

National Archives & Public Records Services  
of Papua New Guinea

# PATROL REPORTS

District : Western Highlands  
Station : Jimi River  
Volume : 1  
ISBN NO : 9980-910-94-1  
Accession NO : 496  
Period : 1957-1958

Filed by/for the National Archives of Papua New Guinea,  
Port Moresby, 1994.

Sole Custodian: National Archives of Papua New Guinea.

# Papua New Guinea Patrol Reports

Digitized version made available by



**Copyright:** Government of Papua New Guinea. This digital version made under a license granted by the National Archives and Public Records Services of Papua New Guinea.

**Use:** This digital copy of the work is intended to support research, teaching, and private study.

**Constraints:** This work is protected by the U.S. Copyright Law (Title 17, U.S.C.) and the laws of Papua New Guinea. Use of this work beyond that allowed by "fair use" requires written permission of the National Archives of Papua New Guinea. Responsibility for obtaining permissions and any use and distribution of this work rests exclusively with the user and not the UC San Diego Library.

**Note on digitized version:** A microfiche copy of these reports is held at the University of California, San Diego (Mandeville Special Collections Library, MSS 0215). The digitized version presented here reflects the quality and contents of the microfiche. Problems which have been identified include misfiled reports, out-of-order pages, illegible text; these problems have been rectified whenever possible. The original reports are in the National Archives of Papua New Guinea (Accession no. 496).



## NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF P.N.G. - WIGANI.

PATROL REPORT OF: **Jimi River**

ACC. No: 496.

Volume No: ...1..... 1957/58..... Number of Reports: ...1.....

[illegible]



2-17-31.

1931 October, 1931.

The District Officer,  
Western Highlands District,  
KOROR, P.O.

PAROUL REPORT NO. 2 - 1931-32, P.O. KOROR

Receipt of the above mentioned Paroul Report  
is acknowledged with thanks.

I concur in your remarks in the certificate  
sent and they have been duly recorded on the  
personal file.

During my coming visit I shall discuss the  
matter of the proposed aircraft with you.

The case of Mr. Billies is known to the  
Director of Public Health and he is taking the  
necessary action.

*A. C. R.*  
*10* (A. C. R.)  
Director



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

File No. 30/1-1242  
(WPA.176)

District Office,  
Western Highlands District,  
MOUNT HAGEN.

30th September, 1958.

WIS:JMS

Officer-in-Charge,  
Jini River Patrol Post,  
-THUSA.

SECRET: ~~SECRET - FBI FILE No. 2 10743~~  
~~ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN~~  
~~IS UNCLASSIFIED~~  
~~DATE 10-10-88 BY 1043~~

Receipt of the above report is acknowledged.

~~TOP SECRET~~

11-11-61

Printed and Informative.

Investigation of Possible Immigrant Status

Appropriate action has been taken in each case. Kimmel - has still now to be inspected by the District Airport Inspector; the Lutheran Mission has withdrawn its interest in WMM; no further action is required in respect of WMM; if the Catholic Mission wish to apply for Kimmel their application will be considered; OK, I think, may be forgotten. Perhaps the most interesting find was the possible site near Chicago and I am pleased to learn that the District Airport Inspector is favorably impressed with the possibilities there.

**ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED**

The Lutheran Mission is no longer interested in GOSO and I resent the time and work wasted.  
Mr. A.H. Gorty has relinquished his interest in WUK. Again, time and work was wasted - unnecessarily in this case.

Your report on XERXANTL - XAM has been passed to the Director of Native Affairs (eligination), the Director of Public Health (Hospital) and the Assistant Administrator (aerodrome site). All have shown considerable interest and the matter progresses.

~~Valley Officials~~

Village Official  
Although "group official" may be more technically correct I think we should adhere to the general term. Please ensure that recommendations for village official appointments are submitted, with salaries and salaries on separate lists as the former will be referred to the Director and the latter will be confirmed at District Headquarters.

**RECEIVED**

Missionary  
The mission invasion of the upper Jini River is just about to commence in earnest. Catholics, Lutherans, Sales Evangelical Mission, Anglican Mission and Church of the Nazarene Mission are all interested, if not



actually active in the area.

The Catholic Mission has attempted to make its own arrangements - unfortunately characteristically as far as this District is concerned.

A matter of the illegal trade stores was taken up with Father Rahamotti's superior who pleaded "ignorance" and undertook to see there was no recurrence. He will leave it at that for the present. The question of illegal occupation of land is still under consideration.

#### Native Affairs

I have recently pointed out to other officers the dangers attached to encouraging the settlement of Europeans etc., by village officials. They have certainly of late, all kinds of suggestions to encourage before balanced decisions can be expected. However, in general these officials perform valuable work and some of their suggestions must be considered - they provide the only answer at this stage.

If all natives in the Territory had been removed of the land position in the terms of (3), when at the same stage of development as these people, there would be less hardship than there is in certain areas at the present time.

Let us hope that a satisfactory new man is found for "Kai".

#### Medical and Health

The Regional Medical Officer, Goraka, can see nothing incongruous in this confused pattern. I think he likes to think of it as a "Regional" i.e. Goraka's finger on the Western Highlands plus the Medical Officer, Kiri, likes to retain the old association with the Jasi River. The present District Medical Officer, Mount Hagen may take a more definite interest than has been the case in the past.

#### Agriculture and Livestock

The contents of this section will be brought to the notice of the District Agricultural Officer.

#### Administration and General Development

Your comments are noted. Development is a second part may well depend upon:

- (1) Results of aerodrome site investigations now in progress;
- (2) Availability of field staff and funds;
- (3) Availability of Public Health Department staff and funds.

Even if the aerodrome investigation at Tuhibaga is unsuccessful it could be difficult to discard this as the main administrative centre although this could follow in time in view of the better site available at Kiri - Wai.

The best hope for Field Staff, in the foreseeable future, is that we will be able to maintain a senior Patrol Officer and a Cadet at Tuhibaga, with the latter, in the first concentrating on the construction of the aerodrome sites at both places.

Subsequently, the Cadet, or junior Patrol Officer if he becomes available, could spend part of each year at Kai (Kiri - Wai), under the general supervision of the senior man at Tuhibaga.



If Public Health Department can find a suitable man to replace the reluctant Dr. Hollies there is no reason why the establishment of a hospital cannot commence immediately - funds (\$25,000) are included in the 1938/39 Works Programme. Whether at Tabibuga or Koi remains to be seen but I think Koi will be the selected site if allocation is approved.

The pattern could change with Koi becoming the main centre but Tabibuga's commanding strategical position will be hard to equal.

Of course, when/if development takes place in the Middle and Lower Jini - anything can happen.

I do envisage the area being made into a Sub-District within the reasonably near future.

Your map was a valuable adjunct to the report and gave the whole picture very clearly.

In fact, I am sure Headquarters will agree that the picture dealt with here has been illustrated very clearly and reported clearly and concisely.

Your approved claim for camping allowance is returned herewith.



(R. I. SKINNER)  
District Commissioner.

C.C.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
PORT Moresby.

This report is pleasingly presented; the information in it is full yet concise.

The whole pattern in the Jini could change with the construction of these aerodromes. Certainly, from the daily enquiries received one gathers that there is a missionary perched on every peak in the Wabgi-Jini divide and several on the Koro-Jini divide waiting to swoop on land near the aerodromes and the indigenous Jini residents as soon as the aerodromes are cleared.

Some definite action will be necessary if latest reports of the Catholic Missionary Father McBurnett are correct. He has established various buildings, imported cattle and has generally set about establishing himself. Other Missions, especially the Lutheran Mission, are playing the game and should be given priority accordingly.

A Medical Assistant, Mr. M. Hollies, was posted here several months ago on posting to the Jini but has point blank refused to go there. Unless a replacement can be provided immediately the benefit of Mr. Griffin's experience to the new man will be lost. Also, the local people, who have worked hard preparing quarters and hospital buildings at Tabibuga are wondering what it is all about.

This patrol is typical of Mr. Griffin's consistently conscientious, thorough and pleasing work.

(R. I. SKINNER)  
District Commissioner.  
30.9.1938.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



# PATROL REPORT

0-1100000  
THIS COPY

District of WESTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. JIMI River 2 of 57/58

Patrol Conducted by B.F. GRIFFIN - Patrol Officer Grade 2

Area Covered Upper JIMI Valley and its tributaries

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans H I L

Native POLICE 4 ; INTERPRETER 1

Duration From 24/10/56 to 31/10/56

Number of Days 8

Did Medical Assistant Accompany NO

Last Patrol was made by District Services December 1956 - RABIN P/O 5-56/57

Medical January 1958 - in part (RAB Gen. Blythe from RABIN)

Map Reference ANN STRAT - Scale 1 inch = 1 mile Sheet

Object of Patrol 1. Land Investigations 2. Inspection possible elsewhere  
3. Routine.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

*[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 £



11

Handwritten notes and sketches, including a large, stylized letter 'A' and various illegible scribbles.







To Accompany

Return Remittance Received Nov 24 1959

Remittance received from United States

for the Hawaiian Islands

Transmitted by B. H. Ferguson  
Amount \$100.00

RECEIVED

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Washington, D. C.



1947

1947 - *Small Cactus*  
*Small Cactus*

1947 - *Small Cactus*  
*Small Cactus*

1947 - *Small Cactus*  
*Small Cactus*

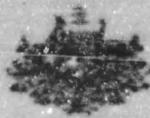
1947 - *Small Cactus*  
*Small Cactus*

1947 - *Small Cactus*  
*Small Cactus*

1947 - *Small Cactus*  
*Small Cactus*

1947 - *Small Cactus*  
*Small Cactus*





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote

JG:HEM No. PN65/1/9/12

Public Works Department,  
Kororua, Papua

17th November, 1958


The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KORORUA.

Patrol Report - Jimi River

Thank you for the opportunity of perusing  
Mr. Griffin's Report of his recent patrol in the Upper  
Jimi Valley. The information contained will serve as  
a useful basis for any further work on the development  
of aerodromes within the area.

The Report is returned herewith.

Encl.

  
JAMES GLEN  
DIRECTOR

seen  
P 18/11 P/A



The Director, Department of Public Works

Doc. # 100-107-100-100

MINUTE

File No. 30-12-52

**SUBJECT**

Patrol Report No.2. 1957/58. - Jimi River.

Your attention is invited to appendices of this report concerning airstrip sites, at the flagged police.

Q. A. Roberts

(A.A. Roberts.

Director.

21st October, 1958.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

JIMI Patrol Post,  
Mount Hagen Sub-District,  
Western Highlands District

PATROL REPORT JIMI RIVER No. 2 - 1957/58

Report of a Patrol from JIMI Patrol Post through the Upper JIMI  
and the JIMI Headwaters

Objects of Patrol: Land Investigations  
Inspection of Possible Airstrip Sites  
Routine

Personnel of patrol: S.F. CHIFFIN, Patrol Officer Grade 9

Police: No. 289 Lance Corporal ADUFI  
No. 6830 Constable HAWO  
No. 9873 Constable PARAPUTU  
No. 9356 Constable WAKAI

No. 9319 Constable BICK (part-time)  
No. 8258 Const. FORIEMA (part-time)

Interpreter: NGAND of JIMI Patrol Post

Period of Patrol: April 24 - May 14 / 1958  
( 21 days )

Map Reference: Army Strat - 4 miles : 1 inch  
RAMU Sheet



PATROL DIARY

Introduction

The route followed on this patrol is much the same as that followed in my earlier JIMI headwaters (ref. Mountagen P/M 3-56/57). Report Diary covering that patrol gives detailed information on terrain, roads, etc..

Thursday, April 24, 1958:

JIMI Patrol Post (4700' ASL) - 1 hour 15 minutes - KORENITU (5850') - 2 hours 30 minutes - KARAP (5300')

Arrived KARAP 12.45 p.m.. Discussions, etc.. Contacted Constable KORIPIKE of JIMI Detachment, detached as some constables this area. Complaint of land trespass (Inland MAMBUH -V- Inland ANTE) listed for hearing by patrol on return from headwaters.

Friday, April 25:

KARAP (5300') - 1 hr 30 min. - HANGHE (4750') - 2 hr 15 min. - OLNA (5550')

Arrived OLNA 1 p.m.. Roads much improved. Assembly and address at OLNA - preliminary to land investigation at "KOSK" tomorrow.

Saturday, April 26:

OLNA (5550') - 35 minutes - "KOSK" (5500') - OLNA

Assembly of OLNA natives and discussion on land situation. To "KOSK" and marked tracks to be cut to enable pacing and compass survey tomorrow. Returned OLNA. Minor complaints and disputes. Interim name check.

Sunday, April 27:

OLNA - to "KOSK" - to - OLNA

Pace and compass survey "KOSK" - 46 acres. Discussions, etc..

Monday, April 28:

OLNA to "KOSK" to OLNA.

General assembly at "KOSK". Landowners firm in declaring their unwillingness to sell. Negotiations broken-off. Final address and discussions at "KOSK", thence to OLNA. Brief report on "KOSK" situation prepared for District Commissioner.

/ over



Tuesday, April 29/1958:

CLNA (5550') - 1 hr 45 min. - BUMBING (MANS) (4300')

Constable PARATOKU to HAGEN with mail for District Commissioner. Patrol around and down to MANS (left bank, MANS River) - MIA Group. Have checks and discussions. One C.M.A. Minor disputes. Inspected nearby native mission coffee, supervised thinning.

Wednesday, April 30:

BUMBING (MANS) - 35 minutes - "GOBO"

From BUMBING (left bank) down to "GOBO" (right bank) on VAND River. Land Investigation - Lutheran Mission application for Special and Mission Leases. Preliminary inspection and setting survey tracks. Camped on "GOBO" land.

Thursday, May 1:

At "GOBO" - land investigation.

Friday, May 2:

At "GOBO" - Land investigation completed: "GOBO No. 1" - Special Lease application 15.25 acres; "GOBO No. 2" - Mission Lease application 5.075 acres. Mail in from HAGEN.

Saturday, May 3:

"GOBO" - 35 minutes - MANS (4300') - 2 hr 30 min. - KOL (4750')

Crossed to KOL by good but stiff-graded road. Assembly and discussions at KOL with PARA Group. Minor disputes. Land investigation listed for tomorrow.

Sunday, May 4:

In KOL area - Land Investigation "KURAMEL-WAN", near KOL. Rough survey strip site and discussions re land alienation.

Monday, May 5:

In KOL area - Land investigation completed: "KURAMEL-WAN" - about 85 acres. Inspection of un-authorized R.C. Mission trade store.

Tuesday, May 6:

KOL (4750') - 4 hrs - MONGHUM (6300')

Delayed until 11 a.m. at KOL by countless minor disputes and complaints. From KOL across 7000' Divide to MONGHUM, arriving 3 p.m. Locals had been assembled since early a.m. with food, etc. and when immediately on my arrival, heavy rain set in, their obvious exasperation matched my own.

Wednesday, May 7:

In MONGHUM area - Inspection of un-authorized R.C. Mission trip project at "KINDEI" - 45 minutes' walk N.E. of MONGHUM. Action taken to ensure that this work ceases forthwith. Inspection of un-authorized R.C. Mission trade store near MONGHUM. Action taken.

/ over



Thursday, May 8, 1958:

MONGOM (6300') - 1 hr 45 min. - KOLT (KOLIT or KOR) (4550') -  
- 1 hour 20 min. - GERAL (4800')

To KOLT (right bank JIMI River) and stayed until noon on discussions, etc.. On down to GERAL (right bank JIMI). Divers jobs and steady rain from 2.30 p.m..

Friday, May 9:

GERAL (4800') - 2 hr 30 min. - JAWARANG (5300') - 1 hour -  
- RUPULSANGA (5400')

From GERAL across JIMI at 4200'. Complaint re land trespass (Luluai YOGONTIS - V - Luluai KOSUK) settled satisfactorily en route JAWARANG. Some checks, discussions at JAWARANG and RUPULSANGA.

Saturday, May 10:

RUPULSANGA (5400') via KOMBULAKHIA - 1 hr 45 min. - JIMI  
Crossing (3200') - 1 hr 15 min. - BUBOILE (5400')

Constable NAWO detached at KOMBULAKHIA to investigate scene of recent death, allegedly by accident, of woman PABA. Tow cane bridge at JIMI crossing. Contacted Constable BICE of JIMI Detachment - zone covetable this area. Name checks, discussions, etc. at BUBOILE.

Sunday, May 11:

BUBOILE (5400') - KUBURA (5000')

Carriage down by main road to cross KORAM Creek at 3900' and up to KUBURA in 1 hour 45 minutes. Self turned off to inspect possible strip site at "WEMO", below BUBOILE, then proceeded independently to KUBURA, arriving noon. Routine and Aid Post inspection.

Monday, May 12:

KUBURA (5000') - 3 hrs 15 min. - OLNA (5550') - 1 hr 45 min. -  
- MANEMP (4750')

JIMI crossing at 3000' by cane bridge just above NAWO/JIMI junction, then up 1 hour 30 min. to pass through "LOSE" (5500') and on to OLNA, thence down to JIMI River (3600') and up to MANEMP (4750'). Complaint of Luluai MANBUL against Luluai JUNE (land trespass) heard and settled.

Tuesday, May 13:

MANEMP (4750') - 1 hr 30 min. - MAGIN (5150')

Down to creek crossing at 3900' and up to MAGIN. Major discussion at MAGIN involving natives of Groups of Luluai OCHU (c/- OLNA) and Luluai KAMAN (c/- MAGIN) - aftermath of unlawful killing 1957.

Wednesday, May 14:

MAGIN (5150') - 3 hrs - KORENDIN (5850') - 1 hour -  
- JIMI Patrol Post (TABIBUGA) (4700')

From MAGIN for 1 1/2 hours to pick up main road KAMAF-CABIBURA (4790') at 6000', then by main road for 1 1/2 hours to KORENDIN and on to JIMI Patrol Post.



## REPORT SUMMARY

INSPECTION OF POSSIBLE AIRSTRIP SITES

Several possible airstrip sites in the Upper JINI and headwaters were inspected in the course of the patrol. Of those inspected, a site near KOL (on "KURAMEL-WAN" - ref. heading "Land Investigations" in this Report Summary) is by far the most impressive.

1. "KURAMEL-WAN" - near KOL

This airstrip site is very good, by JINI standards.

The 'strip site is contained within the native-owned land "KURAMEL-WAN".

Situation: About three-quarters of a mile south-south-east of KOL census ground in the JINI headwaters, on the left bank of the WAINA River (JINI tributary).

Operation and Approach: Operation one-way (from the north-west) with good approach onto a probable up-slope of maybe three degrees.

Elevation: About 5050 feet A.S.L..

Construction Details and Comments:

The strip would run northwest-southeast.

It could be developed to a maximum of 2000 ft x 250 ft, with an up-slope of about three degrees.

The top 900 ft x 150 ft (southeast end) is good firm ground, and could be made operational for aircraft with two months' work.

The bottom 1100 ft (northwest end) is pitpit and grass swamp, not too heavy, and could be filled and drained and rolled with the labour force available.... (1200 assemble for census at KOL, 15 minutes' walk away). This work could be completed within six months.

Thus, the full 'strip potential, 2000 ft x 250 ft, could be utilised for aircraft operation within about six months of commencement of work.

The 'strip site and its environs, "KURAMEL-WAN", are native-owned. Report of the land investigation which was conducted with a view to the alienation of "KURAMEL-WAN" and its acquisition as an Administration Post site has been submitted to the District Commissioner under reference 34-30/64 of 17.5.58.

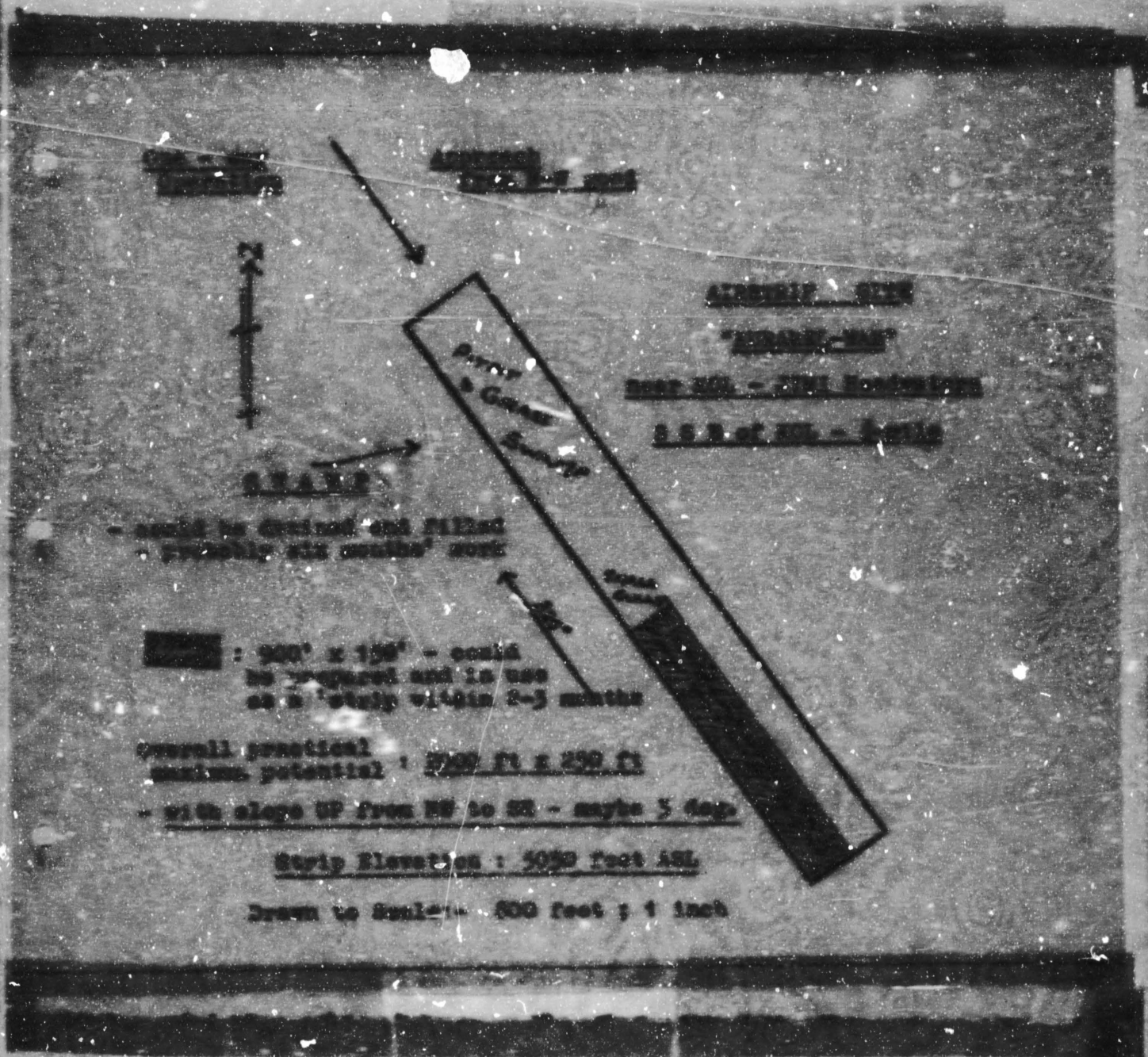
Further references appear in this Report Summary under heading "Land Investigations" and "Establishment of Administration Post".

The site is very good, and its situation is ideally suited for administration of the JINI headwaters.

- Sketch Plan of "KURAMEL-WAN" is attached -

continued over /







(Inspection of Possible Airstrip Sites) - continued:

2. "GOBO" - near the MANS River

This 'strip site is on the native-owned land "GOBO", in the Upper JIMI, whose alienability was investigated by direction of the District Commissioner following application by the Lutheran Mission for Special and Mission Leases. (Report references are given under heading "Land Investigations" in this Report Summary.

Situation: On the right bank of GOBO Creek (tributary of the MANS River, which flows into the JIMI), 35 minutes' walk downstream from TWINBINING (MANS) Rest House.

Operation and Approach: Operation one-way (from north-west) with a very restricted approach onto an up-slope of maybe four degrees.

Elevation: About 4250 feet A.S.L..

Comments: The slope of the land (plus 4 degrees) and easily useable 'strip length (1500'-1600'), with minimum obtainable width of 150 feet, are in favour of airstrip construction, but the site is in all respects inferior to the site at "KURAMEL-WAN" near KOL: -  
a. The approach is far too restricted. The 5300'-5400' north wall of the MANS Valley is directly opposite the landing end of the 'strip site (and height 4250') at a distance of about a half-mile (generous estimate).

b. Possibilities of extension of the 'strip site at the northwest (landing) end are nil; and at the southeast (top) end, very slight, as far as the Mission is concerned. - filling and diverting of GOBO Creek would be a major undertaking; and, in any case, land-owners maintain that they are not willing to sell any ground as an extension to the 'strip site.

The 'strip site is still native-owned. It has been cleared of timber and scrub. No groundwork (levelling, etc.) is to be undertaken before receipt of further advice from the District Commissioner.

It is suggested that this 'strip site should hold little interest for the Administration. It is inferior to the KOL ("KURAMEL-WAN") 'strip site (3-4 hours' walk away) in which I consider that Administration interest and effort should be concentrated.

3. "WEMO" - near BURGILE (Upper JIMI)

The 'strip site is on the native-owned ground "WEMO", forty minutes' walk down from BURGILE in the Upper JIMI, north of the JIMI River.

Operation and Approach: A 'strip here would probably run E.N.E. - W.S.W., with satisfactory approach from E.N.E. onto a possible up-slope of a few degrees.

Elevation: About 4000 ft A.S.L..

Comments: The site is fair, with a doubtful and difficult maximum of about 1500 feet. The situation is favourable from the point of view of administration - a good jumping-off point for patrols into the Bismarcks and Restricted Area.

The land "WEMO" has not been investigated for alienation. It is used as gardening and grazing land by its owners.

/ continued over



(Inspection of Possible Airstrip Sites - concluded):

4. "KINDI" - near MONGGUM (JIMI Headwaters)

The 'strip site is native-owned land, five minutes' walk northeast of MONGGUM, right in the JIMI Headwaters.

Elevation: 6200 ft A.S.L.

Comments: The site is not impressive - a northwest-southeast ridge, not wide enough for comfort, and probably very vulnerable to ground level winds.

Work involved in 'strip construction on this site would be considerable.

I see no reason why this site should interest the Administration.

Interest in this site has, to date, been shown solely by the Catholic Mission, which has, however, made no move to establish land rights in the area.

5. QENA - Upper JIMI

Catholic Mission interest was at one time shown in this possible 'strip site, but the interest apparently flagged. The site is not impressive, and the matter had been allowed to drop from notice. However, the District Commissioner recently directed that investigation be made into 'strip work allegedly being performed on the site. This report was investigated, and I could find no evidence of recent work aimed at 'strip construction.

I do not consider that this site merits serious consideration by the Administration.

Of the sites discussed above, I consider that that at "KURAMEL-VAN" (near KUI) and perhaps that at MUGIHE are most deserving of Administration interest and effort.

The sites at QENA and MONGGUM ("KINDI") and "GOBO" should not much interest the Administration.

(For information, a site for a light aircraft 'strip has been located near JIMI Patrol Post (TABIUSA) - By 2/1-49 of 4.4.58 and by 2/1-75 of 30.5.58 to the District Commissioner refer.)

All of the 'strip sites discussed above are still native-owned land. In the case of "GOBO" and the "KURAMEL-VAN" sites, land investigations have been conducted and reports submitted with a view to possible alienation.

Pending alienation and survey of the sites, no groundwork of any nature (levelling, surfacing, ditching, etc.) directed towards 'strip construction is to be undertaken.



## LAND INVESTIGATIONS

Four land investigations were carried out in the course of the patrol. Reports on the investigations (in respect of "GOBO No. 1", "GOBO No. 2", "KOSE" and "KURAMEL-WAN") have been prepared and submitted to the District Commissioner. Brief summaries follow of the information contained in the Reports.

### 1. "GOBO No. 1"

My Land Investigation Report 34-B-55/65 of 18.5.58 refers.

The investigation was carried out May 1-2/1958 by direction of the District Commissioner (ref. the District Commissioner's 34-B-54 (55)/3615 of 9.4.58 to O.I.C. JIMI).

"GOBO No. 1", an area of about 16.25 acres on the right wall of the HANS Valley (Upper JIMI) 35 minutes' walk downstream from DWIMBING (HANS) Rest House, is sought by the Lutheran Mission as a Special Lease for development as an airstrip, with a view to the establishment of a Mission Station under a European Missionary on this subject land and an adjoining Mission Lease ("GOBO No. 2" - see below).

Remarks on the suitability of the land as an airstrip site appear in this Report under heading "Airstrips".

The land "GOBO No. 1" is not occupied by natives.

### 2. "GOBO No. 2"

My Land Investigation Report 34-B-54/66 of 18.5.58 refers.

The investigation was carried out May 1-2/1958 by direction of the District Commissioner (ref. the District Commissioner's 34-B-54 (55)/3615 of 9.4.58 to O.I.C. JIMI).

"GOBO No. 2", an area of about 5.075 acres, adjoins "GOBO No. 1", discussed above.

"GOBO No. 2" is sought by the Lutheran Mission as a Mission Lease for the possible establishment of a European-manned Mission Station. The land "GOBO No. 2" is not occupied by natives.

### 3. "KOSE"

My 34/2/1-76 of 30.5.58 to the District Commissioner refers.

An investigation of "KOSE" was carried out April 26-27-28 / 1958 by direction of the District Commissioner (the District Commissioner's 34/2/1-149 of 18.12.57 to O.I.C. JIMI refers).

"KOSE", an area of about 46 acres near OLNA in the Upper JIMI, south of the HANS/JIMI junction, had been sought by Mr A. Corby of KURJIP via HANE (WAGY) as an Agricultural Lease with a view to its development as a coffee plantation. In the course of the investigation, however, the native owners of the land "KOSE" stated that they were not willing to sell, so negotiations were broken-off.

In view of the novelty of, and interest in, the application by Mr Corby, a fairly comprehensive report was prepared and submitted to the District Commissioner under a/m reference 34/2/1-76 of 30.5.58.

### 4. "KURAMEL-WAN"

My 34-36/64 of 17.5.58 to the District Commissioner refers.

An investigation of "KURAMEL-WAN" was carried out May 4-5/1958 with a view to the possible alienation of the land and its development as an Administration Post.

The land, approximate area 85 acres, is near KOL, on the left bank of the WALLE River, in the JIMI headwaters. The land is at present part-occupied, but landowners are anxious to make the land available for alienation by the Administration on condition that the land will be used in the establishment of an Administration Post. Its advantages as a Post site (airstrip site, hydro-electric potential, etc.) are discussed elsewhere in this Report Summary.



MAJESTERIAL

(a) In the Court for Native Affairs

One case was heard formally in the Court for Native Affairs in the course of the patrol, and two cases were heard following the patrol as a result of complaints and investigations made during the patrol.

The charges were offensive behaviour (1) and unlawfully laying hold of (2). Convictions were recorded in all three cases, with sentences of one month, six weeks and six weeks.

Details given in Court Register sheets submitted from JIMI Patrol Post.

(b) Sundry Disputes

Mainly involving debts and women, these were numerous. Satisfactory settlements were reached in all cases.

Two land disputes were brought forward (Luluai IGGENTS against Luluai KOSUN; and Luluai MANHUL against Luluai ANUK) involving trespass - ownership of the subject land was not, in either case, in question. Satisfactory settlements were reached in both cases and the facts recorded in relevant Village Books and elsewhere. The trespassers, both of them Group Officials, were warned that offences of this nature, if repeated, would lead to recommendations for their dismissal from office.

- (c) The death was reported at BUBULSANGA, late March, of the woman PARA, wife of NGUNTS c/- Tultul IANBO. The woman's body had allegedly been found one morning late in March/1958 in a deep ditch at DAMI, below KOMBULANKIA. The disgruntled widower NGUNTS vaguely accused the man KOSI- (c/- Luluai KOLIE) of having been implicated in the death, but could offer little to support his accusation. The circumstances of the death are mysterious, but not necessarily suspicious. In any case, a Constable was detached during the patrol to inspect the ditch at DAMI, where PARA's body had been found; the same Constable is at present on routine patrol in the headwaters, with instructions to check any leads he may pick up from contacts. If, in the light of any additional information obtained, the report warrants further investigation, the matter will be followed up. Otherwise, on account of the time already elapsed and as I had no appointment as a Coroner, the matter will be allowed to rest.

(d) Serious Crime

No serious offences were reported to the patrol.

From this headwaters area six men of GEBAL are at present being held at JIMI Patrol Post, eventually to be sent to District Headquarters for likely committal for Supreme Court trial on charges of having murdered male native KABUL at BEUGO (near GEBAL) on/about 1.1.58. (My Police Investigation Report 11/3-50 of 20.4.58 has been forwarded to District Headquarters.)

- (e) One major dispute was brought forward involving natives of the Groups of OLNA Luluai OGUN and MAGIN Luluai KAMAN. The dispute is discussed at some length under heading "Native Affairs".



### GROUP OFFICIALS

Most are doing a fair job, on the whole.

1. The two most powerful men in the headwaters are the Luluai MARU (YOGONTIS) of the PARA (PAGAU) Group c/- KOL, and KOLIE of the PARA Group c/- BUBULANGA. Between them they control over 2000 natives of the PARA Group. Of the two, MARU is perhaps a shade the less Mission-inclined. MARU was one of the principals in the offer to the Administration of the land "KURAKEL-WAR" (near KOL) - ref. remarks in this Report Summary under the heading "Land Investigations."
2. Two Group Officials, Luluai ANUK of KARAP and Luluai KOBUN of IAWARANON, were involved as trespassers in land dispute brought to the patrol. Both were clearly and consciously in the wrong; both were reprimanded and made aware that repeated offences of this nature would lead to recommendations for their dismissal from office.
3. Luluai KOBUN's position, even before this latest effort of his, was already shaky. He is a WILKAL-born man holding office as Luluai of the KORMUGA Group (distinct from the WILKAL). His appointment dates back to the early 1950's, when the Upper JIMI Valley was administered as part of the Central or Eastern Highlands (probably from KUMDIANA). The appointment does not impress as a sound one, and any deterioration in KOBUN's performance will lead to recommendation for review of his appointment.
4. In the course of the patrol, Taltul MORE of the WIGA Group c/- WILMBIKING (MANS) was charged in the Court for Native Affairs under Regulation 83(d) of Native Administration Regulations with having behaved in an offensive manner. He was convicted and sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for one month. No further action is proposed against MORE if it is found that his lapse was only temporary.
5. One unfortunate practice which is especially common to the majority of headwaters officials is the awarding of exorbitant damages and compensation in the local settlement of disputes - ref. comments under heading "Native Affairs" in this Summary.
6. As far as I know, all Group Officials in the JIMI headwaters hold only provisional appointments. It is intended soon to submit to the District Commissioner the names of those Officials whose confirmation in appointment is to be recommended.

A Nominal Roll of Officials and Groups accompanied my Mount Hagen Patrol Report No. 5 of 1956/57.

### ROADS AND BRIDGES

Movement in the JIMI headwaters is accomplished entirely on foot. The patrol travelled along the graded patrol tracks which now link all census assembly points and are maintained under supervision to a satisfactory standard.

Bridges at all creek and river crossings are in satisfactory condition. These are log bridges, with the exception of two cane suspension bridges at the JIMI crossings between BUBULANGA and BULGILE and KUBURA and OLKA.



# EDUCATION AND MISSIONS

No school education is provided by the Administration in the area patrolled. The only Administration school in the JIMI is that established late 1957 at JIMI Patrol Post (TABIBUGA), where 35 students are enrolled, none from the JIMI headwaters.

In the vicinity of most census points there are native-run mission "schools", which are, in the main, ineffectual. These "schools" appear to receive little supervision from their WINGI-based European Mission supervisors. As far as I know, none is officially recognised by the Department of Education.

All of these "schools" appear to have trouble with truants, and many requests were made to the patrol that children be strongly urged to attend school regularly. However, in the light of the conduct of several of the teachers in the past, no official pressure was brought to bear on students. All were advised that attendance at such "schools" is a purely voluntary matter and one for the discretion of the parents concerned.

If the suggestion that an Administration Post be opened in the JIMI headwaters at KOL (land "KURAMEL-WAM") is acted upon, I feel that a Station School should be established at the outset.

## Missions:

Mission interest in the JIMI Valley has always been keen.

Up until now the aspirations of European Missionaries to operate freely in the JIMI have been discouraged, but recently favourable consideration has been given by the District Commissioner to Mission requests that approval be given for the establishment of European-manned Stations in the Upper JIMI and headwaters.

The missions involved in these proposals are the Lutheran and Roman Catholic.

1. Lutheran Mission: According to the latest advice received, the Lutheran Mission proposes to establish a Station in the Upper JIMI, probably at "GOBO" near DUMBING (MANS), under supervision of Rev. Junker of KEROWAGI - (the District Commissioner's 34-B-54 (55) (2/1)/3615 of 9.4.58 refers).

By direction of the District Commissioner (a/m memo refers), land investigations were conducted into two parcels of "GOBO" land with a view to the possible alienation of the land and the granting of Mission and Special Leases (Land Investigation Report references 34-B-54/66 and 34-B-55/7 of 18.5.58).

Following submission of the Reports to the District Commissioner discussions were held in June with the interested Mission parties. Nothing definite came out of the discussions, but the impression was gained that Mission interest in "GOBO" had perhaps waned, and that the Mission might transfer its attention to the area about TABIBUGA. The further advice of the District Commissioner and the Mission is awaited in this regard.

2. The Roman Catholic Mission: Advice (under date 25.5.58) was received from a Father Joseph E. McDermott of the Catholic Mission at KEROWAGI that he had been posted to the JIMI Valley, there to establish a European-manned Station. It appears to be Father McDermott's intention to settle in the JIMI headwaters, probably in the vicinity of MONGGUM, where he is interested in what he regards as a possible airstrip site (land name "KINDEI") - ref. comments in this Report Summary under heading "Possible Airstrip Sites".



Missions - concluded:

Father McDermott has also intimated his desire to obtain "ten small mission leases" for the Catholic Mission in the JIMI headwaters. He has been advised (my 2/1 (32/4) - 71 of 27.5.58 - copy to the District Commissioner) of the procedure to be followed if his Mission wants to establish land rights in the JIMI. To date, no further advice has been received from Fr McDermott.

Catholic Mission Trading Activities in the JIMI Headwaters -- Operation of Unauthorised Trade Stores:

- a. On Monday, May 6/1958, in the course of the patrol's stay at KOL in the JIMI headwaters, it was found that a trade store was being operated at KOL by the native MARANK of KEROWAGI on behalf of the Roman Catholic Mission at KEROWAGI.

The set-up was investigated, premises inspected, inventory and prices checked, system of sales examined, etc., etc..

Items bought at the store from the native store-keeper on May 4 by a constable accompanying the patrol were forwarded the District Commissioner under cover by separate report on the matter - JIMI reference 23/1 (32/4) - 70 of 27.5.58.

As far as I know, no Licences, Leases or Permits in respect of this store have been applied for or issued, and it would appear that the Catholic Mission is operating here on an unauthorised and un-licensed footing.

- b. On Wednesday, May 7/1958, a Catholic Mission trade store was found to be operating at KONGGUM, in the JIMI headwaters, on the same footing as that at KOL.

Action was taken at KONGGUM along the lines of action taken at KOL (outlined above) and the matter was dealt with in my 23/1 (32/4) - 70 of 27.5.58 to the District Commissioner.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

The native situation throughout the area patrolled is generally satisfactory. This can be attributed to the fair job being done by Group Officials and to the activities of "zone police" of the JIMI Detachment who operate on more or less standing patrol in the area, with bases at KAPAP, KOL and BURGILE.

1. A common and undesirable practice in the headwaters and the Upper JIMI is the awarding of exorbitant damages and compensation in the local settlement of disputes in "courts" presided over by Group Officials. Whilst every encouragement is given natives to settle locally disputes of minor importance, their quite unrealistic approach to the assessment of fair and reasonable compensation is to be deplored. The ill-effects bound to accrue from the practice have been explained to all in the simplest terms, but the matter still requires constant and close attention. The essence of the matter is undoubtedly the abuse of the authority and trust placed in Group Officials, who have been told in plain terms that their actions, if persisted in, will lead to the taking of disciplinary measures.



Native Affairs (continued)

2. Dispute between the NGEMPIKA Sub-group of Laluai KAMAN of MAGIN and the KIBINGA Sub-group of Laluai OGUN of OLMA

A great deal of ill-feeling was found to have arisen between the NGEMPIKA Sub-group of Laluai KAMAN of MAGIN and the KIBINGA Sub-group of Laluai OGUN of OLMA. This was an aftermath of the unlawful killing in 1957 of a true NGEMPIKA-born man of MAGIN (named MONTIS) by a KIBINGA-adopted but KIBINGA-born man (JERUWIE). Police action had been taken on the killing, as a result of which the accused JERUWIE was sentenced in Supreme Court in 1957 to a term of imprisonment. However, the NGEMPIKA relatives of the deceased MONTIS felt that this action was insufficient to compensate for the loss of the highly esteemed MONTIS, who had been a man of some moment in the Group. Prolonged discussion on the desirability of compensation and heart-balm and apparently taken within the NGEMPIKA Group, but none had yet been forthcoming from KIBINGA natives at the time of the patrol's visits to OLMA and MAGIN, whose feeling was found to be running high.

An assembly was arranged of all those involved in the matter, and it was agreed that the handing-over of handsome compensation by the KIBINGA Sub-group of OGUN to the NGEMPIKA Sub-group of KAMAN would be a fitting gesture, and calculated to assuage the righteously indignant NGEMPIKA relatives of MONTIS.

Accordingly, the collection and exchange of gifts was arranged and allowed to take place in the presence of a detachment from the patrol. The exchange was effected in an orderly and gracious manner and, at latest reports, NGEMPIKA - KIBINGA relations had improved considerably.

Throughout the patrol, opportunity was taken to address all assemblies of natives on the position with regard to alienation of native-owned land.

Until recently, the situation had not arisen where JIMI natives would be asked to make land available for alienation. Now, however, with the Lutheran Mission and the Catholic Mission and the occasional planter showing interest in the area, the JIMI people are finding themselves faced with the prospect of resisting the blandishments of interested European land-seekers; and like all un-sophisticated natives in such situations with a history of very restricted European contact, the JIMI people are too ready to be swayed.

In addresses it was made clear to all natives that:

- a) All JIMI land is still native-owned and will remain native-owned until formal transfer is effected through the Administration.
- b) The Administration alone can handle the land deals that might have to be handled in the JIMI.
- c) Permissive occupancy by Europeans or European-sponsored bodies in no way amounts to establishment of land rights.
- d) Approaches made by Europeans to landowners must be recognized for what they are. The carrying of negotiations beyond the "approach" stage is a matter for the Administration. The European land-seeker may concern himself only with observation and preference and selection.
- e) Willingness and ability to sell or withhold from sale are matters which concern the native landowners and the Administration's Investigating Officer. No unfair pressure to sell can be brought to bear.

These matters were explained in plain terms, with no bias one way or the other. The explanations were timely. It had become perfectly obvious that interested Europeans, mainly the Missions, were over



Native Affairs (concluded):

had either deliberately misled, or conveniently omitted to disclose, JIMI natives on the score of acquisition of land rights, availability of land for alienation, etc., etc..

4. Migration of WOMEN Group from KOL to the WANGI

In 1957, a report had been received that the WOMEN Group of KOL, numbering 27 and assembling under the KOL Paltul KUSUL (bracketed) from the much larger WANGI-resident main WOMEN Group) proposed migrating en masse to the WANGI.

Discussion at KOL with the WOMEN and WANGI people indicated that the migration proposal had come, not from the WOMEN people of KOL, but from the main WOMEN Group in the WANGI, who were no doubt interested in acquiring the 27 WOMEN people of KOL as assistant roadworkers in the WANGI.

The WOMEN people of KOL made it clear that they were not interested in migrating to the WANGI, that they had long been satisfactorily settled in the KOL area, and that they intend to remain there. The very large PARA Group (c/- KOL) approved this proposal, and there the matter rests.

5. In accordance with the wish expressed by the KONGULEA Group which assembles there, consideration is to be given to changing the name of the census ground "KOL", where 494 natives of the sub-groups TABIA, NGONDUGA and BAMBEGA assemble under Paltul WEKA, KINGAULI and KORTU. It is perhaps not a matter of great importance, but reasons for a change in the census ground name are sound:

a) To avoid confusion with the census ground "KOL" of the PARA Group on the WANGI River. The names are too similar-sounding for comfort.

b) The people of "KOL" resent the term "small KOL", often used for clarity. To counter their embarrassment at the use of the term, they tend to impoverish themselves in order to impress patrols with great quantities of livestock and food simply in order to "keep face".

No new name has yet been settled on; when a decision is reached, District Headquarters will be advised so that maps, etc. held can be amended.



# MEDICAL AND HEALTH

No Orderly accompanied the patrol.

In the area patrolled there are Administration Aid Posts at KOL, MONGGUM, BUBULSANGA and KUBURA; and, since the patrol was completed, an Orderly has been despatched from KEROWAGI (Eastern Highlands District) to set up an Aid Post at BUBGILE.

KOL, MONGGUM, BUBULSANGA and BUBGILE are staffed with KEROWAGI-supervised Orderlies; KUBURA is staffed with a MINJ-supervised Orderly; TABIEUGA (JIMI Patrol Post), from which the patrol was conducted, is staffed with HAGEN-supervised Orderlies.

Despite recommendations by the District Commissioner (page 4 - "Medical and Health" - of the District Commissioner's 30/1-1571 of 11.3.57 - Comments on Hagen Patrol Report 2-57/57) and comments submitted by E.M.A. Mr Geo. Mythe in his Hagen Medical Patrol Report H.9 of 30.1.58 (Upper JIMI), it appears that no positive action has yet been taken to implement the proposal to achieve some measure of co-ordination and unified control in administration of JIMI Aid Posts. The hitherto unsatisfactory situation (disjointed administration from HAGEN and MINJ and KEROWAGI) still obtains, with its attendant bad effects: Orderlies continue to receive their monthly gratuities for a week's work at their Aid Posts, a week's leisurely travel to Base Hospital (HAGEN, MINJ or KEROWAGI), a week at Base Hospital, and a week's leisurely travel back to their Aid Posts; the overall picture of the native health situation in the JIMI is incomplete. I have part, MINJ has part, HAGEN has part, and KEROWAGI has part, but not one of us has the complete picture.

I have made it clear on a number of occasions that I am prepared to take over the responsibility of distribution of drugs, collation of Reports, etc.. The next move would appear to be up to the Department of Public Health.



13

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

The position remains unchanged from that which obtained at the time of submission of earlier Reports.

The usual native foods are grown for consumption. Owing to the distance of the only market for their produce (JIMI Patrol Post), sales of food are seldom effected except during the operation of patrols in the headwaters. The position may change a little now, with the Missions' decisions to open Stations in the JIMI: the Catholic Mission in the headwaters, and the Lutheran Mission probably at "GOBO", near WIMBINING.

From my own observation, and in agreement with the view of the then Acting District Agricultural Officer, Mr. W. Wasilewski, who patrolled part of the headwaters in February 1958, it is felt that the economic prospects of the JIMI headwaters are not bright. Peanuts would appear to be the best proposition as a cash crop, and perhaps passionfruit. Peanuts are grown in the JIMI, but the strain is not impressive. Arrangements have been made with the District Agricultural Officer, Mr G. Angell, for supply at an early date of a good quantity of quality nuts for distribution.

Coffee-Growing - European:

There are no European plantations in the area. A WANGI planter, Mr A. Corby, had at one time contemplated establishing himself in the JIMI at "KOSE", near OLNA. However, on investigation of the land which he sought, it was found that owners were not willing to sell, so negotiations were broken-off.

In any case, it is considered that nowhere in the Upper JIMI is there land available that could be alienated, without detriment to native interests, as economic areas for the establishment of European coffee plantations. Throughout the Upper JIMI reasonably sloped ground is hard to come by. This opinion has been expressed by a competent observer that not more than one per cent of the land about OLNA (and that goes for most of the Upper JIMI) could support permanent agriculture.

All things considered, I should say it is very unlikely that the Upper JIMI will ever support more than a couple of European planters; and their advent is surely a matter for conjecture.

Coffee-Growing - Native:

The Acting District Agricultural Officer in his Report on his January-February, 1958 patrol of the Upper JIMI to assess the economic potential of the area stated that, in his opinion, native coffee-growing should not be approved or considered in the Upper JIMI generally. He made an exception in the case of the area about the MAI River near WIMBINING, where plots of well-established native-mission-grown coffee have come up well in good soil along the River near the main patrol road. This venture was regarded by the A/DIAO as a useful experiment, provided some attention could be given to the coffee by the occasional patrol - thinning, inspecting, etc..

A further exception to the "no native coffee" pattern in the Upper JIMI and headwaters might be made in respect of the area about KOL. Here there is a fair extent of rolling grassland and shelves and terraces of gentle slope which would appear to lend themselves to coffee-growing. The introduction of native coffee-growing in that area is a proposal that might well be considered if, as is to be recommended to the District Commissioner, the "KURAMBEL-WAN" land near KOL is acquired for establishment of an Administration Post (ref. relevant headings in this Report Summary), and subject to favourable soil survey. In the event of the establishment of an Administration Post nearby, the European supervision would be available that would be necessary for the success of the venture, arrangement of markets, etc.. The matter is discussed at some length in my 34/2/1-76 of 30.5.58 to the District Commissioner.



DESIRABILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN ADMINISTRATION POST  
IN THE JIMI HEADWATERS

By direction of the District Commissioner (para. (d) on page 2 of the District Commissioner's 34-B-54(55)(2/11/3815 of 9.4.38 ref-ers) the desirability of establishing an Administration Post in the JIMI headwaters is considered in the light of information already held and further information gained in the course of this patrol.

All factors considered, I suggest that the establishment of an Administration Post in the JIMI headwaters is desirable; and that the ideal site for such a Post is "KURAMEL-WAN", near KOL.

Comments in support of this recommendation are given below; the comments should be read with reference to the patrol sketch which accompanies this Patrol Report.

Definition of Terms Used:

In this discussion, the term "JIMI Headwaters" will be used to describe that area of the JIMI Valley from MONGGUK down (west) to OLNA and BUBULSANGA (ref. Sketch Map accompanying this Patrol Report). Approximate population of the area: 7500.

The term "Upper JIMI" will be used to describe that area from BUBULSANGA-OLNA down to and beyond the TSAN and KARAMP Rivers. Approximate population of the area: 6000.

The term "North Wall Upper JIMI" will be used to describe the MOGINI-to-BEKAPAI area north of the River JIMI. Approximate population of the area: 4000 under census, and maybe 2000-3000 yet uncontacted.

The term "Middle JIMI" will be used to describe the area about the GANZ River and west of it. Approximate population of the area: 1000 under census.

Present System of Administration of the JIMI:

At present, the JIMI Valley (the JIMI headwaters, the Upper JIMI, the North Wall and the Middle JIMI down to the GANZ River area) is administered from the JIMI Patrol Post at TABIBUGA as part of the Mount Hagen Sub-district.

Though the area is now serviced with fair-graded patrol tracks, effective coverage of the area (wherein movement is entirely on foot, and supporting a total population of about 18,500 now under census and perhaps 2000-3000 in the Bismarcks still to be contacted) takes a good three months of steady movement; effective, unhurried patrolling of the area would occupy a period in excess of three months. It is felt that, no matter how energetic the Officer stationed at TABIBUGA, contact with the headwaters people is neither as effective nor as frequent as might be desired.

The solution to the problem, if a problem is recognized to exist, lies in the establishment of a second Administration Post in the JIMI headwaters.

Site Suggested for an Administration Post in the Headwaters:

Site suggested: KOL (land name "KURAMEL-WAN") in the JIMI headwaters where an area of about 35 acres has been investigated with a view



to its possible acquisition as a Station site (my 34-30/64 of 17.5.58 refers).

Type of Post Suggested: Native Hospital - ref. page 4 of HAGEN memo, 20/1-1571 of 11.3.57 (the District Commissioner's Comments on HAGEN Patrol Report No. 5 of 1956/57).

Staff Suggested: An experienced European Medical Assistant; and, if available, a Patrol Officer or Cadet Patrol Officer.

Advantages of the KOL ("KURAMEL-WAM") Site: About 85 acres of generally fair ground - building sites, gardening and grazing land, airstrip site (potential of 2000' x 250', with slope of plus about 3 degrees), water, hydro-electric potential, concentration of population and ready availability of local labour.

Alternative Sites to KOL: Must be considered in the light of situation for effective administration and land availability and the natural advantages above-listed. In these respects, KOL is far ahead of any other site that might be considered in the headwaters.

My views on "GORO" (near DJIMBING) are given in this Report Summary under headings "Land Investigations" and "Possible Airstrip Sites" and in my Land Investigation Reports 34-E-54(55)/56(65) of 18.5.58, submitted to the District Commissioner.

My views on "JEMO" (near BUDGILL) and "KINDI" (near MONGGUM) are given under heading "Possible Airstrip Sites".

#### Suggested Role of KOL as an Administration Post:

To serve the headwaters people as a Native Hospital. The headwaters population is about 7500.

The presence in the KOL area of an European-staffed Administration Post would help to counter Mission influence already strong among certain Groups and likely to increase to a not altogether desirable degree with the advent to the headwaters of European Missions of Lutheran and Catholic denominations.

#### Suggested Role of TABUGA:

To continue in its present role as the JIMI Patrol Post.

From TABUGA the 6000 people of the Upper JIMI can be centrally administered, with the most distant within a long day's walk of the Post; the 4000 censused natives of the North Wall Upper JIMI can be conveniently administered, with the most distant within 1½-2 days' walk; and of the 1000-odd people of the Middle JIMI the most distant are within two days' walk. Thus, in all, a population of 11,000 under census can be administered with reasonable ease from TABUGA.

TABUGA itself is 1½-2 days' walk from KOL.

A Post below TABUGA in the lightly populated region of the GANE River is not warranted in the present stage of development of the JIMI; nor would such a Post be justified without attendant development of the area by European interests.

Purely in the interests of native administration the establishment of a Post among the Groups on the North Wall Upper JIMI might be considered. From such a Post effective and relatively constant contact could be maintained with the North Wall Groups under census (population about 4000) and the yet un-contacted Groups back in the Bismarcks (numbering, at a guess, perhaps 2000).



The District Commissioner recalls, from his July/1956 patrol of the JIMI, a possible airstrip site in the vicinity of KARENG. I do not myself recall the site in detail, though I have patrolled the area on a number of occasions. The site will receive close inspection at an early date.

The usefulness of a Station at KARENG would, however, be limited. I should say that, if a move were made to establish a Station on the North Wall, a better proposition than KARENG would be a site further west, maybe beyond KCHAPAI, from which a more extensive area could be centrally administered. I have patrolled in that area, but can at the moment suggest no suitable site there. But that is not to say that a site does not exist.

Earlier in this discussion, brief mention was made of the advantages of the "WAPU" site near BUSTLE to effect coverage and penetration of the North Wall Upper JIMI and Bismarcks. The site has its points, but there would be no good reason to develop it as an Administration Post if action is taken with regard to "EURAKEL-WAN" (near KOL). Most of what could be achieved from "WAPU" could be achieved also from KOL, which is no great distance away.

In any event, we are limited to working with the resources available and to planning with an eye on the limits likely to be imposed by probable Field Staff establishment. For that reason, and for others mentioned above, I suggest that the interest and effort of the Administration should be concentrated on the further development of the JIMI Patrol Post at TABIRUGA and its 'strip site and on the establishment of a second (headwaters) Post at "EURAKEL-WAN" (KOL).



(B.P. GRIPPIN) Patrol Officer



To accompany Patrol Report  
JIMI No. 2 - 1957/58

REPORT ON POLICE ACCOMPANYING PATROL

<u>Reg. No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Conduct</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1.89	AFUEI	Lance Corporal 2nd year	Good	Reliable and efficient. Maintains firm discipline.
6820	NANO	Constable 10th year	Satisfactory	Average constable. Inclined to be too diffi- dent in dealings with people in general.
9873	PAWAPUTUKU	Constable 2nd year	Satisfactory	Fair only. Lacks enthusiasm and initiative.
9366	WATAKI	Constable 3rd year	Satisfactory	Fair all-rounders. Far from impressive in appearance.
9319	BIGL	Constable 3rd year	Satisfactory	Average performer. Needs supervision.
8258	KORIPWA	Constable 7th year	Satisfactory	Average performer.

Forms 1 in respect of all members accompanying patrol completed  
and forwarded Police Headquarters.

