11th September.

Supervision of road work.

Thursday 12th September.

Supervision of road work.

Friday 13th September.

Supervision of road work.

Saturday 14th September.

Supervision of road work.

Sunday 15th September.

Camp I3.

People lectured on road work. Patrol proceeded from KAPA to PIMAGA this day. The track is now cleared of timber for the whole distance. Much work has been done these last few days. Advice was received from the Patrol Post that there are a group of BOSAVI village officials there. Decided to bring them down here and show them over the area, road rest houses etc, if they are willing.

Monday 16th September.

Supervision of road work this area.

Tuesday 17th September.

Assembly of all Mabu River groups were addressed here this am. Address concerned the benefits of roads and decent walking tracks in the area. It was pointed out that they (the people) were the ones who would benefit by their efforts and that it was in their own interests that they construct these tracks.

Rest of the day spent in the arbitration of disputes of a varied and numerous nature. Fine clear day throughout.

The village officials from BOSAVI arrived here this a.m. and were shown over the area, rest houses etc. The road such as it is impressed them. The many gents from this village who were carriers on the Bosavi patrol befriended the visitors. Good.

Wednesday 18th September.

Patrol Post.

Patrol returned to the station late in the afternoon after supervision of road work this morning. Rain fell for most of the day.

Being the activities published by the Department of Information and Extension Services the people were lectured on the facts that are connected with the House of Assembly Elections which fall due in 1954. Very few questions were asked the patrol concerning these elections. He said they will be asked the next patrol. There appeared to be more interest in the elections now than there was a few months ago. This is all well.

ROADS AND TRACKS.

M. W. Brownridge.
Patrol Officer.

The patrol spent some 10 days in the supervision of road work throughout the area, mainly however on a newly started section of road between the villages of BURKA-DIASA and BISA a distance of some 6 miles across three mountain ranges. The people were lectured on the art of road making and the benefits of roads. All appeared willing to engage in this work and every encouragement was given them to do just that.

The road is not pugged out between these two villages and cleared, no road task for several weeks more. When this road is finished it will be fit at first for motor cycle use. The patrol believes that it is going to be considerably shortened by this road. A route to the lower BISA village is going to be made too.

At the present rate of work I expect the road to be in its final stages in some 10 months. Extensive work is being done in the area between the two villages.

HEALTH AND SANITATION.

The health of the people in the area is good. The patrol spent some time in the area. Malaria appears to be the main pest of all areas throughout the area. But many more are now being treated by the patrol and the situation is improving.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The native situation as observed throughout the FOI'I Census Division remains quiet, acts of violence remain few and far between. The only unsettling fact throughout the area is the large number of disputes concerning non payment of bride price that appear to be coming to the surface during recent months.

I do not for one minute suggest that there are any more of these disputes in this area than there are in any other, but no doubt a event that has occurred in the area has brought all of these debts to a head at the one time. In all cases where the patrol was called upon to settle these disputes the patrol acted only as mediator, the parties that were concerned were encouraged to settle things themselves.

Some 10 odd disputes were settled while the patrol was in the field and the results were posted in the various villages book so as to prevent the same matters being brought up to new officers for resettlement; in the attempt of a better deal.

Using the articles published by the Department of Information and Extension Services the people were lectured on the facts that are concerned with the House of Assembly Elections which fall due in '64. Very few question were asked the patrol concerning these elections. No doubt they will be asked the next patrol. There appeared to be more interest in the elections now than there was a few months ago. This is natural.

ROADS and BRIDGES.

The patrol spent some 10 days in actual supervision of road work throughout the area, mainly however on a newly marked out section of road between the villages of PIMAGA-DAMMAI'IU and KAPA a distance of some 6 miles across three limestone ranges. The people were lectured on the art of road making and the benefits of roads. All appeared willing to engage in this work and every encouragement was given them to do just that.

The road is now pegged out between these two villages and cleared, no mean task for several weeks work. When this road is finally put through it will be fit at first for motor cycle use. The patrol walking time is going to be considerable shortened by this road. Access to the Lower Foi'i villages is going to be easier too.

At the present rate of work I expect the work to be in its final stages in some 10 months. Limestone outcrops throughout the area hinders progress.

MEDICAL and HEALTH.

The health of the people as was seen by the patrol appears normal for this area. Malaria appears to be the main form of illness throughout the area. Not many sores etc were seen or treated by the Aid post orderly who accompanied the patrol.

AGRICULTURE.

There appears no increase in gardening activities by the people of the FOI'I area, and I doubt if there will be any increase for some considerable time. Sage is the staple and will continue to be.

CONCLUSION.

The aims of the patrol were carried out. It is considered that the BOSAVI men who were shown over the area benefited greatly by their visit, and the fact that they were 'befriended' readily by the FOI'I men who have acted as carriers into the BOSAVI area can but fail to establish closer ties between these 2 groups.

10/20/7

Const. Officer HENRY

Keen.
Contact Good.

10/20/7

Constable HENRY

Keen.
Contact Good.

10/20/7

Constable HENRY

M. W. Brownridge
M. W. Brownridge.
Patrol Officer.

The above documents have been placed on the appropriate members Record of Service and Form 1 sent to the Police Commissioner.

M. W. Brownridge
M. W. Brownridge.
Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX 'A'.

Report on members of the Royal Papuan and
New Guinea Constabulary who accompanied the
patrol.

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Rank.</u> | <u>Name.</u> | <u>Comments.</u> |
|------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2903 | C. I/C | WORANIMBC | Experienced, Conduct Good. |
| 6702 | Constable | JAU | N.C.O. Material. Conduct Good. |
| 7920 | Constable | KAIARIPA | Keen. Conduct Good. |
| 10997 | Const. Bagler | KIMBO | Average. Conduct Good. |
| 10548 | Constable | KEMURI | N.C.O. Material. Conduct Good. |
| 10712 | Constable | FABA | Keen. Conduct Good. |

The above comments have been placed
on the respective members Record of
Service and Form I' sent to the Police
Commissioner.


M. W. Brounridge,
Officer, R.P. & N.G.C.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of..... SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No..... LAKE KUTUBU No 2 of 1963/64

Patrol Conducted by..... M.W. BROWNIDGE PATROL OFFICER Grade 2.

Area Patrolled..... PART FASU CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... NIL

Natives..... 5 members R.P.&N.G.C. 1 INTERPRETER. 1 A.P.O.

Duration—From..... 14/10/1963 to..... 26/10/1963

Number of Days..... 12 DAYS.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany..... No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... 7/1963

Medical/19.....

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol..... 1). EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS.
2). SUPERVISION OF ROAD WORK.
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Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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67-15-22

6th March, 1964.

District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MERRI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2-1963/64 - LAKE MERRI

Receipt of the abovementioned patrol report is acknowledged with thanks.

2. It is appreciated that little can be done in this sparsely populated area in the way of road construction, but walking tracks should be kept open and improved.

3. I am pleased the Mero airstrip has been improved and to hear that Mr. Browning's efforts have been credited to him.

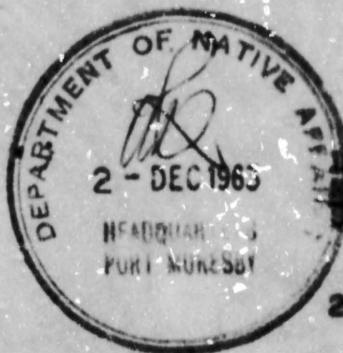


(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

67. 15. 22

AGJ:BP.

67-3-9



District Office,
Mandi,
Southern Highlands District.

26th November, 1963.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
MANDI.

KUTUBU PATROL REPORT NO. 2 OF 1963/64.

Thank you for the above mentioned Report which was received on the 22nd inst. I note that it was posted to you on the 28th October, 1963, and was forwarded by you on the 21st November, 1963, i.e. 25 days to process a Report containing 2 pages of Diary and a half page of comment.

Mr. Brownridge has not given a Native Situation Report and has failed to append the date below his signature as per the instruction from the Director contained in my memo 67-2 of the 21st October, 1963.

This Report calls for little comment. I should like to see a more vigorous patrol programme conducted at Kutubu. From other correspondence I have received, it is obvious that the people of the FOI'I Census Division require a standing patrol to investigate the reasons for their migration to MANDI in the KIKORI Sub-District. You will recall writing a memo 51-4-3 on the 24th January, 1963, to the District Officer, Gulf District, concerning this matter. It now appears there has been a mass exodus. In view of the possible land ownership problem, a patrol led by an experienced officer should be sent to this area as a matter of urgency.

(Signature)
(A. C. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

s.c.
Officer-in-Charge,
Lake Kutubu.

Minute to:
Director,
Department of Native Affairs.
KONEDOBU.

For your information please.

(Signature)
(A. C. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

RKB:HHK.

67-2-4

Sub-District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MEHDI.

21st November, 1963.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MEHDI.

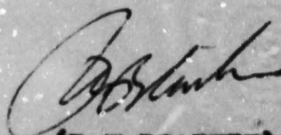
LAKE KUTUBU PATROL NO 2 - 63/64.

Attached hereto please find 2 copies of a report on the above patrol as submitted by Mr. M. W. Brownridge Patrol Officer.

The patrol was mounted to portion of the PASU Census Division mainly for the purpose of following up the educational programme for the new House of Assembly.

The construction of decent walking tracks in the Kutubu area is essential but there is little labour available for any ambitious schemes.

The MORO airstrip has certainly improved over the past few months due to the exceptionally dry weather and also to Mr. Brownridge's efforts.



(R. W. BLAIKIE)
Assistant District Officer.

cc.
Officer-in-Charge,
Lake Kutubu.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegram

Telephone

Our Reference 67 - 2 - 3

If calling ask for

Mr.

Patrol Post.

LAKE KUTUBU,

Southern Highlands District.

28th October ' 63.

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

LAKE KUTUBU PATROL REPORT No 2 of 63/64.

Conducted by:

M.W.Brownridge. P.O.2.

Area patrolled:

Part PASU Census Division.

Patrol personnel:

M.W.Brownridge.
5 members R.P.& N.G.C.
1 Interpreter (patrol).
1 Aid post orderly.

Duration:


From the 14/10/63 until the
26/10/63 - 13 days.

Objects:

- 1). Educational programme for House of Assembly elections;
- 2). Supervision road work.

Attached:

Appendix 'A' Report on Police.


M.W.Brownridge.

PATROL DIARY.Monday 14th October.KAIPU Village

Patrol moved off from the Lake Kutubu Patrol Post at 10.30 for KAIPU Village in the FASU Census Division. Supervision of MORO strip labour for several hours and eventually arrived KAIPU at 5.30 pm.

Discussions with village leaders of KAIPU, SISIBIA and KEWODIGI. Fine clear day throughout.

Tuesday 15th October.

OIC addressed an assembly of some 200 of the village people on the House of Assembly elections. The address was not long, the people do not absorb much after the first few minutes. It is intended to lecture to them on several more occasions. During the afternoon a section of the KAIPU to MORO road was pegged out. Rain during the late afternoon.

Wednesday 16th October.

Road work supervision.

Several disputes were settled.

Lectured to several interested parties.

Thursday 17th October.

Rain fell for most of the morning - this upset work programme. A short address given to those present in the communal house. Mainly to the KAIPU people but a few from the other villages were present.

Supervision of road work during the afternoon, and a further section of the road marked out.

Friday 18th October.

Supervision of road work.

Visited the villages of SISIBIA and KEWODIGI instructions given to repair certain houses and replace latrines. Apart from this all appeared in order. Several disputes settled.

Saturday 19th October.

Supervision of road work.

During the afternoon number of disputes were brought forward for arbitration. Rain.

Sunday 20th October.

This day spent in camp.

A group of males from FASU area to the south appeared in camp and these men were lectured to during the late afternoon. Rain fell for most of the afternoon.

Monday 21st October.

Supervision of road work.

People lectured to once again on the House of Assembly election. It appears apparent that they now have a reasonable understanding of what it is all about now. A number of questions were asked of the patrol. The attitude of these people now is one of interest towards the elections, but an apparent lack of appreciation as to why 'they cannot have a representative in the Assembly'. That is the FASU group. This was carefully explained to them.

Tuesday 22nd October.MORO 'strip.

Patrol moved camp to MORO where it is intended to effect repairs to the airstrip, suffered during the wet season. A line of some 45 men have been signed on to do this maintenance work. A start made during the afternoon.

Wednesday 23rd October.

Maintenance work carried out on the strip, namely grass cutting, clearing of side drains, and replacement of ground in several soft patches.

Thursday 24th October.


Supervision of maintenance work.

Friday 25th October.

Supervision of maintenance work.

Saturday 26th October.

Strip maintenance as much as intended doing completed by 1200. Labour signed off and patrol returned to the Patrol Post at 1500. Patrol stood down.


M.W. Brownridge.
Patrol Officer.

INTRODUCTION.

This patrol entered the field for two main purposes; they being, to lecture to the people of the three FASU villages of KAIPIU, SISIBIA and KEWODIGI on the House of Assembly elections to be conducted during February and March of 1964, and to supervise road construction work and strip maintenance.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.


As was mentioned in the diary of the 21st, it now appears apparent that these people now have a more workable understanding of the nature and purpose of these elections. There is little more to add - the educational programme is continuing in the Kutubu area.

A decent walking track is under construction between these three FASU villages and MORO, it has an average width of some 8' and is now almost half completed. The grades are good. The leech menace has now almost disappeared from this area as a result, and the peoples of these villages are now more frequent visitors to the station to offer food for sale.

There is much evidence of gardens being constructed along the area cleared for the road. Previously gardens as such, were not constructed by these people.

HEALTH.


Malaria appears to be the only serious illness suffered by these people. The aid post orderly who accompanied the patrol was kept busy treating minor aches and pains, sores etc.


M.W. Brownridge,
Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX 'A'.REPORT ON MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL
PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA CONSTABULARY WHO ACCOMPANIED PATROL.

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Rank.</u> | <u>Name.</u> | <u>Comments.</u> |
|------------|--------------|--------------|---|
| 2903 | Const I/C | WORANIMBO | Experienced NCO. Conduct excellent. |
| 6506 | Constable | HAIHAVU. | Average. Conduct good. |
| 6703 | Constable | JAU | Bearing excellent. NCO material. Conduct excellent. |
| 9394 | Constable | REUNGA | Average. Conduct good. |
| 9967 | Constable | DUAK. | Below average. Lacks initiative. Conduct good. |

The above comments have been placed on the respective members Records of Service and form I's sent to the Commissioner of Police KONEDOBUBU, PORT MORESBY.


M.W. Brownridge.
Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands..... Report No. Lake Kutubu No. 3 of 63/64.

Patrol Conducted by W. McDonald, P.O. 1.....

Area Patrolled Lower Tari Census Division.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.....

DNA Interpreter. 1. R.P.N.G.C. members. 5.
Native 39. Aid-Post Orderly. 1. Carriers. 32.

Duration—From 2/12/1963 to 15/12/1963.

Number of Days 13 days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany No.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 9/5/1963

Medical ... = / = / 19 = =

Map Reference Map attached.....

Objects of Patrol 1) Educational programme for House of Assembly.....

2) Familiarise writer with area. 3) General Administration.....

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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67-15-36

6th March, 1964.

District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
NSW.

PATROL REPORT 3-63-64 - LAKE JERRIBIN

Receipt of the above-mentioned patrol report is acknowledged with thanks, together with your covering comment.

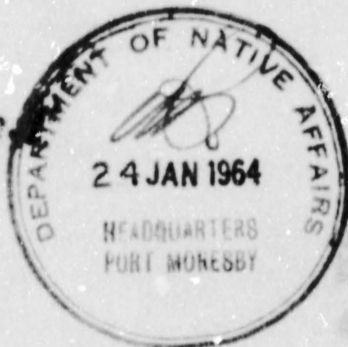
Content of the report is adequately covered by the memoranda from yourself and the Assistant District Officer.

J. H. McCarthy,
DIRECTOR.

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67-15-26

ACJ:EF



District Office,
Mendi,
Southern Highlands District.

67-3-9

16th January, 1964.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI.

LAKE KUTUBU PATROL REPORT NO. 1. OF 1963/64.

Thank you for the above mentioned Report which was received on the 3rd January, 1964.

The migration of the various HURI people back to the BENARIA is not unexpected, similarly the MINJEL migration to SERIBA in the NIPA area was anticipated. The SERIBA Clan has affiliated with the HENBP Group who were very unsettled until the WASH Patrol No. 10 of 1961/62 (January to February). Since that time Officers from NIPA have reported a marked improvement in the local WASH situation and a steady trend towards peaceful development. I agree with you when you say these people have a perfect right to migrate back to their own land, however, I imagine a few Land Claims may arise shortly after their return.

The development of the Unvangelised Field Mission airstrip in the BENARIA will be of great benefit to that area but I doubt very much if the Papuan people will be paid large sums of cash for their work - again I imagine a great deal of their labour will be voluntary work for the Mission.

Mr. McDonald has worked very hard and conscientiously, educating the people regarding the House of Assembly but as he wisely points out, more work will be needed if the people are to gain a firm understanding of what it is all about. I note that only 53 days patrolling (3 patrols) has been conducted from Lake Kutubu this year, i.e. since 1st July, 1963. You should clearly instruct Mr. McDonald and his successor that every effort must be made to contact the people in their villages.

Concerning the establishment of an Aid Post at XONDARI, would you please have Mr. McDonald supply population figures and include these in a firm submission in a separate memorandum to you. I am not clear from Mr. McDonald's remarks whether he was instructed to make a recommendation or whether he originated the idea himself, your advice in this regard would be appreciated please. You should also advise Mr. McDonald that Patrol Reports are not action documents and that therefore after reporting his activities he should always originate separate memos concerning any specific action he recommends.

A first class Patrol and a lucid Report.

Minute to:
Director,
Department of Native Affairs, KONEDOBU.

(A. G. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

For your information please.

(A. G. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

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Sub-District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

6th January, 1963.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

LAKE KUTUBU PATROL NO 3 OF 63/64.

Attached hereto please find two copies of a report on the above patrol as submitted by Mr. W. McDonald, Patrol Officer grade 1.

This report was received at this office on 23rd December, 1963, and the delay in forwarding was caused by the Christmas - New Year break and urgent land purchases which had to be carried out.

Mr. McDonald has carried out an excellent patrol which should have the desired results. It is quite obvious from the report that Mr. McDonald carried out the educational programme with some energy and to some pains to make sure that the people understood the talks given on the House of Assembly. The people were previously given talks when the Common Roll was compiled during patrol No 6 of 62/63.

The people of the Lower Tari Census Division have in years past migrated out of the Tari basin because of serious fighting and still have strong affiliations with the Tari people. They naturally still align themselves with the Buris of Tari.

In my opinion these people will gradually all move back to the Tari basin and the area will be left more or less unpopulated. These people have a perfect right to migrate out as they see fit.

I will request the O.I.C. Lake Kutubu to make his recommendations for an Aid Post in the form of a separate memorandum.

The task of keeping inter village tracks and roads clean and in order is most difficult with this small population and the people can only do their best.

Mr. McDonald has conducted a good patrol which should have good results and he has also reported a most satisfactory native situation.


(R.W. BLAIKIE)
Assistant District Officer.

C.C.
Officer-in-Charge,
Patrol Post,
Lake Kutubu.

was completed 11-12-63

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference

If calling ask for

Mr.

Patrol Post,
LAKE KUTUBU.

Mendi Sub-District,
Southern Highlands,
15th December, 1963.

The Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI. S.H.D.

LAKE KUTUBU Patrol Report No.3 of 63/64.

Patrol Conducted by: W. McDonald. P.O. 1.
Area Patrolled: Lower Tari Census Division. (25).

Personnel Accompanying:
the Patrol
Europeans. 11
Indigenous staff:-
R.P.N.G.C. members. 5.
Interpreter. 1.
Aid-Post Orderly. 1.
Carriers. 32.
Total. 39.

Duration of Patrol: From 2.12.63 to and including
14.12.63.
13 days.

Last Patrol to Area: DNA...9.5.63 (18 days).
P.H.D...None.

Objects of Patrol: 1) Conduct Educational Programme
for House of Assembly elections.
2) Familiarise writer with the
area.
3) General Administration.

Map reference: Map attached.

W. McDonald
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(W. McDonald.)

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INTRODUCTION.

LAKE KUTUBU Patrol No.3 of 63/64 went into the field with the primary aim of conducting the education programme for the House of Assembly elections. Secondary aims were confined to 1) General Administration and 2) Familiarisation with the area.

This Lower Tari Census Division is that area of rugged forested terrain to the north of Lake Kutubu Patrol Post. The area is criss-crossed with numerous streams and rivers. The important ones being the MARUBU, PAWOGO, KONDARI Rivers to the north and the AI'U, HAGAI, KOPAGO and MUBI Rivers to the south.

The area is bounded to the north by the BENARIA River of the TARI Administrative Area; to the west the District Border (Western District); to the east the Wage River of the NIPA Patrol Post area; and to the south the FOI'I and FASU Census Division boundaries of LAKE KUTUBU. (Map attached.)

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PATROL DIARY.

Monday, 2nd December, 1963.

Kutubu Patrol No.3 of 63/64 and personnel departed station at 8:10 hrs and walked over rough track, crossed the MUBI River and made camp at the camp-site near the KOPAGO River at 14:30 hrs.

Issued rice and meat to carriers and police. Rain fell in late afternoon. Slept under canvas at KOPAGO River.

Tuesday, 3rd December.

Patrol departed KOPAGO River at 06:50 hrs and walked on to AUGU Rest House. Leeches abound in the area. Arrived at AUGU Rest House at 11:50 hrs.

Carriers arrived by 12:30 hrs. Moved into the buildings. People assembled and lengthy talk re the elections given. Rain interrupted proceedings so a group of the people congregated in the Rest House and here the talks resumed until 17:30 hrs. Purchased ample food. Slept at AUGU.

Wednesday, 4th December.

This morning a medical check was made of all persons. A small group of men put forward their views concerning the House of Assembly talks.

Patrol left AUGU for AWARI Rest House at 08:00 hrs. Arrived at AWARI 11:20 hrs after walking over a log-strewn track. Numerous leeches impeded walk. Carriers arrived by 12:00 hrs.

Conducted the educational programme here. The small group proved to be an attentive audience. Talks interrupted by heavy rain at 16:40 hrs. Rain abated 20 minutes later so talks resumed until 18:10 hrs.

Purchased a small quantity of food. One male taken into custody on an assault charge. Slept at AWARI.

Thursday, 5th December.

A medical check was carried out this morning. No one approached the writer with opinions re the elections.

Patrol departed AWARI for PAGWARE Rest House. Left AWARI at 07:50 hrs. At PAGWARE 12:40 hrs. Carriers in by 13:25 hrs.

Moved into Rest House and Police Barracks. Medical check given to all and sundry. One T.U. case sent to the station. Purchased ample food.

Commenced the House of Assembly talks. People were rather bewildered by the nature of the talks. Inconceivable that such an institution exists. Talks finished at 16:45 hrs when a deluge of rain interrupted, once again, the proceedings.

Slept at PAGWARE. Rain all night.

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Friday, 6th December.

This day was spent at PAGWARE to give the people a better chance to understand the fundamentals of the impending elections.

Intensive talks were given throughout the day. Numerous discussions were entered into with the local people.

By day's end it was apparent that the hours spent in conversation with these people had proved beneficial.

Purchased food; Rain fell in the late afternoon and throughout the night. Slept at PAGWARE.

Saturday, 7th December.

Patrol moved onto PAU'A Rest House at 0735 hrs. Arrived here at 1040 hrs after crossing the MUBI River. The carrier line arrived at PAU'A some 25 minutes later.

The people had assembled at the Rest House. The task of purchasing food was completed. Inspected the village houses. Conducted the education programme at 1245 hrs but adjourned talks when rain began to fall at 1320 hrs. People told to return on the morrow.

~~Stata~~ Slept at PAU'A.

Sunday, 8th December.

The PAU'A people assembled early this morning at the Rest House.

The talks re the elections were resumed. Quite a few of the menfolk asked questions and put forward their own views. See House of Assembly section of report. The patrol left PAU'A at 1100 hrs.

Arrived at KONDARI Rest House in a little over one hour. The people from KONDARI and HOMA had already assembled. Purchased ample food. One male taken into custody on an assault charge. Medical check made of all persons. One dispute brought forward for settlement but referred back to litigants as it involved 'bride-price' payments.

At 1215 hrs talks re the elections were commenced. These talks continued until 1620 hrs. Group was the most impressive so far in regard to the elections.

Rain fell at 1630 hrs and continued all night. Slept at KONDARI.

Monday, 9th December.

Patrol departed KONDARI in light rain at 0730 hrs and headed on a long arduous walk to HOI'IA Rest House. Arrived here at 1330 hrs. The patrol carriers arrived 75 minutes later.

The people from HOI'IA and PAI had assembled at HOI'IA. Purchased ample food and also one medium pig.

Commenced the educational programme at 1455 hrs. People appeared responsive but very cautious about the whole business. Some women as well as numerous men put forward their views re electoral boundaries and nominations. See later in report.

A medical check was made of all persons seen. Slept at HOI'IA. No rain.

Tuesday, 10th December.

This day was spent at HOI'IA. The day was spent reiterating what was said on the 9th.

Inspected all village houses. People requested to construct pit-latrines and rubbish holes for all houses.

Purchased food. No disputes brought forward. Slept at HOI'IA.

Wednesday, 11th December.

A group of men approached the patrol this morning and stated their views re the elections... see later in report. Some 2½ hours were spent explaining to this group where their

views were wrong. The group accepted, so it seems, the explanations.

The patrol departed HOI'IA for BAKARE Rest House at 1120 hrs. The carriers arrived some 20 minutes later.

Purchased food from the assembled MARIBU, TAMBERA and BAKARE groups. A medical check was made. Numerous sick infants and young mothers treated for colds.

Met three V.C.'s from the BENARIA area of the TARI Administrative area. They approached the writer with a request that these people of MARIBU etc be permitted to work on a proposed Mission airstrip to be built in the BENARIA area.

Talks commenced re the House of Assembly elections at 1245 hrs. A great deal of time spent in outlining the electorates of Lake Kutubu and Western Papua. People were under the impression that they would vote at TARI for the TARI OPEN and SPECIAL electorates. This idea was explained in detail and at some length. Continued with talks until rain fell at 1545 hrs.

Slept at BAKARE. Rain all night.

Thursday, 12th December.

Heard three disputes. Some youths taken into custody on a charge of stealing. V.C. of MARIBU approached the patrol and advised that a lot of his people were migrating into the nearby BENARIA area, and that he wished to accompany the patrol back to the station. This advice was accepted.

Patrol and gear left BAKARE for HOI'IA and thence KONDARI at 0720 hrs, arriving HOI'IA at 0830 hrs and KONDARI at 1440 hrs, retracing the route taken on the 9th and 11th Dec.

During the afternoon the people were asked their opinions of the House of Assembly elections. See later in report.

Purchased food. Rain fell 1810 hrs. Slept at KONDARI.

Friday, 13th December.

Patrol departed KONDARI for PAGWARE Rest House at 0725 hrs, arriving at 1410 hrs. The route followed was that taken on the 7th and 8th Dec.

The PAGWARE group assembled at the camp-site and the offerings of food were purchased.

The remainder of the afternoon was given to periods of discussions, explaining again the 'flip chart'. In all it appeared as though the people's interest was only superficial. No amount of coaxing would make them participate in the talks.

Saturday, 14th December.

Patrol departed PAGWARE at 0710 hrs for the station. Followed the MUBI River downstream for two hours and then moved eastwards arriving at the station at 1215 hrs. The carriers arrived some 60 minutes later.

Returned gear to store. Patrol stood down 1350 hrs.

.....End of Diary.....

Native Situation.

This area, Lower Tari C/D, is very sparsely populated. On the last census patrol some 861 persons were censused. The largest population in the area is to be found at AUGU which is some 8 hours walk from Kutubu. As one approaches the northern extremes of the division the population decreases rapidly until MARIBU and TAMBERA are reached. At these two places the recorded census details are 41 persons at MARIBU and 46 persons at TAMBERA. A head count of the people from these places revealed that now 20 people reside at MARIBU and 32 people reside at TAMBERA. Advice was received during the patrol from the MARIBU V.C. that in the space of the next few months 9 persons only will continue to reside at his village. A similar decrease is expected by the V.C. of TAMBERA. In fact it is obvious that these

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hamlets will cease to exist in the not too distant future. The people who will be staying at these two places are anxious about these migrations for it will mean that they will be unable to meet such community commitments as maintaining inter-village tracks, rest houses, making large gardens and such activities.

The people have been told that they should continue with these tasks to the best of their ability. Certainly, when the next census patrol visits the area in late April a clearer picture will be available.

Upon interviewing numerous people who wish to migrate into the nearby BENARIA River area the following was revealed:-

1) The people are in search of money. This they will acquire when work commences on a proposed mission airstrip.

2) They will be closer to medical aid... from the mission etc.

3) The people involved in the movement of population have land rights in the area. Their proposed place of residence will be DAVIRAVI in the BENARIA Census Division. Here the people belong to the 'HOBI' and 'HARENDA' clans. The people of MARIBU and TAMBERA also are of the above-mentioned clans.

4) The main reason behind the movement is that these people took refuge in the Lower Tari area during the fight era. Now that the area to the north has settled down they wish to be nearer their clansmen.

In view of these arguments there appears to be no reason why these people should not move into the BENARIA area. To date the people have been told to delay their departure until further advice, from a higher level, has been received.

A similar situation exists at AUGU village to the north-east of the census division.

At AUGU it was learnt that some folk of the 'HAT' and MINJEL' clans wish to move to SEBIBA village in the NIPA Administrative area. On questioning the people involved the following was revealed:-

1) The people of the 'MINJEL' clan have land rights and, indeed, are part and portion of the larger segment of the 'MINJEL' clan which now occupies land at SEBIBA.

2) The contemplated move is based on the idea of all 'MINJEL' folk should be together now that everything is settling down in the SEBIBA area.

3) The people of both clans wish to acquire some monetary wealth. To them NIPA Patrol Post offers greater satisfaction in this regard than Lake Kutubu. The only means by which this station could satisfy these desires to acquire money is for the people to be employed on the station on such works as station and airstrip maintenance. This will be done in the very near future.

4) Again the people are willing to await advice from a higher level before the movement of some 23 persons starts.

For a full report on the House of Assembly educational programme see later in report.

The V.C.'s of TAMIDE and HIBURAR villages in the TARI area approached the patrol in regard to a matter of labour for the construction of a mission airstrip in the BENARIA area. They requested, from the writer, permission for the MARIBU, BAKARE and TAMBERA groups to work on the construction job. The people of these three places were questioned on the request and all were in favour of accepting the offer of work. Their argument was centred on what seems to be a fervent attempt to acquire money. As far as this station is concerned there is no reason why such 'permission' should be refused.

Apart from the above items no other incidents or situations were observed. The people of the area are very stable... a firm result of the patrolling done in the area in the past... and are a most co-operative lot.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY Educational Programme.

This was the primary aim of this patrol. The people

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have had no talks on the subject x up until this patrol. They had been told of the reasons for compiling the Common Roll but that was as far as their education went.

This patrol had the use of a simple 'flip' chart. It was utilised often and for lengthy periods. The use of such a 'teaching-aid' when talking to this type of folk seems to be the only way in which to give them a precise and simple picture of what is involved. Certainly 'a picture speaks a thousand words'.

In the villages to the south of the census division no trouble was found in explaining the whole process. This however was not the case when the villages to the north (HOI'IA, PAI, BAKARE, MARIBU and TAMBERA) were encountered. Here the people have a strong allegiance to the people of the BENARIA area of TARI Sub-District. Even though these people are recorded in the KUTUBU OPEN ELECTORATE it is quite apparent that they intend to vote for the nominees of the TARI OPEN ELECTORATE. This intention was plainly stated on numerous occasions. A great deal of time was spent dissuading the people. To them it is inconceivable that they should be grouped with a line other than the HURI line.

Throughout the patrol one theme cropped up time and again. It was; 'Would it not be better for all concerned if we HURI's had one representative in the House of Assembly.' The possibilities were discussed with all concerned. Their idea is founded upon the principle of 'language barriers'.

To the educational programme the people were responsive. It is hoped that the area shall be visited again prior to February the 15th.

Medical and Health.

An Aid-Post orderly accompanied the patrol. A medical check was made of all persons sighted by the patrol. Treatments were given to numerous cases of cuts and scratches; one T.U. case was sent to Lake Kutubu; two pneumonia cases were also sent to Kutubu. At BAKARE seven mothers and their infants were given treatment for colds.

In all the general health of the people in this area is good. However, the establishment of an Aid-Post in the region would do much to maintain this excellent state of affairs.

As a minor objective this patrol set out to furnish to D.M.O. MENDI with proposals for the establishment of an Aid-Post.

The proposals are:-

- 1) The Aid-Post should be located at KONDARI. The population of the area is relatively stable and is not likely to move for many years to come.
- 2) Eight of the eleven groups of the census division would be able to seek medical treatment reasonably quickly. At least they would be within 4 hours walk, at the most, of the post.
- 3) The KONDARI people are willing to construct and maintain a post.
- 4) Those three places which are not near to KONDARI could receive medical aid. Lake Kutubu in the case of PAGWARE, NIPA in the case of AUGU, AWARI poses something of a problem for they are a small group situated in the middle of no-where.

Roads and Bridges.

The groups of the Lower Tari Census Division have had the task of constructing inter-village tracks for some two and a half years. To date the progress has been anything other than good. Only in the northern sections of the division has a reasonable attempt been made to construct walking tracks.

Of course it is realised that the population of the region does pose quite a labour problem. Any ambitious schemes of roadwork etc could only be met with disappointment. This is apparent in the case of this division. In view of this problem

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roadwork in the area will, of necessity, be constricted to the clearing of overgrown, log-strewn tracks.
It will be ages before this task is completed.

Law and Order.

This area is surprisingly free of trivial and major disputes. Only two cases of assault were brought to the patrol's notice. Two males were taken into custody. One case of stealing was heard and the culprits were also taken into custody. Two 'bride-price' disputes were brought forward but, of course, they were referred back to the people for settlement.

In all it seems as though these people have a firm respect for the Law. They realise that the patrol is there to assist and not to hinder.

Village Officials.

Each village visited by the patrol had at least a Village Councillor if not a Village Constable. All the officials are doing a fine job and have the support of the people.

Certain villages, namely PAU'A, HOMA, PAI, PAGWARE, and AWARI have only Village Councillors. It is felt that there is no need for Village Constables to be appointed for these places as the population does not warrant such appointments.

Rest Houses.

It is pleasing to note that now every village has a Rest House. Some buildings are in need of repair. The people concerned will make the necessary repairs. Only once during the patrol's stay in the field was it necessary to camp under canvas. This was mid-way between Lake Kutubu and AUGU village.

Agriculture and Livestock.

Apart from the native domestic pigs and the occasional domesticated fowl no other livestock is to be found in the region.

The usual type of Highland Subsistence Agriculture exists in the area. The people have heeded the advice of past officers and have begun to make larger gardens. This is especially so at HOI'IA, PAU'A, AWARI and PAGWARE.

Constabulary..R.P.N.G.C.

Five members of the Lake Kutubu detachment accompanied the patrol. Each member acquitted himself well throughout the patrol.

The relevant R.S.'s have, this day been forwarded under separate cover to the Commissioner of Police, KONE DOBU.

Conclusion.

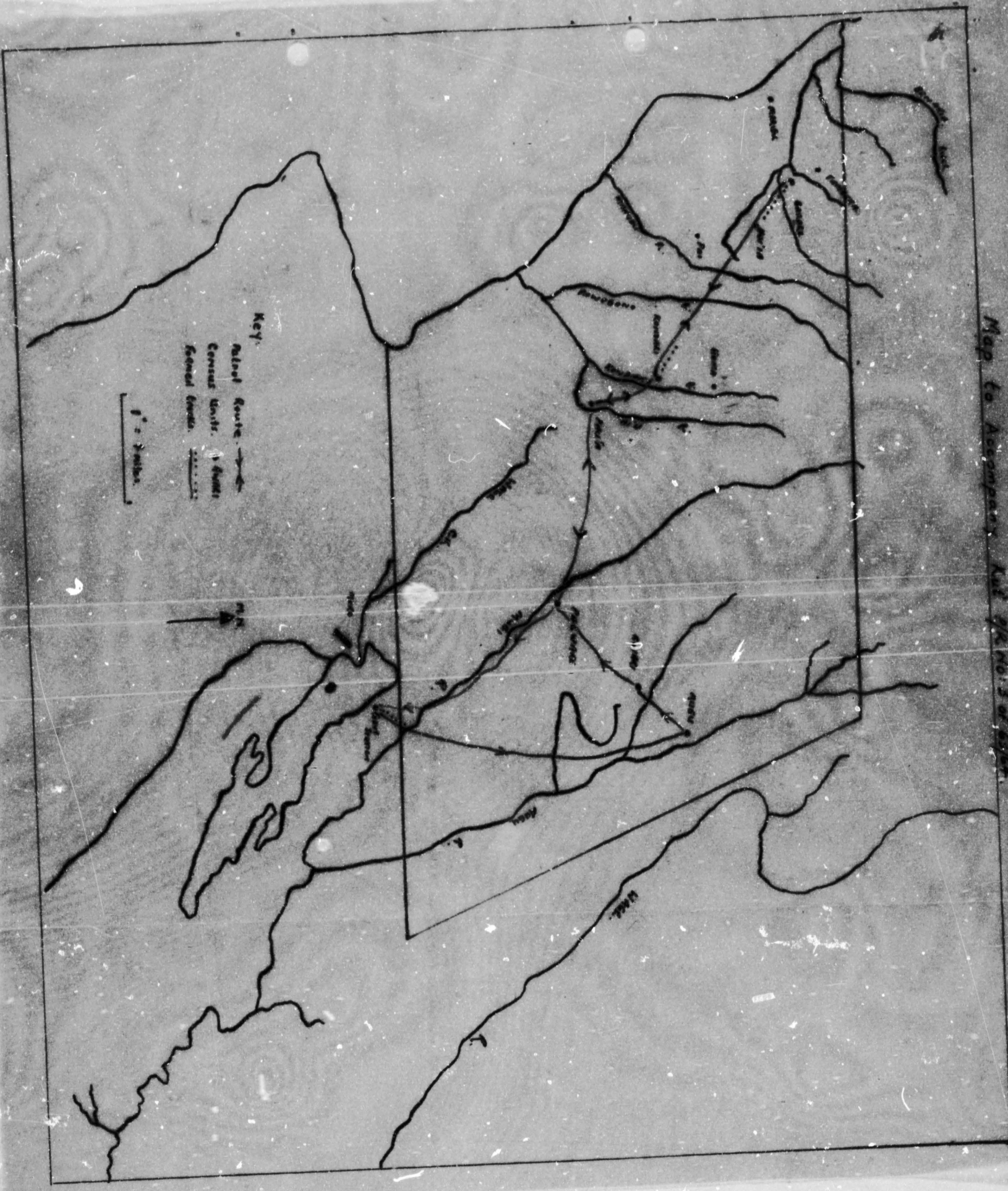
The patrol set out to educate these folk in regard to their future responsibilities ...elections. The people had previously only had a glimpse of what was in store for them. This patrol succeeded in enlightening all and sundry about the full extent of the matter at hand. The achievement could not be classed as 'victorious'. Further education, and soon, is necessary. This will be done when other areas have been visited.

W. McDonald
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(W. McDonald. P.O.)

Date completed 17.12.63

Map to accompany Vol. 1, No. 3 of 1914





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. KUTUBU No. 4 of 63/64.

Patrol Conducted by W. McDonald, P.O. 1.

Area Patrolled FASU and FOI Census Divisions.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans W. McDonald.
D.N.A. Interpreter. 1. Aid-Post Orderly. 1.
Natives R.P.N.G.C. Members. 5.

Duration—From 7/ 1/1964 to 22/ 1/1964.

Number of Days 16 days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services July /1963.

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

Map Reference See map attached.

Objects of Patrol 1) House of Assembly education programme. 2) Familiarise writer with area. 3) General Administration.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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12th March, 1964.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
S.H.D.I.

PATROL REPORT NO. 4-61/64 - KUTUBU:

Receipt of the above-mentioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks. The content of the report is covered in your covering memorandum.

The work has been thorough but the area is backward and our efforts generally in such areas appear to be unrewarded. I hope Mr. McDonald has recovered from his illness. Good work by Mr. McDonald.



(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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District Office,
Mandi.
Southern Highlands District.

25th February, 1964.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
Mandi.

LAKE KUTUBU PATROL REPORT NO. 4 OF 1963/64.

Thank you for the above mentioned Report which was received on the 21st inst.

Mr. McDonald achieved a remarkable amount of work and showed tenacity of purpose when one considers the pain and discomfort he endured for several days during this patrol, although he has not mentioned this fact in his Report.

These Divisions are miserable areas to patrol and unless constant contact is maintained with the people in their villages, little improvement can be expected. This is borne out by the degree of work performed by the people who are in permanent contact with the Unevangelised Fields Mission.

I have already held discussions with Mr. and Mrs. Hule of the Unevangelised Fields Mission at Lake Kutuba, both of whom are distinguished linguists, concerning economic development in these areas and I believe there does exist opportunities to back load tropical fruits such as bananas, paw-paws, pineapples to the Highland areas. Once a firm proposition has been evolved a submission will be made to the District Commissioner.

A well conducted patrol.

Cheque for Camping Allowance will be forwarded by the District Finance Officer, Mount Hagen.

(Signature)
(A. C. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

Minute to:
Director,
Department of Native Affairs.
KONEDOBU.

For your information please.

Mr. McDonald developed severe diarrhoea and vomiting during this patrol and was subsequently evacuated from Lake Kutuba to Goroka where he was operated on for acute appendicitis. In view of his application to duty whilst suffering severe pain and discomfort perhaps you would consider writing him your personal appreciation.

(Signature)
(A. C. Jefferies.)
District Officer.



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Sub District Office
MENDI S.H.D.

21st February, 1964

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District
MENDI

LAKE HUTUBU PATROL REPORT

No. 4-53/64

The above report is forwarded in triplicate for your comments and perusal. No comments from this office are attached owing to the absence of the Assistant District Officer, on patrol.

A Contingency for camping allowance is attached.

R. W. Blaikie
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(R. W. Blaikie)
Assistant District Officer

cc. O.I.C.
Lake Kutubu



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply
Please Quote

No.

Patrol Post,
LAKE KUTUBU.
MENDI Sub-District,
13th February, 1964.

The Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI. S.H.D.

LAKE KUTUBU Patrol Report No.4 of 1963/64.

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| Patrol Conducted by: | W.McDonald.P.O.1. |
| Area Patrolled: | FASU and FOY Census Divisions. |
| Personnel accompanying: the patrol. | Europeans.W.McDonald. Natives. D.N.A. Interpreter.1. RPNCG.Members.5. Aid-Post Orderly.1. |
| Duration of Patrol: | From 7.1.64 to 22.1.64 16 days. |
| Last Patrol to Area: | D.N.A. July 1963. P.H.D. Nil |
| Objects of Patrol: | 1)House of Assembly education programme. 2)Familiarise writer with area. 3)General Administration. |
| Map Reference: | See map attached. |

W.McDonald
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(W.McDonald.)

INTRODUCTION.

LAKE KUTUBU Patrol No. 4 of 1963/64 went into the field with the primary aim of conducting the education programme for the coming House of Assembly elections. Secondary aims were confined to 1) General Administration and 2) Familiarisation with the two census divisions patrolled.

PATROL DIARY.

January 7th, Tuesday.

Patrol gear and personnel left Lake Kutubu station in the Administration canoes for MORO Airstrip. This day was spent arranging carriers and doing strip repairs. Slept at MORO.

January 8th, Wednesday.

Patrol left MORO for KAIPU at 0650 hrs. Walked over rough bush track; arrived KAIPU 1130 hrs.

The people from KAIPU, KEWODIGI, SISIBIA and SONAGADIGI were already assembled at KAIPU. House of Assembly talks given to people.

Purchased large quantity of sago. Slept KAIPU. Rain fell during night.

January 9th, Thursday.

Personnel and gear left KAIPU for POPATO camp at 0640 hrs. Arrived here at 1315 hrs after walking over a poorly maintained track. Moved into camp buildings. Rain in mid-afternoon. Slept at POPATO.

January 10th, Friday.

Departed POPATO camp for IORAGABAI'IU village at 0640 hrs. Arrived here per reasonable track at 1130 hrs.

Medical check made of all persons in the village; House of Assembly talks given; 10 young men volunteered for work on MORO Airstrip. Heard two complaints. Litigants sent to KUTUBU. Slept at IORAGABAI'IU.

January 11th Saturday.

Left IORAGABAI'IU for HEBAI'IU village at 0740 hrs and arrived here at 1040 hrs. Purchased sago; lengthy House of Assembly talks given; 10 men recruited for strip work. Medical inspection made. Slept at HEBAI'IU.

January 12th Sunday.

Moved onto HEDINIA per canoes at 1010 hrs. The fore-noon period was spent inspecting the village and Aid-Post. Aid-Post out of supplies. See Health section of report.

Informal talks with people during the remainder of the day concerning gardens and the coming elections.

Slept at HEDINIA.

January 13th Monday.

The morning was spent at HEDINIA. Talks on the House of Assembly were given. Many views presented by the locals. New Village Councillor appointed.

Moved onto ANUWABI village at 1040 hrs. Arrived here per excellent track at 1240 hrs. The people from MANU and ANUWABI had assembled here so no time was lost in getting the House of Assembly talks under way.

Purchased a large quantity of sago etc. Slept here.

January 14th Tuesday.

Left ANUWABI for TAMADIGI at 0645 hrs. Nothing in the line of track repairs done in the area; track in poor condition. Arrived at the deserted village of TAMADIGI at 1450 hrs. Here the patrol met the OTO, KOBE and SOROTAGE V.C.'s. They had arranged for canoes to take the patrol to KOBE. Slept here. No rain fell this day.

January 15th Wednesday.

The patrol gear and personnel was moved from TAMADIGI to KOBE village (on the MUBI River) by native canoes. This was a trip taking 4 hours..at KOBE 1240 hrs.

Inspected the unmanned Aid-Post. Plenty of items in stock. Medical check given to all persons seen. Aid-Post buildings in poor state. Work commenced on rebuilding the Aid-Post.

In the afternoon the House of Assembly elections etc was mentioned to the people. Sent two messengers to BURU village in the Gulf District to advise the people of the pending visit of Mr. (A.D.O.) Blaikie.

Purchased sage and other foodstuffs. Slept at KOBE.

January 16th, Thursday.

This day was spent at KOBE supervising work on the local Aid-Post.

Elections talk given during the cool of the evening. V.C. from SOROTAGE village visited the patrol. Slept at KOBE.

January 17th, Friday.

This day was also spent at KOBE awaiting news of the two messengers who were sent down to the Gulf District on an errand.

Work continued on the Aid-Post. The task was completed late in the afternoon. Had final talks re the elections. Slept at KOBE. Rain fell during the night.

January 18th, Saturday.

Patrol left KOBE at 0800 hrs per canoe for the village of SOROTAGE. Here at 1045 hrs. Received news that Mr. (A.D.O.) Blaikie expected to arrive at SOROTAGE this day.

Rain fell in the fore-noon and continued until 1315 hrs. Mr. Blaikie arrived here at this time.

Held talks re the elections. Medical inspection made; inspected the village. Purchased large amounts of food. Slept at SOROTAGE. The two messengers returned late in the afternoon with news from the BURU people..duly handed over to Mr. Blaikie.

January 19th, Sunday.

The KUTUBU patrol left SOROTAGE for KAPA per canoe at 0715 hrs. Proceeded overland for 5 1/2 hours..arrived at KAPA 1245 hrs.

Rain fell in the early afternoon. The talks and medical inspection were postponed until 1640 hrs. Inspected the village. All in order. Purchased food. Had informal talks with the people. Two complaints laid and two med sent to KUTUBU. Slept at KAPA. Rain fell during the night.

January 20th, Monday.

Left KAPA for PIMAGA village at 0740 hrs. Here per reasonable track at 1350 hrs.

Purchased food; had talks re the elections; heard two disputes involving 'bride-price' payments. Referred back to the people. Medical check done. Slept at PIMAGA.

January 21st, Tuesday.

The people of PIMAGA, TUNUHUGU and DAMMAI'IU villages assembled at PIMAGA this morning for further discussions on the House of Assembly elections.

Moved from PIMAGA to ERAGAHUGU village per good road at 0950 hrs. Here at 1110 hrs. Moved into the camp quarters.

People assembled and rather lengthy discussions were entered into re the elections. The people appeared to be extremely interested in the matter at hand.

Purchased food for police and carriers. Heard three 'bride-price' disputes. Again these were referred back to the people. Rain fell in the late afternoon and all through the night. Slept at ERAGAHUGH. The IPIGI people attended the talks.

January 22nd, Wednesday.

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Wednesday, 22/1/64. Cont.

Patrol left ERAGAHUGU village for DOGUBARI village at 0745 hrs. Walked over an excellent road. Here at 0945 hrs. Moved into quarters. Purchased food. Medical check done.

During the early afternoon discussions were held re the House of Assembly and the elections. Rain fell during the night. The writer fell ill during the night with suspected food poisoning.

January 23rd, Thursday.

O.I.C. ill. Patrol moved back to KESE village and then per canoe to Lake Kutubu Station. The O.I.C. was carried from DOGUBARI to KESE.

Patrol stood down 1820 hrs this day.

END OF DIARY.

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NATIVE SITUATION.

The peoples of the following villages were all lectured and addressed regarding the House of Assembly and the coming Elections.

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| FASU Census Division. | ANUWABI | HEBUAI'IU |
| | MANU | IORAGABAI'IU |
| | AI'IU | SISIBIA |
| | HEDINIA | KEWODIGI |
| | SONAGADIGI | KAIPU. |

The village of TAMADIGI, although visited no persons were seen. These people have migrated to the village of BURU in the Gulf District. See Kutubu P.S.R. 7 of 62/63.

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| FOI Census Division. | KOBE | DOGUBARI |
| | OTO | |
| | SOROTAGE | |
| | KAFA | |
| | DAMMAI'IU | |
| | PIMAGA | |
| | TUNUHUGU | |
| | ERAGAHUGU | |
| | IPIGI | |

The villages of WASEMI, IOMESI, TUGIRI, YOGOBO, KESE and HEGISO were not addressed due to the illness of the writer. However these villages are near the station and have received numerous visits by the writer in recent weeks. The subject of the coming elections has been discussed with these people during such visits.

The following villages ~~mentioned~~ also were not contacted simply because the people have moved to the Gulf District. Mr. (A.D.O.) Blaikie was recently in the area to investigate the movement of these people.

In all the villages visited by this patrol no matters of and adverse nature were noticed. Likewise nothing of a favourable nature was observed. The people seem quite content to exist on a diet of sago and the odd tropical fruits. The people were encouraged to build gardens but their interests lie elsewhere so it seems.

In general the two census divisions give no cause

for concern. The area appears to be settled and in a normal state.

House Of Assembly.

The primary aim of this patrol was to conduct, for the last time prior to the elections, the educational programme for the House of Assembly.

Most of the villages were visited but those villages, as mentioned in the ~~in~~ Native Situation Section, such as KESE, TUGIRI, WASEMI, HEGISO etc were not addressed due to the O.I.C's illness which was the reason for cutting short the patrol.

It is quite apparent in the PASU C/D that the people are only now becoming aware of the meaning and structure of the House of Assembly. The same applies in the lower reaches of the FOI C/D..at KOBE, SOROTAGE, OTO etc. The three days spent at KOBE village were put to good use in discussing the elections and the House with the locals.

In the upper areas of the FOI C/D the opposite applies. The people of IPIGI, DOGUBARI, ERAGAHUGU etc seem quite at ease and have developed a firm interest in the matter at hand. Possibly the U.F.M. at OROKANA have assisted the people to grasp the fundamentals of the elections. Of course the patrols of July '63 and Oct '63 did quite a share of educating these people of the upper FOI C/D. However, one cannot help but observe the favourable attitude the people have for the local mission and it is obvious that the mission is, or was, the primary source of the people's education on this matter of the elections.

Medical and Health.

An Aid-Post Orderly accompanied the patrol. He treated numerous cases of malaria and T.U's.

The general health of the area can only be classed as fair. Certainly in that area near the U.F.M. OROKANA the health of the people is excellent.

There are two Aid-Posts in the census divisions, at HEDINIA and KOBE, and these are meeting with only a limited success. This is put down to 1) lack of medicines and items; 2) the people's wavering interest in maintaining the posts.

During the patrol's stay in the field both posts were repaired and one ward was re-built.

Roads and Bridges.

The construction of inter-village tracks in this area presents a problem because of 1) the terrain and 2) the lack of labour. It is well known that this rather inhospitable area has little population. Slow progress is being made on the track between KAFA and PIMAGA. Quite an excellent road system exists in the upper FOI region (near the U.F.M.)

R.P.N.G.C. Members.

The five members of the Kutubu detachment applied themselves well throughout the duration of the patrol.

R.S.1's have been made out in respect of each constable and have been forwarded, under separate cover, to the Commissioner of Police, KOWEDOBU.

Conclusion.

The patrol accomplished its objectives. With the exception of the villages of KESE, TUGIRI and those in the upper FOI C/D which were not visited due to the O.I.C's illness every village in the KUTUBU Administrative Area has now been visited and addressed on the matter of the elections.

W. McDonald
.....W. McDonald.

14/2/64.



TERRITORY OF PAFUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No 5-63/64, Lake Kutubu P.P.

Patrol Conducted by A.F. McNeill P.O. Gr. 1.

Area Patrolled FOI'I & FASU C/D and BURU & BAINA VILLAGES KIKORI S/D.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

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

Duration—From 22 / 4 / 1964 to 29 / 5 / 1964

Number of Days 38

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? no

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / 1 / 1964

Medical ..NIL / / 19

Map Reference SEE ATTACHED MAP.

Objects of Patrol INVESTIGATION OF MIGRATIONS TO KIKORI S/D, FAMILIARISATION WITH AREA, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL, ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... £

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

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

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Department of Native Affairs,
KORORUA. PAPUA.

7th September, 1964.

District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
M.B.N.D.I.

PATROL REPORT NO. 5-1963/64 - LAKE KUTUBU:

Receipt of the abovementioned report and accompanying comment is acknowledged with thanks.

2. Please advise me on subject file if the aluminium hull and outboard motor have been received and are in use at Lake Kutubu.

3. Let me know the outcome of discussions on the Ticasso oil trade.

4. Before economic crops are introduced give thought to marketing facilities.

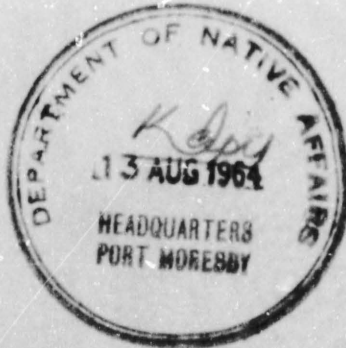
5. A well presented, informative report.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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District Office,
Mendi.
Southern Highlands District.

10th August, 1964.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office.
MENDI.

LAKE KUTUBU PATROL REPORT NO. 5 OF 1961/64.

Thank you for the abovementioned Report which was received on the 23rd July, 1964, during my absence on District inspection.

As you say this is a lengthy and well presented Report and Mr. McNeill has put a great deal of effort into both his patrol and the report.

Close watch should be maintained on the Cargo Cult manifestation and in this regard patrolling into this area should be intensified.

Concerning the transportation of the dinghy, this is being arranged by the District Commissioner, who I understand, will have it moved from Kiyi 1 helicopter.

The question of vehicular roads is not one that can be dealt with quickly - firstly there is the lack of funds and secondly the real need for these roads must be assessed against the more economically advanced areas of the District, poor though they may be. However, I shall bring this matter up at the next meeting of the District Economic Committee.

During my visit to Kutuba last week, Mr. McNeill discussed the question of the Tioasso Oil trade and this matter is now being investigated.

A very good Patrol and Report.

(A. C. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

Minute to:
Director,
Department of Native Affairs.
KONELOB.

For your information please.

(A. C. Jefferies.)
District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Our Reference

If calling ask for

Mr.

Patrol Post,
Lake Kutubu,
S.H.D.

26th June, 1964.

PATROL REPORT.

District; Southern Highlands.
Report No; Kutubu No. 5-63/64.
Conducted by; A.F. McNeill, P.O. 1.
Area Patrolled; Foi'i and Fasu C/Divisions and Buru and Raina Villages, Kikori S/District.
Patrol Accompanied by; 1 D.N.A. Interpreter, 3 R.P. & N.G.C.
Duration; 22/4/64 to 29/5/64.
Number of Days; 38 days.
Last Patrol to Area by D.N.A. January, 1964.
Map Reference; See attached map.
Objects of Patrol;

1. Investigation of migrations from Lower Foi'i and Fasu areas to Kikori River area.
2. To familiarize writer with area.
3. Routine Administration.
4. Ascertain possibilities for economic development.

A.F. McNeill

(A.F. McNeill).
Officer in Charge.

PREAMBLE.

The main objectives of this patrol were to familiarize the writer with the area, investigate the potential for economic development, routine administration and to conduct investigations into the cause of migrations from the Lower Fei'i and Fasu areas to the Kikori River area of the Gulf District. This report will only be concerned with the matters arising from the first three objectives. The migration investigations have been fully covered in Kutubu memorandum 51-1-2 of 3rd June, 1964.

It became necessary to return to the station during the patrol in order to ascertain final instructions as regards rendezvous time and place for a meeting with an Officer from Kikori, with whom the migration investigations were to be conducted. Unfortunately the radio at Kutubu was unserviceable, this necessitated the use of the tentative rendezvous day, 6/5/64. The meeting finally took place on the 7th at Baina Village.

During the patrol all villages of the Fei'i and Fasu Census Divisions were visited.

DIARY.

- 22/4/64. Departed station by outboard canoe for Kese Village at noon, thence to Hegise Village. Slept Hegise.
- 23/4/64. Village inspection and discussions at Hegise thence to Baurutagi for inspection and discussions. Returned to and slept at Hegise.
- 24/4/64. To Harabai'iu Village by Canoe, cargo by road, for inspection and discussions. Slept Harabai'iu.
- 25/4/64. To Lomezai for discussions and inspection thence to Dogabari Village. Slept Dogabari.
- 26/4/64. Sunday, observed at Dogabari Village.
- 27/4/64. Inspection and discussions at Dogabari Village thence to Ipiigi Village for inspection and discussions. Slept Ipiigi Village.
- 28/4/64. To Orokana Mission for discussions thence on to Eragahugu Village for inspection and discussions thence to Pimaga Village for discussions during evening. Slept Pimaga Village.
- 29/4/64. Village inspection at Pimaga Village thence inspection of Pimaga - Kafa road. p.m. Inspection and discussions at Dammai'iu Village. Slept Pimaga.
- 30/4/64. Inspection and combined discussions with Tunuhugu and Getagaipu Villages thence to Heribu Village for inspection and discussions. Slept Heribu.
- 1/5/64. Returned to station for instructions regarding trip to Kikori River area in Kikori Sub-District.
- 2/5/64. At Kutubu preparing for second leg of patrol.
- 3/5/64. Sunday, observed at Kutubu.
- 4/5/64. Departed station by outboard canoe for Kese Village, thence walked via Pimaga to Kafa Village. Slept Kafa.

- 5/5/64. Discussions and inspection at Kafa Village thence on to Kobe Village. Slept Kobe.
- 6/5/64. By canoe to deserted village Kara thence to Buru Village, Kikori Sub-District. Slept Buru.
- 7/5/64. By canoe to Baina Village, Kikori Sub-District. Rendezvous made with Mr. O'Brien P.O. at approximately 3 p.m. Slept Baina.
- 8/5/64. Discussions and investigations at Baina. Slept Baina.
- 9/5/64. To Buru Village by outboard canoe for discussions and investigations. Slept Buru.
- 10/5/64. Discussions and investigations at Buru. Slept Buru.
- 11/5/64. Returned to Kobe Village. Slept Kobe.
- 12/5/64. Discussions and inspection at Kobe Village thence by canoe to Sorotagi Village for inspection. Slept Sorotagi.
- 13/5/64. To Oto Village by canoe for inspection and discussions thence returned to Sorotagi Village for discussions. Slept Sorotagi.
- 14/5/64. Further discussions with Sorotagi Village thence by canoe to deserted village site, Tamadigi. Slept Tamadigi.
- 15/5/64. To Anuwabi Village. Slept Anuwabi.
- 16/5/64. Inspection and discussions at Anuwabi thence to Ai'iu Village for discussions and inspection, thence on to Manu Village. Slept Manu.
- 17/5/64. Inspection and discussions at Manu Village thence to Hedinia for Aid Post and Village inspection thence discussions. Slept Hedinia.
- 18/5/64. To Hebuai'iu Village by canoe for inspection and discussions thence to Iorogabai'iu Village. Slept Iorogabai'iu.
- 19/5/64. Inspection and discussions at Iorogabai'iu Village thence on to Popato Rest Camp. Slept Popato.
- 20/5/64. Ill at Popato. Slept Popato.
- 21/5/64. To Kaipu Village. Slept Kaipu.
- 22/5/64. To Sisibia for inspection and discussions thence to Kewodigi for same. Returned to and slept at Sisibia.
- 23/5/64. To Kaipu for inspection and discussions. Slept Kaipu.
- 24/5/64. To Sonagadigi for inspection and discussions thence returned to Station. Slept Station.
- 25/5/64. To More Airstrip for inspection and supervision of labour.
- 26/5/64. To Wasemi for inspection and discussions.
- 27/5/64. To airstrip to meet D.C.A. party.
- 28/5/64. To Yogobo and Tugiri for inspections and discussions.
- 29/5/64. To Kese for inspection and discussions.

END OF PATROL.

INTRODUCTION.

The majority of Foi'i Division Villages are sited on the alluvial flats of the Mubi River. The exceptions are those villages adjoining Lake Kutubu, Iomesi Village near the Kokomo River and the Pimaga, Dammai'iu complex which is sited overlooking a small valley some three miles from the Mubi River.

Ethnically the people of this division, and also the Fasu, are typical Papuan Coastal people, tall in stature and of relatively slim build. In some Upper Foi'i Villages there is evidence of an admixture of the Highland type. Iomesi Village is equally divided between Foi'i people and Nembi Migrants who have settled semi-permanently as trading intermediaries between the Nembi and Foi'i people.

The Mubi River flats are poorly drained and as a result land tends to swampyness, this however is well suited to the cultivation of the staple food, sago. The Foi'i Division may be divided into Upper and Lower areas, due to their being separated by four limestone ridges, two of which rise approximately 2000' above the norm. Apart from the village of Kafa walking time between the two sections is approximately 10-12 hours.

The main population concentration of the Fasu Division lies in a narrow valley between limestone ridges approximately 2 days walk to the south of Lake Kutubu. The remaining four villages of the Fasu, Kaipu, Sisibia, Kewedigi and Sonadigi are located within a days walk to the south of Moro Airstrip.

The Topography of the Fasu is particularly forbidding with its limestone ridges, sink holes and pinnacles. The main valley is a mosaic of limestone rubble, sink holes, pinnacles, swamp and lateritic soils of poor fertility. Fortunately the swampy areas appear to be well suited to the cultivation of sago.

Communications/villages and village and station are extremely difficult at times due to climatic conditions and isolation. This is particularly so in the case of the Lower Foi'i and Fasu. The high annual rainfall of the area, over 200", and resultant flooding severely restricts canoe travel, the only means of communication in the Lower Foi'i. In the Fasu heavy overnight rain will result in sudden rises of the water table and waist deep flooding of walking tracks.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The Foi'i and Fasu peoples are relatively unsophisticated though they were under limited Administration influence immediately prior to the last war and have had a great deal of contact since the re-establishment of Kutubu in 1950. It appears that their isolation has been the main determinant, limiting the degree of sophistication to the present level. To date no introduced economy has been established nor has there been any really significant changes in the traditional culture and society. The main Administrative problem in this area is the sparsity and isolation of the population, this problem could be minimized by a network of walking tracks suitable for motorcycles and an Administration motorcycle.

The patrol was well received at all villages, though understandably the Kikeri migrants at Buru and Baina where a little apprehensive in the first instance, this was soon overcome. Volunteers for the carrying of cargo were easily obtainable at all villages and adequate supplies of foodstuffs were readily available for purchase.

In a number of Fasu Villages persons were absent at the time of the patrols visit. Though most of these absences could be excused, some were deliberate attempts to evade contact with the patrol. As this was not a census patrol no action could, or was desired, to be taken. The legal duty to attend census was explained to

those persons present for transmission to the absentees. As such absences are a common failing of the Fasu's there appears to be no other alternative other than to institute proceedings against census evaders, in the hope that the position can be rectified. In this area ignorance ~~xxx~~ of the duties and obligations due to the Administration are not considerations for excessive leniency. The people are fully aware of what is required of them and they have had sufficient contact to rank on a par with other people of the Territory in this respect.

The native situation is satisfactory. Any anti administration feeling which may have been aroused by the mistaken ideas which led to the Kikori migrations has been dissipated. In general the Administration is regarded with respect.

The recent migrations to the Kikori River area from the Lower Foi'i and Fasu appear to have run their course. Discussions indicate that no further migrations are likely to occur. A full account of these migrations are contained in memorandum 51-1-2 of 3rd June, 1964.

The possibility of two village movements within the area administered from Kutubu were broached during the patrol. Oto village wishes to move to a new site approximately 10 hours from the present village and 8 hours from Kafa Village. The reason given for the proposed move is the death of four women during the past three months. Cause of death is not known. Due to the extreme isolation of the proposed site the move was discouraged. The other move is the consolidation of Manu and Ai'in at one of these villages. This is a direct result of the Kikori migrations wherein the population of these two villages have been depleted to such an extent as to make a consolidation desirable. This move was encouraged.

A number of men from Dogobari Village in the Foi'i Division have been threatened with reprisals by a group from AKESEPO Village of hamlet near KAMPA Village in the Nembi area. The matter arose from the arrest of four persons from this village on suspicion of having been involved in an incident with a Nipa Patrol in late 1963 or early 1964. The Nembi's claim that the Dogobari's informed on those persons arrested. It is very doubtful that the threats will ever be carried out unless the Dogobari's are foolish enough to visit the Nembi. Persons concerned are NEMBI - Furuma, Kanei, Forteba, Waka, Ai'ebu, Iagua, (Village Policeman), Akura, Forei'a, Puabei, Maribuba, and Keabereabu; DOGOBARI - Ei'eima, Sosogai'a, and Eariebo.

One matter in the Fasu Division which requires some attention is the use being made of the Kikori and Turuma River areas of the Gulf District as havens for fugitives from the law. There appear to be two solutions to the problem, an agreement with the Gulf District to enable Kutubu police to apprehend the fugitives and the issuing of summons for the apprehension of the fugitives by Gulf police. The former is the more efficient solution if there are no technical or legal difficulties. The latter method is rather tedious and open to failure. It is neither the less, better than existing methods. A few of these fugitives brought before the Courts should discourage further attempts.

In the past the method of payment for services rendered and foodstuffs purchased on patrol has been with trade goods. Over the past two years or so however there has been a surprising rise in the desire for cash as payment, ~~this~~ the frustration of this desire was one of the major reasons for the recent migrations. As cash is desired there appears to be no reason why it cannot be given. It is suggested that all future patrol in these two areas pay for carriers and foodstuffs with cash.

During the patrol the opportunity was taken to assess the possibility of bringing the Kutubu aluminium dinghy, now at Kikori, in by carrier from the Kikori River. This was found to be possible though it is now recommended that this route and method only be used if no alternative can be found. The difficulties lie in the state of the track and the terrain over which the dinghy would have to be carried.

The track is nothing more than an infrequently used foot pad. Before an object such as a dinghy could be carried over it a considerable amount of timber would have to be removed. With the sparsity of population in this area this would take at least six weeks work and £120 for payment of labour.

The terrain is broken limestone pinnacle and sink holes. A great deal of difficulty would be encountered in any attempt to carry the dinghy from the Kikori to Kutubu. At least 15 carriers would be required for approximately ten days to accomplish the task. If the dinghy were dropped or scraped on the limestone the least damage sustained would be a dent, the most a hole.

It is understood that alternative arrangements have been made however by the District Commissioner. These entail the use of a helicopter.

As regards trends in native thought it was found that the basis of a cargo cult movement was in existence in both the Foli and Fasu Divisions. This took the form of an explanation of the origin of European goods and it appears to be based on the same kind of reasoning as that which exists in the minds of cargo cultists in other parts of the Territory. Though there is certainly no cult movement in existence at present, the basis for the organisation of one is there. *Though*

The theories held run roughly as follows;

- a) That European goods have a divine or semi-divine origin;
- b) That the goods are at present only available to Europeans;
- c) That only Europeans have the knowledge of how to obtain these goods;
- d) That the Europeans are not yet ready to divulge this knowledge to the people.

These beliefs appear to have parallels with the logic assumed by the usual cult movements and it was found that they were held by what appeared to be a majority of the people in both divisions.

The present phase appears to be limited to an explanation of the origin of European goods with little real desire to emulate Europeans in possessing or acquiring the cargo. It is considered that Europeans will, in their own good time, divulge the secret of how it is obtained.

It would appear that the traditional society and the present level of development is not conducive to the organisation of a cult on any other basis than the inter village clan or lineage to which any persons influence is largely restricted. Even this degree of organisation has not yet eventuated.

There is no reason however, why a future entrepreneur, particularly one who has travelled outside the area and observed cultism in action, could not utilise his knowledge or conviction to organise a cult movement.

The only counter at this stage, when the extent and level of development is not known, is education by offering the true explanation of the origin of the cargo, in a form which would be logical to the native mind. This was attempted on the present patrol during discussions with various villages.

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There is no evident animosity or jealousy towards Europeans as a result of their supposed control of the cargo. However future developments will require close attention and, if necessary, appropriate action.

VILLAGES.

There are two types of housing, each of a standard design, in the area patrolled. The type is determined depending on the sex of the occupants. The first type, the long house, varies in length between 100' and 200' and is approximately 50' wide. It is occupied by the males of the village over the age of six. Ranged along either side of the long house are the womens houses, these are small scale replicas of the long house being approximately 30' by 20'. In a number of instances the only village building is the long house divided with a central partition to separate the sexes. All buildings are timber framed with roofs of sage palm leaf, lincorn or black palm floors and walls of woven material obtained from the mid rib of the sage palm leaf. Housing is invariably built on stilts at least four feet above ground and located within a pig fence. Average life of a long house is 10 years, that of a womens house 6 years.

During the construction of a long house the time allocated to the project may amount to as much as one year. During this period all other activities, apart from those connected with food, are curtailed. The construction of the building itself may only take six months, the ancillary obligations of preparing and conducting celebrations on the completion of the building, taking up the remaining six months.

The standard of womens housing is relatively poor if compared with the long houses, which tend to be regarded as objects of village pride and prestige for their first few years. In instances orders had to be given for the replacement or repair of insanitary womens housing.

Another factor which is the cause of concern is the overcrowding of womens housing in some villages. This is at its worst in Eraguhugu Village where a total of nine houses accommodate approximately 160 women and children, an average of almost 20 per house. The position is further aggravated at present by the men of the village who usually occupy the long house which is now being rebuilt, thus adding a further 100 persons to be accommodated in the already grossly overcrowded womens housing. The position is alleviated to some extent by a number of the inhabitants using lean to's and garden houses away from the village. Relevant action was taken.

Judging from past entries in village books the villages appear to be occupied for greater periods than was the case previously. All housing showed signs of being occupied continuously and there is certainly more time being spent in the Villages as apart from garden houses.

The siting of villages is good, within the limits imposed by the environment. The main exception is Sorotagi Village which is located atop a limestone knoll, on a minute flat area of rock at the junction of the Mubi and Soro Rivers. The site, 200' above the junction, is occupied by 4 womens houses and a 100' long house which partly overhangs the flat area. The present site has the additional disadvantage of being completely isolated during times of flood. Discussions were held with the group during which a change of site was suggested. There are two alternative sites a) on a slope immediately across the Mubi River and (b) approximately 1 hour to the north along the Sorotagi-Kafa road. The latter is the preferable site as communications are not subject to disruption due to flooding, communications are more convenient with the Administration Station and the Mission, and the new site would be closer to the main garden areas and sage stands used by the village.

Most members of the village appear to be in favour of a change of site, the only opposition comes from two village elders. The final decision as to whether a move will be made and if so, where to, will be left till the next visit by a patrol.

WATER SUPPLY.

In all villages good water is readily available.

Sanitation and Hygiene.

It will be necessary for future patrols to give these matters some attention as there is room for improvement, particularly in the Fasu Division where it would appear that the only time the people get wet is when they are caught in the rain or capsized from a canoe. Housing is relatively hygienic though the keeping of young pigs and diseased dogs in the houses will have to be discouraged.

Some of the principles of sanitation appear to have been absorbed though many of the refinements are missing. There are adequate numbers of pit latrines in all villages and they are in constant use, from all reports. There can be little value however in constructing and using pit latrines if they are not sealed and kept clean. To achieve this relevant instructions were issued.

In conclusion there appears to be no real pride in the appearance of villages apart from that involved over newly built long houses. There is however a sense of duty to the Administration, which is usually observed by keeping the villages and environs reasonably clean and tidy, at least immediately prior and during patrol visits.

REST HOUSES.

All villages maintain rest houses and keep them in a reasonable state of repair. Though they are not outstanding in quality rest house facilities are adequate.

With the abandoning of Tamadigi Village due to migration to the Kikori Sub-District it has become necessary to establish a rest house at this site or preferably 1 hour further along the road towards Anuwabei. During the patrol a site was chosen and the Fasu people have volunteered to construct the building. The rest house will be maintained by the Lower Foi'i people. The condition of the rest camp at Popato is poor and will require replacement within a year. If possible a site approximately 1 hour closer to Kaipu should be chosen. The final choice will be dependant on the availability of good water.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

In general Village Officials in the areas patrolled are not impressive. The only ones who can be regarded as average are those at the villages of Harabai'iu, Hebuai'iu, Ai'iu, Iorogab-Ai'iu and Wasem'. Most Officials appear to be reasonable choices from the material available, the traditional leaderless culture is at fault rather than the Officials themselves.

There is only limited loyalty to the Administration if the choice lies between the Officials own group and the government. Apart from this instance their duties are carried out with some efficiency and application. It is felt that the position can be improved provided the Officials are boosted by patrols as Official leaders. No changes are recommended as regards appointment and dismissal of Officials.

ROADS.

There are no vehicular roads within the area administered from Kutubu.

During the past three or four years the people of both Divisions patrolled have been encouraged to carry out a programmed of improvements to existing walking tracks. The results have been satisfactory. The improvements have involved the widening, raising and draining of the tracks and the clearing of the immediate environs, the finished track is quite suitable for use by motor cycles. To date this type of track links all upper Foi'i villages between Kese and Iomesi, a distance of approximately 20 miles. At the time of the patrol a track linking Pimaga with Kafa was nearing completion, the latest progress report received indicates that only one weeks work remains to be done before this section is completed. The track will link up with the Kese-Iomesi one and will be approximately 12 miles long. The Kafa terminal will link up with the Kafa Sorotagi track which has already been completed. Work on walking tracks of the same standard as those in the upper Foi'i has been recommenced in the Fasu Division. The majority of villages will be linked by an inter-Fasu track which will connect Anuwabel with Iorogabal'iu. Another track will link Kaipu Village with Moro Airstrip and subsequently Kaipu with Kewodigi and Sisia-bia Villages. The first leg of this track should be completed within six months. All tracks under construction will be suitable for use by motor cycles.

With the completion of the tracks mentioned above the only gaps remaining in the Foi'i-Fasu network will be between the old village site of Tamadigi and Anuwabel and between Iorogabal'iu and Kaipu. Due to difficulty of terrain, distance and sparseness of population this gap will remain as is, at least for the present.. Here it will only be necessary to remove fallen trees, undergrowth and thick grass as necessary.

At the present time, and even more so with the completion of tracks now under construction, a motor cycle would be a great asset at Kutubu. The isolation of villages and the sparseness of population in the Kutubu area is by far the greatest administrative problem. By using these tracks as motor cycle roads approximately half the population, 2500, would be within a days comfortable access of the station. At present even the most minor matters requiring a visit to a village require an absence of two or three days. With transport this could be reduced to one day.

EDUCATION.

In the area patrolled schools are located at Kutubu Station, Wasemi Village and Orokana U.F.M. Mission. The two former are under the auspices of the Education Department whilst the latter is run by the U.F.M. Kutubu has a primary 'T' School staffed by a European teacher and two Papuan teachers, education is to standard four. Wasemi is staffed by one teacher and takes only a preparatory class. Orokana educates to standard two.

Further education after Administration schooling at Kutubu and Wasemi is available at Goroka. At Orokana further education is available at the U.F.M. School at Sambirigi.

The age requirements for the Kutubu School at present discourages parents, particularly those in outlying villages, sending their children to school. There are indications however that this is being overcome by experience and observation of children who do attend school. With a little recruiting this year there is no reason why enrollment cannot rise appreciably.

MISSIONS:

The only mission operating in the Kutubu area is the Unevangelised Field Mission, Orekana in the Foi'i Division and Inu adjoining the Station. Its influence appears to be fairly limited though it extends to both of the Divisions patrolled. Facilities supplied by the Mission are education and health.

Relations with the local people are fair though there has been a little friction brought about through the peoples voluntary aid in constructing an airstrip at Orekana. It appears that the benefits the locals had expected for their labour did not materialise.

Mission - Administration relationships are all that could be desired.

LAW AND JUSTICE.

Numerous disputes concerning bride price and debts were settled by arbitration during the patrol. Only one matter requiring court attention was brought before the patrol, a case of adultery at Damai'iu Village. As this Officer has, as yet, no Court powers, the case could not be dealt with. As the woman concerned is pregnant and as the other party is in hospital at Mendi the parties cannot be brought to the station to be dealt with by a visiting Justice.

Judging from court records the incidence of crime in the area is low. The main offences are adultery, assault and census evasion.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

To date there has been no economic development in the Kutubu area. The main reason for this has been the lack of incentive to plant cash crops which can in turn be attributed to the lack of desire for material advancement and money; the isolation of the area with its accompanying difficulty of access to markets, and poor environment.

The following suggestions are submitted as methods of overcoming these difficulties to some extent.

- a) Incentive. In the past the incentive for economic development has been totally lacking due to there being no desire for cash as apart from trade goods and mother of pearl. What little desire there was, was sated by Administration purchases of truck crops and recruitment under the highland labour scheme. This problem has solved itself to some extent. Over the past two years cash has assumed a new importance. In all instances on this patrol where a choice was offered between money and trade goods as payment for services rendered and foodstuffs, money was chosen. This previously unsated desire for money was one of the reasons for the recent migrations to Kikori. It is suggested that the present desire for money is sufficient incentive for the commencement of limited economic development.
- b) Environment. The environment will certainly impose a limit at a fairly low level, on economic development. There are however sufficient natural resources and arable land for limited development.
- c) Isolation and Access to Markets. There are only two potential access routes, by foot and canoe to Kikori and by air to Mendi. The former problem is minimised if portage times are reduced to an absolute minimum and if large quantities of produce can be moved over a major part of the route by canoe with a minimum of labour involved. The latter means of access is closed to produce with a low weight/value ratio as the high cost of air-freight can only be overcome with produce that has a high cash

value for low weight and bulk and a profit margin able to absorb the high airfreight costs.

There appear to be two methods of achieving limited economic development in the Kutubu area, cash cropping in the Fasu & Lower Foi'i and exporting Tagase Oil in the Upper Foi'i.

In the Fasu and Lower Foi'i the suggested means of access to markets for cash crops is by carrier to the Kikori River, approximately four hours walking time, thence one to two days by canoe to Kikori. Produce can be stored adjoining the Kikori River until a sufficient quantity has been accumulated for transport by double canoe to Kikori. It is estimated that a large double canoe could carry half to one ton of produce at a time, with perhaps six persons accompanying it. The River between the collection site and Kikori is navigable to canoes apart from a series of rapids approximately half way to Kikori. Here the produce would be unloaded and carried past the rapids to another canoe for the completion of the trip. This means of access would only be available to those villages within five hours walking time of the River, this includes many Fasu and all of the Lower Foi'i villages. The obvious crop would be Robusta Coffee as the altitude is approximately 1500', too high for cocoa and too low for Arabica coffee.

The possibility of planting coffee was broached to the people of the Lower Foi'i and Fasu during the patrol, though no promises were made. The discussions appear to have aroused interest but the people were not pressed to make an immediate decision as to whether they would like to grow the crop. It will first be necessary to investigate the potential market at Kikori and whether or not the crop is suited to the environment before further action is taken. The people of the area are confident that the problems of access to markets are surmountable by the use of canoes.

The other potential means of economic development lies in the sale of Tagase Oil to Highland peoples. The Oil is a traditional trade item of the Kutubu area, being traded to the Nembu and Huli people for MOP and pigs, it is used as a body cosmetic. The trade receivers take as much Oil as they require and trade the remainder with other highlanders. The main trade routes are Kutubu-Nembu-Mendi-Hagen and Kutubu-Huli, both routes of course have lateral branches.

As far as can be ascertained at present the Oil is highly valued by the Highlanders, the only limiting factor in the trade is the difficulty of carrying the 40' hollow bamboo containers filled with oil, over ill defined bush tracks and mountains. The demand for the item appears to far exceed the supply. Estimated equivalent cash value for the oil is £1-5-0 per gallon.

The Oil is a non inflammable vegetable Oil obtained from the Tagase tree. It is collected by hollowing out a recess at the base of the trunk and allowing the Oil to flow into it. After a period of approximately two weeks the dried residue of the oil scales off the seepage and a new tap has to be made by removing a thin layer of residue and wood. An estimated forty retaps would be possible before the tree went out of production, each retap producing about a gallon of Oil. The tree is usually cultivated, though a comparatively large number of untapped wild specimens grow in the swampy land of the Mubi River flats. There are also fairly large numbers of untapped trees elsewhere.

The problem of access to markets by air is of little importance with this commodity if the markets that are anticipated at Mendi and Mount Hagen do in fact exist. It has a very favourable weight/value ratio, it is compact, non inflammable and the profit margin is high enough to absorb the airfreight costs. If a satisfactory market can be found the Oil will be carried to Moro Strip in bamboo containers and there transferred into four gallon drums for loading onto Administration back charters to Mendi. Adequate numbers of four gallon drums are available at Kutubu provided they are made returnable after the sale of the contents.

Here again no promises were made. The people were advised that the potential would first be investigated as regards outlets, price, markets, transport, e.t.c. and if the results were satisfactory they would be reapproached. The discussions indicated that the people were particularly interested in harvesting and selling the Oil.

As most of the labour involved in the traditional trade, i.e. carrying the Oil over long distances in a particularly awkward form, would be eliminated a price reduction to approximately 15/- per gallon was advocated and accepted by the people. As the 25/- traditional price would undoubtedly rise as the distance from the source and the number of middlemen increased, the new price should be quite acceptable to the Mendi people.

A very limited market is probable open to fruits grown at Kutubu. These could be sold to Europeans at Mendi and possibly Mount Hagen. The main difficulty would be the poor carrying qualities of most of the fruit and the lack of scheduled aircraft.

AGRICULTURE.

The staple food of the area is Sago which comprises approximately 90% of the diet. The main supplements are edible leafy vegetables, bananas, pit pit, sweet potatoe, taro and sugar cane, all of which are cultivated, after a fashion. The diet is further supplemented on occasions by game, sago grubs and insects e.t.c. Fairly large numbers of pigs are kept but they are of little consequence in the diet, being mainly reserved for celebrations.

The sago based diet can certainly be improved considerably by the introduction of more garden crops to the diet. Garden cultivation has been continuously encouraged, with some success, in the past five years. There is a definite trend towards the greater use of garden crops though it will still be necessary to utilise propaganda to speed up the trend. The difficulties encountered when attempting to encourage the planting of gardens are, the ease with which sago is cultivated, its qualities as a crop which can be stored for long periods (as much as 12 months), the presence of fairly large numbers of domesticated and wild pigs which destroy the gardens and render the fencing of them necessary and the poor fertility of the soil which results in disappointingly low yields. Nether the less the people will be continually encouraged to plant gardens.

During the patrol a number of requests were made for seed peanuts to be planted as food crops. This introduction can be recommended as the crop, being leguminous, should have a fairly high protein content and nutritive value. It may also increase the fertility of the soil in which it is planted, to some extent, by adding nitrogen. Efforts will be made to procure the seed from the District Agricultural Officer.

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APPENDIX 'A'.

AVERAGE CARRIER WALKING TIMES - FOI'I AND FASU CENSUS DIVISIONS.

| <u>VILLAGES.</u> | <u>MODE.</u> | <u>TIME.</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Station - Kase | Canoe | 3 hours |
| Kase - Hegise | Foot | 2½ hours |
| Hegise - Baurutagi | canoe | 1 hour |
| Hegise - Feribu | foot | ½ hour |
| Heribu - Pinaga | foot | 1½ hours |
| Hegise - Harabai'iu | foot | 5 hours |
| Hegise - Harabai'iu | canoe | 4 hours |
| Pinaga - Eragahugu | foot | 1 hour |
| Eragahugu - Ipigi | foot | ½ hour |
| Ipigi - Dogabari | foot | ½ hour |
| Dogabari - Harabai'iu | foot | 2 hours |
| Harabai'iu - Ionesi | foot | 2 hours |
| Station - Kafa | canoe and foot | 13 hours |
| Kafa - Kobe | foot and canoe | 8 hours |
| Kobe - Kara | canoe | 2 hours |
| Kara - Buru | foot | 7 hours |
| Kara - Kobe | canoe | 4 hours |
| Kobe - Serotagi | canoe | 3 hours |
| Serotagi - Ote | canoe | 1½ hours |
| Ote - Serotagi | canoe | 1 hour |
| Serotagi - Tamadigi | canoe | 5½ hours |
| Tamadigi - Anuwabi | foot | 9 hours |
| Anuwabi - Manu | foot | 1 hour |
| Manu - Ai'iu | foot | ½ hour |
| Ai'iu - Hedinia | foot | ½ hour |
| Hedinia - Hebuai'iu | canoe | 2 hours |
| Hebuai'iu - Ierogabai'iu | foot | 2 hours |
| Ierogabai'iu - Popato | foot | 5 hours |
| Popato - Kaipu | foot | 8½ hours |
| Kaipu - Sisibia | foot | 2½ hours |
| Sisibia - Kewodigi | foot | ¾ hour |

Station Register

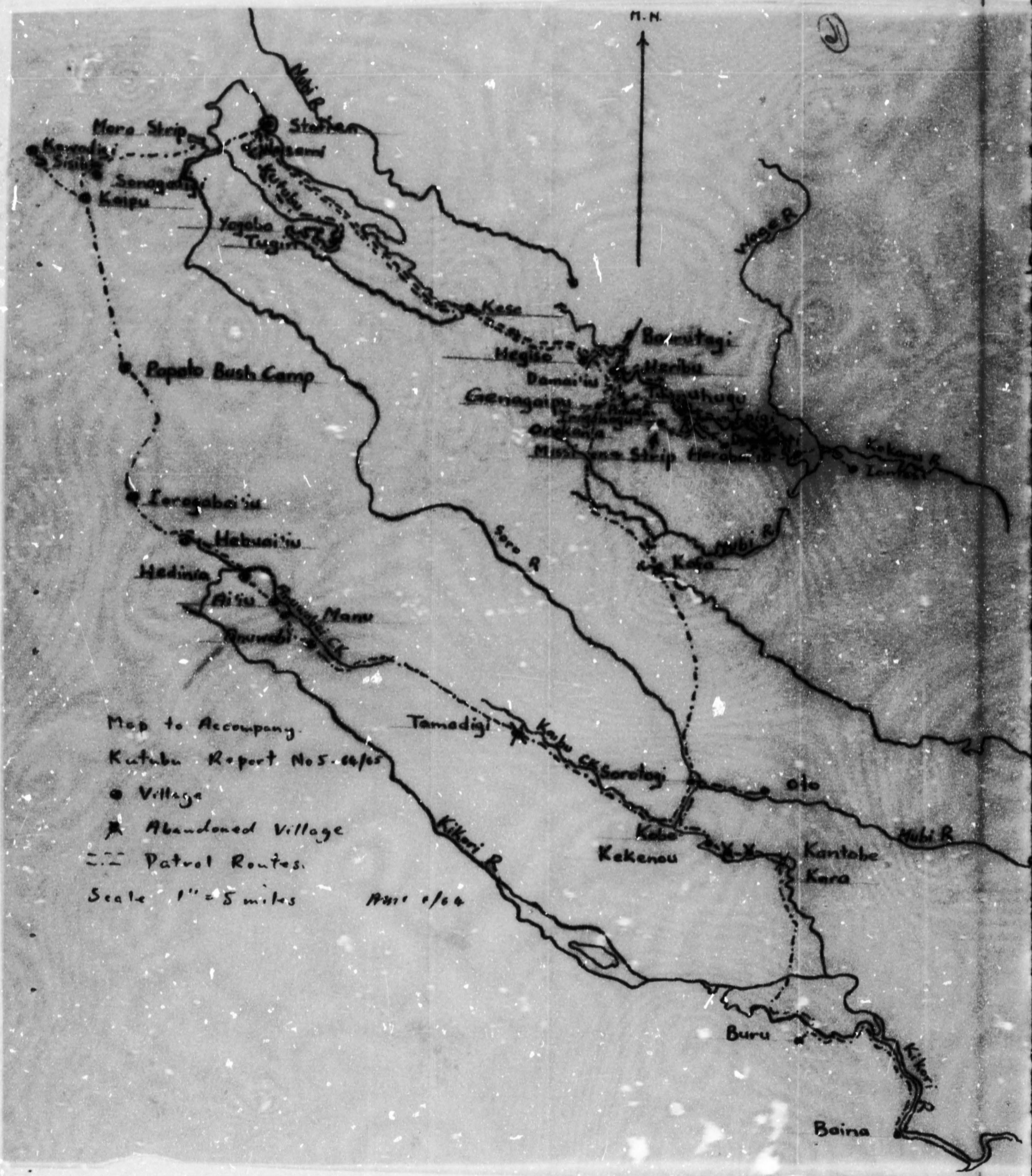
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| VILLAGE FROM | | METHOD | | TIME |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|-------|-----------------------|
| From | To | By | Means | (Including Allowance) |
| Kaipu | Sonagadigi | foot | | 3/4 hour |
| Sonagadigi | More Airstrip | foot | | 3 hours. |
| More Airstrip | Station | foot and canoe | | 2 hours. |

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Map to Accompany
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 ● Village
 ★ Abandoned Village
 --- Patrol Routes.
 Scale 1" = 5 miles
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