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PATROL REPORT OF MENYAMYA MOROSE

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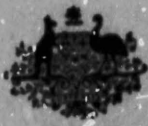
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MOROBE DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1969-1970

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MORobe Report No. 1 of 1969/70

Patrol Conducted by G.E. WILLIAMS, P.O.

Area Patrolled Part Northern Census Division; Menyama, Part Maswarya C/D Karawaka.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives one member R.P. & N.G.C.

Duration—From 15/6/1969 to 21/6/1969 8/7/69 to 28/7/69 12/8/69.

Number of Days 28 days, including Helicopter Survey.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services OCT. / 1968. Census, May, 1969 Road Survey.

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

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol Conduct Menyama/Karawaka Road Feasibility Survey.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

District Commissioner

14/10/1969

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

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

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

67-6-19

Division of District Administration,

22nd. October, 1969.

District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PATROL NO. MENYANYA 1/69.70

Your reference 67-2-5 of 13th. October, 1969.

2. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. G.E. Williams, Patrol Officer, to parts Northern MENYANYA and YELIA Census Divisions.
3. Mr. Williams has displayed considerable energy in locating suitable road routes. His report does not conform with my Circular 67-1-0 of 21st. June, 1968, nevertheless it does give a sound picture of his activities. The sections on the various road routes are very informative.
4. It is pleasing to note that the Menyanya people continue to display a keen interest in the construction of roads.
5. It is disappointing that a road route could not be located to link MARAWAKA and MENYANYA.
6. The Assistant District Commissioner, MENYANYA, requested 24 copies of the patrol map. Would you please confirm that they are still required.

c.c.
Mr. G.E. Williams,
Patrol Officer,
Sub-District Office, Department of the Administrator.
MENYANYA. Morobe District.

(T. W. ELLIS)

Secretary

Please note that political education must be a continuing process in all situations with the emphasis on the advantages of national unity.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67.2.5

Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
Morobe District,
L A E.

13th October, 1969.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

MENYAMYA PATROL REPORT NO. 1/69/70

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It is unfortunate that the possibility of linking Menyanya with Marawarka is unlikely.

H.P. Seale
(H.P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.

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Sub-District Office,
Meuyanya,
Morebe District.

17th September, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Morebe District,

MEUYANYA PATROL REPORT NO. I - 1969/70

G. WILLIAMS - NORTHERN C. D.

Attached are three copies of the above mentioned patrol report. Only one copy of the patrol sketch map has been supplied - could you have at least 24 copies of the same made and returned to this office as it contains much valuable information.

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Mr. Williams is to be congratulated on having completed an excellent patrol and he has reported it well. Typing errors can be overlooked as the report contains much valuable information.


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The alternate suggestions put forward for the use of K.D.F. funds have been put into practise. The road into the Hiwi River headwaters has commenced as has the road to the Korite headwaters. When these two roads are completed something like 60 % of the population in this administrative area will be accessible by vehicular roads. This will make the task of administration much easier. I estimate that both of these roads can be completed within 12 months - the Arifogo road may take longer.

There is no section labelled "Situation Report" contained in the report. This deficiency has been pointed out to Mr. Williams. However the comments on the eagerness of the people to construct the two roads demonstrates quite admirably the state of mind of the local people - they want these roads and are prepared to do the hard work involved.

The only form of political education undertaken was that involving discussions on the benefit to the people - that is closer and speedier access to the centre of Administration in the area.

Camping claims will be forwarded later.


P. J. LANCASTER,
Assistant District Commissioner.

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Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
Morobe District,
L A E.

13th October, 1969.

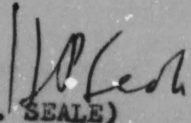
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17th September, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
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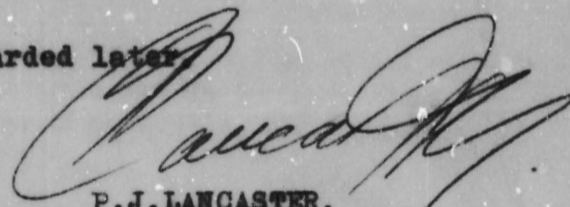
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P.J. LANCASTER.

/Assistant District Commissioner.

... FEASIBILITY SURVEY

... as this was a special patrol for the sole purpose of conducting a road feasibility survey, the usual patrol report writing out has not been followed.

DESCRIPTION

- (1) part of the Northern Census Division, ... (referred to in this report as the ... Valley)
- (2) the ... / ... divide and
- (3) part of the ... Census Division, ...

ISSUE

1 of 1969/70

(1) The ... Valley ... bordered by ...
 Populating to ...
S.S. WILLIAMS, P.O.
Part Northern Census Division; Manyaya. Part Manyaya o/o
Marawa.

(2) The ... divide is a broad ...
 ... five miles long running ...
 ... average altitude of eight thousand feet ...
 ... a steep ...
 ... it falls steadily from the ...
 ... 15 6 69 21 6 69. 2/7/69 to 26/7/69. 12/8/69.
 ... 28 days, including Helicopter Survey.
 ... to flow westward to the ...
 ... from the ... Station.

NO.

At the source of ...
 ... extremely broken, ridges ...
 ... the ... of the ... and its tributaries, which all flow to the ...
 ... side of the divide. Ridges running ... and North, form ...
 ... of the tributaries of the ... side.

Conduct Manyaya/Marawa Road Feasibility Survey

The divide is ... (central trough) and dense ... over the bordering ...

Cloud cover during this time of year is ...
 East-north-east to West-south-west, sweeping diagonally across the divide
 towards ... from the ... valley. This is ... strong ...
 resulting in heavy rainfall.

Throughout the patrol the peaks of ...
 ... were seen ... on the occasions, when they were
 visible for short periods only. Thick ... covering the entire divide ...
 twenty four hours a day, the ... period being the early afternoon, when
 ... regions above ... remained ... Occasionally
 there is a ... morning ... the clouds ... the
 ... in the early afternoon.

(3) ... the ... Census Division covered by this survey ...
 that ... by ... Village, the ... Station and the ...
 of the ... Manyaya Divide. Along the base of this divide flows the ...
 River, passing ... the ... Station.

MENYAMIA PATROL NO. 1 of 1969/70 (SPECIAL) CONTINUING

MENYAMIA / MARAWAKA ROAD FEASIBILITY SURVEY.

As this was a special patrol for the sole purpose of conducting a road feasibility survey, the usual patrol report setting out has not been followed.

INTRODUCTION:

The area patrolled for the feasibility survey covered :

- (1) part of the Northern Census Division, Menyama Sub-District (referred to in this report as the Miwi Valley)
- (2) the Menyama / Marawaka Divide and
- (3) part of the Maeawarya Census Division, Marawaka Sub-District.

(1) The Miwi Valley is mainly grassland bordered by light rainforest. Undulating to steep hills form the valley floor. The river feeds the Korite, a much larger stream flowing on past Menyama to become the Tauri River.

(2) The Menyama/Marawaka Divide is a broad watershed with two razorbacks some five miles long running Northeast/Southwest along either side; they reach an average altitude of eight thousand feet. Between these is a swampy trench, varying in width from a mile at the Southwest end to half a mile at the Northeast end; it falls steadily from the Northeast end where it is two hundred feet deep, to one thousand feet deep or more at the Southwest end. Here the principal stream, Kamingaiya Creek finds its outlet at the foot of Mount Yelia, to flow Westward to the Yaiga River, which it joins half a mile downstream from the Marawaka Station.

At the source of Kamingaiya Creek (at the NE end of the trench) the terrain is extremely broken, ridges running ENE, ESE, SE. These form the headwaters of the Miwi River and its tributaries, which all flow to the Menyama side of the divide. Ridges running NW, and North, form headwaters of the tributaries of the Yaiga River; Marawaka side.

The divide is covered in part by dense rainforest (principally in the central trench) and dense ~~rain~~ forest over the bordering razorbacks.

Cloud movement during this time of year is continually, day and night, East-North-East to West-South-West, sweeping diagonally across the divide towards Mount Yelia, from the Miwi Valley. This in turn causes strong turbulence resulting in heavy rainfall.

Throughout the patrol the peaks of Mount Marble, 10,000ft.+; and Mount Yelia, 11,000ft.+ , were seen clearly on two occasions, when they were visible for short periods only. Thick Cumulus Clouds covering the entire divide almost twenty four hours a day, the exceptional period being the early afternoon, when they lift a little, regions above 8,500ft., remaining hidden. Occasionally there is a clear day morning (9am to 12pm) the clouds descending onto the ranges in the early afternoon.

(3) The part of the Maeawarya Census Division covered by this survey was that bounded by Jemuruk Village, the Marawaka Station and the Northwest face of the Marawaka/Menyama Divide. Along the base of this divide flows the Yaiga River, passing close by the Government Station.

DIARY

15/6

Sunday:

1100 departed station for Concordia Mission by L.R. Departed Mission 1245. Arrived Hengeiapa 1545, passing through Jipa, Yinimba en route. O/night.

17/6

Tuesday:

Departed Hengeiapa 0745. Arrived Salt Squatter Settlement 0845. 0900-0945 discussed proposed road, patrol objects. Departed 0945 Arrived swamp No. 1 1130. Camp set-up. Departed 1320 Arrived Marawaka 1730. O/night.

18/6

Wednesday:

Departed 1920, accompanied by C.P.O. Mr. Brown and interpreter from Marawaka. Mr. Brown returned Marawaka 1330 as no visibility at range head. Arrived swamp camp 1500. O/night.

19/6

Thursday:

Set out from camp to find vantage points (Menyanya side) to sight for best ascent to the swamp. Ill all afternoon and night.

20/6

Friday:

Still sick, left for lower ground, 0915 Arrived Hengeiapa 1330. Rested. O/night.

21/6

Saturday:

0915 departed. Arrived Concordia 1430. To Menyanya by L.R.

8/7

Tuesday:

Roadwork A.M. 1340 departed Menyanya by L.R. for Jipa. No carriers. Waited until 1530. Departed for Yinimba, arrived 1630. (carriers 1730-1830)

9/7

Wednesday:

Departed Yinimba 0930. Arrived Hengeiapa 1150. 1300 to head of Meny Range to view possible route via Kamalyanapa. Returned Hengeiapa 1740.

10/7

Thursday:

Departed Hengeiapa 0930. (difficulty finding carriers) Patrol gear via Salt Squatter Settlement. Self via Kamalyanapa, viewed possible route. Then to swamp camp. O/night.

11/7

Friday:

Cutting path to meet Umba walking track. Heavy going in rain. O/night.

12/7

Saturday:

Rained all morning, labour too cold to work. Cleared a little in afternoon, took bearing on distant point in direction Umba walking track. Camp improved.

DIARY (Continued)

- 12/3 Tuesday:
Helicopter Survey in company A.D.C. Mr. Lancaster. To
Jesuruk track and route (3) see below. Return via
Umha route. Umha road inspected on return.
- 13/7 Sunday:
Clear day. 3/8 mile track cut towards Umha route. Reached
second swamp on bearing 35 degrees. Undulating country-swamp:
Mounts Yalia and Marha.
- 14/7 Monday:
Low cloud. 1/4 mile track cut-very wet swampy ground.
1/4 mile track improved
- 15/7 Tuesday:
Rained morning and most of afternoon. 1/4
mile track cut to Umha route. 1/4 mile track in direction of
Umha route improved.
- 16/7 Wednesday:
0900 departed for Marawaka Station, arrived 1410.
O/night. a/A.D.C. absent at Goroka.
- 17/7 Thursday:
At Marawaka. Raining all day.
- 18/7 Friday:
a/A.D.C. Mr. Lonne arrived ex-Goroka. Discussed proposed
routes. P.M. climbed divide with C.P.O. Mr. Brown. Visibility
nil at top of first range. Returned Marawaka.
- 19/7 Saturday:
0815 departed station on Umha route: arrived at second
ridgeline (razorback) 1300. Waited until 1410 for cloud to lift.
Intended take bearing of point near Swamp No.1, camp. Visibility
nil-returned Marawaka.
- 20/7 Sunday:
Observed.
- 21/7 Monday:
Departed Marawaka in company a/A.D.C., P.O. Mr. Bartlett, by Comm.
Cloud cover prevented any sighting of Marawaka side of the divide,
returned Marawaka. Raining P.M. O/night.
- 22/7 Tuesday:
0800 departed Marawaka via Umha route. Left track at highest
point of the razorback, to descend to a saddle that could provide
road access to the central trench. Raining steadily-visibility nil.
Returned Marawaka.
- 23/7 Wednesday:
Rain early morning. Departed 1000, on hearing news of
helicopter coming to Menyanya. Received note from A.D.C. 1200. Arrived
swamp camp 1430. Departed 1600. Arrived Concordia Mission 2235.
Arrived Menyanya 2310.
- 24/7 Thursday:
Helicopter survey from Wau with DDC/ADC Mr. Greeney. Refueled
then called away immediately by company.
- 25/7 Friday:
Met patrol at Yimimba. O/night.
- 26/7 Saturday:
To Menyanya.

12/8 Tuesday:

Helicopter Survey in company A.D.C. Mr. Lancaster. To Marawaka via Jemuruk track and route (d) see below, Return via Umba route. Menya road inspected on return.

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As outlined in Menyanya Patrol Report Number 11 of 1968/69, by the acting Assistant District Commissioner, Mr. Lancaster, the Miwi Valley propose route would involve no real construction problem. It would commence on the Menya Road at Jipa, climb around the Western end of the Menya Range to Yimimba then follow the existing walking track to Hengeiapa. From here it would be no more than a mile to Umba, crossing the Miwi River en route. From Umba the proposed route to Marawaka had been proven impossible the Assistant District Commissioner.

The alternatives were: (a)

Follow Kivarek Creek upstream from Hengeiapa, to Kamalyanapa, thence climb Northwest to a saddle overlooking Huwenjori Creek and along the contours to the head of this stream, here swinging Northeast to climb the razorback and pass over it where the Jemuruk walking track cuts through a saddle. (see map) Descent to the larger swamp of some six hundred feet, would not be difficult.

This larger swamp is referred to as swamp number one, and the smaller swamp as swamp number two (see map) as indigenous names vary from dialect to dialect, people of three groups hunting in the area.

(b)

Reach the swamp number one by following Huwenjori Creek along its Southeast bank, crossing it above the Salt Squatter Settlement to turn North along the contours to the Jemuruk track at the point mentioned in alternative (a) Such a route would involve many zigzags to gain the necessary altitude, while maintaining a fair gradient. (see map)

(c)

From swamp number one it was proposed to either descend to the Yaiga River following Mamingaiya Creek and the Jemuruk track, then upstream to Marawaka. My first walk over this route proved that it would be impossible to construct a well graded track for walking let alone a vehicular road. The descent takes three and a half hours hard walking, well above the creek bed which is in a narrow, steep sided gorge. The sides of the gorge are of loose material, shales and clay. Near Jemuruk village the gorge is five hundred feet deep with sheer sides subject to landslides.

(d)

Or proceed up the central trench from swamp number one to swamp number two, cross the Kamingaiya Creek and climb to its headwaters, turn Northwest to a saddle in the razorback (Marawaka side) and continue around a ridge to join the Umba walking track. From here descend to the Yaiga River.

However, the section between the Umba walking track and the swamp number one has no walking tracks and there are no detailed accurate maps of it. Hence tracks were cut. By the time a vantage point was reached, and cleared, the cloud covered the middle section. From the track cut along the trench nothing was visible as it followed the lowest part, in dense forest. When this middle section at the top of the central trench was seen clearly for the first time by the A.D.C. and myself while flying over it in a helicopter, it was immediately obvious that road construction was out of the question. The terrain as described in the introduction, is extremely broken.

Peaks of a few hundred yards in circumference, with sheer walls of from three hundred to five hundred feet are interspersed with streams running in several directions. These are the headwaters of the Miwi, its tributaries, and those of the Yaiga.

(e) The remaining possibility was to leave swamp number one in a Northwesterly direction, cross Kalinguiya Creek and climb the razorback around the Southeastern face to a point seven thousand feet above Marawaka on the Umba walking track. Again impossible terrain is encountered at the end of this razorback. (i.e. the Southeastern end)

CONCLUSION

There being no other alternative to those outlined above (a-e) it is concluded that a Menyanya/Marawaka road link is infeasible. However, two access roads are recommended for construction in the Menyanya Administrative area; Northern Census Division. The first is to the Miwi Valley, the roadhead to be at Umba. The second to the Korite Headwaters, the roadhead to be at Taawi.

The reasons for proposing the Miwi Valley Road are:

- (1) Eagerness of the people to build it. Demonstrated by their efforts in cutting, unsupervised, sections of drained bench up to two hundred yards long and fifteen feet wide, through rocky ground near their villages.
- (2) The Miwi Valley has a total population of two thousand people who need more concentrated administration. This can only be provided with present staff levels, by means of better access - a road.
- (3) The valley is covered by fertile, well-watered, grassland already producing a little coffee and some European vegetables of a fair quality.
- (4) It has cattle carrying potential and good timber for local needs in the surrounding mountains.
- (5) No difficulty, of lengthy period required to construct the road, which would be no more than nine miles in length.
- (6) Ease of maintenance as five of the eight villages in the valley are along the proposed route, others no more than three quarters of an hour's walk from it. Five small bridges would be required, suitable timber is nearby.

The reasons for proposing the Korlta Headwaters Road are:

(1)

The people are keen to build it.

(2)

The Korlta Headwaters has a total population of two thousand people who need more concentrated administration. (refer Menyama Patrol Report No. 7 of 1968/69, for the conditions prevailing there) This is the region most remote from the Menyama Station.

(3)

The Korlta Headwaters has much well-watered grassland with cattle carrying potential. These people have expressed their desire to sell land (that is surplus to their foreseeable needs) for development.

(4)

No difficulty in upgrading the present walking track to vehicular road standard. The road would be twenty miles long.

(5)

Ease of maintenance - the eight villages are close at hand and few steep grades would be required in this undulating country. Timber for the seven medium length bridges can easily be floated down the Korlta River.

Finally, adult male labour potential in the two areas is:

Mtvi Valley - five hundred. Korlta Headwaters - three hundred and thirty.

These figures were extracted from the October/November 1968 Census, so they can be relied on as fairly accurate assessments of available labour, there having been no increase in recruiting for outside areas during the past ten months.

With all the above listed factors in favour of the construction of these roads it is opportune to begin work now.

Personnel Accompanying: S/Const. 4/e DANI

Interpreter: MANJAWAS

Conduct- satisfactory
Work- satisfactory.
Conduct- satisfactory
Work- satisfactory.

THE REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT,
SUB-HEADQUARTERS,

Sub-District Office, MENYAMBA.

12th August 1969
42th

LAE,

SUBJECT: No. 0427 Name DANI s/was

I CERTIFY that the entry made hereunder is a true facsimile of an original entry made by me in the Record of Service of the abovementioned under the authority conferred on me as an Officer of the Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary and that the content thereof is true and correct.

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THE REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT,
SUB-HEADQUARTERS,

Sub-District Office, HENTAMIA.

12th August 1969
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SUBJECT No. 0427 Name: DANIEL S/Const.

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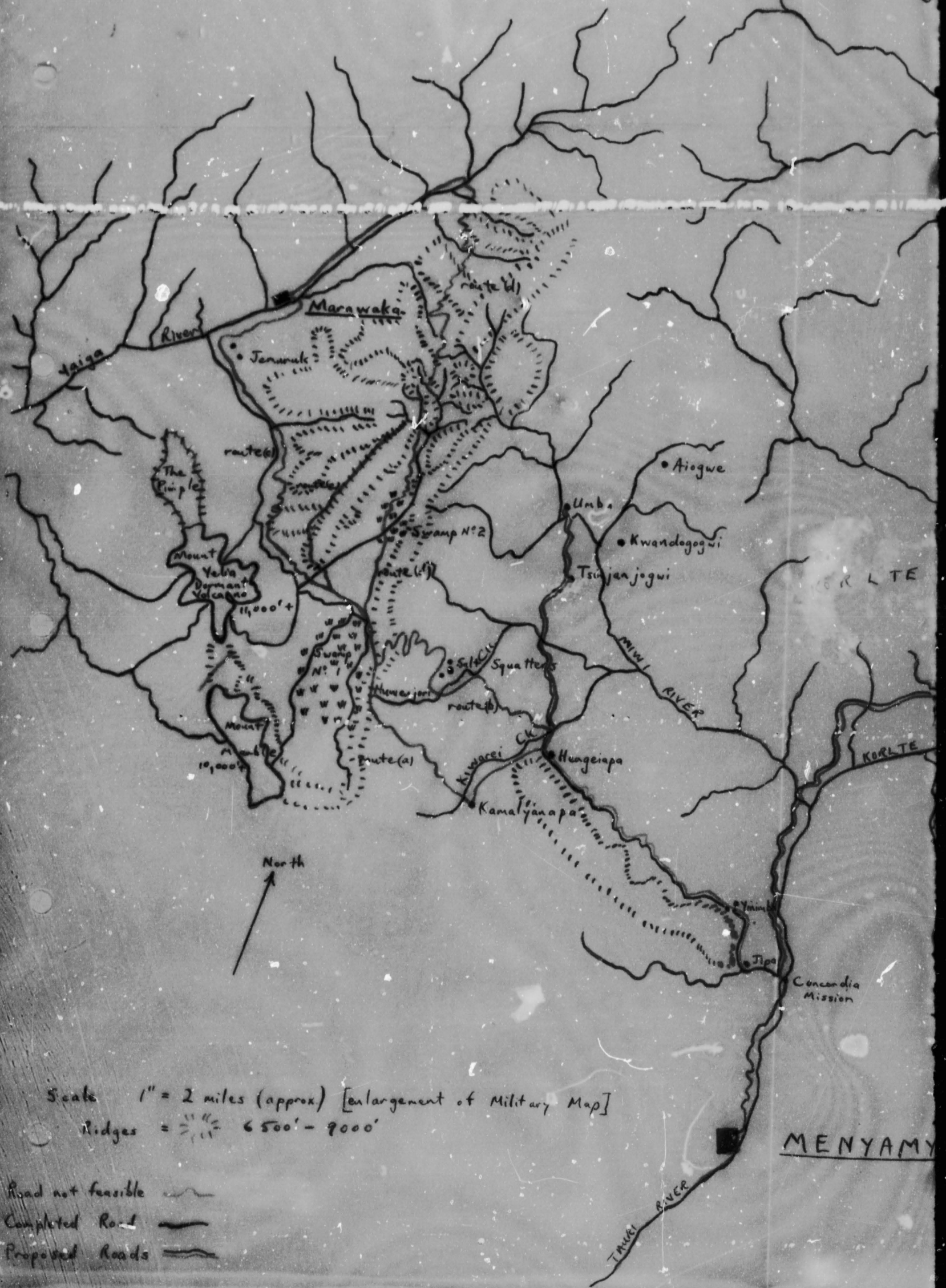
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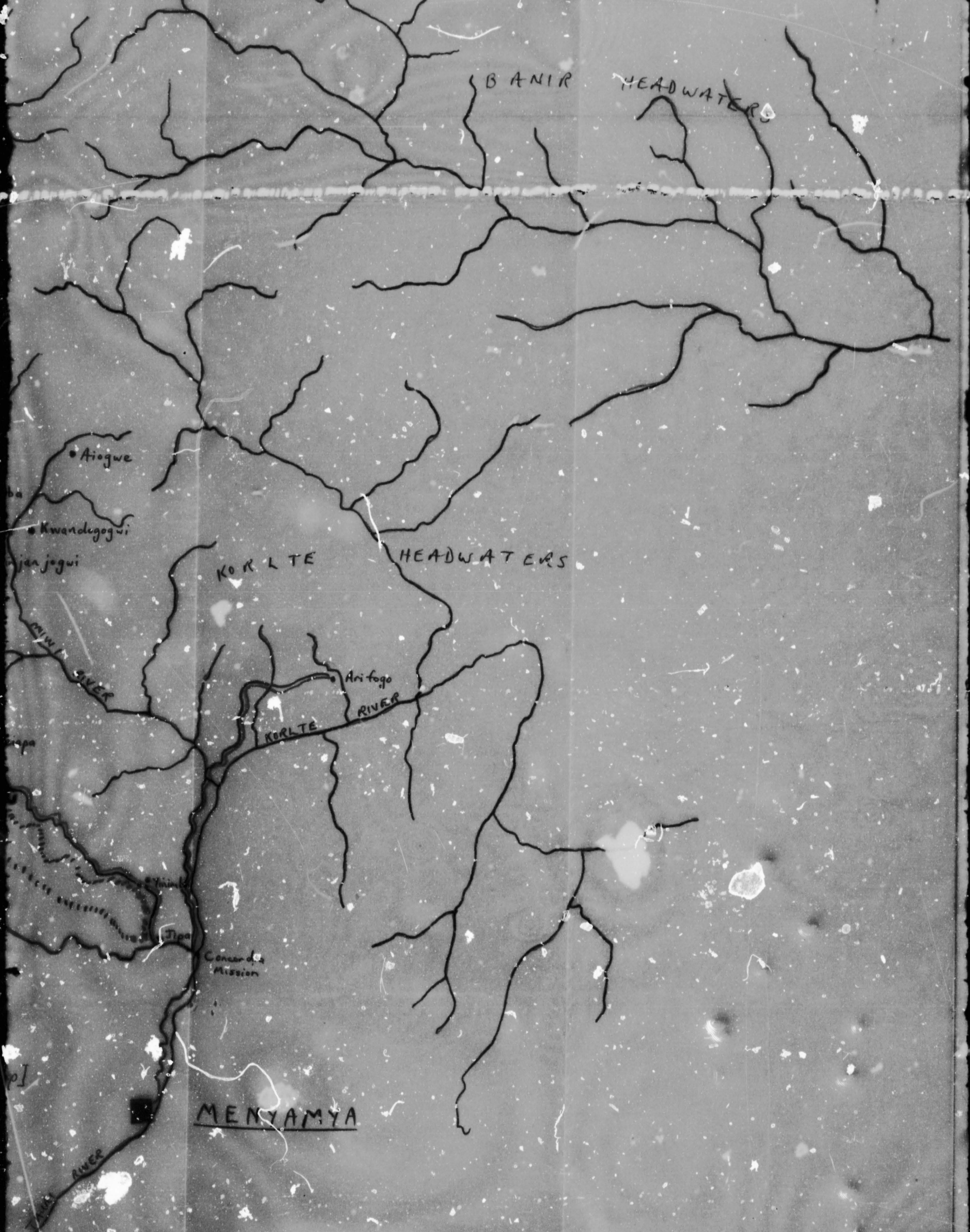
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MENYAMA

Menyanya/Marawaka Road Feasibility Survey





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Cosm PATROL REPORT

District of Morobe Report No. 2-1969/70

Patrol Conducted by P.J. Lancaster

Area Patrolled Wapi Census Division (Witama Area)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Native 1 R.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From 14/7/1969 to 27/7/1969

Number of Days 14

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 26/6/1969

Medical —/—/18—

Map Reference Attached Sketch.

Objects of Patrol Road Construction.

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 £.....
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67-6-5

23rd September, 1969.

Morebe District,
L.A.R.

PATROL NO. MENYAMBA 2 OF 1969-70

Your reference 67-2-5 of 21st May, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. P.J. Lancaster, to Wapi Census Division.

(T.V. ELLIS)

Secretary

Department of the Administrator.

Mr. P.J. Lancaster,
Sub-District Office,
MENYAMBA, Morebe District.

Please note that political education must be a continuing process in all situations with the emphasis on the advantages of national unity.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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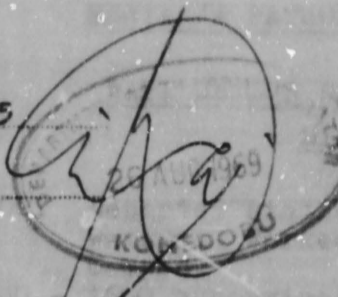
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Our Reference 67-2-5

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Mr.



Department of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

21st August, 1969.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

MENYAMYA PATROL NO. 2 OF 1969/70

The original and duplicate of a report on a special patrol to the Wapi Census Division conducted by Mr. P.J. Lancaster, Assistant District Commissioner Menyamya, is attached, together with a sketch map showing the existing and proposed route of a road between Menyamya and Koiamunga.

Officers of the Menyamya Sub-District continue to provide the necessary assistance and advice to the local people in the construction of roads. In addition action is being taken to ensure that the people are fully informed of the overall work programme being undertaken in the Menyamya Sub-District.

Menyamya Patrol No. 1 is currently being undertaken by Mr. G. Williams, Patrol Officer.

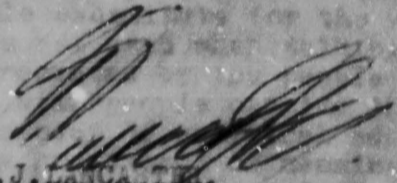
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(B. BUNTING)
a/District Commissioner

MENYAMYA PATROL NO. 2 - 1969/70

WAPI CENSUS DIVISION - PATROL
DIARY.

- 14/7/69. 1100. Departed station on motorbike - set camp at Watama. Worked commenced on road construction. Camped.
- 15/7/69. 0800 - 1600 supervised work on road - villages of Neneve, Piwlanga, Katanga and Watama working.
- 16/7/69. 0800 - 1600. Supervised work on road.
- 17/7/69. 0800 - 1600. Supervised work on road.
- 18/7/69. 0800 - 1600. Supervised work on road.
- 19/7/69. 0800 - 1600. Supervised work on road.
- 20/7/69. 0800 - 1600. Supervised work on road. Labourers paid - p.m.
- 21/7/69. 0800 returned to Menyama.
- 22/7/69. 1100 - returned Watama - work continued - villages of Kainye and Hengwa working.
- 23/7/69. 0800 - 1600. Supervised work on road.
- 24/7/69. 0800 - 1600. Supervised work on road.
- 25/7/69. 0800 - 1600. Supervised work on road.
- 26/7/69. 0800 - 1600. Supervised work on road.
- 27/7/69. 0800 paid labour. Returned station. Patrol complete.



P. J. LANCASTER,
a/Assistant District Commissioner.

Introduction.

The above patrol was mounted solely to supervise road construction of the motorbike road between this station to Kaintiba patrol Post. At present we have constructed approximately 11 miles of road up to motorbike standard. Kaintiba have cut their section of road up to Hawabango and all they have to do now is join this village up to Koiamunga village and we will tax cut to this village from this end. On the 18th of this month Mr. C.P.O. W.A. White will walk to Kaintiba and a joint patrol will mark the latter sections. During the time that the patrol was out approximately 12 miles of road was cut and all this section was bridged.


Situation Report.

All labour for the road is organised by the village officials themselves and attendance was good. In the first week 135 men worked and in the second 60 men attended. Villages are organised on a rotation system which means that each village will work every 3/4 weeks. By doing this satisfactory progress can be made on the road and the villages themselves can be maintained by the people.

Considerable stress was made on giving the local people informal talks concerning the overall roadwork programme currently being undertaken by this sub-district, Kaintiba and the Eastern Highlands. From this the people can see that the work they are engaged in is part of a huge development pattern and this seems to stimulate them considerably.

Stress is also being made on that fact that these people form a small segment of the "Kukukuku" people numbering some 60,000 people. (There is no suitable substitute for the word Kukukuku at present although the word is not used when talking with the people). This fact is readily appreciated by the people themselves and it gives them some feeling of unity with people outside their immediate vicinity. This is the only aspect of political education being undertaken at present but it has a great deal of meaning for these people as it can be pointed out that by the end of the year practically all these 60,000 people will be engaged in projects that aid and assist each other.

Forty two village officials visited the people working at Watama (all from Aseki Patrol Post) and the visit proved to be of benefit to both parties.


P.J. LANCASTER.

a/Assistant District Commissioner.

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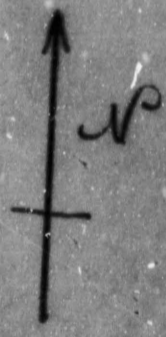
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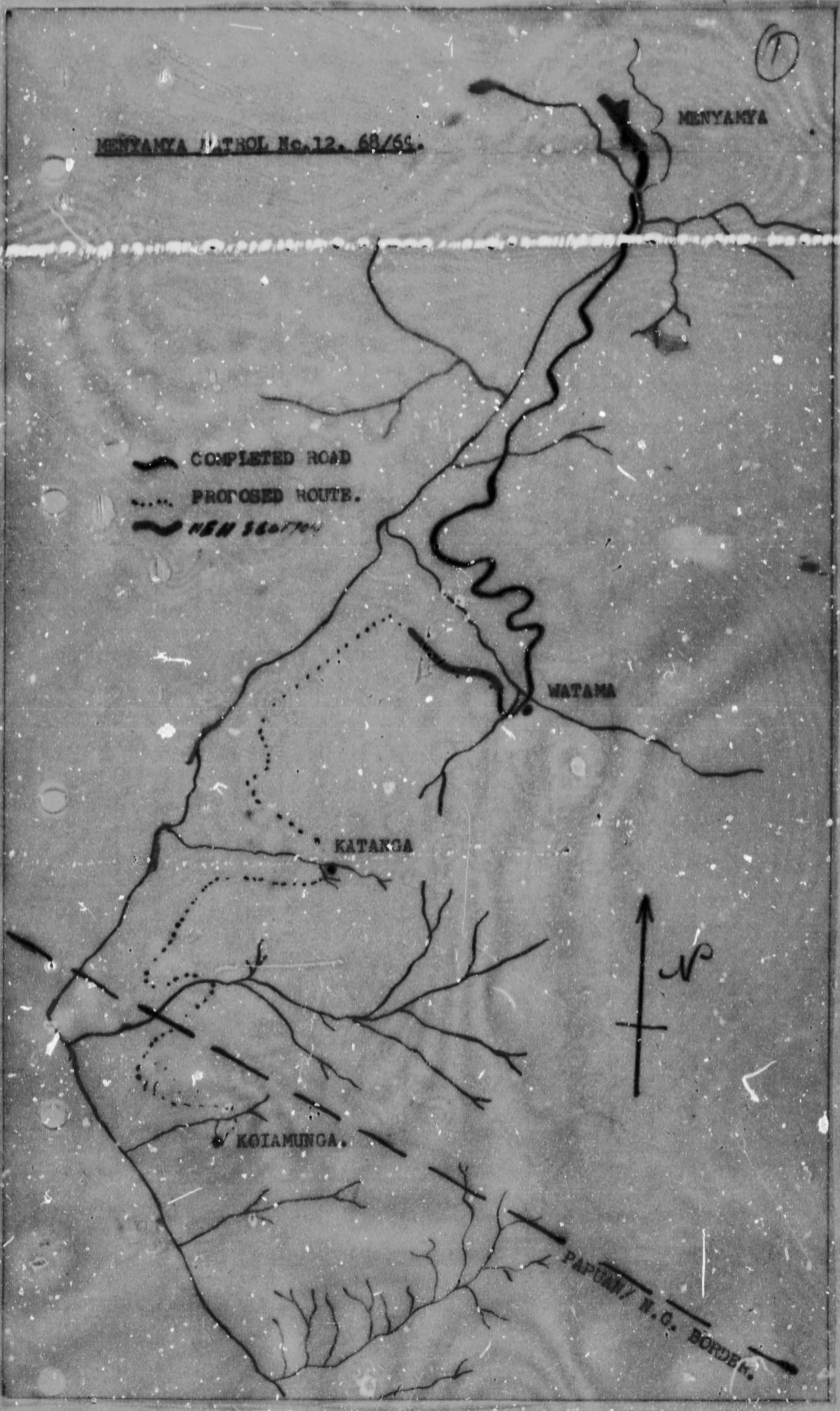
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PAPUA / N.G. BORDER.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. MYA No 3 196970

Patrol Conducted by P.H. SIMPSON P.O.

Area Patrolled WAPIC D

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 1 member RPNCG ROINTI

Duration—From 13/7/1969 to 12/9/1969 INTERABITA

Number of Days 57 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services June 1969

Medical / / 19

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol 1 Census 2 Continued Patrol

3 Supervise road construction 4 Routine administration

Director of Native Affairs. PORT MORESBY. Mrs. Mary O'Leary

Forwarded, please.

1-11/1969

W.P. Secker 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

Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
KORORU. PAFUA.

67-6-22

23rd October, 1969.

District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAH.

PATROL NO. MENYANYA 3/69-70.

Your reference 67-2-5 of 14th October, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census and Area Study by Mr. P.H. Simpson, Patrol Officer, to Wapi Census Division.

I am pleased to note that Mr. Lancaster attributes the marked improvement in the attitudes of the Wapi people to Mr. Simpson's efforts.

The continued progress on the development of roads within the Menyanya Sub-District is very heartening.

Mr. Simpson's report is an untidy piece of work. Please ensure that he takes greater care with his reports in future, and that he observes the requirements of my circular 67-1-0 of 21st June, 1968.

(T.V. ELLIS)

Secretary.

Department of the Administrator.

c.c.
Mr. P.H. Simpson,
Sub-District Office,
MENYANYA.
Morobe District.

Please note that political education must be a continuing process in all situations with the emphasis on the advantages of national unity.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
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Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
Morobe District,
L A E.

14th October, 1969.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

MENYAMYA PATROL REPORT NO.3 - 69/70

The original and duplicate of a report of a patrol to the Wapi Census Division made by Mr. P. Simpson is attached. Map and copy of comments from the Assistant District Commissioner, Menyanya, are also attached.

The amount of work being done by field officers of the Menyanya sub-District on the construction of roads in their area will, in the future, benefit the local population. Mr. Simpson has obviously done a lot of work during this extensive patrol and it is unfortunate that he has not taken a little more care with his submission.

H.P. Seale
(H.P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

Atts:



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Menyanya,
Morobe District,
Department of District Administration,
24th September, 1969.

Telephone.....
Telegrams.....
Our Reference.....

If calling ask for
The District Commissioner,
Mr. Morobe District,
LAE.

MENYANYA PATROL REPORT NO. 3 - 1969/70

WAPI CENSUS DIVISION - P. SIMPSON.

Attached are three copies of the abovementioned. Only one copy of the map has been provided - could 24 prints be taken and the balance returned to this office. Patrol instructions were verbal.

Mr. Simpson's report has far too many typing and spelling errors. I have pointed this out to him but do not require him to present the report again as he has far too many field commitments at present.

Mr. Simpson has worked continuously in the Wapi area for over two years. He has a good appreciation of the local situation and there has been a marked improvement in the attitudes of the local people in that area since he has administered it.

Apart from the physical benefits of road building in the area the people have benefited considerably from the presence of a single officer who has administered them fully and this administration has been consistent and well directed. The people of the Wapi have always been the "problem people" of this administrative area and the improvement is pleasing.

Camping claims are attached.

P. J. LANCASTER.
a/Assistant District Commissioner.

Intro. cont.

is being used on this road. Work has started again on the Meryanya Aseki road and this road is being widened to vehicular width. Routine administration was carried out and talks were given re government and rural development.

Daily Diary

13/7/69.	To Lamoi to supervise road work.	Overnight.
14/7.	Supervising work.	Overnight.
15/7.	" "	"
16/7.	" "	"
17/7.	" "	Returned Mya 1700.
18/7.	To Aseki road. Thence to Aseki.	At Aseki.
19/7.	At Aseki.	
20/7.	Returned to Mya at 1400. Thence to Watuma to see ADC. Returned Mya 1700.	
21/7.	Supervision road work.	
22/7.	To Watuma with ADC. Returned Mya 1300. Thence to Lamoi to supervise road works.	Overnight.
23/7.	Supervising road works.	Overnight.
24/7.	" "	"
25/7.	" "	"
26/7.	Bridge construction till 1700. Returned Mya.	
27/7.	To Watuma re road work.	Returned with ADC.
28/7.	Road supervision.	
29/7.	" "	
30/7.	Census patrol commenced. To Himerka village from Mya station. Censused people of Kumai. Completed forms etc.	O/night Himerka.
31/7.	Census of Himerka people.	O/night.
1/8/69.	To Kanogogei. 2 hrs. Census of Kanogogei and Wapiakavaga.	O/night.
2/8.	To Yagepa. 3½ hrs. Census.	O/night.
3/8.	To Akwange. 2½ hrs. Census.	O/night.
4/8.	To Kabong. 5 hrs. Akwange to Kwaiguma 4 hrs.	O/night Kabong.
5/8.	Census of Kabong, Motawopi and Taupa.	O/night.
6/8/69.	Census of Mabukabu.	O/night.
7/8.	Census of Akwanji, Waugagonga, Winkopa and Waitauara.	Overnight Kabong.
8/8.	Compiling registers and figures.	O/night.
9/8.	To Awi R/A. Census of Awi, Alogi and Kwaiguma. Returned to Kabong.	O/night.
10/8.	Compiling figures etc.	O/night.
11/8.	To Sikwong. 2 hrs. Census for Sikwong and Dyeki.	
12/8.	Compiling figures. Thence to Mya to get supplies. Returned Sikwong at 1700.	O/night.

Intro cont.

is being used on this road. Work has started again on the Menyama Aseki road and this road is being widened to vehicular width. Routine administration was carried out and talks were given re government and rural development.

Patrol diary.

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 14/7. Supervising work. Overnight.
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 8/8. Compiling registers and figures. O/night.
 9/8. To Awi R/H. Census of Awi, Alogi and Kwaiguma. Returned to Kabong. O/night.
 10/8. Compiling figures etc. O/night.
 11/8. To Sikwong. 2 hrs. Census for Sikwong and Uyeki.
 12/8. Compiling figures. Thence to Mya to get supplies. Returned Sikwong at 1700. O/night.

Diary cont.

- 13/8/69. From Sikwong to Warabung. Visited road works and bridge sites en route. Census of Tiwi and Panlogi. O/night.
- 14/8. From Tiwi to Womei. $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. Census of Womei, Hagita and Mingopa. O/night.
- 15/8. To Wauwoga. Census of Wauwoga, Hiteapine, Staraipe, Yamapa and Kwagaga. O/night.
- 16/8. To Piwi. 1 hr. Census. O/night.
- 17/8. To Hangua via Pekapoinyl. $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. O/night.
- 18/8. Census for Hangua and Pekapoinyl. O/night.
- 19/8. To Watuma. Census for Watuma, Pangapu, Katanga and Hanganera. O/night.
- 20/8. To Mya for talk with ADS. O/night at Mya.
- 21/8. To Tamoi. Census for Tamoi and Kabinyi. O/night.
- 22/8. To Womei to see people re census. Returned Mya at 1700. End of census patrol.
- 23/8. Road supervision. PM Observed.
- 25/8. Road supervision and bridge building.
- 26/8 to 30/8. " " " "
- 1/9 to 6/9 and from 8/9 to 12/9 Road supervision and bridge building.

END OF PATROL.

SITUATION REPORT.

As previously stated in this report, one of the aims of the patrol was to conduct a census of the people living in the Wapi area. The last census patrol was conducted in October 1966 and it was found in many cases people failed to recognize their own names. This made the work a long drawn out process, consequently most of the people whose names were listed at the end of the old census books became irritable and impatient. Due to this situation only very brief talks were given after the actual census work had been completed. These talks were based on government, law and community and personal development.

The main emphasis in these talks was self help in personal development and help in community projects. The Wapi people are very lazy and are reluctant to do very much to help themselves and they only make an effort when they are given no alternatives. These people are individualists and their ideas on living in a closely knit community are quite reasonable considering that they have lived by themselves for generations and have only joined together during times of war etc. Their lives are based on the family unit and each family lives most of the time in their garden houses. Actual village housing may only be occupied for a third to half the time. The remainder of their lives is spent in the gardens. This has an effect on administration in as much as it is sometimes hard to find an individual person, when he or she is required.

The Wapi area is just starting to produce some coffee and fresh vegetables. This is due to a few industrious persons who are prepared to help themselves. There are possibilities that the vegetable market could improve and the road system now being developed will help this development, rather than hinder it. The only thing that is and will continue to hinder development is land. These people are notorious for fighting over land and there are very few pieces of land that are not disputed.

AREA STUDY.A. Introduction.

The Wapi census division lies to the east of the Menyama Sub-District Headquarters and consists mainly of rugged ranges, covered in tropical rain forests, and steep kunai grass hills. The main rivers are the Wapi river, the Kabong river which joins the Wapi at Sikwong and the Nemewe river which joins the Tauri about five miles south of Menyama. The Wapi joins the Tauri near Menyama. Most of the villages are situated on the kunai slopes, the exception being Akwange which is on the border with the Langamar Census Division. The Langamar area comes under Aseki patrol post.

The population of 8405 shows an increase of nearly four hundred people in three years. It is estimated that approximately fifty percent of the people live most of the time in their garden houses and the remainder spend a large part of their time in the gardens; only living in the village at the time for census.

Access to most of the villages is by walking tracks. However the actual Area has been opened up by a series of roads. The Menyama Aseki road provides the start to the road to Lac. A vehicular road goes through to the Lutheran Mission at Kabong and a motor bike track goes through to Waruma and eventually to Kaintaba patrol post. The first village visited on this patrol, Himerka, is only ten minutes walk from the road ~~near~~ at Concordia. This road has a number of other roads extending from it to Menyama village and recently construction on roads to Umba and Tsawi ~~has~~ started. The area is served by one only airstrip and this is at Menyama. If the airstrip in the Langamar area is reopened it could be an outlet for the people of Yagepa and Akwange.

First contact with the people of Menyama was made in 1933 but this was only for a very short time. The Menyama station was reopened in 1950 and constant patrolling and administration has been going on since then. The administration has a very strong influence over the people and commands a lot of respect. At present there are no cult activities but it is probable that these could occur with labourers returning from the plantations in the island.

5. Population - Distributions and trends.

The latest census figures are attached. The total number of names listed on the census sheets is 8405. Those names listed in the old census books that were not recognised were not relisted and new names were listed. This should make it a little easier for future officers as some of the names listed are those that were given at the initial census and some of them are not real names.

The natural increase is 415 persons. This is approximately 140 per year. This is consistent with the figures from the last census. Neo-natal mortality rate is not obtainable as most of the children who die are forgotten about. It is impossible to obtain a neo natal mortality rate unless a census is done every twelve months. General health of the people is not too bad.

(b). Watama is the only village with a motor bike track to it. Kabong has a vehicular road to it and Kabinyi is also adjacent to a road, as is Tamoi. All road will be marked on the patrol map.

(c). Approximately 830 adult males are absent from the area. Rural development in the Menyama in the Menyama Sub-District is dependent entirely on manual labour. The road systems being constructed are being built by manual labour and with the large number on males absent it is unfair that the men absent should reap the benefits from the roads and yet do not contribute anything towards their construction. Attempts have been made by the ADC to have the area closed to recruiting but results of this are not known. Some of the so called 'labourers' are just school children. Some of them are only fourteen and fifteen years old, and they are taken off to increase the fortunes of the companies on plantations. The plaintive cries of parents and families are heard most days at Menyama, with sons and fathers departing. A term on the coast certainly enlightens the native's outlook but it certainly does not help him at home. He returns to find his wife married to somebody else, his house and gardens in ruins, his children sick or dead. To rehabilitate himself takes a lot of time and patience and hard work.

As recruiting in the area is becoming more and more difficult, the recruiters seem to be picking up anything they can. Recently a labourer from Himerka died. He was sick before he left the area and how he passed a medical is a mystery. A lot of the labourers returning from the coast have malaria and this has a serious effect on village health. Issuing them with a few tablets on their return might help.

Social groupings.

- (a) The 30 villages in the Wapi have only one component social group.
- (b). The operational group is the family unit. Each village generally consists of one patriulan. The bigger villages of Mabukabu, Himerka, Tamoi and Sikwong have more than one patriulan.
- (c). There is only one language in the Wapi area.
- (d). As stated previously land is one of the biggest barriers in the area and this often causes trouble between villages. The usual people feuding are the Katangas and Watomas; Kumais and Himerkas; Akwanges and Langmars; Piwis and Waukogas; Kabinyis and Tamois and the Tamois and Sikwongs.
- (e). Relationships between the Wapi people and other groups are often tense - all over land. These other groups are the Menyapa people, the Asekis and the Langmars as well as the Papuans.

Leadership.

The system of Luluais and Tultuls is still effect at Menyapa. Some of the influence in the older luluais is waning and as they have died out younger men have replaced them. Some of these are traditional leaders but they have not the influence that the older men used to have. Returning labourers cause most trouble.

There are a few natural leaders left in the Wapi area and these are listed.

Sikwong.	Zuga/Tikupada	Aged 30. Hereditary leader.
Uyeki.	Hangakau/	Aged 50. Fight leader. Not literate but influential.
Tiwi.	Hai-amakau/ Iavatakau.	Literate and has coffee and centrosims.
Alogi.	Arkonis.	Luluia. Not literate but influential. Commands respect.
Taup.	David Iti.	Educated St 6. Stood for Hefa in 1964. 31 yrs old.

It is hard to judge real leaders in a village unless constant contact is made all the time. I do not consider a leader is one who can speak pidgin and is used as spokesman.

Land tenure and use.

(a). All land in the Wapi area is held by the patrilineans, and a man or woman obtains rights to land by virtue of his/her membership in the clan. The land is controlled by the clan elders. Inheritance is patrilineal.

(b). No individuals lease land.

(c). Cash cropping takes the form of tobacco, *Sesuvium*, *dolichus* and vegetables. What little coffee is produced is reasonably good but owners fail to look after the gardens as instructed by DASF. Actual production figures will appear as an appendix.

LITERACY.

The only school in the area is the Lutheran Mission School at Kabong. There are four classes, prep, St1.2 and 3. The ~~the~~ school has one Australian teacher and three indigenous teachers. There are 160 pupils, 25 of these being females. Standard three has 1 female and 29 males. St1 34m 10f. St 2 24m 4f, prep 48 m 10f.

(b). It is estimated that approximately forty percent of the adult males have a working knowledge of pidgin. About five percent of all females have a knowledge of pidgin. The number of pidgin speakers is increasing as the number of labourers return from the coast. Most of the children who attend village bible classes are taught in pidgin and quite often children are better interpreters than some of the older so called pidgin speakers.

(c) There are no adults who have any form of higher education.

(d). Due to the non continued Standard Six at Menyama, the students were transferred to Siassi High School at the beginning, ^{of the year} no records were available re numbers and names, but it is estimated that there were 24 males and seven females who went to Siassi.

(e). There are no radios in the area and the only interest shown in newspapers is the smoking value.

Standard of Living.(a). Housing.

The traditional house of the Menyama people is reappearing in some of the so called villages. The only real difference is that the new house appears to be larger. It still consists of the single room. Housing is generally fairly good in the villages. Houses in the gardens, as expected, are of poorer quality, but seem to fit the environment.

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Housing cont.

(a) The traditional dress is still worn by the older members of the community. However most of the younger men now wear shorts and shirts. Few shoes or boots are worn, although most of the elite returning from the coast front up in the "good gear" which includes gym boots, and a pair of rubber boots. The roads are generally fair poorly when labourers return. They still wear the grass skirt with an occasional "gel's" blouse for Sunday best.

(b) The staple diet consists of sweet potato, Taro with a few introduced vegetables. With more money coming into the area the trade stores do a good trade in Navy biscuits, fish and meat.

(c) There are no community centres in the area but sport is played in places where there is a piece of flat ground. Most interested soccer fans play at Menyamyia when the opportunity arises.

Missions.

There are three missions operating in the area. They are the long established Lutheran mission, the Seventh Day Adventist Mission and a new arrival, the independent Baptist. Most villages have a Lutheran mission and there are about twelve SDA missions in the area. These small missions are staffed by native pastors from Bouganville and the Markham valley. There is a certain amount of tension between the Lutherans and the SDA's at Akwhji village. The luluai complained to the ADC at Menyamyia and things have been settled for the time being. The third mission, The Independent Baptist Mission, is set up at Watama. It is staffed by an Australian, and his family.

The biggest set up in the Wapi area is the Lutheran Mission school and hospital at Kabong.

Approximately twenty percent of the people claim to be Christians. The remainder do not adhere to any of the religions.

Non-Indigenous.

There are twelve Europeans at the Lutheran mission plus their children. At the I.B.M. there are two adults and three children. There are no Europeans with the SDA mission.

- (b) Menyamyia employs twelve workers.
 Kwaplalim employs 5.
 Kabong employs 6.
 Concordia employs 5.

(c) N/a

(d) N/a.

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COMMUNICATIONS.(a). Roads.

As stated previously, the road system in the Menyamya area is progressing at a very pleasing rate. These roads are marked on the patrol map. The roads start at Menyamya and go north to Concordia, South to Watuma and Parnu and east to Kabong, Aseki and eventually Bulolo and Lae. The road to Concordia is five miles long and is vehicular width. It is mainly a dry weather road but it is passable in the wet. The road to Watuma is eight miles long and has been constructed to motor bike width - eight feet. From Watuma the road is being built to the Papuan border where it will be connected to the road to Kaintiba patrol post and then to Kerema and Port Moresby. A feeder road could be and will be in the future built to the villages of Pekapoinyl, Hangua and Piwi. The Wapi road goes from Menyamya to Kabong Mission. This is a vehicular road and is mainly a dry weather road. The only big obstacle on this road was Dick's Hill. This hill was impassable in the wet but a diversion road has been built road the bottom of the hill and it follows the actual Wapi river. This is an all weather road. Two big bridges have been constructed on this road, with four smaller ones. The Aseki road starts at the Sikwong aidpost and follows the Spreader Divide across to Aseki Patrol Post. This road is approximately eighteen miles long. Work started on the road in October 1968 and the motor bike track was completed in June of this year. At present work is continuing on the road and it is being widened to vehicular width. About four miles have been done to date. The only thing stopping the vehicles getting to the road head is a large stone outcrop. Arrangements have been made to have this blasted by Comm works. The bridge over the Kabong river has been completed and all that is required now is bridge decking. This will be completed in the near future.

(b) N/a.

(c). Air.

The only airstrip in the area is the one at Menyamya.
Technical and Clerical skills.

The only clerk from the Wapi area is one, Yami, who is employed at Menyamya as a storeman.

There are a few local people who work as sawyers and two who have been trained as "carpenters" at the Lutheran Mission. They have a working knowledge of what is required and seem to be fairing quite well.

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L. Stage of Political Development.

The people of Menyama have been involved in three elections to date. Both House of Assembly elections and a By-Election in 1966. It is not through lack of trying and continual effort on the part of patrol officers that the people do not understand entirely how the government functions. The only real idea of administration is the direct administration from the office at Menyama. Their ideas on the House of Assembly are connected with the Regional Member, who is known to them, but they have little or no idea on the open electorate member. Most of the people know that the administration headquarters are in Lae but they only know Port Moresby as a name. Very few Menyamas have visited Moresby.

The Menyama people are known to have ~~had~~ very quick tempers and it is this temperament that causes a lot of trouble in and around the villages. Fighting still exists but not on a large scale. An occasional riot takes place but most of the detainees at Menyama are there because of domestic troubles and small skirmishes.

Development of a large scale will only take place when the people decide to discard their fears of their neighbours and are prepared to help themselves. Unfortunately a few of the industrious persons efforts are marred by land problems. As soon as one starts to till the land, all the "owners" claim the land. Development comes to a standstill.

Very few people have visited outside areas other than to work on the coast as labourers. About the only things that these workers gain from the coast is jealousy, as they can see how everything on the coast comes so easily. They say they never see coastals working as labourers on the plantations, all they see is planes ships and cars carrying goods. They are then not prepared to help themselves in the bush where things do not come so easily.

M. The economy of the area.

The Economy of the area.

It is impossible to ascertain from villages, their annual income, as few can remember when they received their money and most are reluctant to disclose how much money they have. Approximately ^{the} 10 tons of coffee is produced in the Wapi area each year. This will increase as trees mature and the people pick all the coffee grown. Four tons of ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~is~~ ^{is} produced and approximately one ton of dolichus is grown. The total income from the sale of coffee would be about one thousand dollars. These figures, as with all figures under this heading, will be conservative estimates; the reason being that the Lutheran Mission and one of the trade stores at Menyama have entered into the buying field of coffee and the other products. They have failed to keep records of their sales etc. The Lutheran mission have also set up a small buying point for fresh vegetables that they send to Lae each week. It is estimated that each week they buy in the vicinity of one hundred to one hundred and thirty dollars worth of fresh vegetables. The main vegetables are carrots, cabbages, potatoes, peas, beans and lettuce. This market has been functioning for about three months and shows good possibilities. Sale of fresh foods to the station by the Wapi people would be about ~~five~~ two hundred dollars a year.

As the Wapi people were called on several times to work on the roads and were paid each time it is estimated that they received about \$2500 in wages. They will continue to receive this amount and more as the rural development programme continues. Sale of logs for bridge building in the last twelve months was \$300. As pitsawyers are starting work in the area this money will remain about the same. Bridge decking is about a dollar, depending on size etc.

Returning labourers have brought a large amount of cash into the area but this will not remain stable as the number of labourers returning will dwindle as recruiting declines. It is estimated that these labourers brought back about three to four thousand dollars.

Total income to the area would be approximately eight thousand dollars.

N. Possibilities of expanding the economy.

There is some very good land available in the Yagere valley that could be used for cattle grazing. Finance among individuals is limited, so it would need an outsider to start a cattle industry. The alternative cash crop is vanilla or something in those lines. DASF is investigating this. Reafforestation of the Menyama could supply an income for the people in the distant future.

Attitude towards Local Government.

The only idea that the people have re councils is - tax. Discussions have been held by previous officers and there have been indications that the people were interested in a council but were not pleased when the actual talk of setting up a council was brought up. The older people have no idea of the functions of a ~~menyama~~ council and they are inclined to vote either for or against a council, depending how the younger people voted. The only people who have seen councils functioning are the labourers who have worked in council areas on the coast. Their exaggerated stories of tax in the range of ten dollars and more have set up this attitude of no councils in Menyama. It is not an anti council attitude. Bearing this in mind, it would be better to have the economy of the area better established before a council should be set up.

P.H.Simpson. PO.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... MENYAMYA PATROL NO. 4 OF 1969/70

Subdistrict..... MENYAMYA

District..... MOROBE

Type of Patrol.....

Patrol Conducted by..... W. A. WHITE, A.P.O.

Area Patrolled	}	<u>1. MENYAMYA/KAINTIBA MOTOR CYCLE TRACK</u>
(Council and/or		<u>2. WATAMA TO KAINTIBA TO MARK REMAINING</u>
Census Division/s.)		<u>ROAD ROUTE</u>

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

Duration of Patrol—from 28 / 7 / 69 To 11 / 8 / 69
18 8 69 28 8 69

No. of Days..... 23 INCLUDING TWO NIGHTS AT KAINTIBA

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area :..... JUNE 1969

Date..... Duration.....

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... 1. TO SUPERVISE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE
MENYAMYA, KAINTIBA ROAD

..... 2. TO MARK A ROAD ROUTE FROM WANTAMA TC
KOIAMUNGA TO ASSIST IN MARKING A ROAD ROUTE FROM KOIAMUNGA
TO HAWABANGO

Total Population of Area Patrolled.....

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

14/10/69

District Commissioner.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-6-23

SECRETARY OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION,
Department of the Administrator,
HONIARUA, PAPUA.

23rd. October, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Morebe District,
LAE.

The Secretary,
Department of
Administration

PATROL NO. HENYAMYA 4/69-70

Your reference 67-2-5 of 14th. October, 1969.

- 2. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. W.A. White, Assistant Patrol Officer, to KAITIRA.
- 3. Good progress is being made on the HENYAMYA-KAITIRA road link. It is pleasing to note the interest being displayed by the people in this work.
- 4. A sound report of an effective patrol.

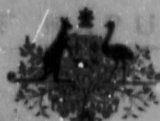
(T. W. ELLIS)

Secretary

Department of the Administrator.

C.C.
Mr. W.A. White,
Assistant Patrol Officer,
Sub. District Office,
HENYAMYA, Morebe District.

Please note that political education must be a continuing process in all situations with the emphasis on the advantages of national unity.



67.6.23 (7)

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67.2.5



Division of District Administration
Department of the Administrator,
Morebe District,
L A E.

14th October, 1969.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

MENYANYA PATROL NO.4 - 69/70 - WAPI CENSUS DIVISION

Attached are the original and duplicate of a report of a patrol to the Wapi Census Division carried out by Mr. W.A. White. Map and copy of comments from the Assistant District Commissioner, Menyanya, are also enclosed.

Roadworks in the Menyanya area continue and Mr. White has presented a concise statement of the work which was attempted during the 23 days of the patrol.

H.P. Seale
(H.P. SEALE)
District Commissioner



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Tele. No. 67-2-6
Telegrams.....
Our Reference.....
If calling ask for.....
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Menyanya,
Morebe District.
9th September, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Morebe District,
Lae.

MENYANYA PATROL No. 4 - 1969/70

W.A. WHITE - WAPI C.D.

Attached is the abovementioned report covering routine road construction and the final Menyanya survey on the Kaintiba Road.

The report indicates the satisfactory rate that this Rural Development Project has made.

I would have preferred more detail on the last part of the survey from our road head to Koiamunga Village. Apparently the distance (see sketch) between these two points is approximately $3\frac{1}{2}$ walking hours (approx. 7 miles).

It would seem that we shall be able to have our section completed by Xmas this year although there will have to be considerable upgrading on the first 7 miles.

Camping claims are attached.

P. J. LAMCASTER,
a/Assistant District Commissioner.

Note. Could P.R. Covers be completed - no stocks at this office.

Patrols 1 and 3 are continuing patrols.

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MENYAMIA PATROL NO. 4

14/7/69 ...
DISTRICT OF MROBE

AREA PATROLLED 1 (1) MENYAMIA / KAINTIBA MOTOR CYCLE TRACK

(2) WATAMA TO KAINTIBA TO MARK REMAINING ROAD ROUTE

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY (1) NEE 1 MEMBER R.P.&N.G.C.

(2) 1 MEMBER OF THE R.P.&N.G.C. 2 EUROPEANS FOR 3 DAYS.

DURATION FROM (1) 28/7/69 to 11/8/69

(2) 18/8/69 to 28/8/69

NUMBER OF DAYS 23 - INCLUDING TWO NIGHTS AT KAINTIBA

LAST PATROL TO AREA BY DISTRICT SERVICES - JUNE 1969.

MAP REFERENCE - ATTACHED

OBJECTS OF THE PATROL (1) TO SUPERVISE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MENYAMIA/KAINTIBA ROAD.

(2) TO MARK A ROAD ROUTE FROM WATAMA TO KOIAMUNGA

TO ASSIST IN MARKING A ROAD ROUTE FROM KOIAMUNGA TO HAWABANGO.

PATROL DIARY.

- 28/7/69 a.m. Did repairs to motor-bike. p.m. Left for Watama rest house. Slept Watama.
- 29/7/69 a.m. Examined road route in the Korlta Valley. p.m. Supervised road work.
Camped Watama.
- 30/7/69 Supervised road work all day. Camped Watama.
- 31/7/69 Supervised road work all day. Camped Watama.
- 1/8/69 Supervised road work all day. Camped Watama.
- 2/8/69 a.m. Surveyed road route in the Korlta Valley. p.m. Observed Watama. Camped
- 3/8/69 a.m. Paid labourers in the morning. p.m. Observed Watama. Camped.
- 4/8/69 Supervised road work all day. Camped Watama.
- 5/8/69 Supervised road work all day. Camped Watama.
- 6/8/69 Supervised road work all day. Camped Watama.
- 7/8/69 Supervised road work all day. Camped Watama.
- 8/8/69 Supervised road work all day. Camped Watama.
- 9/8/69 Supervised road work all day. Camped Watama.
- 10/8/69 a.m. Paid labourers in the morning. p.m. Observed Watama. Camped.
- 11/8/69 Departed for Menyanya at 0700.
- 18/8/69 Rerolled all cargo in the morning - departed Menyanya 1010 and walked to Kawynya arriving at 1430. Camped because of heavy rain. Patrol accompanied by Bill Beer and Ian Cameron-Smith. Slept Kawynya.
- 19/8/69 Departed 0715 and walked to Koiamunga, arriving at 1015. Rested and departed for Hawabangoat 1130. Met interpreter from Kaintiba after two hours walk who had a pass from the Kiap from Kaintiba, which stated that he wouldn't be able to come to Koiamunga to do the road survey. Turned and went back to Koiamunga, arriving at 1400. Camped the night.

- 20/8/69 Klap from Kaintiba had previously placed marks where he wanted his road to
Menyanya for about two miles, cutting through thick bush until I joined up
with the old walking track. Returned to camp at 1645. Camped Koiamunga.
- 21/8/69 Mr. Beer and Cameron-Smith departed for Menyanya at 0730, and I continued road
survey, arriving at Katanga at 1500. Rain stopped work. Camped Katanga.
- 22/8/69 Started 0730 and surveyed route out of the Katanga Valley. p.m. Surveyed route
into the valley, joining up with the old walking track once again, then moved
on to the new rest house at Kawynya. Heavy rain stopped work at 1415. Camped
Kawynya.
- 23/8/69 Finished road survey in the morning. 1230 departed for Kaintiba. Arrived
Koiamunga at 1500. Camped the night.
- 24/8/69 Left Koiamunga at 0645 and arrived Byema Mission at 1330. Had lunch and rested.
Departed Byema at 1445 and arrived Kaintiba at 1610.
- 25/8/69 Rested Kaintiba. Discussions with Roger Cole about road survey.
- 26/8/69 Departed Kaintiba 0845, and travelled by motor-bike, saving about two hours
walk. Arrived Koiamunga at 1655. Camped Koiamunga.
- 27/8/69 Departed Koiamunga at 0645. Arrived Menyanya at 1300.

Introduction:-

This patrol consisted of two smaller patrols:-

The first dealing with mainly road construction, and the second mainly with the marking of the remainder of the road from the Watama Valley to Koiamunga, which is just over the Papuan border.

The first patrol, that dealing with road construction was carried out from the 28th July to the 11th August. Only seven tenths of road (cut to vehicular width) was constructed in this fortnight, which was disappointing when one considers the previous rate of progress (a little more than one mile per fortnight). However the natives from the areas concerned have been experiencing a great deal of sickness, and attendances were very low. About twenty five the first week and fifty the second week. Along with this the section of road cut was in fairly deep terrain, and a lot more earth had to be removed so that vehicular width could be maintained. A section of road was marked during this patrol which was in the Korite Valley, through a large outcrop of stones. A track through these stones will have to be blasted with dynamite.

During the second patrol, from August 18th to August 27th, I received a pass from the Patrol Officer from Kaintiba stating that he would not be able to come to Koiamunga as previously planned. However he had placed marks where he wanted his section of road to meet the border, and I was able to survey back from his marks and join up with our section of the road quite satisfactorily. Fortunately I have been able to follow the old walking track in many places, which will be a great help to those labourers cutting the new road. I did visit Kaintiba Patrol Post on this patrol, which gave me a good idea of the full extent of the road, and some appreciation of what I am working for. The section of the road from Hawabango to Koiamunga still remains unmarked, but I understand that Allan Didlick from

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Kaintiba has walked over the proposed route, and has no worries as to where the road has to go. He said he wanted me to join up with his marks at the border and he would "take it from there".

Situation Report:-

Because of the poor attendances during the first patrol, roadwork was ceased from the 18th August, so that the people would have a chance to recuperate from their sickness. Also they would have been working without supervision. Work will start again on September 1st.

An explanation was given to the people of the vast road construction programmes in this Sub-District, and of the benefits they will receive through having a road running through their area. Also the road being constructed from Kaintiba to Kerema, eventually linking with Manyanya, Aseki and Lae, will be the first Coast to Coast road in the Territory.

Roadwork on the Papuan side is also at a standstill at the moment, due to some large outcrops of rock which have to be blasted. The people of Koiamunga are keen to go ahead, and asked if they could come and work on our side. However this was disallowed by the Kaintiba Patrol Officer, as he has more than enough work in store for them in the future.

The majority of people spoken to all seem keen to want a road, and are willing to work hard to see it completed.

Koiamunga
A.P.O.

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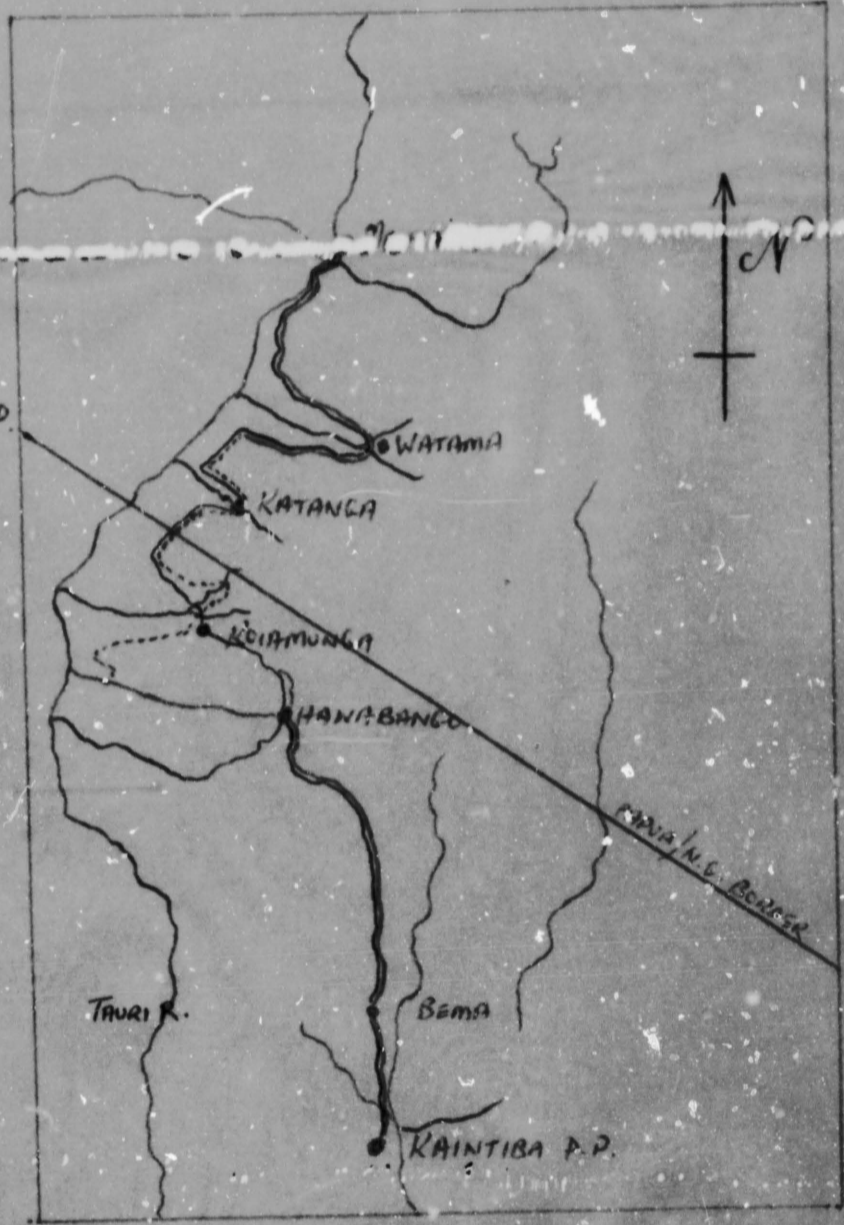
MENYAMYA PATROL 4. 69/70

— PATROL ROUTE

● FINISHED ROAD

- - - PROPOSED ROUTE

SCALE 1: 250,000.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District MOROBE Report No. Manyanra No. 5 1969/70

Patrol Conducted by P. Simpson ADO

Area Patrolled Mapi CD.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil 1 CDW Dynamiter J. Murray

Natives Nil

Duration—From 16/9/1969 to 30/11/1970

Number of Days 55 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 1/9/1969

Medical 1/19

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol To supervise road construction, assist dynamiter
build bridges.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

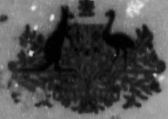
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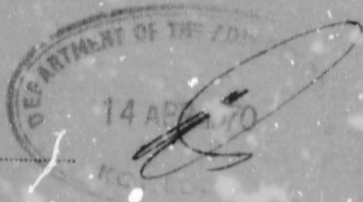
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of the Administrator.

Telegrams—
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Our Reference 67-2-5
If calling ask for
Mr.

Division of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

8th April, 1970.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL NO. 5 OF 1969/70 - P.H. SIMPSON

Your 67-6-78 of the 1st April, 1970, refers.

The comments of the Assistant District Commissioner,
Menyemya, are attached. I apologise for this oversight.

H.P. Seale
(H.P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

Encl.

P.S.
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.

67-2-6

Sub-District Office,
Menyamya,
Morobe District.

16th February, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

MENYAMYA PATROL REPORT NO. 5/69-70.

P.H. SIMPSON - WAPI CENSUS DIVISION

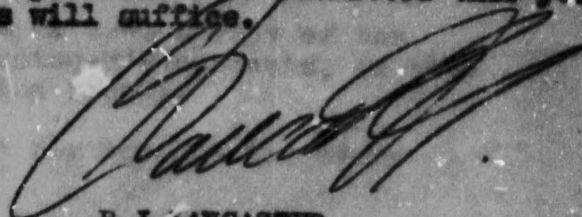
Three copies of the abovementioned are attached along with camping claims.

The late submission of the report is regretted but this has been caused by Mr. Simpson's transfer to Asaki P.P. The report has been returned once to Mr. Simpson for resubmission.

The report is still unsatisfactory. The excellent work that Simpson has carried out in the field is not reflected in his report at all.

I have not returned the report to Mr. Simpson as I have allowed for the fact that he has spent something like 180 days on patrol in this one area over the past two years and has submitted many reports on the same.

I have not asked Mr. Simpson to complete sketch maps as this is the fifth report covering the Wapi area to be submitted this year. I trust that the other four copies will suffice.



P.J. LANGASTER.
a/Assistant District Commissioner.

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Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDGBU.....Papua.

67-6-77

2nd April, 1970

District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAL

PATROL NO. MBIYANYA.

Your reference 67-2-5 of 23/3/70.

2. I acknowledge with thanks, receipt of Special Report by Mr. P. H. Simpson, A.D.O., of part Wapi Census Division.
3. This is a particularly meagre and uninformative report to cover 55 days in the field. It is appreciated that officers who are engaged for long periods on road construction work often experience difficulty in obtaining suitable general information for their reports; nevertheless, I do consider that an officer of Mr. Simpson's seniority should have been able to submit a better report than this.
4. Would you please let me have a copy of the Assistant District Commissioner's comments, as they were not forwarded with the report.
5. Please ensure that a map accompanies every patrol report in future.

(T. W. Ellis)

c.c. Mr. P. H. Simpson,
Patrol Post, Department of the Administrator.
ASEKI...Morobe District.

Whilst political education is a continuing process it is becoming a more specialised task, and you are still expected to participate fully in its extension at every opportunity.

67-6-77



Division of District Administration,
Horohe District,
LAE.

67-2-5

23rd March, 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
MENYANYA.

MENYANYA PATROL REPORT NO. 5 1969/1970.

I acknowledge receipt of the above mentioned report
submitted by Mr. P. S. Sisson.

(G.C. HARDY)
a/District Commissioner

MINUTE:

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

Attached please find the original and one copy of the
above mentioned patrol report together with covering
comments by the Assistant District Commissioner. I
agree with the Assistant District Commissioner's comments.
Delay in submission of this report is regretted and is due
to mis-placing by the records section.


(G.C. HARDY)
a/District Commissioner

TERRITORY OF PAFUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone

Telegram

Our Reference 67-1-1

If calling out for

Mr.

Department of District Administration.

Sub-District Office,
MENYAMYA.

1st December 1969

MENYAMYA PATROL REPORT No 6 of 1969/70.

Station. : Menyamya.
 Sub-District. : Menyamya.
 District. : Morobe.
 Patrol number. : Menyamya No 6 1969/70.
 Patrol conducted by. : P.H. Simpson.
 Area patrolled. : Wapi CD. Road supervision.
 Personnel accompanying. : Nil.
 Duration. : 16/9/69 to 30/11/69.
 Broken periods.
 55 days. 29 nights camped out.
 Last patrol into area. : September 1969.
 Objects of patrol. : To supervise road construction
 and assist dynamiter with
 blasting. Bridge building.

PATROL DIARY.

16/9/69. Road supervision.
 19/9/69. Road supervision.
 22/9/69. Road supervision.
 23/9/69. Bridge building.
 24/9. " "
 25/9. " "
 26/9. " "
 29/9. Road supervision. Overnight Sikwong.
 30/9. " " " "
 1/10. " " " "
 2/10. " " " "
 3/10. " " Overnight Menyamya.
 6/10. " " " Sikwong.
 7/10 to 11/10. " " " "
 13/10 to 19/10. " " " "
 20/10 to 31/10. Road supervision and dynamiting on Menyamya Aseki
 road. Overnighting at Sikwong.
 1/11/69. Dynamiting. Overnight at Menyamya.
 8/11 to 13/11. Road supervision.
 14/11. " "
 17/11. " "
 19/11. " "
 20/11. Dynamiting Watuma.
 21/11 to 22/11. Road supervision.
 24/11 to 26/11. " "
 28/11 to 30/11. " "

End of Patrol.

INTRODUCTION.

This patrol was part of the continual work being carried out on the Menyamya Aseki road link. As stated in previous reports the road has been built over the Spreader Divide and eventually, this section will be the main section of the road between Port Moresby and Lae. Work has continued at a pleasing rate and the main work at present is the widening of sections of the road and blasting the stone outcrops which have blocked parts of the road. The recent flu epidemic seriously effected the numbers of workers on the road and it is anticipated that it will be a few months before victims of the epidemic appear again for work.

SITUATION REPORT.

Construction on the Menyamya Aseki road began in October 1968 and continual supervision of the work has ensured that grades and the width of the road are correct. As stated in previous reports the local people have worked on the road and have received payment at the rate of one dollar per week. Each village is called on once every four months to work on the road and by using this system a work force averaging one hundred to one hundred and twenty each week. As the track to Aseki is open to motor bikes, the main work involved is widening the track to a width of eighteen feet and improving some of the grades and the corners. The vehicles, that is landrovers etc, can drive ten miles from Menyamya on the road and the distance between the road heads of Menyamya and Aseki is approximately eight miles. It is anticipated that the work could be completed by June 1970.

Late in October, a Commonwealth Department of Works employee arrived at Menyamya to do the blasting required on the Menyamya Aseki road. The main outcrops to be blasted were the stones on the diversion road at Tamoi, the stones at Sikwong village and the stones about two miles from Sikwong village. On the Aseki side, the outcrops were spread out along a four mile section of the road. Mr John Murzyn from CDW carried out the work.

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Mr Murzyn worked on the road for approximately four weeks and his work was very much appreciated by the local people. The Menyamya people fear stones as removing them involves hard work, and the blasting was not only a novelty to them but a great help. They realise now that if they are prepared to work hard, the Administration will help them.

With the blasting of the stone at Tancoi village, the diversion road round the bottom of Dick's Hill, (local name) is now complete and open to traffic. This diversion is only about three hundred yards shorter than the old road but it follows the river and is an all weather road. The old road was unservicable even after only five points of rain. On the new road two large bridges have been constructed. Both are approximately fifty feet wide. These two bridges have cut out nine previous ford crossings on the Wapi river. The road surface materials consists of a mixture of river stone and gravel and Serpentine stone.

The large rock face near Sikwong village has been blasted and it is now possible to drive a vehicle up past the rest house at Sikwong. Previously the track past the rock face was only three feet wide. The road now is solid rock and apart from a few expected slides, maintenance of this section will only be of a minor nature.

The limestone outcrop about two miles above Sikwong had caused a lot of concern among the road labourers but since most of it has been blasted a good section of road will be the final result.

It is anticipated that work will continue at the present rate and that interest will continue on this project. The people are still fairly keen about it and on completion it will be a credit to them as there has been a lot of hard work done on the road. Supervision of the work will continue.

R.H. Simpson
R.H. Simpson.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Special PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. 6 of 1969/70

Patrol Conducted by W.A. WHITE A.P.O.

Area Patrolled WAPI GENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives NIL

Duration—From 17/11/1969 to 29/11/1969

Number of Days 13

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services AUGUST/1969

Medical JUNE/1968

Map Reference ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol GENSUS to ascertain no. of deaths directly attributed to influenza.

Note any hardship experienced by the people because of the influenza.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

7/1/1970

[Signature]
District Commissioner

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

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

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

GFB/BI

67-4-48

Division of District Administration,

3rd February, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
L.A.E.

PATROL NO. MENYAMBA 6/59-70

Your reference 67-2-5 of 15th January, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report by Mr. W. A. White, Assistant Patrol Officer, to WAPI Census Division.

This well presented report is a very sound effort. I am impressed by Mr. White's style of writing, and the informative nature of the material submitted; however, I would like him to study Circular 67-1-0 of 21st June, 1968, and ensure that in future his Situation Reports contain information under the appropriate headings.

(S.J. PEARSELL)

a/Secretary,
Department of the Administrator.

c.c.
Mr. W. A. White,
Sub-District Office,
MENYAMBA, Morobe District.

Whilst political education is a continuing process it is becoming a more specialised task and you are still expected to participate fully in its extension at every opportunity.

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Division of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

13th January, 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
MENYAMYA.

MENYAMYA PATROL NO. 6 OF 1969/70

Receipt of the above patrol report is
acknowledged.

Whilst 80 out of 116 deaths were
possibly due to influenza, it is pleasing to see
that the action taken by the Army was successful
and well received by the people.

With regard to the road to Yagapa, this
should constantly be borne in mind as I think that
a cattle industry is one of the few purposes to which
the majority of the land in your area could be put
successfully. However, the existing road construction
being undertaken as Rural Development must, at this
stage, have priority.

MINUTE:

→ The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU. (H. P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

Attached please find original and one copy
of Menyama Patrol No. 6 of 1969/70 together with
covering comments from the Assistant District Commissioner,
Menyama.

H. P. Seale
(H. P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.

67-2-7

Sub-District Office,
Menyanya,
Morobe District,
22nd December, 1969.

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The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

MENYANYA PATROL REPORT No. 6.


WAPI CENSUS DIV.

W.A. WHITE.

Attached are three copies of the abovementioned along with camping claims.

The census was conducted solely to ascertain the number of deaths from influenza. As you can see the number was high and resulted in the alarming figure of .40 as a natural decrease.

No Area study was required as this has already been completed for the census division for this year.


P.J. LANCASTER,
a/Assistant District Commissioner.

W.L. Leadon
12/21/70

TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.

67-2-6

Sub-District Office
Menyamya.
Morobe District.
14th November, 1969.

(9)

Mr. W.A. White,
Menyamya.

MENYAMYA PATROL No. 6-69/70 - WAPI C.D.

Dear Winston,

On Monday the 17th of this month you will depart for the Wapi Census Division for a period of 14 days.

Your main object of the patrol will be to conduct a census to ascertain exactly the number of deaths directly attributed to the recent influenza epidemic. As a census has been already conducted for this area this year your task will be relatively easy but you should take considerable care to ensure that information given to you is correct and that the deaths did, in fact, take place because of influenza.

You will also make note of any families placed in a position of facing hardship because of the flu. You are aware that we have a large quantity of food available for distribution but I wish to make sure that this is distributed in an effective manner. Because of the gardening cycle a family may not need assistance now but it may require assistance in several months. Use your own knowledge of the area to ascertain this.

You need not submit an area study with your report - Mr. Simpson has just completed one for the area.

I will, however, require your report 3 days after your return to the station as it will be necessary to correlate your figures with the figures for the rest of the area to ascertain the overall picture for the epidemic.

P. J. LANCASTER.

(2) Note any hardship a/Assistant District Commissioner.

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PATROL REPORT.

DISTRICT OF MOROBE.

MENYAMYA REPORT NO. 6 OF 1969/70.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY W.A. WHITE A.P.O.

AREA PATROLLED:- WAPI CENSUS DIVISION.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY EUROPEANS:- NIL

NATIVES:- NIL

DURATION FROM 17/11/69 TO 29/11/69.

NUMBER OF DAYS:- 13

DID MEDICAL ASSISTANT ACCOMPANY? NO

LAST PATROL TO AREA BY--DISTRICT SERVICES:- AUGUST 1969.

MEDICAL:- JUNE 1968.

MAP REFERENCE:- ATTACHED

OBJECTS OF THE PATROL:-

- (1) Census to ascertain the number of deaths attributed to the influenza.
- (2) Note any hardships experienced by the people because of the influenza.

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PATROL DIARY.

- 17th November, 1969. a.m. To Concordia by vehicle, then walked to Himerka village (ten minutes). p.m. Census of Himerka and compiled census figures. Camped Himerka.
- 18th November, 1969. Departed Himerka 0800, arrived Kanogoei 1030 with carriers and conducted census of Wapiakamega. p.m. Census of Kanogoei and compiled census figures. Camped Kanogoei.
- 19th November, 1969. Left Kanogoei for Yagepa. Four hours. A.W.T. Census of Yagepa in afternoon and Akwangi at night in the Church building because of rain. Balanced all figures up to date. Camped Yagepa.
- 20th November, 1969. Left Yagepa for Akwanje. Four hours. Census of Akwanje, Wcugagonga, Waikopa and Waitsuara. Walked to Kabong, 50 minutes. Camped Kabong.
- 21st November, 1969. a.m. Census of Kabong, Mahukabu, Taupa and Wotawopi at Kabong. p.m. Balanced and wrote up all figures. Camped Kabong.
- 22nd November, 1969. a.m. Kabong to Awi. 25 minutes. Conducted census of Awi Kwaiguma and Aiogi. p.m. Walked to Sikwong, 1½ hours. Balanced figures at night. Camped Sikwong.
- 23rd November, 1969. Census of Uyeki, Sikwong 1, and Sikwong 2. p.m. Walked to Warrabung, ½ hour, no one there. On to Womei, ½ hour. Had work done on Rest house and latrine. Compiled figures at night. Camped Womei.
- 24th November, 1969. Census of Tiwi, Paniogi, Hagita, Mingopa and Womei at Womei. Walked on to Wauwoga, 41 minutes. Census of Yamapa and Kwagaga. Compiled figures at night. Camped Wauwoga.

PATROL DIARY (cont.)

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25th November, 1969. a.m. Census of Wauwoga, Hitagaipa and Etaraipe. Walked to

Piwi, one hour. p.m. Census of Piwi. Walked to Hanjua,

The main reason for this patrol was to census the people of the

one hour twenty minutes. Compiled figures at night. Camped

Wapi Census Division; firstly to find out exactly how many people died

Hanjua.

actually die from the recent influenza epidemic, and secondly to note

26th November, 1969. a.m. Census of Pekapoinyl and Hanjua. Walked to Watama, 1 1/2

hour hardship experienced by the people because of the epidemic. The number

minutes. Census of Pangapu and Watama. p.m. Walked to Menyanya,

of 'influenza deaths' in this census division will be relatively high com-

1 1/2 hours.

pared to other census divisions in this Sub-District when the actual figures

27th November, 1969. a.m. Compiled census figures. Motor-bike to Tamoi to ready

are related to the ordinary (natural causes) deaths. The reason for this is

people for census on Saturday morning. p.m. Worked on census

that the last census patrol in this area was conducted in August of this year,

figures.

only three months ago; the last two of which were in the time that the influenza

28th November, 1969. a.m. Census of Katanga and Hangarera villages at Watama. p.m.

was at its peak.

compiling census figures and office duties.

It can be seen from the census figures that the overall population of

29th November, 1969. Census of Kumai at Menyanya, then Tamoi at Tamoi, and Kabinyi

this area has decreased by thirty-two. The only reason for this is the high

at Kabinyi. p.m. Observed Menyanya.

death rate due to influenza. Out of the one hundred and sixteen deaths in the

area, eighty of these were either due to influenza directly, or indirectly

END OF PATROL:

in some way.

The Wapi Census Division itself lies to the east of Wapi Station

Station, stretching about six miles to the north, across the Wapi River

ten miles to the south. The area consists of fairly good agricultural

the upper regions of which the natural vegetation is dense. The lower

denser vegetation usually begins at the 1700 ft level. The lower

area is very well served as far as roads are concerned. The road from

to Koncoita, the east by the road up to the top of the mountain, and

by the road to Kengalla, which is very good. A very good road is

being built from Koncoita to Kengalla, which will be a very good road

acres of potentially good cattle country. The area is very well

served from Koncoita. The road from

INTRODUCTION:-

The main reason for this patrol was to census the people of the Wapi Census Division; Firstly to find out exactly how many people did actually die from the recent influenza epidemic, and secondly to note any hardship experienced by the people because of the epidemic. The number of 'influenza deaths' in this census division will be relatively high compared to other census divisions in this Sub-District when the actual figures are related to the ordinary (natural causes) deaths. The reason for this is that the last census patrol in this area was conducted in August of this year, only three months ago; the last two of which were in the time that the influenza was at it's peak.

It can be seen from the census figures that the overall population of this area has decreased by thirty-two. The only reason for this is the high death rate due to influenza. Out of the one hundred and sixteen deaths in the area, eighty of these were either due to influenza directly, or related to it in some way.

The Wapi Census Division itself lies to the east of the Menyama Station, stretching about six miles to the north, seven miles to the east and ten miles to the south. The area consists of fairly steep kunai-covered hills, the upper regions of which the natural vegetation is tropical rain forest. This denser vegetation usually begins at the 4,500 ft. mark or thereabouts. The area is very well served as far as roads are concerned. The north by the road to Concordia, the east by the road to Aseki and to Kapo Mission, and the south by the road to Kaintiba, which diverts through Watama. It would be possible to build a road from Concordia to Yagepa, which would open up several thousand acres of potentially good cattle grazing country. Another alternative would be a road from Kapo into the same area.

SITUATION REPORT:-

The census figures speak for themselves. These people have been hit really hard by the influenza epidemic. To me they didn't seem greatly perturbed over the high mortality rate. Maybe they haven't had time to realize just exactly what has happened to them, or it could be that these people have a very low regard for human life? I am inclined to agree with the latter. The epidemic is by no means over yet. The 'flu' is still prevalent in most villages, more so

in those in the southern section of the area. Namely the villages surrounding Womei, Warrabung, Wauwaga, Piwi, Hanjua and Watama. Some people didn't turn up for the census because they were still ill, and the coughing and spitting of those who did turn up was most noticeable.

Of the eighty people who died of the influenza in this area, it was noticed that over half of them were over forty-five or less than two years of age. There were twenty five deaths in the over forty-five bracket, and eighteen in the under two bracket. This indicates that the majority of deaths are either old people or very young, those really who have a low resistance to any infectious diseases.

It was noticeable that the people who had the 'flu' during the patrol were frequently visiting the aid-posts and hospitals for treatment. They realized that if they didn't, it was possible that they could die. The people used the hospitals at Kapo and Menyanya, and aid-posts at Wauwaga and Watama. The main means of attacking the 'flu' was provided by the Army. They were in the Menyanya Sub-District for two weeks, in which time they saw and treated the majority of sick people. They carried out operations in the Wapi Census Division for two and a half days, giving two penicillin injections to affected persons in a twelve hour period. Army Medical Assistants from Australia working in unison with troops from the Pacific Islands Regiment moved swiftly through the area, being ferried by Iroquois and Sioux helicopters, and walking on foot.

SITUATION REPORT:- cont.

The presence of the army in the area impressed the people greatly. They now realize that the Administration is prepared to help them when the time arises. This exercise alone has proved this point to them. Nothing like a civil emergency has ever happened to these people before, and only now have they learnt that other people, besides their own, are willing to give them aid when the time is right.

At the moment the people are not experiencing any physical hardships, as far as a shortage of food is concerned. Although there are not ample supplies of food in the villages themselves, the gardens still hold adequate stocks. This is not to say that no hardships will be experienced later on. The 'flu' will undoubtedly affect the planting of gardens over the last couple of months, and crops in a few months time could be very small compared to the average. However, ample stocks are being held here on the station to be used if the time arises.

This area, along with the whole of the Menyamya Sub-District does not have any Local Government Councils. The old system of Luluais and Tul-tuls is still used. The people do not have a high enough annual income to warrant the formation of a Council, and not until adjoining roads from the coast link up with our 'interior' road network, will the average annual income increase enough to warrant this. The people are now growing fresh vegetables and some coffee, and with the possibility of cattle around Yagepa, the whole of the Wapi area could thrive economically; but it must have an outlet to markets on the coast.

The area is served by three Mission groups, namely the Lutheran, S.D.A. and an Independent Baptist, who is situated at Watama. All are staffed by native pastors, with the exception of an Australian school teacher at Kapo, and the Independent Baptist and his wife and family, who are also Australians. The Lutheran Mission hospital and school at Kapo are very well established, and

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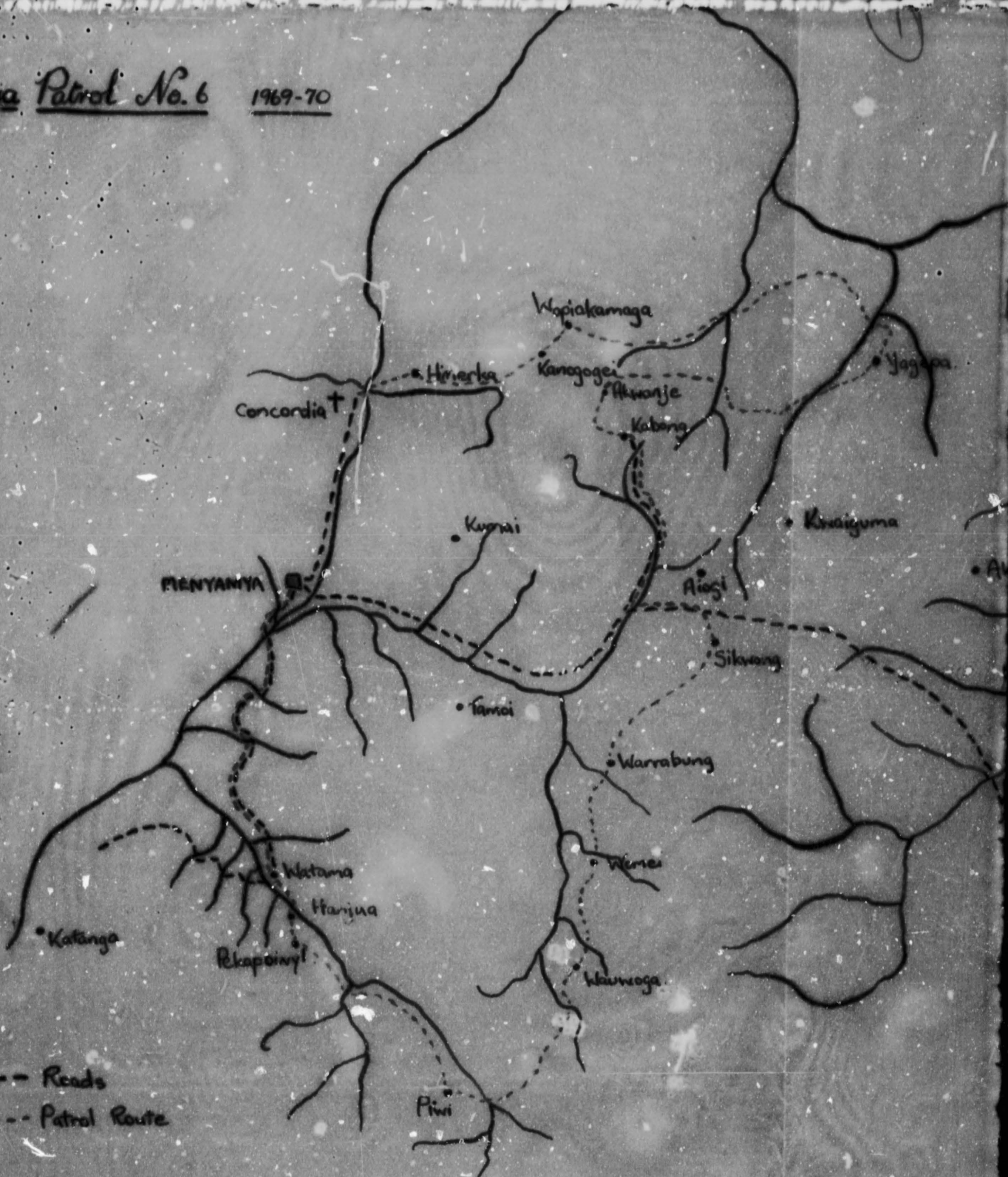
is the biggest mission set-up in the area.

The biggest set-back in the area is the number of men who are absent working on the coast. Although a lot have returned since the last census, more have gone out, the number of absentees increased from 655 to 676. This is a big set-back as far as road construction is concerned, as all of these labourers are able-bodied men, and would account for fifty per cent of the total work force in the area.

W.A. White
W.A. White

Assistant Patrol Officer.

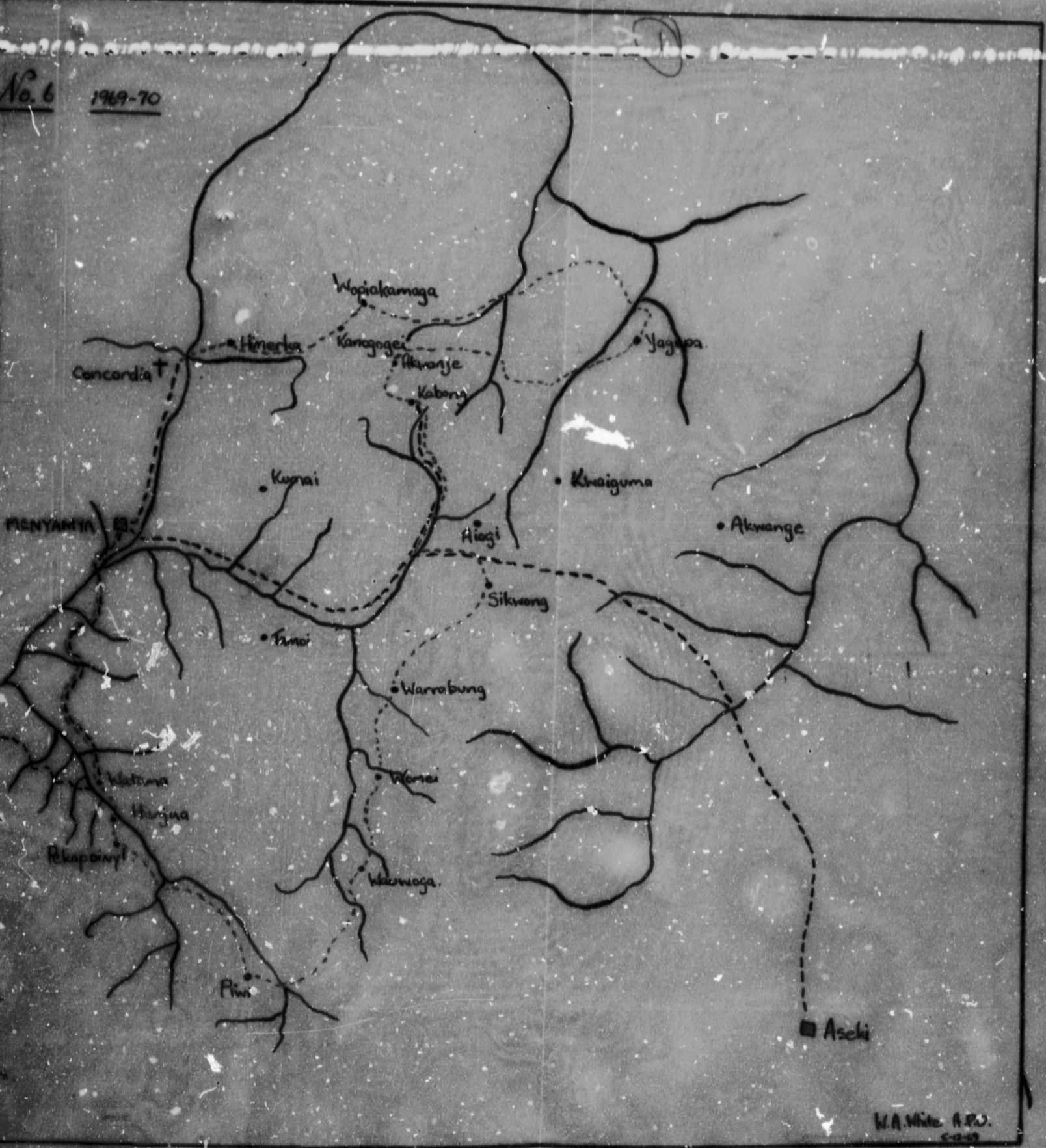
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Scale: 1" rep. 2 miles.

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5-2-70



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Special PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. MENYAMYA No. 7-69/70.

Patrol Conducted by P. J. LANCASTER.

Area Patrolled NORTHERN C.D.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 1 N.M.O.

Duration—From 15/11/1969 to 27/11/1969

Number of Days 12. Camped out. 9,

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? N.M.O.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 12/8/1969.

Medical 11/1969. (Army)

Map Reference Wau fourmil.

Objects of Patrol Census, treatment for influenza epidemic.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Mrs. Mary T. ...

Forwarded, please.

7/1/70

W. Sedman

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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GFB/JT

Division of District Administration,

KORORUA, Papua.

2nd February, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Morebe District,
LAE.

PATROL NO. MENYAMIA 7/69-70.

Your reference 67-2-5 of 13th January, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census and Area Study by Mr. P.J. Lancaster, a/ Assistant District Commissioner, to Northern Menyama Census Division.

This patrol appears to have been quite useful, and the comments on the actions of the people during the epidemic are pleasing though surprising.

The report contains some interesting material. However, I do consider that Mr. Lancaster should have been able to provide much more detailed information in his Area Study.

There was no patrol map. Please ensure that a map is submitted with every report.

(S.J. PEARSON)

a/Secretary,

Department of the Administrator.

cc: Mr. P.J. Lancaster,
Sub-District Office,
MENYAMIA, Morebe District.

Whilst political education is a continuing process, it is becoming a more specialised task, and you are still expected to participate fully in its extension at every opportunity.

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Division of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

13th January, 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
MENYAMYA.

MENYAMYA PATROL NO. 7 OF 1969/70

Receipt of the above patrol report is acknowledged.

It is noted that a total of 57 deaths due to influenza were recorded in this Census Division.

It is pleasing to see these hardy people are taking the epidemic in their stride and the present attitude to quick marriages shows in fact these people have a high survival potential. They have been, of course, quite used to natural and man-made disasters all their lives.

I think the most significant aspect of the report is the willingness of the people assisting each other in times of stress. To my knowledge, this is the first time they have ever been willing to do this and it certainly reflects change in attitudes to other groups.

MINUTE:



The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

(H. P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

Attached please find original and copy of Menyama Patrol No. 7 of 1969/70 together with covering comments from the Assistant District Commissioner, Menyama.

H. P. Seale
(H. P. S'EALE)
District Commissioner

TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.

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Sub-District Office,
Meryamya,
Morobe District.
22nd December, 1959.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE

MERYAMYA PATROL NO. 7 - 69/70

NORTHERN J.D.

Attached are three copies of the abovementioned report of a patrol conducted by myself. Both this report and report no.6 were completed on time but were held back as while Mr. Williams completed his report and patrol.

The three patrols were instituted to complete the final treatment of victims from the influenza epidemic. A total of 212 people altogether died from this sickness. This figure must be given a 90% accuracy rating as we were all most particular when gathering information and used cross checks (Medical Orderlies - village pastors etc.) where possible.

Camping claims are attached.


E.J. LANCASTER.
Assistant District Commissioner.

PATROL DIARY.

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Sat. 15. To Yiniaba. Censused. Camped.

Sunday. 16. To Singiapa. Censused that village and Kamalyanapa.
Camped.

Monday 17th. To To Tainjangogwi. Censused plus Kwendagogi,
Aloawet then to Haba. Censused. Camped.

Tuesday 18th. To Aiwoho - Censused Kaijwanaganapa and
Sawetmove. Camped.

Wednesday 19. To Wabajika censused plus Lusagar. Camped.

Thursday. 20th. To Karapawi. Camped.

Friday. 21st. Censused. To Itongwana - census. To Kwekwi
Censused and camped.


Saturday. 22nd. To Torno - census and camped.

Sunday. To Tsawi - census. To Tediagindi Censused and camped.

Sunday. 24th. To Awalerpa. Censused - continued back to station.

Wednesday. 26. To Jipa and Ami by vehicle. Censused.

Thursday. 27. Censused manyi villages.


C. J. LANCASTER.
Assistant District Commissioner.

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NORTHERN C.D.

P. J. LANCASTER.

SITUATION REPORT.

The patrol was purely medical in orientation and was a success in that it enabled people to treat people suffering from influenza.

Briefly the Army patrols consisted of three units broken up into working units of 6. These consisted of P.I.R. members with an Australian Army Medical Assistant. These units walked and were ferried in helicopters into every village in the census division where they gave penicillin injections to affected persons. Two injections were given within a twelve hour period. The whole operation in the Northern Census division took only three days and approximately 90% of the population was seen. The whole operation was a complete success and I am sure that it was a contributing factor for the relatively low death rate (57) in the whole area.

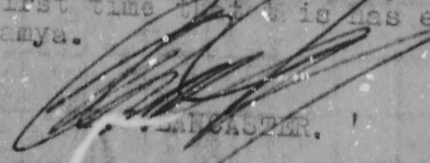
My patrol was mounted to conduct a census to ascertain primarily the exact number of people who died from influenza. A Hospital Orderly accompanied the patrol and all people who were still infected were given further treatment. Only two deaths from influenza occurred while the patrol was in the area and it would seem the epidemic has passed its peak proportions.

The presence of the army units in the area did a fantastic amount of good aside from the medical treatment. The people really appreciated the effort and were quick to tell the patrol this. They realised, probably for the first time, that the central government 'as they regard it Port Moresby' was interested in them as a people and this will do much to consolidate their future attitudes and thinking.

There was some realisation of the fact that the influenza was Territory wide and was not a local thing. The patrol took considerable time in explaining that the epidemic was also in other countries and that under no circumstances could it be related to "sanguma" or sorcery. The means of communications of the virus was also explained including travel between Menyamba and coastal stations and this was appreciated. I am quite sure in my own mind that there will be no outbreak of large scale "schools of sorcery" as there has been no manifestation of this to date.

The people realised that this was a crisis and they have adopted certain measures to counteract it and to protect their people. In most cases widows and children have been remarried within one or two weeks after the death of their husbands. By doing this all are protected from starvation and hardships. I have no doubts that most of these hastily convened marriages will eventually break up but for the time being they are the best methods available. Food still seems to be plentiful in the area but this (or rather the shortage) will not become apparent for several months. We have ample stocks to assist the needy when the time arises.

The epidemic as an appalling thing but there have been some direct benefits from it. One, as mentioned above, the appreciation of the people of the assistance given. Secondly the use that the people made of aid posts and the Hospital during the epidemic and thirdly the willingness of the people to assist each other. This is the first time that this has ever occurred while I have been at Menyamba.


LANCASTER.

MEROBE DISTRICT

REPORT No. 9 of 1969/70 MENYAMBA

Patrol Conducted by G.E. WILLIAMS, P.O.

Areas Patrolled South Western and Western Census Divisions

Europeans NIL

Indigenes 1 Hospital orderly

Duration From 17/11/69 to 26/11/69 Then 4/12/69 to 10/12/69

Number of Days 16, Patrol Broken.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany NO.

Last Patrol to Areas by- District Admin. March 1969.

Medical October 1969.

Map Reference - Sketch Map Attached.

Objects of Patrol. 1 Ascertain deaths and effects of Influenza Epidemic.

2. Give follow-up treatment to those still ill.

Miss Mary Jane

*HP Seal M
A 15.1.70*

GFB:SK

67-4-51

Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.....Papua.

3rd February, 1970

District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PATROL NO. MENYAMYA 8/69-70.

Your reference 67-2-5 of 13/1/70.

2. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census and Area Study by Mr. G. E. Williams, Patrol Officer, to South West Menyama and Western Menyama Census Divisions.

3. Covering comments are noted. The patrol appears to have been quite effective but the report is generally disappointing. The Situation Report is particularly meagre and uninformative, and there is a lack of detail in the Area Study. Mr. Williams should take more care with his written work in future.

(S. J. Pearsall)

a/Secretary

Department of the Administrator.

c.c.

Mr. G. E. Williams,
Sub-District Office,
MENYAMYA.....Morobe District.

Whilst political education is a continuing process it is becoming a more specialised task, and you are still expected to participate fully in its extension at every opportunity.

G.P.S.



Division of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

67-2-5

13th January, 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
MENYAMYA.

MENYAMYA PATROL NO. 8 OF 1969/70

Receipt of the above patrol report is
acknowledged.

It is noted that a total of 57 deaths
out of a population of 5,143 were recorded in the
Western Census Division, which percentage is very
similar to that recorded in the Northern Census
Division.

It is pleasing to see that the people
are now eager to receive medical treatment and
gain the benefits from the three patrol reports
reporting on the epidemic that the Administration's
prompt action in being an assistance has left a
very good impression.

MINUTE:

(H. P. SEALE)

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

Attached please find original and one
copy of Menyama Patrol Report No. 8 of 1969/70
together with covering comments from the Assistant
District Commissioner, Menyama.

(H. P. SEALE)

District Commissioner

perhaps the good health shown. Further treatment was given those
needing it by the Hospital orderly accompanied the patrol. People
are all very well now in the hospital. At the time the
patrol was a little concerned of the fact that the patrol
patrol did not visit them. However they were treated well in the
hospital by a patrol staffed by the hospital orderly. The
patrol also are very well treated from the hospital orderly.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.

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67-2-3/4.

Sub-District Office,
Monyanya,
Morobe District.

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22nd December, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

MONYANYA PATROL No. 3-59/70 N. & S.W.

Attached are three copies of the abovementioned patrol report by Mr. Patrol Officer G. Williams.

As you can see the main object of the patrol was to extend and follow up treatment given by the P.I.R. to persons with influenza. Influenza accounted for eighty deaths and this figure would have been much higher if treatment had not been given.

The presence of the Army has done much to consolidate the local peoples' attitude towards the administration.

Both the Area Study and the Situation report contain little new information as the last patrol into the area was in March this year.

Mr. Williams still has not taken enough care over the presentation of his report but as he did the report in his own time and at night I do not require him to do it again.

Camping claims are attached.

F. J. LANCASTER.
Assistant District Commissioner.

The purpose of this patrol was to ascertain the number of deaths due to the influenza epidemic, and the number of facilities that may have been left in a position of readiness for a further epidemic. Deaths detailed amounted to the whole of the Morobe Division and fifty seven in the southern division. Of these a third were aged over the one year old stage, those most susceptible to disease of any form. Hence the deaths were not as heavy as first expected. My nephew and children were started out to assist, these were low as the already left child fatalities in most cases. It seems that the influenza had been circulating for four months the people really appreciated the special medical patrols that were mounted to visit every 25-30 villages of the Vailala Mountains. Some were very busy with their bottles on their heads around their necks, passing on good medical advice. Further treatment was given where needed it by the hospital nearby accompanying the patrol. People in all ill very early stages of the disease. In some cases the people were a little doubtful of the fact that the special medical patrols did not visit them, however the fact that the influenza epidemic by a patrol staffed by the hospital nearby was very successful they also were very busy around the area. The influenza epidemic had been very successful in the area.

SITUATION REPORT1. SOCIAL

The situation socially is good other than disputes over land, and pigs. The former cannot be settled, the latter are often quietened by cash payments. The land between Kwakepe and Lagai is still disputed despite the work of the Acting A.D.C. Mr. Lancaster. The boundary as cited by Mr. Desailly some years ago has been re-established and wiasa people once again. Gardens are established in the area under Lagai ownership. Kainye people complained of Bengwa encroaching on their traditional lands, especially those with pandanus palm.

In the Western Division Alemai'a and Iwaia; Ibale and Peivi all complained of the 'trespasses' of the Hakwange group. The Hakwange group being a cohesive and powerful one, the others are intent on reducing its ^{power} manipulating the 'kiaps' if they can manage it.

In my six months here I have seen the futility of arbitrating on land disputes. The people will not reach agreement themselves and accept decisions from the Administration for a short period only.

Economic

The economy is supported solely by Administration and Mission payments with supplementary income from the return of plantation labourers from the coast. However it is increasing a little, with road payments. Economic crops are far from viable even with other areas within the Morobe District. Coffee production for both areas would amount to no more than a ton and a half.

European vegetable gardening would bring an annual income of no more than \$300.

Sale of timber brings the Villages of Alemai'a, Iwaia, Ibale Wolussana, Longwi, Asagundi and Nangulatsia a sum in the vicinity of \$2,800 per annum.

Political

These people are all politically unaware, fear Local Government because of the taxes involved and have no comprehension of representation.

General

The purpose of this patrol was to ascertain the number of deaths due to the influenza epidemic, and the number of families that may have been left in a position of hardship when a parent or parents died. Deaths totalled nineteen in the South Western Division, and fifty seven in the Western Division. Of these a third were aged or in the one year old group, those most susceptible to disease of any form. Hence the effects were not as harsh as first suspected. Any orphaned children were 'farmed out' to uncles, these were few as the elderly left adult families in most cases. At Meenaka where the Aid-Post has been unstaffed for four months the people really appreciated the Special Medical Patrols that were mounted to treat them, in all the villages of the Vailala Headwaters. Some women now carry empty penicillin bottles on cords around their necks, perhaps as good health charms. Further treatment was given those needing it by the Hospital Orderly accompanying the patrol. People at all ill were most eager to have injections. At Hakwange the people were a little resentful of the fact that airborne Army Medical Patrols did not visit them, however they were treated early in the epidemic by a patrol staffed by two hospital orderlies from Menyamva. They also are only twenty minutes from the A.L.M. Hospital at Kwapielim by vehicular road, and one hour fifteen minutes from Menyamva.

DIARY

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- 17/11/69 MON. To KAINYE. Census both villages. O/night.
- 18/11 TUES. Departed KAINYE arrived WIAMA 1. 1130. Ill with suspected malaria. Rested afternoon. O/night.
- 19/11/ WED. Census Wiama- to Kwakopie- census. To Legai- 2 hrs. O/night.
- 20/11 THUR. To Harlingi. Census. To Legai 1330. O/night.
- 21/11 FRI. Census. To Iwaie. Heavy rain prevented census.
- 22/11 SAT. Ill morning. Rain afternoon.
- 23/11 SUN. Census Iwaia and Alemai'a. To Ibale. Census halted by heavy rain. O/night.
- 24/11 MON. Census IBale. To Mangulatsia. Census- Mangulatsia; Wolussana; Asagundié O/night.
- 25/11 TUES. Census Longwi. To Yakana then Meenaka. O/night.
- 26/11 WED. Census Yakana; Meenaka; Woneamanya; alandi; Kwapoule. To Manyanya, arrived 2030. Ill with dysentery.
- 27/11 THUR. Ill at station.
- 28/11 FRI. To LAE for treatment.
- Returned from Lae, WED 3/12. Office duties and Court work in absence ADC.
- THUR. FRI. SAT. MON. TUES. WED. 4/12 to 10/12 Road trips to Hakwange villages, Pawai, Yakwai, Hengwa, Hengitawa.

End of Diary

A. INTRODUCTION:

The South Western and Western Census Divisions both are of steep kunai hills to rainforested mountains. Rainfall varies considerably within the two areas because of altitude differences and the 'mini-climates' created by the surrounding ranges. For example the villages of Mainye, Wiama, and ~~Arak~~ ~~Arak~~ ~~Arak~~ ~~Arak~~ that sweeps up the Tauri Valley from the Papuan Coast, while the villages of Harlingi and Legai have only light breezes in their side valleys. Again in the Vailala Headwaters the climate is different with constant low cloud and drizzle. The total annual rainfall being in the order of 100 inches here, then around the villages of Pe'wi and Yakwoi some 70 inches.

The villages of the South Western Division are situated along the Tauri Valley, as already mentioned, and its tributaries.

The villages of the Western Division are scattered along the Yakwoi River, with a high concentration at Hakwange (10 villages-2,600 people) on a tributary. The Vailala Headwaters is separated from the other groups by a range of 8000 feet.

b.

Reasonably well graded walking tracks connect all villages, a vehicular road along the Yakwoi River reaches 10 miles upstream to the A.L.M. station at Kwaplalim and a side road of some two miles provides access to the Hakwange people and the Administration Primary 'T' School there. Both of these roads have been widened and improved considerably by with hand tools and the use of a terracer blade attached to the PWD 'Fordson' tractor, during this year.

c.

The areas have been patrolled continuously since 1950 with the result that the people have a high regard for the Administration, a credit to former officers stationed here. Cargo cult has had one short stay in the past two years, affecting only two villages-no new developments of this were manifest during this patrol, nor did the people mention anything of it.

Influenza accounted for a higher than normal death rate during the recent epidemic, this factor will be dealt with fully in the body of the report. Generally the people are healthy for their state of living and happy with the exception of ill-feeling over land; the matter will be covered in the report under the heading in the Area Study.

B. POPULATION DISTRIBUTION AND TRENDS.

No new trends are evident. The absentee rate of young males working on plantations is fairly steady. These tax / census register forms made the job a lot easier than previously when the old village books were used.

The rate of natural increase is still low, probably due to the peoples' lack of concern for human life hence little regard for medical treatment.

A high neo-natal mortality rate then follows, but is not proven by the census figures as the deaths of babies are forgotten by the people.

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C. SOCIAL GROUPINGS:

There are four in the area surveyed; the Manya group near the station; the Headwater Group with the villages of Lagai and Harlingi as associates; the Vailala Headwaters people and the most powerful and cohesive the Hakwange group of ten villages.

The functional social unit is the simple family, often a husband has been killed in the patrol and children left orphaned by influenza deaths of one remaining or both parents, were farmed out fairly evenly between relatives. Not just cared for by aged grandparents.

Language groups are two in number, but there is nothing else to offer in the way of comment as time was short for research into such matters.

Relationships:

At this time of year relations are strained as the pandanus palm is bearing, so disagreements over ownership are rife-the fruit is much sought after. It also grows at higher altitudes, favouring rainforest just below the ridgelines, therefore it is often situated at the point of a boundary dispute. Complaints of nearly all villages infringing on other villages' lands were made to the patrol. Many were levelled at the Hakwange group, probably because their 'neighbours' realise how powerful they are and wish to break down this power.

D. LEADERSHIP:

Traditional leaders still have their say but do appear to be threatened by the young men returning from the coast. It was obvious that the older men have difficulty grasping ideas that the younger men see quickly, especially at those villages where I sat and talked with the men at night. While conducting the census, younger men, not village officials interpreted and gave the information about absentees while giving the cues to those who were not sure when to appear. This was not the case in all areas-especially not in the Vailala Headwaters, but was noticeable at Hakwange and the villages around the Yakwoi River.

E. LAND TENURE AND USE:

All land was acquired by fighting. The victors divided the lands into family units. Hence most land is disputed either from outside the group in occupation, or within it.

There has been no tenure conversion here.

Economic crops are few-coffee, some European vegetables, once again disputed ownership often leads to the destruction of the crop before it ripens.

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F. LITERACY

The two schools in the area, the Australian Lutheran Mission Primary 'T' School-enrolment fifty-five (approximately). Approximate as the figure was obtained from the Pastor, the school had closed for Christmas before my arrival and the teachers had left on leave.

The Administration Primary 'T' School enrolment-forty four; forty-three boys, one girl. This is situated at Hakwange. The girl was enrolled this year, the first I believe in the school's history.

Perhaps a sign of enlightenment or merely a passing whim of a parent.

Pupils going on from here, attend the Mission Schools at Wau or Siassi, while those from the Administration School go to Lae, or Finschhafen. There are few of them attending the Government Schools and the people are unsure of exactly where they are once they leave Menyama. It seems that some ten children attend Administration Schools outside Menyama.

b. Less than one percent of the population are literate in ENGLISH English or the vernacular. The number of Fidgin Speakers is rising rapidly, no doubt due to the men returning from the coast, and the number of people visiting the Mission and Government stations regularly and often.

c. NIL.

d. NIL.

e. Little interest in newspapers except for smoking, only two radios are owned by individuals.

G. STANDARD OF LIVING.

a. Housing is of the coastal style, oblong with kumai roof and split bamboo walls and floor, sometimes with a small verandah. Two villages still maintain the traditional round house, these are men's houses only. The rest of the village is made up of rectangular housing. Clothes are popular especially amongst the young, as in other areas.

The older men and women maintain the traditional dress with a few vestiges of European Clothing of trinkets. Traditional haircuts were rarely seen on this patrol. Probably some dozen children only. The traditional haircut being the front of the head shaved, leaving a square of frized hair on the crown, the square has rounded sides.

b. Staple diet is sweet potato supplemented with bananas, taro, pandanus nuts and other crops of lesser importance. European vegetables are grown for sale rather than for consumption. These include potatoes, shalots, peas in some villages, tomatoes, cabbage, and carrots in one village. Cucumbers are consumed and offered for sale.

Canned foodstuffs are purchased to a very limited extent. Income being the drawback and in many cases the lack of the want.

No community centres, and interest in sport is confined to the villages close to the Mission or the Administration Station.

H. MISSIONS

a. The Lutheran mission is the only one operating the areas. At Kwaplalim it runs a hospital, staffed with a European Sister, a female native nurse-infant welfare, and several hospital orderlies. A Primary 'T' School headed by a European Woman, with two native teachers.

The Seventh Day Adventist Mission is building a one room school, but no staff available as yet. It has little or no influence in both areas.

c. The people have a regard for the Lutheran Mission, but more regard for the Administration.

I. NON-INDIGENOUS.

a. Nil.

b. Nil.

c. N/A.

d. The Mission at Kwaplalim provides employment for several men dressing and cutting planks in their mill.

J. COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Roads. Twelve miles in all connect the Mission at Kwaplalim and the Administration Primary 'T' School with Menyamya. The road is capable of carrying up to three. The road could be extended from Kwaplalim, but the present road programme does not allow the close supervision necessary.

b. N/A.

c. The Menyamya Airstrips - Category Bravo.

K. TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL SKILLS.

Some six semi-skilled carpenters in the area, and two tractor drivers. No other skills are known.

L. THE STAGE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

The stage of political development is low in comparison to other areas of the Morobe District I have seen. Central Government is not at all understood. Interest in politics is nil. No-one has visited Institutions outside Menyamya. Local Government Councils are not at all known.

M. THE ECONOMY OF THE AREA

Depends solely on Administration and Mission projects. Coffee, dolichus and centrasema plantings are few. Some 25 acres in all producing low quality crops. Roadwork payments amounted to a thousand dollars this year. Pitsawn planks provided an income of 2,500 dollars, while the sale of produce would amount to 850 dollars. Some labourers returning from the coastal plantations bring an estimated \$2,000, per year. Also carrier payments and wages to Mission and Administration employees would total 2,800 dollars or more, no accurate figures are available. This brings the total income to over \$9,000 per annum.

No co-operatives operate in the area. There is insufficient produce for such an organisation.

M. Continued

g. Outstanding entrepreneurs are lacking, but may appear shortly with the increased incomes from road payments, the greater number of men returning from the coast, and more school leavers finding themselves unoccupied and unable to find employment. However opportunities are few at present.

Savings Bank Accounts have increased. Marketing facilities are lacking.

N. POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING THE ECONOMY.

At present none. The road through

Slate Creek to Bulolo and Lae may provide access for entrepreneurs who have interests in cattle potential, however land ownership will be the drawback.

b. Market Gardening could be increased to supply the needs of Kerema, and Lae. However marketing facilities are lacking.

c. No.

d. New cash crops are not feasible because of land problems, also lack of knowledge and D.A.S.F. staff. Freshwater fish would find the streams too fast flowing, probably with the same result as that at Goroka in the Asaro River, where I believe the fish became smaller with each succeeding generation. Due to both the fast flowing stream, and the lack of suitable weed for feed. Some small fish are caught, and a few eels, however not enough to warrant marketing on any commercial scale.

e. The people here are not keen to work for nothing, they cannot see how maintaining or cutting new roads will help to stimulate development.

Some understand that the roads must be maintained to remain passable for mission and administration traffic, but they cannot envisage the traffic increasing to provide transport for their produce. The older ones fear change, hence change is an obstacle to itself as the older men are still the leaders. Younger men seem to grasp that the building of roads may increase income, exactly how they do not know. They probably judge this from their experience of coastal road networks, and the movement associated with these. Generally the people are willing to work if they can see the end result.

O. ATTITUDE TOWARDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The people have no knowledge of it except the taxes involved, these they fear. Obviously they are not ready for its introduction.

P. HEALTH.

Deaths from the Influenza Epidemic totalled nineteen in the South Western Division, probably a third of these people would have died in any case as they were aged or in the one year old group.

The total in the Western Division was fifty seven, again a third or more of this number were aged or in the one year old age group, both highly susceptible to any disease. In the Vailala Headwaters where the total was sixteen, eight at Kwapoule

P. HEALTH (continued)

could all hardly be attributed to influenza alone.

This village is probably the furthest from the other Western Division villages so it follows that movement would have been from Yakana, and Meenaka to Kwapoule, hence one would expect to find less infection among these people. It was found that some had died from a form of dysentery, but the people are vague about the symptoms. They all ~~left~~ ~~left~~ Kwapoule and move to Meenaka or Yakana. Rumours of a fight in this village reached the station some time ago, but were unsubstantiated. The people denied the existence of any such incident. No recent wounds were evident on those censused.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... MENYAMYA NO. 10 1969/1970

Subdistrict..... MENYAMYA

District..... MOROBE

Type of Patrol.....

Patrol Conducted by..... W.A. WHITE A.P.O.

Area Patrolled } MENYAMYA/KAINTIBE ROAD

(Council and/or

Census Division/s.)

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

NIL

Duration of Patrol—from 16/9/69 To 29/9/69 (1)
2/1/70 23/1/70 (2)

No. of Days..... 34

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area :..... 28/8/69

Date..... Duration.....

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... TO SUPERVISE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MENYAMYA/KAINTIBE ROAD

Total Population of Area Patrolled.....

Director of District Administration,
KONEDCBU.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-6-27.70

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Telegrams—
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Department of the Administrator.

Division of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

8th April 1970

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU

Attached is a brief report on road building activities on the MENYAMYA PATROL NO. 10 OF 1969/70

I have little doubt that the attached please find comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Menyama. This oversight is regretted.

The rate of progress on the road building is satisfactory. Camping chairs are attached.

H.P. Seale
(H.P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

Encl.

No further comment to be made on the above. Have been taken care of.

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TERRITORY OF PAUA & NEW GUINEA.

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Sub-District Office,
Menyama,
Morobe District.

16th February, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District.

MENYAMA PATROL REPORT 10-1969/70

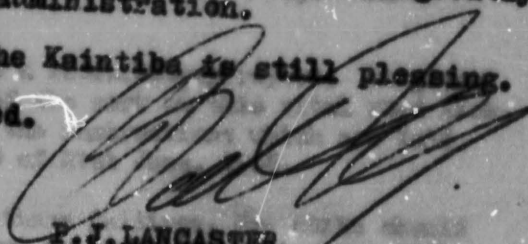
W.A. WHITE - WAPI C.D.

Attached is a brief report by Mr. White covering recent road building activities in the area. The report was submitted on time.

I have little to add by the way of comment. Now a total of 71 days has been spent by officers in this one area this year. This excludes day trips. The local people have benefited greatly from this constant and continuous administration.

The rate of progress on the Kaintiba is still pleasing.

Camping claims are attached.



P.J. LANCASTER
Assistant District Commissioner.

N.B. No patrol covers to have Menyama. Have been ordered for 2 weeks.



Mr. W.A. White
Sub-District Officer,
Menyama,
Morobe District.

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Division of District Administration,

MOROBE DISTRICT, PAPUA.

1st April, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
MOROBE.

PATROL MENYAMBA NO. 10/69-70.

Your reference is 67-2-5 of 20th March, 1970.

2. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. W.A. White, A.P.O. of part Napi Census Division.
3. This is not a satisfactory report. It gives an incomplete picture of the work on this vital road link, and it does not follow the instructions which are laid down in Circular 67-1-0 of 21st June, 1968.
4. Apart from these failings, Mr. White should have submitted one report to cover the September, 1969, section of his patrol, and another for the field work undertaken during January, 1970.
5. Comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Menyamba, were not submitted. Please let me have a copy as soon as possible.

(T.W. ELLIS)

SecretaryDepartment of the Administrator.

cc: Mr. W.A. White,
Sub-District Office,
MENYAMBA
Morobe District.

Whilst political education is a continuing process it is becoming a more specialised task, and you are still expected to participate fully in its extension at every opportunity.

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Division of District Administration,
Norohe District,
LAE.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
MENYAMIA.

MENYAMIA PATROL REPORT NO. 10 1969/1970

I acknowledge receipt of the above mentioned patrol report submitted by Mr. W.A. White, Assistant Patrol Officer.

(G.G. HARDY)
a/District Commissioner

MINUTE:

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEFOBU.

The original and one copy of the above mentioned report is forwarded herewith. Delay in submission of this patrol report was due to mis-placing by the records section at this office.

(G.G. HARDY)
a/District Commissioner

MENYAMYA PATROL NO. 10

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DISTRICT OF MOROBE

AREA PATROLLED BY W.A. WHITE A.P.O.

AREA PATROLLED:- MENYAMYA/KAINTIBA ROAD.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY:- NIL

DURATION FROM:- (1) 16/9/69 to 29/9/69
(2) 2/1/70 to 23/1/70

Number of days:- 34

LAST PATROL TO AREA BY DISTRICT SERVICES:- 28/3/69

MAP REFERENCE:- ATTACHED

OBJECTS OF THE PATROL:- TO SUPERVISE CONSTRUCTION OF THE
MENYAMYA/KAINTIBA ROAD.

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PATROL DIARY

- 16/9/69 a.m. Rode to Watama to arrange carriers. p.m. Departed for Watama rest house.
- 17/9/69 a.m. Supervised roadwork. p.m. Supervised roadwork and bridge construction.
- 18/9/69 a.m. Supervised roadwork. p.m. Heavy rain held up work.
- 19/9/69 a.m. Supervised roadwork and bridge construction. p.m. Supervised roadwork.
- 20/9/69 a.m. Supervised roadwork. p.m. No work - heavy rain.
- 21/9/69 a.m. Supervised roadwork. p.m. No work - heavy rain.
- 22/9/69 a.m. Supervised roadwork. p.m. No work - heavy rain.
- 23/9/69 a.m. Walked to roadhead and supervised work until 1400. Returned to camp because of rain and started on drawing up a roll of attendance.
- 24/9/69 Finished roll. Rained almost all day. Heard a land dispute at night.
- 25/9/69 a.m. Called roll for Watama, Pangapu, Pekapoinyl, Hanjua and supervised roadwork for the remainder of the day.
- 26/9/69 Supervised roadwork all day.
- 27/9/69 Supervised roadwork all day.
- 28/9/69 a.m. Paid Labourers. p.m. Observed.
- 29/9/69 a.m. Departed Watama for Menyama.
- 2/1/70 Left Menyama at 0830. Arrived Watama 0930 by motorbike.
- 3/1/70 Supervised road maintenance and bridge building. To Menyama at 1530 to check on some cargo. 1700 returned to Watama.
- 4/1/70 Observed Watama.
- 5/1/70 a.m. Called roll for Piwi, Pekapoinyl, Hanjua, Watama and Pangapu. p.m. Heavy rain.
- 6/1/70 a.m. Readed cargo and walked to Kawynyl rest house. p.m. Supervised roadwork.
- 7/1/70 Supervised Roadwork all day.

PATROL DIARY (cont.)

- 8/1/70 a.m. To Menyanya to pick up motorbike. p.m. Supervised road construction.
- 9/1/70 supervised road construction all day.
- 10/1/70 Supervised road construction all day.
- 11/1/70 Observed Kawynyi.
- 12/1/70 Supervised road construction all day.
- 13/1/70 Blasted some rocks at Watama in morning. p.m. Supervised road construction.
- 14/1/70 Supervised road construction all day.
- 15/1/70 Supervised road construction all day.
- 16/1/70 Supervised road construction all day. Paid some labourers in late p.m.
- 17/1/70 Short discussion with A.D.C. Kerema and A.D.O. Kaintiba re road. p.m. supervised road work and paid labourers.
- 18/1/70 Supervised road construction all day.
- 19/1/70 Supervised road construction all day.
- 20/1/70 Supervised road construction all day.
- 21/1/70 Supervised road construction all day.
- 22/1/70 Supervised road construction all day.
- 23/1/70 Motorbike to Menyanya.

END OF DIARY.

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In the first two weeks of this patrol attendances by the people were very poor, with an average of only 45 men each week. It was also noticed that there was an unwillingness for work amongst those who did turn up. There was continual complaints of sickness and often men would sit down after work had only just begun. At first I thought they were only playing a game, but later realized that this was serious. Work progressed very slowly, and only about a half a mile was cut in this thirteen day period. After this work was called off until January this year because of the outbreak of influenza. Three working months have been lost.

In the remaining three weeks of the patrol the work and progress on the road has been very pleasing. Labour attendance has averaged 180 men per week. This represents half of the available work force, who have been called upon to work for a two week period at a time. In fifteen working days these men cut about a mile and a quarter of road at an average width of nine to twelve feet. In the last half mile they have been working in heavily timbered country and have encountered numerous large rocks.

At present it is possible to drive a motorbike a distance of twelve miles from Menyanya. It is at this point that a large outcrop of rock obstructs the bike, and one must walk the next $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to the roadhead. Explosives are required to blast these rocks away and a popping machine to drill holes. A missionary in the vicinity has offered to do the blasting. He has blasted some stones at Watama with a small amount of dynamite left over from the Aseki road.

On the 17th January the A.D.C. Kerema and the A.D.O. Kaintiba passed along the road on their way to Menyanya, and stopped for a short discussion about the road. They informed me that they only have only two miles of road to cut between Kiamunga and Howobango. However the road between Kaintiba and Howobango has to be upgraded, and in several parts they have a considerable amount of blasting

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to do. They did not give a date as to when they think the road at their end would be finished.

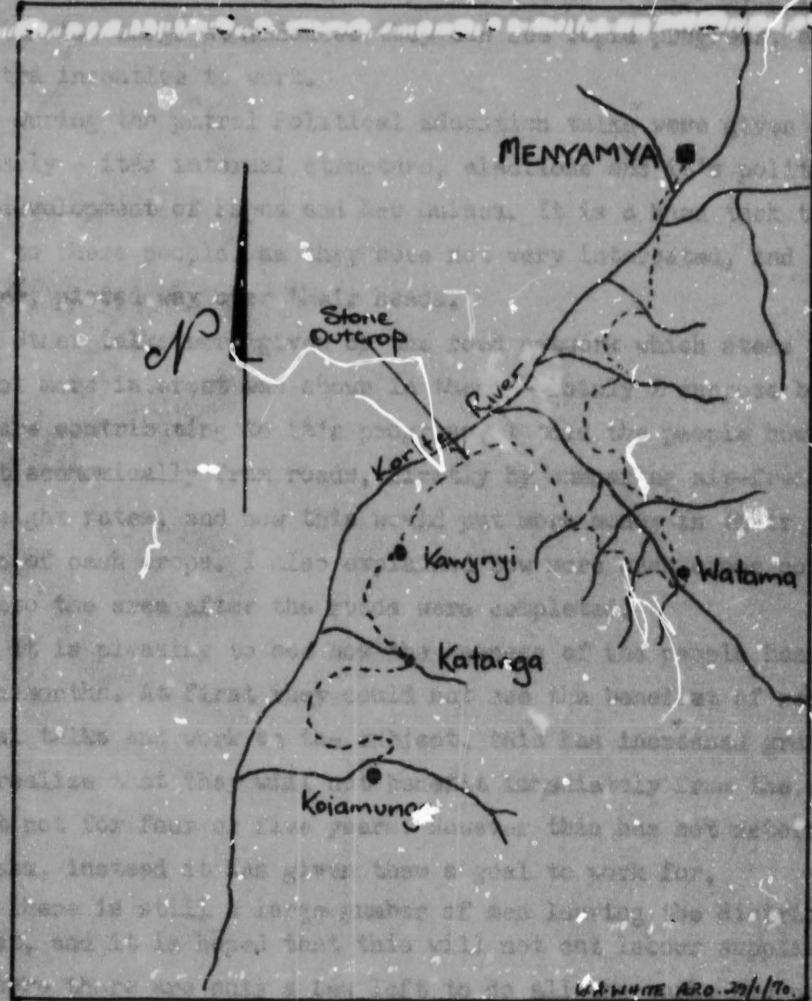
I estimate we have another 7-8 miles to cut before we reach the joining point at Koramunga. The time this will take depends entirely on the labour attendance. From now on it is intended that all work will be supervised from the station by day trips on the motorbike.

W.A. White
W.A. White,

Assistant Patrol Officer.

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Menyamya Patrol No. 10 of 69/70.



- - - Proposed Route.
 - Finished Road.
- Scale 1" reps 2 miles

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SITUATION REPORT:-

The good attendances and keenness to work was very pleasing during the last three weeks of this patrol. The people seem to have fully recovered from the outbreak of influenza, and are pleased to work two five day weeks at a time. They can see rapid progress, and this gives them extra incentive to work.

During the patrol Political Education talks were given on the House of Assembly - its internal structure, elections and its political influence in the development of Papua and New Guinea. It is a hard task to talk on such a topic to these people, as they were not very interested, and a lot of points I am sure, passed way over their heads.

Other talks were given on the road network which stems from Menyanya, and a lot more interest was shown in these - mainly I suppose because these people are contributing to its progress. I told the people how they would benefit economically from roads, firstly by comparing air-freight rates with road-freight rates, and how this would put more money in their pockets by the sale of cash crops. I also explained how more cash crops could be introduced into the area after the roads were completed.

It is pleasing to see how the keenness of the people has grown in the last ten months. At first they could not see the benefit of roads, but with continual talks and work on the subject, this has increased greatly. The people realize that they will not benefit immediately from the road systems, at least not for four or five years. However this has not deterred their enthusiasm, instead it has given them a goal to work for.

There is still a large number of men leaving the district to work on the coast, and it is hoped that this will not cut labour supplies to a point where there are only a few left to do all the work, and progress is hindered.

W.A. White

(W.A. White)

Assistant Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number MENYAMYA NO. 11 OF 1969/70

Subdistrict MENYAMYA

District MOROBE

Type of Patrol.....

Patrol Conducted by P.J. LANCASTER a/ADC

Area Patrolled WAPI CENSUS DIVISION

(Council and/or ASEKI ROAD

Census Division/s.)

Personnel Accompanying Patrol ONE MEMBER R.P.N.G.C.

Duration of Patrol—from 6 / 3 / 70 To 17 / 3 / 70

No. of Days 12

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area :.....

Date 23/1/70 Duration.....

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) Road construction

Total Population of Area Patrolled.....

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

12/ 5/1970

District Commissioner.

67-6-88

Division of District Administration,

KONEDOBU, PAFUA.

21st May, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
M.A.E.

PATROL NO. MENYAMYA 11/69-70

Your reference 67-2-5 of 11th May, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. P. J. Lancaster, a/Assistant District Commissioner of part WAPI Census Division.

I am in full agreement with your covering remarks.

Mr. Lancaster's comments under the heading 'Political' are of interest.

(T.W. ELLIS)

Secretary,

Department of the Administrator.

c.c.

Mr. P. J. Lancaster,
Sub-District Office,
MENYAMYA, Morobe District.

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Division of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

11th May, 1970.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KOMEDOBU

Attached are three copies of the above mentioned report. You will have not received any patrol report covers.

I attach herewith a copy of Menyanya Patrol Report No. 11 of 1969/70 submitted by Mr. P.J. Lancaster, Acting Assistant District Commissioner. This is a report of a brief patrol. The effectiveness of which was severely affected by wet weather. I am firmly of the opinion that roads in backward areas such as Menyanya have a very important social effect. I feel that these social considerations are just as important as economic ones in the early stages of opening up an area.

(E.F. SEALE)
District Commissioner

Assistant District Commissioner

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

67-2-7

Sub-District Office,
Menyanya,
Morobe District.
30th April, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LMB.

MENYANYA PATROL REPORT 11.
1969/70.

Attached are three copies of the abovementioned. We still have not received any patrol report covers.

It is regretted that the report has been submitted so late. However it had been my intention to return to the road as soon as the weather improved. This did not eventuate.

No maps have been drawn. This is the 7th patrol into the area this year and I can only assume that the other reports should have located and documented the position of the Menyanya Aseki road by now.

Camping claims are attached.

P. J. LANCASTER,
a/Assistant District Commissioner.

PATROL REPORT No. 11-69/70.

(3) (45)

DISTRICT OF MOROBE.

Menyanya Report No. 11-69/70.

PATROL CONDUCTED. P.J. LANCASTER. a/ADC.

AREA PATROLLED. Wapi c.d. Aseki road.

Patrol Accompanied. Europeans. Nil.

Natives. 1 member R.P.N.G.C.

DURATION. 6/3/70 - 17/3/70.

NUMBER DAYS. 12.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany. No.

Last Patrol to the Area. D.D.A. 23/1/70.

Medical. Aug. 1969.

Map ref. Wau f.m.

Objects. Road construction.

MENYAMBA PATROL REPORT NO. 11.

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WAPI C.D. - ASEKI ROAD.

Patrol Diary.

- 6.3.70. To Sikwong. Sat 6.30.
- 7.3.70. Prison line commenced work on road construction.
- 8.3.70. Observed.
- 9.3.70. 80 Sikwong villagers and prison line commenced work.
- 10.3.70. Returned station - District Court.
- 11.3.70. District Court a.m. returned camp p.m. supervised work on road.
- 12.3.70. Rain all day. No road work.
- 13.3.70. To station a.m. Returned camp p.m. heavy rain.
- 14.3.70. Supervised work on road.
- 15.3.70. observed - rain all day.
- 16.3.70. Heavy rain all day. attempted work a.m. but abandoned.
- 17.3.70. Heavy rain - returned station.

This was especially noticeable when the development committee visited the station and the local people were taken to point out of Monsoons, Kuching, and Aseri. These were amongst the speaking and navigation was heartening.

[Signature]
P.J. LANCASTER.

It has long been argued in this district that there should form part of a "National Development Scheme" and not merely a local one. What has happened in the past has not justified the existence of all the rural development projects in the sub-district.

Economic.

The incomplete road system has already brought some economic benefits to the area. This is shown by the regular use of trucks carrying vegetables for export to the main market in the area. The people have also been able to transport their produce to the station. The increase in the amount of produce transported in the area is also directly attributed to the road system.

General.

With the advent of the "New Season" it is expected that there will be a further increase in the amount of produce transported in the area. Some of the produce will be transported to the main market in the area.

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Introduction.

This was the 7th patrol into the area this fiscal year. It was organised solely to continue work on the Menyama Aseki road. Excessive rain cut the duration of the patrol and caused a great deal of loss of work.

The road is open to vehicular transport for a distance of 10 miles from Menyama station. At this point there is a large limestone outcrop which has to be blasted. We are still awaiting a Cobra drill to complete this section. When this is complete Menyama has approximately 4 miles to widen before the Aseki border is reached.

Situation report.

The local people are still quite keen about this project. We had hoped to make the two weeks a productive one and to get as much done as possible. When this did not eventuate the locals were as disappointed as the patrol was.

Political.

The people in this area are now starting to associate themselves with the new identity (for the want of a better word) of Kukukuku's generally. That is, they now associate themselves as being part of the Menyama, Marawarka, Kaintiba and Aseki people. This has come solely with the advent of the road system linking all these places.

This was especially noticeable when the Constitutional Development Committee visited the station this week. Most of the local speakers were quick to point out that "We, the people of Menyama, Kaintiba, Marawarka and Aseki are not developed yet etc." These were Menyama people speaking and broader aspects of their narration were heartening.

It has long been argued in this sub-district that roads should form part of a "social development scheme" and not merely economics. What has happened in the past few months has justified the existence of all the rural development projects in the sub-district.

Economic.

The incomplete road system has already brought some economic benefits to the area. The Lutheran Mission regularly have trucks buying vegetables for export to Lae going along the roads. The people can now sell to the buyer in their villages instead of having to carrying produce to the station. The increase in the amount of pilsawn timber produced in the area is also directly attributed to the road system.

General Note.

With the advent of the "dry season" it is hoped to complete the road within the next three months. Work will continue at as fast a rate as funds permit.


P. J. LANCASTER.

a/Assistant District Commissioner.