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GULF DISTRICT

PATROL REPORTS

1970-1971

KAINTIBA

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
1-70-71	R.S.COLES	Swanson -Ivori Census Divisio
2-70-71	N.C.McQUILTY	Hamdei (part) Census Division
3-70-71	N.C.McQUILTY	Wenta Census Division , Hangoi (Part) C/C.
4-70-71	R.S.COLES	We'abi and Wenta C.D.
5-70-71	R.J.PERCY	Hamdei (part) Census Division
6-70-71	R.J.PERCY	Hamdei (part) Census Division
7-70-71	R.J.PERCY	Hamdei Census Division (Part)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Gulf Report No. 1 Kaintiba 1/70/71

Patrol Conducted by R. S. Cole Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Swainson - Wawa Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil
Const. 1/3 Umasi Const. Igo Interpreter Tom
Natives Const. Rick Medical Orderly Morito " Lemani

Duration—From 3/10/1970 to 11/11/1970

Number of Days 35 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? Yes

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 1/3/1970

Medical 10/1969

Map Reference Fourmil Wau and attached patrol map.

Objects of Patrol Census and contact new people, Police Investigations,
locate walking track route, check on road construction Wenna Valley

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$.....
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund \$.....
Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund
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KJH:LB

67-2-30

KONEDOBU....PAFUA.

29th March, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

KAINTIBA PATROL NO.1 OF 1970/1971

Your reference 67/7/48/916 of 23rd February, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census Report by Mr. R.S. COLES of SWANSON IVORI Census Division.

Mr. Coles has submitted an interesting report of a primitive area. As the Assistant District Commissioner states, we can do little else here apart from maintaining law and order and providing medical and educational services.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary

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Sub-District Office,
KEREMA, GULF DISTRICT.

25 January, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

KAINTEBA P.R. NO. 1-70/71

Please find attached three copies of the report and three copies of my comments on it.

2. I note that the Report had no comments by the Officer in Charge at Kaintiba. Mr. McQuilty was on patrol when the report was being compiled; he returned to the station two days before Christmas and then departed on Special Leave. Rather than delay the report still further waiting for his return, Mr. Coles onforwarded it.

3. The note accompanying the Report was dated 29 th December, 1970 but it was not received here until the 22nd January, 1971. I noted, during my inspection of Kaintiba from 12 January to 15th January, 1971, that the Report had left that Station. Where it has been in the meantime is known but to God - and Aerial Tours. This appears to be yet another example of that Company's "couldn't give a damn attitude" to Her Majesty's mail. You are aware of further examples.

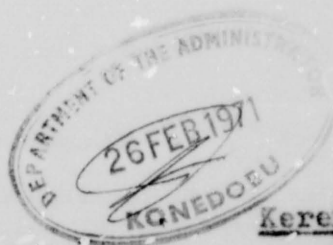
4. As I stated in my comments to the Officer in Charge, there is little we can do for this area beyond maintaining law and order and medical services.



J.B. QUINN
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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DH/GS

Kerema, Gulf District.

23rd February, 1971.

Assistant District Commissioner,
KEREMA.

Kaintiba Patrol Report No. 1 of 1970/71
IVORI - SWANSON Census Division by
Mr. R. S. Coles - P.O.

The abovementioned report together with your comments are to hand.

The report is self explanatory and calls for no special comment other than those made by you.

The difference in population of 22 is high for such a small census but in view of the difficulties in censusing these people or even contacting them for that matter, it can be overlooked this time. Perhaps some of the people censused for WOMAKAIWA still have names in other villages in the area, thus accounting for the difference. However, Mr. Coles should balance his census, village by village, with the previous census whilst on patrol in which case no errors need occur. Ensure that he does so in future.

In spite of the fact that it is now three weeks since you wrote your comments to the Officer-in-Charge Kaintiba, I still have not received his Camping Allowance claim. Please have him submit it immediately. I am getting tired of Mr. Cole's casualness in such matters.

Appendix B is the Patrol Map. (Your paragraph (1) refers).

(1) Village of ...

of interest to future patrols.

(2) ...

There is no village named ... in the ... Census Division. The proposed ... will shortly be leaving for ... I will recommend that ...

R.S. BELL.
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

The Secretary,
Department of Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

The abovementioned report, together with comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Kerema, is forwarded yours herewith in duplicate.

Please have the newly contacted village of WOMAKAIWA added to the list of names in the Village Register.

R.S. Bell
R.S. BELL.
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. Officer-in-Charge, Kaintiba.

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Sub-District Office,
KEREMA, GULF DISTRICT.

26 January, 1971.

The Officer in Charge,
KAINCIBA Patrol Post,
Gulf District.

COMMENTS - KAINCIBA P.R. 1-70/71

Your ICM (67-1-1) dated 21st December, 1970 and the above report refer.

2. Comments I wish to make are as follows:-

(a) Political - Sect. 7

It seems that we are slowly regaining the confidence of these people.

(b) Political - Sect. 11 & 12

Your policy of trying to get these people to inspect and check on the great, big world outside their present restricted environment should be continued and expanded.

(c) Village Officials - Sect. 14

Do not forget to bring these officials in for your training course at Kaintiba.

(d) Village - Sect. 16-26

Of interest to future patrols.

(e) Administration of WOMAKAIWA Village - Sect. 27, 28, 29

There is no village known as PALAIA in the Kaberope Census Division. The supposed V.C. has not come near this office to date; a patrol will shortly be leaving for our Kaberope road-camp and I will ask the patrolling officer to send out word for the alleged V.C. and find out his intentions. I will recommend that WOMAKAIWA be added to the Ivori-Swanson census register.

(f) Roads and Bridges - Sect. 35

\$100 of R.D.F. money has been approved for 1971/72 for purchase of spades, picks and axes for this work.

(g) Law & Order - Sect. 44

Please incorporate, in your next instructions for a patrol to this area, a request that the patrolling officer check with these IOKUA men.

(h) Law & Order - Sect. 45

I was pleased to note this section. The people should, as a result of this patrol, be getting the idea that the Administration is something more than a punitive power.

(i) Census - Sect. 46

Just before Christmas, the V.C. of WAGI came in to see me to ask that he and his people be not expelled from the Paradise of Kerema to the outer darkness of Kaintiba. I explained to him that he would receive more attention from Kaintiba as it was easier for patrolling officers to go into his area from that station; he appeared to be reassured.

(j) Census - Sect. 49

I agree that any natural increase figure would have little meaning until we have contacted and censused all these people.

(k) Appendix 'A'

census figures have been checked and found correct.

However, I make the male M/1 total 144 instead of 141. This may simply be a typing error; could Mr. Coles recheck his original figures and advise the correct total by telegram.

You could ask Mr. Coles to remember to put on the back of the Register the figures required by the Departmental Head, i.e. last years figure and births + migrations in - deaths and - migrations out. The figure thus obtained should be in agreement with the Grand Total figure on the front. I have worked it out as 1147, which gives a difference of 22 from the figure on the front. Part of the difference may be in the M/1 total but, in any case, the slight discrepancy is acceptable for an area such as this.

(l) Appendix 'B'

What and where is it.

(m) Appendix 'C'

Please advise when Father Blake returns so that a coronial enquiry can be held.

From my discussions with you and Mr. Coles on this matter, there appears to be no truth in the allegation; but it would be best to settle the matter in a formal manner. Depending on the result, charges under the Native Regulations (spreading false reports, etc) could well be laid.

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(n) Appendix 'D'

Noted.

3. No Claim for Camping Allowance was attached.
Isn't Mr. Coles interested in money?
4. Mr. Coles has submitted another good, well-written Report.
5. We seem to be slowly improving the Administration 'image' in this very neglected area. There is very little we can do for these people beyond maintaining law and order and ensuring that medical assistance is given where necessary.



J.S. QUINN
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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

Department of District Administration,

Patrol Post,
KAINTIBA.

8th October, 1970

Mr. R.S. Coles, P.O.,
Patrol Post,
KAINTIBA.

Dear Roger,

Kaintiba Special Patrol No. 1-1970/71
Ivori/Swanson Census Division

As already discussed with you please mount a patrol to the Ivori/Swanson area this week.

You will be accompanied by Patrol Interpreters Tom and Lemani, Policemen Const 1/C Winasi 0773, Maia 1433 and Constable Rick 2099 and as many carriers as is required.

Basically the object of the patrol is a follow up of Kaintiba Patrol No. 45-1969/70:

1. Make contact with as many new people as is possible and enter them on the census register. As a result of these new names it will be necessary to submit revised census statistics.
2. You will not be required to submit an Area Study but the present one is to be updated and added to.
3. Take follow up action concerning the two incidents reported in the above referred to Report. These are the absenteeism of the K'mo'o Village Councillor (para. 14 of Situation Report) and the assault by the Bu'u Village Councillor (para. 44 of Situation Report). It was reported recently that the K'mo'o Cr. has returned to the area - his excuse for being absent during the last patrol was that he did not feel like meeting the patrol. A rather stern talk is required.
4. Please make a complete investigation into the incident reported in Kaintiba Patrol Report No. 19-1969/70 Appendix 'A'. Your best line of approach would be the informant Fr. J. Besson from the Catholic Mission Kanabea and several other witnesses from the Kanabea area. Then approach the people concerned in the Ivori/Swanson and explain it at length that this incident had nothing whatever to do with the Administration and get them to come to the Kanabea area to lay a charge against those responsible. It is imperative that something constructive is done to give these people some confidence in the Administration.
5. You will also have to visit the extra villages that have been transferred from the Kaberope C/D to this division. See the A.D.C's KS.14-1-1/67-2-4 of the 12/8/70 and attached census statistics.
6. Try to find a suitable route for a graded walking track from the Wenna Valley into this area. Although we do not envisage this as a vehicular road at this stage it could

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be possible in the future so the walking track should be along a route that can be converted in the future.

7. I suggest that when you have all these people together for the census you put them to work building rest houses for the patrols. This will not only get them working together as a unit and give them a focal point for a village but also give you ample opportunity to have informal discussions with them.

You will take .503 ammunition with you. This is only to be issued and used under your direct supervision. The security and welfare of every member of the patrol is in your hands. Night guards are to be mounted at your discretion.

On your way back from the Ivori/Swanson, if you return via the south, you are to spend several days in the Wenna valley checking on road progress.

I wish you a pleasant patrol.

Yours faithfully,

N.C. McQuilty

(N.C. McQuilty)
Assistant District Officer.

Patrol Diary 1970.Thursday 8th October.

Patrol departed Kaintiba 10 am for Uyahawa hamlet, arriving 2.30 pm in heavy rain.

Meet A.D.C Mr Quinn at Uyahawa. Talks with him re. current patrol. Fresh foods purchased for carriers. Overnight Uyahawa.

Friday 9th October.

Departed Uyahawa 7.30am, self arrived Kanabea 2 pm - again in heavy rain. Talks with priests at Kanabea re airstrip. Carriers arrived between 4 and 5 pm. Food purchased for carriers at Kwambea. Self overnight at Kanabea.

Saturday 10th October.

To Yandati village - 1½ hours walk. Talks with villagers. Inspection of progress on road construction. Food purchased for carriers. Kaintiba carriers paid off. Overnight Yandati.

Sunday 11th October.

Observed at Yandati. Preliminary investigation into death of child from Iwambu village. Overnight Yandati.

Monday 12th October.

To Paina village inspecting progress on road construction in the Kotombaiwa, Meiware and Trikamina areas en route. 4 hrs walking time. Food purchased for carriers. Talks with villagers re. road construction. Overnight Paina.

Tuesday 13th October.

To Ukuamina village inspecting road construction en route in the Hawakabia, Ivandu and Mutua areas. Walking time approx 4 hours. Fresh foods purchased for carriers. Talks with villagers re. road work. Overnight Ukuamina.

Wednesday 14th October.

At Ukuamina locating Maiwckatauwa's, Merapo's and Ikoaki's who had left the road work and gone bush. Supervising road construction during the day. Overnight Ukuamina.

Thursday 15th October.

To Hawakabia village - 2 hrs walk. Unable to proceed further as Wenna River in flood. Camp set up at Hawakabia. Villagers sent ahead to construct bridge over Wenna River. Fresh foods purchased for carriers. Heavy rain all day. Overnight Hawakabia.

Friday 16th October.

Departed for Yandati in heavy rain at 8.30 am. Self arrived Yandati 4pm. About half of the carriers arrived before the bridge was washed away at 5.30 pm. The remainder had to sleep on the east bank of the Wenna River. Fresh food purchased for carriers. Overnight Yandati.

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/Patrol Diary cont.Saturday 17th October.

3 local court cases heard at Yandati. 2 minor land disputes also settled amicably. Talks with local people.
Overnight Yandati.

Sunday 18th October.

To Kwambega with Constable Rick and Patrol Interpreter Tom to investigate the death of a child from Iwambu. Overnight Kwambega.

Monday 19th October.

Working on Kanabea airstrip with labourers while waiting for witnesses to arrive for police investigation. Investigation commenced during the afternoon. Tea at Kanabea. Overnight Kwambega.

Tuesday 20th October.

Police investigation continued into the death of the child. Several minor land disputes also settled at Kwambega. To Meiwari checking on road construction en route. 3½ hours walking time.
Food purchased for carriers.
Overnight Meiwari.

Wednesday 21st October.

Bridge built across the Wenna River. To Womakaiwa about 1½ hours walking time. Parties sent out to locate villagers.
Fresh food purchased for carriers during the afternoon.
Overnight Womakaiwa.

Thursday 22nd October.

Initial census at Womakaiwa. Talks with village people on law and order and the aims of the administration. Several minor disputes settled.
Fresh foods purchased for carriers.
Overnight Womakaiwa.

Friday 23rd October.

To Tamdakengo, 3½ hours hard walk. Carriers took up to 6 hours.
Walking track cleared and reasonably wide but very steep in sections.
Talks with Village Constable and arrangements made for the census tomorrow.
Fresh foods purchased for carriers.
Overnight Tamdakengo.

Saturday 24th October.

Census at Tamdakengo. Talks with villagers re law and order and the aims of the administration. Ivory River in flood, villagers and carriers sent to make a bridge during the afternoon.
Fresh foods purchased for carriers.
Overnight Tamdakengo.

Sunday 25th October.

To Wagi, about 2 hours walking time; carriers an extra half hour.
Talks with village constable and arrangements made for the census tomorrow.
Fresh foods purchased for carriers.
Overnight Wagi.

Monday 26th October.

Census revised for Wagi and Ababia.
Talks with villagers re. law and order and aims of administration etc.
Two minor disputes heard during the afternoon.
Fresh foods purchased for carriers.
Overnight Wagi.

Patrol Diary cont.Tuesday 27th October.

To Famba, about 3 hours walking time.
 All villagers waiting for the patrol at the rest house.
 Census revised during the afternoon.
 Talks given on law and order and the aims of the administration.
 First aid given by the medical orderly.
 Fresh foods purchased for carriers.
 Overnight Famba.

Wednesday 28th October.

To Pio in heavy rain. 5 hours walking time; up to 7 hours for the carriers.
 Talks with village councillor and arrangements made for the census on the morrow. Fresh foods purchased for carriers.
 Overnight Pio.

Thursday 29th October.

Census revised at Pio, a very good roll up.
 Talks given on law and order and aims of the administration.
 Medical treatment given to villagers by orderly.
 Located 2 men who had escaped from the last Kerema patrol.
 Several minor disputes settled.
 Overnight Pio.

Friday 30th October.

To Iokua about 2½ hours walking time.
 Located the Village Constable near the rest house and made arrangements for the census.
 Fresh foods purchased for carriers.
 Overnight Iokua.

Saturday 31st October.

Census revision for the 30 odd people who turned up.
 Talks given on law and order etc.
 Medical treatment given by Hospital Orderly.
 Search parties sent to locate the rest of the Iokua's.
 Fresh food purchased for carriers.
 Overnight Iokua.

Sunday 1st November.

60 odd people attended the census revision, most of them located yesterday by search parties. Talks given on law and order and aims of administration.
 Medical treatment given by Hospital Orderly.
 Talks with V.C and village men. One pig purchased for patrol personnel.
 Fresh foods purchased for carriers.
 Overnight Iokua.

Monday 2nd November.

Departed Iokua 0800 for Kamo'o, arriving 11.30am. Area deserted.
 parties sent out along both sides of the Swanson River to locate the locals. By 4 pm neither party had located a soul. Patrol continued to Menu arriving 6 pm.
 Fresh foods purchased for carriers.
 Overnight Menu.

Tuesday 3rd November.

Census revision at Menu. A number of new names added to the roll.
 Talks given re. law and order and aims of the administration.
 Medical treatment given by Hospital Orderly.
 Fresh foods purchased for carriers. one marriage dispute heard.
 Overnight Menu.

Patrol Diary cont.Wednesday 4th November.

A few additional names added to the census roll.
 Patrol departed for Bu'u on Whiteslip Mt.
 Walking time 3½ hours, carriers upto 5 hours.
 Talks with village councillor; arrangements made for the census tomorrow.
 Fresh foods purchased for carriers.
 Overnight Bu'u.

Thursday 5th November.

Census revised at Bu'u.
 Talks with village people re. law and order and aims of the administration.
 Several minor disputes settled.
 Fresh foods purchased for carriers.
 Overnight Bu'u.

Friday 6th November.

Bu'u to Iokua, 4½ hours walking time over rough bush track.
 Councillor from Kōmo'o and a few men from his area arrived during the afternoon. Kōmo'o names checked on census roll. Talks with Kōmo'o men.
 One marriage dispute settled.
 Fresh foods purchased for carriers.
 Overnight Iokua.

Saturday 7th November.

Iokua to Famba, 8 hours hard walking over rough track.
 Food purchased at Famba for carriers. Talks with villagers.
 Overnight Famba.

Sunday 8th November.

To Anea, 5 hours walking time from Famba.
 Talks with councillor and arrangements made for the census tomorrow.
 Fresh foods purchased for carriers.
 Overnight Anea.

Monday 9th November.

Census revised at Anea.
 Talks with local people re. law and order and aims of the administration.
 Medical treatment given by Hospital Orderly.
 Fresh foods purchased for carriers.
 Overnight Anea.

Tuesday 10th November.

To Kanabea, carriers to Iwambu. 7-7 hours walking time.
 Talks with priests re airstrip and road construction.
 Overnight Kanabea.

Wednesday 11th November.

Departed Kanabea 0800 arriving Kaiatiba 1530 - 7 hours walking time.
 Carriers arrived during the evening.
 Patrol stood down.

Introduction.

1. The area patrolled is situated between the Albert Divide and the Swanson River. The terrain is rugged, consisting of steep spurs and valleys ranging in height from 2000 to 6000 feet above sea-level. Most of the walking tracks are little more than animal pads, following creek beds and fallen logs through the bush. Thus travelling through the area is difficult and slow.

Introduction cont.

2. The predominant vegetation is tropical rain forest, which covers most of the area not being used for gardens. Red clay-type soil is common throughout the area. This soil has proved suitable for most native vegetables and food crops. The annual rainfall is estimated to be between 180 and 200 inches per year. (no records kept.)

3. The only known pre-war patrol was led by Mr. Middleton in 1930/31. The first post war patrol was led by Mr. O Mathieson in 1951/52. Since then about a dozen patrols from Kerema, Kaintiba and Ihu have passed through the area. Most of these patrols were investigating murders, and thus had little success in gaining the confidence of the wary population.

4. The aims of this patrol were:-

- (1) To follow up outstanding matters from patrol no. 15 1969/70
- (2) Contact as many new people as possible and enter their names in the census roll
- (3) Visit and census the villages transferred from Kerema's Kaberope Census Division to the Swanson/Ivori.
- (4) Police investigations
- (5) Try to locate a suitable route for a graded walking track into the area.
- (6) General administration.

5. Census statistics, reports on patrol police, and claims for camping allowance are attached.

POLITICAL.Native Affairs.

6. Due to the rugged terrain of this area and its distance from an administration station, the Swanson and Ivori would be one of the least contacted areas in the territory. The majority of the population are still wary of administration patrols. At least part of this wariness would be due to the mistreatment given to these people by some members of former administration patrols and village officials from other areas.

7. This patrol contacted 337 not met on the last patrol and entered their names on the census roll. When the village officials from the Kamia speaking areas heard that the patrol was entering their area they made an effort to locate all the people living in their areas and bring them to the census points. Thus the census in these villages proved easier than expected. It is now estimated that there are no more than one hundred of the Kamia speakers to be contacted and censused in this area.

8. As in my last patrol to this area, difficulty was had in contacting the Kwini language group, particularly in the Ickua - K'mo'o - Menu area.

9. When the patrol arrived at the K'mo'o area it found the area deserted. Search parties along both sides of the Swanson River were unable to find anyone. Several days later the K'mo'o councillor and three of his men arrived at Iokua. They advised the patrol that the K'mo'o people had scattered south and west of the old campsite.

Native Affairs cont.

10. The patrol contacted 36 new people at Iokua and 58 new people at Menu. There remains an estimated 500 people from these two areas to be contacted and have their names entered in the census roll. While it is thought that a number of these people have met or seen previous patrols they apparently have no intention of doing so again. The other problem in contacting them is that they are scattered over such a large area of inhospitable country and keep moving each year.

11. A number of men from the Iokua-Pio area advised the patrol that they wished to work at Kaintiba. They carried the patrol's cargo into Kaintiba, were paid off, and arranged to start work the following day. However during the same evening they all left the station to return to their villages without giving any explanation for their change in attitude. It is felt that they decided that Kaintiba was too far away from their home area.

12. The men from Wagi, Pamba and Tandakengo also showed interest in working on the Kanabea airstrip site. Arrangements have been made with the Kanabea Catholic Mission to contact them when labour is required in the new year. This officer feels that they would rather work at Kanabea than Kaintiba as it is closer to their home area.

13. No group talks were given on the House of Assembly or local government as it was felt that the locals would not be able to comprehend them. Men who had recently returned from coastal plantations were asked for their opinions on local government and the House of Assembly but no intelligent replies were elicited.

Village Officials.

14. The village officials in the Swanson-Ivori are rough and ready, even by Kaintiba standards. However to date more suitable candidates have not yet come to light. The patrol had talks with all officials explaining their power and duties, and requested them to report any serious breach of the law to Kaintiba.

15. The village officials from Wagi and Tandakengo (villages taken over from Kerema) are of a much higher standard than the others in the area due to more contact with the administration. Both men accompanied the patrol through the area and proved useful in locating people not previously censused.

Villages.16. Ababia.

Small hamlet about 1 days walk south of Wagi. Not visited due to distance and small population. (20) Two of the families at Ababia intend to move up to Wagi. The third family wishes to move farther south into the Kerema area.

17. Anea.

Includes Kakapataewa hamlet. Situated on the upper reaches of the Ivori River. 5 hours walk east of Pamba, 5 hours walk to Yandati. Censused population 67; estimated population 80. Population within 1½ hours walk of rest house and police barracks.

18. Eu'u.

Village situated on the side of Whiteslip Mt. Excellent view of the Kerema-Ivori coastline from the resthouse. Helipad site at village. 4 hours from Menu, 6 hours west of Komako (Wenta C/D.) Censused population 168, estimated population 180-200. Rest house and police barracks built in village.

Villages.19. Iokua.

Includes Yekadewa and Hangoi hamlets as well as numerous small scattered garden areas. New rest house and police barracks built. 2½ hours north west of Pio. About 30 people live at Iokua, the others are scattered with a days walk. Censused population 174; estimated population 400-500. Helipad and airdrop site near resthouse.

20. K'mo'o.

Situated on the banks of the Swanson River. Camp site but no rest house. Garden houses scattered along the river banks. Unable to locate most of the population this patrol - reports are that they have moved further south and west. Censused population 28; estimated population 80 - 100.

21. Menu.

Camp site at Angai about 15 minutes walk south of main Menu garden area. No rest house or police barracks. About 20 people live in the hamlet. Censused population 115; estimated population is 400, within 6 hour radius of camp site. Helipad at camp site.

22. Pamba.

Rest house is 2½ hours north of Wagi and 5 hours west of Anea. Councillor and 30 odd people living near resthouse. Remainder of population live within a 4 hour radius. Censused population 142; estimated population 150 - 180.

23. Pio.

Includes Mandaba hamlet. New rest house and police barracks built. Censused population 135; estimated population 150 - 180. Population lives within 5 hours radius of rest house. Village 2½ hours south of Iokua.

24. Tamdakengo.

Village taken over from Kerema this patrol. Rest house and police barracks situated on Ivori River. Population scattered widely. Censused population 28; estimated population 60-70.

25. Wagi.

Village taken over from Kerema this patrol. Village is 2 hours west of Tamdakengo and 3 hours south of Pamba. Approx. 50 people living near rest house, others scattered within a 3 hour radius. Censused population 163; estimated population 200. Good view from rest house of the Kerema - Ihu coast and Ihu inland areas.

26. Womakaiwa.

Womakaiwa has been a small hamlet for several years but has recently been built up to a village by the people from Palaia - Kaberope Census Division, migrating north. New rest house and police barracks built. Censused population 85, estimated population 150. The remainder of the Palaia people can be expected to move north to Womakaiwa within the next two years.

27. Administration of Womakaiwa Village.

As stated above Womakaiwa has been built into a village by the people from Palaia (Kaberope Census Division). All the Palaia's have land rights in this area. Womakaiwa is situated about a days walk north of Palaia and about 2½ hours west of Meiwari, on the eastern side of the Albert Divide.

28. The village constable from Palais visited the patrol at Womakaiwa. He advised this officer that all the people from Palais wished to move north to Womakaiwa in the Kaintiba area, but he wished to gain approval from the Assistant District Commissioner at Kerema before making a move.

29. As the present census division boundary stands Womakaiwa would be approximately on the Swanson-Ivori/Mengoia boundary in the Albert Divide. It is recommended that the village be included in the Swanson - Ivori Census Division as it is on the patrol route to the southern Swanson villages and will be easier to administer in that census division.

Agriculture.

30. The Swanson - Ivori people use the shifting cultivation method of agriculture. The garden areas are cleared by the male members of the family; the women then have the duty to plant and maintain the garden. It is common for a family to plant two gardens at the same time, one about a mile from the other. The reason given for this system is that if one garden is damaged by wild pigs the family can live off the other. As there are large areas of land available the people prefer this method to building pig fences.

31. The staple food crops of the area are taro, bananas and sugar cane. Sweet potatoes are grown in only a few villages. The main sources of protein are wild pig, 'karuka' and 'galip' nuts. The occasional rat, possum and bird captured are considered delicacies.

32. Introduced crops are limited to a few tomatoes, cucumbers, beans and pumpkins that had been given to the villagers by previous patrols to the area.

Roads and Bridges.

33. The best route for a walking track (and a patrol route) into this area would be the one followed by the patrol i.e. from Meiwari in the Weana Valley to Womakaiwa, Tamdakengo and Wagi, and then follow the existing track north to the Swanson River.

34. There does not appear to be any future in surveying a graded track into this area. Due to the rugged terrain such a track would be much longer than the existing tracks that go straight up the sides of the mountains. Thus it would be doubtful if the locals would use such a track, even if they could be persuaded to build one. This is also doubted as it would be such an enormous task for the scattered population.

35. What would be feasible is the cutting of steps into the sides of the mountains along the existing tracks. This was suggested to the locals by the patrol, and all thought it was a fair idea. Some spades were taken back by the returning patrol carriers to commence the task. Councillors from the other villages were requested to send men to Kaintiba for spades when they have finished working on their new gardens.

Missions and Education.

36. At the time of the patrol there were three males from the Swanson/Ivori attending school outside the area. Two boys from Womakaiwa were at the catholic mission school at Kanabea, while one boy from Bu'u was attending an Seventh Day Adventist school in Lee. To date no mission had any plans to build a school in the area.

37. There are no missions established in the area. The Seventh Day Adventists had a catechist with a small church and bible class at Bu'u, but withdrew about 18 months ago because of the lack of local co-operation.

Missions and Education cont.

38. With the proposed expansion of the Kanabea school next year the mission has been trying to encourage the people from Wagi and Pamba to send their children(male) to school next year. If they are successful the mission may be interested in sending catechists into the area.

Literacy.

39. The two local languages spoken in the area are Kamia and Kwini. The Kamia dialect spoken is the same used in the Hangoia and Wentu census divisions. About 3/5ths of the areas population use Kwini, the remainder speak Kamia.

40. About 20 men in the area would have a rough working knowledge of pidgin english, which they picked up while being employed on coastal plantations. Two police motu speakers were also met by the patrol. They claimed to have learnt the language on visits to the Ihu area. There are no people capable of reading and writing in the area.

Law and Order.

41. The patrol investigated the rumoured murder of the K'mo'o councillor reported on the last patrol. It turned out that the councillor is still alive, and was just playing hard to get. He stated that he had 'gone bush' and did not know that the last patrol was in the area. Nor could he throw any light on the rumour of his demise.

42. An attempt was also made to investigate the reported assaults and rapes by Kanabea village officials in the Iokua area. (ref. Kaintiba Patrol Report No. 19 1969/70) It appears that the 'other side' of the story was reported to Mr. Didlick by one of the Kanabea officials during his 1969 Swanson/Ivori patrol. The 'other side' of the story being that when the Kanabea officials went to Iokua to bring 'law and order' to the area they were attacked by the Iokuas.

43. When Mr. Didlick went to investigate this report it was discovered that the Iokua men involved in the incident had already left the area. To date they have not returned and are believed to be residing in the Ikondi area administered by Menyanya.

44. Word was left a Iokua that the administration considered the Kanabea officials were in the wrong and had no intention of prosecuting the Iokua men involved in the incident. They were also requested to meet the next patrol and advise the administration if they wished to lay charges against the Kanabea men.

45. The patrol did not need to use its police or court powers in the Swanson/Ivori area. A number of minor disputes were settled amicably by the patrol.

Census.

46. The annual census for this area was done in March - April 1970. The purpose of doing the census again on this patrol was to include the names of newly contacted people, and to incorporate the former Kerema villages of Wagi, Tamdakengo and Ababia into the Swanson-Ivori Census Division.

47. Last year's censused population was increased by 211 with the inclusion of the former Kerema villages, and by 85 with the initial census of Womakaiwa. The total population of the 'old' Swanson villages was increased by 262 with the addition of newly censused people and the natural increase.

Census cont.

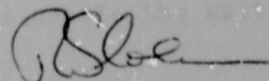
48. The population of Wagi decreased because a number of the Pamba people who had been censused at Wagi in 1969 had their names deleted from the Wagi books as they had been censused at Pamba earlier this year. The Tamdakengo population figure also decreased. The reason for this was that the old village census register was not available and thus the census for this village had to be treated as an initial census. The figure will increase when those missing from this census turn up at the next one.

49. The natural increase was not calculated as any such calculation based on the present census figures would prove inaccurate. The villagers still have the tendency of hiding their children, particularly daughters, from administration patrols. They were warned that the continuation of this practise could lead to them being charged under the relevant section of the M.R.O's .

Conclusion.

50. As can be gathered from this report the Swanson-Ivori area is under developed and the population not yet fully contacted. It will probably be another 2-3 years before the area is fully censused. Regular patrolling by D.D.A officers is required to locate and settle the population and encourage walking track construction. Patrols should be accompanied by medical orderlies and agricultural assistants when possible.

For your information and on forwarding, please.

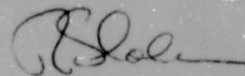

R. S. Coles
Patrol Officer

APPENDIX 'C'.

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Reported Manslaughter - Kanaabea Area.

1. On Sunday 11th October 1970 a woman from Iwambu village met the patrol at Yandati and informed this officer that Father Blake of the Kanaabea mission had accidentally killed her child on the previous afternoon.
2. She claimed she was sitting with a couple of the local prostitutes in the grounds of the mission when the priest picked up a stick and waved it above their heads telling them to leave the mission station. She stated that her child then started crying so she left the mission station and walked to her house at Iwambu. When she arrived she took the string bag with the baby in it off her back and found the child was dead.
3. The woman admitted that she did not see or feel the stick strike the child, but was later informed by 'eye witnesses' that it had. The two men who claimed to have seen the incident, one from 500 feet and the other from 200 feet, were both in very difficult positions to see if the stick struck the child.
4. It was later discovered that the child had been suffering from pneumonia for several days before its death. It is felt that both 'eye witnesses' are lying and the reported striking was a 'set up' by the locals to keep up the friction in the current Lutheran - Versus - Catholic dispute going on in the area. Needless to say both witnesses are from a Lutheran village.
5. Unfortunately Father Blake had left Kanaabea for Australia before the investigation could be completed. He is due back in January 1971. It is recommended that there should be a coronial enquiry into the child's death on Father Blake's return, to settle the matter to the satisfaction of all parties.



R. S. Coles
Patrol Officer

APPENDIX 'D'.

Report on Police accompanying the patrol.

Const. 1st class Unssi Reg. No. 773.

Conduct : very good.

Dress : good.

A reliable bush policeman. Unfortunately his becoming too old for long bush patrols.

Const. Igo Reg. No. 981.

Conduct : good

Dress : good

A competent policeman. A strong walker over/rugged country.

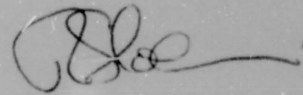
Const. Rick Reg. No. 2099.

Dress : good

Conduct: very good.

An intelligent, hard working and reliable policeman. Always an asset on Swanson - Ivori patrols.

I certify that the above comments have been entered on the relevant Records of Service.



R. S. Coles
Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX "B"

Scale
4 miles - 1 inch
P/R Kaintiba 164/170-71

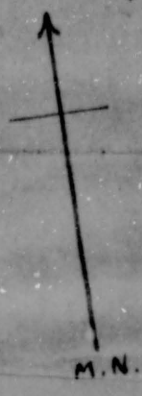
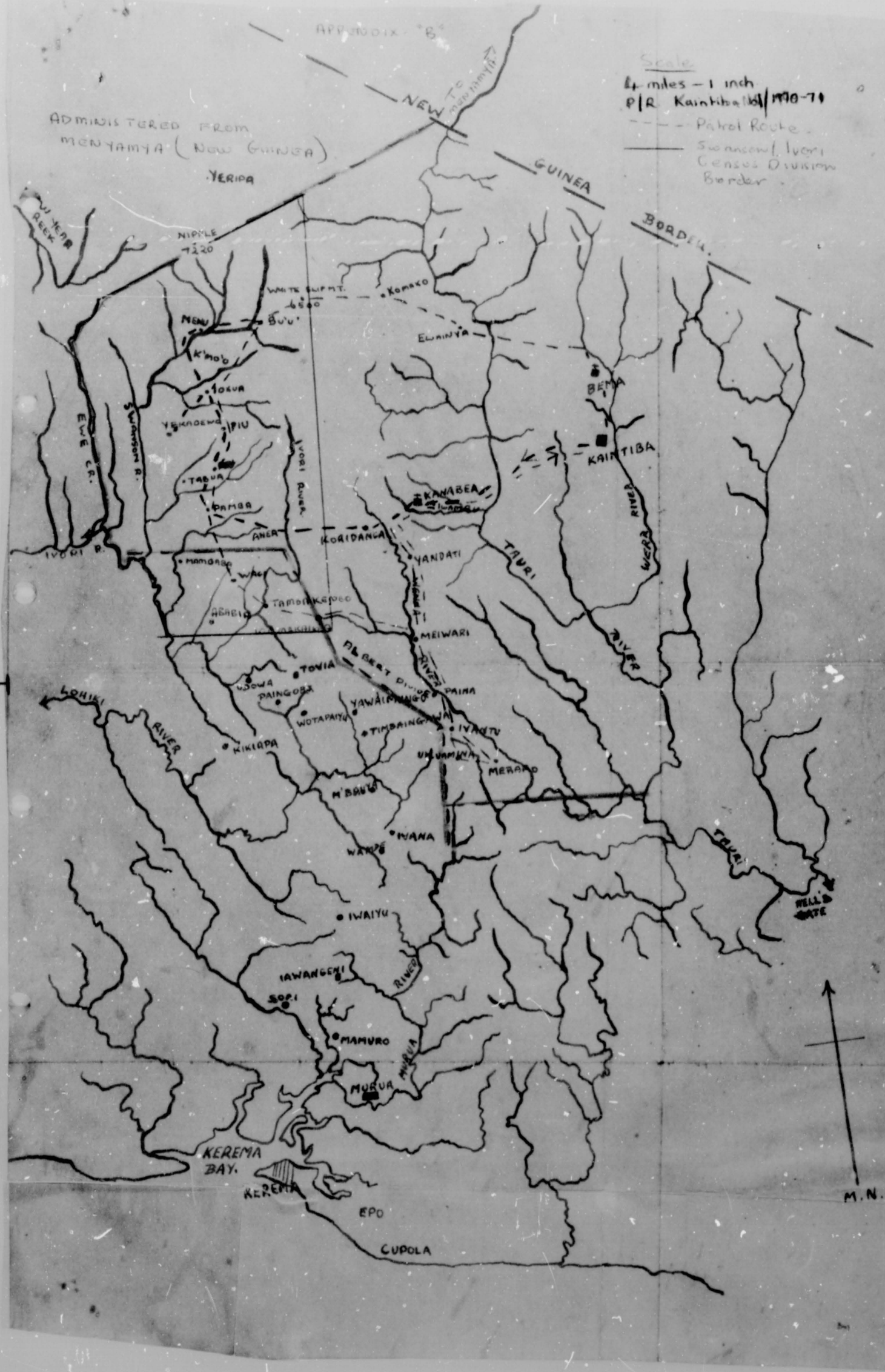
--- Patrol Route
— Swanson/Ivori
Census Division
Border

ADMINISTERED FROM
MENYAMBA (New Guinea)
YERIPA

NEW TO
SUB DIVISION

GUINEA

BORDER





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of GUPP Report No. KAINIABA 2-70/71

Patrol Conducted by N.C. McQUINN A.D.O.

Area Patrolled HAMDEI (PART) CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans ROAD SUPERVISOR, FILM CREW

Natives POLICE(2), INTERPRETER(1)

Duration—From 16/10/1970 to 7/11/1970

Number of Days 23 DAYS

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services JUNE/1970

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

Map Reference MAP ATTACHED & FOURNIL WAU

Objects of Patrol I. ASSIST & CO-ORDINATE WITH P.N.D. CONSTRUCTION TAURI RIVER BRIDGE, II INVESTIGATE SUSPECTED FLU OUTBREAK.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ / 19
District Commissioner

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

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

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

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WJ:HC

67-2-21

Division of District Administration,
KCNEDOBU. PAPUA

3rd February, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

KAINIIBA PATROL REPORT NO. 2-1970/71

Your 67-7-49/543 of the 23rd December,
refers.

I acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a
report submitted by Mr. H.C. McQuilty, covering his
twenty three (23) day patrol through portion of the
Hamdei Census Division.

Mr. McQuilty has carried out a useful piece
of field work and it is unfortunate that the exercise
was marred by the unconfirmed suicide of the Interpreter
Tenji.

Upon the receipt of the Coroner's report
please investigate the possibility of a compensation
claim for the relatives of the deceased as it could
be argued that the death arose out of and in the course
of his employment. This may be a difficult one to
argue if local temperament is not taken into account
but at least there should be a case for an ex gratia
payment with the primitive type of people involved.

C.C.
Officer in Charge,
Patrol Post,
KAINIIBA.
Gulf District.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Departmental Head.

67-2-21

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67-7-49/543
DJH:CB

YERMA, GULF DISTRICT.

23 December, 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
YERMA.

KAINTIBA PATROL REPORT NO. 2 OF 1970/71
PART HANDEI CENSUS DIVISION BY MR. M.C. MAQUILLY AND

The above report, together with your comments, is to hand.

The report is clear and concise and your comments adequately cover all matters raised.

It seems amazing to me, that after all the preparation for this bridge, and the numerous visits to the sites by engineers and experts, that the matter of collecting gravel at the site, while the river was not in flood, was not thought of, especially the flooding of the Tauri River at this time of year is a regular occurrence.

Please advise the Officer in Charge, Kaintiba to present the case of the alleged suicide by TENGCI-HALDAN to a Coroner's Court on or about 3rd May, 1971 for a finding, unless the body is found before this date.

Claim for Camping Allowance duly processed is attached for payment.

R.S. BELL
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

MEMOF The Departmental Head,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

The abovementioned report, together with covering comments by the Assistant District Commissioner Kerema, is forwarded yours herewith in duplicate.

R.S. Bell
R.S. BELL
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c. Officer in Charge,
Patrol Post,
KAINTIBA.

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KS67-2-4
JBQ:CB

Sub-District Office,
KEREMA, GULF DISTRICT.

25 December, 1970.


The Officer in Charge,
KAINTEBA Patrol Post,
Gulf District.

KAINTEBA PATROL REPORT 2-70/71

Thankyou for the above report.

Comments I wish to make are:-

- (a) You forgot to sign the first page of the report. I have signed it on your behalf.
- (b) Tauri River Bridge Para 7 The "experienced" ? P.W.D. "engineers" who had previously inspected and okayed the site seem to have neglected to utilize their engineering experience in actually checking on the conditions at the site.
- (c) Tauri River Bridge Para 11 I am glad to note that the fit sawyers are improving their output. With the large number of bridges to be constructed in future years, the team has an assured source of income.
- (d) Patrol Personnel Para 12 An extremely unfortunate occurrence. Unless the body is found, which seems most unlikely, at this stage, it would appear that Sect. 22 of the Coroner's Ordinance precludes any Coronal Enquiry until six months after the day TENGI disappeared.
- (e) Patrol Personnel Para 16 This incident revealingly shows how quickly the people can become worked up and lose control of themselves.


J.B. QUINN
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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

Department of District Administration,

Patrol Post,
KAINTIBA.

16th November, 1970

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KEREMA.

Kaintiba Special Patrol No. 2 of 1970/71
Hamdei Census Division
N.C. McQuilty ADO

Report No.	: Kaintiba 2 of 1970/71
Sub-District	: Kerema
District	: Gulf
Council/Non Council Area	: No council
Patrol conducted by	: N.C. McQuilty
Designation	: Assistant District Officer
Area patrolled	: Hamdei (Part) Census Division
Personnel accompanying	: E. Leeks, P.W.D. Road Supervisor, Film Crew (3), Police (2), Interpreter (1), Civil Engineer (1) (Part), A.W.A. Technician (1) (Part).
Duration of Patrol	: 16.10.70 to 7.11.70 23 days.
Date and duration last DDA patrol to area	: June '70 - 40 days
Objects of patrol	: i. Assist and co-ordinate with P.W.D. on the construction Tauri River bridge. ii. Investigate suspected 'flu outbreak.
Total population contacted	: N/A
Map reference	: Map attached and Fourmil Wau
Village Population Register	: Not attached.

N.C. McQuilty
(N.C. McQuilty)
Assistant District Officer.

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Patrol Diary:

Folios 25 to 29 Field Officers' Journal.

16.10.70 Friday:

0515 Started allocating carriers to cargo, etc. Finally departed Kaintiba 0810 and walked along graded walking track to Bema C.M. - cup of tea - thence continued onto Hauwabanga Rest House arriving late afternoon.

Camp set up.

Patrol slept Hauwabanga.

17.10.70 Saturday:

Talks with nursing sister from Bema concerning possible outbreak of influenza in area.

Patrol departed 0815 and walked along graded walking track to Tauri River gorge - thence down gorge to camp site on bank of Tauri River.

Camp organised.

Patrol slept Camp.

18.10.70 Sunday:

Self walked to Huawia Rest House for further talks with nursing sister from Bema concerning possible influenza outbreak - no cases found.

Returned to camp.

Patrol slept Camp.

19.10.70 Monday:

Unable to cross river due to flooding. Abutment area on eastern side cleared. Camp area cleared and camp better set up. Also moved camp off helipad.

Patrol slept Camp.

20.10.70 Tuesday:

Camp further consolidated.

Started all village people working on bench cut near bridge site.

Sent word over the river for the all the people there to start work on clearing and levelling western abutment.

Received word of helicopter arriving to-morrow.

Two pit saw teams put to work.

Patrol slept Camp.

21.10.70 Wednesday:

Helicopter did trips from Kaintiba for most of day.

Remainder of village labour working on bench cut.

Patrol slept Camp.

22.10.70 Thursday:

Waited for helicopter all day - did not arrive due being U/S.

Inspected work on bench cut. Also work by pitsawyers.

Assisted with some blasting.

D.C. Bell arrived on western side of river - unable to cross over due to river in flood.

Patrol slept Camp.

23.10.70 Friday:

Again helicopter did not arrive.

Inspected and supervised work on bench cut and work by pit sawyers.

Patrol slept Camp.

24.10.70 Saturday:

Helicopter arrived - bought D.C. across river. Thence to Kaintiba.

Film Director P. Whitchurch also to Kaintiba.

Patrol slept Camp.

25.10.70 Sunday:

Observed.

Patrol slept Camp.

26.10.70 Monday:

Carriers sent to Kaintiba for various odds and ends.
Helicopter made one last trip.
Inspected work by road workers and pitsawyers. xxxxxxxxxxpitsawyers
by:xxxxxng:xxxxxixxxxx.
Patrol slept Camp.

27.10.70 Tuesday:

Spent all day supervising labourers on road and pitsaws and using
Cetra drill.
Patrol slept Camp.

28.10.70 Wednesday:

Supervised labour in the morning.
In afternoon all sent into the bush to get vines and saplings for
construction of vine bridge over river.
Patrol slept Camp.

29.10.70 Thursday:

Worked all day on building vine suspension bridge ober river.
Patrol slept Camp.

30.10.70 Friday:

Again spent all day working on vine suspension bridge - completed in
late afternoon.
Patrol slept Camp.

31.10.70 Saturday:

Some loose ends on bridge completed and guard rail constructed.
Carriers returned from Kaintiba.
Patrol slept Camp.

1.11.70 Sunday:

Observed.
Patrol slept Camp.

2.11.70 Monday:

Village labourers lined and then sent to work on the road.
Self using chain saw to assist pitsawyers. Chain saw fairly successful
but a bigger more powerful would have been a greater help.
Village people from west of river still working on levelling and shaping
abutment for bridge.
Runner sent to Kaintiba.
Patrol slept Camp.

3.11.70 Tuesday:

Labourers working on road. At approx. 1000hrs. tree being cut down
by Patrol Interpreter Tengi glanced off another and fell on one of the
labourers pinning him to the ground. Interpreter, in remorse, thinking
he had killed the man, jumped into the flooded Tauri River committing
suicide. Injured man sent to Kaintiba on stretcher. The remainder of
the village people sent back to the village as they were getting
worker up, fanatical and capable of doing anything.
No work for the remainder of the day.
Patrol slept Camp.

4.11.70 Wednesday:

Work continued on the western abuttment. Also the pitsawyers.
Radio sked with Kerema at 1600hrs.
Patrol slept Camp.

5.11.70 Thursday:

Carriers returned from Kaintiba with mail, bread, etc. Also word to
say that the injured man was still alive and likely to remain so.
Supervised work by pitsawyers.
Kwoi'imnga V.C. with group of women arrived to mourn the passing of
Tengi.
Patrol slept Camp.

6.11.70 Friday:

Supervised the work of the few labourers remaining.
Organised carriers for the morrow.
Talks with the V.O's present concerning work on the road, etc.
Patrol slept Camp.

7.11.70 Saturday:

Departed camp 0740 - walked up side of gorge to bench cut - thence along bench cut to Bema Catholic Mission - cup of tea - thence onto Kaintiba.
Carriers arrived late in afternoon.

Patrol stood down.

Introduction:

1. This patrol was mounted for the sole purpose of co-ordinating with and assisting the Department of Public Works in the construction of the vehicular suspension bridge over the Tauri River north of Kaintiba.
2. Every assistance was also given to a private film crew making a film and Newsreel for the Department of Territories on the construction of the bridge.
3. The patrol also liaised with Sister G. Sheean from the Catholic Mission, Bema in the investigation of a suspected influenza outbreak in the villages in the northern Hamdei Census Division.

Tauri River Bridge:

4. As the road to the bridge site has not been opened to vehicular traffic all the materials had to be humped in by carrier. For this purpose more than 200 carriers were recruited from the Kaintiba valley and in the northern Hamdei. A special overnight camp was built at Hauwabanga village and arrangements made for all the women from the surrounding villages to bring in food.
5. A considerable amount of gear, materials and cargo (personnel's food and gear, film equipment including two small generators, several bags of cement, 800 feet 5/8" cable and Cobra rock drill) was moved in the first trip. What remained to be moved were the six main cables for the bridge and the cement for the abutment pads. From the experience on the first trip it was decided to bring the remaining materials in by helicopter, as much difficulty would have been experienced in getting the stiff wire cable along the winding track and the cement would have been ruined by the heavy rains being experienced from noon to early at night.
6. The camp, consisting of tents and tent flies, was built within 100 yards of the bridge site. This was first built, by an inexperienced officer, on the immediate edges of the helipad and had to be moved to allow the helicopter to land.
7. Much difficulty has been experienced by the foreman building the bridge to implement the plan on the site. Two and a half inch diameter holes were required for the anchor pins in rock. The only drill available was a Cobra drill that drilled holes only one and a half inches in diameter. An attempt was made to blast a trench and then fill it in with cement but this proved unsuccessful in this type of rock as it cracked and blew the back out of the boulder being used as the anchor at the eastern end of the bridge. A core sample drill (?) has now been carried in the try and drill 3" diameter holes. The plans also assumed there was rock on the western side of the river to be used as an anchor. When the area for this abutment was levelled it was found that there is no rock so a cement deadmen will have to be constructed.
8. Some difficulty is being experienced in getting sand and

gravel for the cement work. This is available in the river in small pockets behind boulders but cannot be got at because the river has been in flood all the time the patrol was in the area. Some aggregate is being made from the broken rock from the blasting but we will have to wait for the river to go down before sand can be gathered.

9. All the village labour from this area also built camps near the bridge site and worked on the road bench cut on both sides of the bridge site. Good progress was being made.

10. As previously stated the Tauri River has been continuously in flood due to the wet season at Menyama in the Morobe District, so the patrol was unable to cross the river for the first two weeks. All the village people then decided that they knew how to build a vine bridge - after previously saying they knew nothing about it. A good quality cane bridge was then built at the site.

11. The timber decking for the bridge is being cut on the site by two pit saw teams. Although the initial planks were rather rough they are improving with experience and by the time they have completed the timber for the bridge they should be very proficient. By using these local pit sawyers we not only get a much cheaper timber from a local source but it is money going into the area. The people are also learning a skill that can be put to use in the future.

Patrol Personnel:

12. On Tuesday the 3rd November at approximately 1000 hours the Patrol Interpreter Tengri Hatoam was assisting the village labour with road works. He was from one of the villages in this area and related to many of the labourers working on the road. He was felling trees on the road route. One of these fell, glanced off another, slid backwards, narrowly missing a policeman and hit a village man in the face pinning him to the ground. When the tree was lifted off the injured man he was found to be lacerated on the face and bleeding freely. The interpreter, a cousin of the injured man, thought he had done considerable damage, ran down to the river, out onto the newly constructed vine bridge and jumped into the swift flowing, flooded Tauri R..

13. On examination the injured man was not seriously hurt - only lacerated and freely bleeding with a possible minor fracture of the face. He was sent to Kaintiba and then onto Kerema for treatment.

14. Little could be done for the Interpreter as the river was very swift flowing and in flood. The people were crying and wailing and could not be talked into following the river down to see if they could find the body. This would have been difficult anyway as the flooded river had covered all the rocks along the side of the river.

15. Word was sent to villages lower down the river to search. This was done without any success as the river was still in flood.

16. At the bridge site everyone became very worked up over the Interpreter's death, rubbing mud and grass onto their skin and hair, cutting their clothes to tatters, cutting some of the stays on the vine bridge and cutting rocks with their bush knives and axes. They became very carried away and were capable of doing anything. One Village Councillor blamed the patrol for both the accident and the suicide because the patrol had taken the people to this area to work. For these reasons the people were all sent back to their villages before anything happened and before some relative jumped into the river in sympathy.

17. The people have now quietened down and have become logical, although they still cannot understand why the Interpreter committed suicide as the injured man was not killed.

Film Crew:

18. A film crew consisting of a film director, Mr. Peter Whitchurch, and two camera men, including one from D.I.E.S., accompanied the patrol. They are in the process of making a film on communications in the Territory using this bridge project as focal point, 2 or 3 Newsreels on the Kaintiba area and possibly a half hour T.V. documentary.

19. It is hoped that all of these will be enlightening & and educational to the Australian public.

Communications:

20. For communications between the bridge site and the District Works Officer Kerema an A.W.A. Technician set up two A.W.A. Single Sideband radios - one at the bridge site and the other in Kerema. For the first few days these worked successfully, especially in the afternoon and at night. Since these early successes contact has only been made once or twice on isolated occasions. It would appear that the sets require re-tuning.

Medical and Health:

21. Three cases of influenza from the northern Hamdei had been treated at the Bema Catholic Mission Aid Posts. As a result the nursing sister from the mission did a patrol to the area to investigate the extent of the outbreak. During the four day patrol no further cases were found although many cases of intestinal worms and respiratory complaints were treated.

Conclusion:

22. The patrol successfully accomplished what it set out to do - carried a large portion of the gear and materials to the site, organised and started pit saw teams working and organised village labour on preparing the abutments and road bench cut.

23. Although there are problems with the bridge these can be and are being overcome. This does mean, tho', that it will take longer to complete the project than at first estimated.

N.C. McQuilty

(N.C. McQuilty)
Assistant District Officer.

Appendix 'A':

Report on personnel accompanying patrol:

Const. 1/C Maia 1433:

Conduct very good. Reliable bush policeman.

Const. Karah 2464:

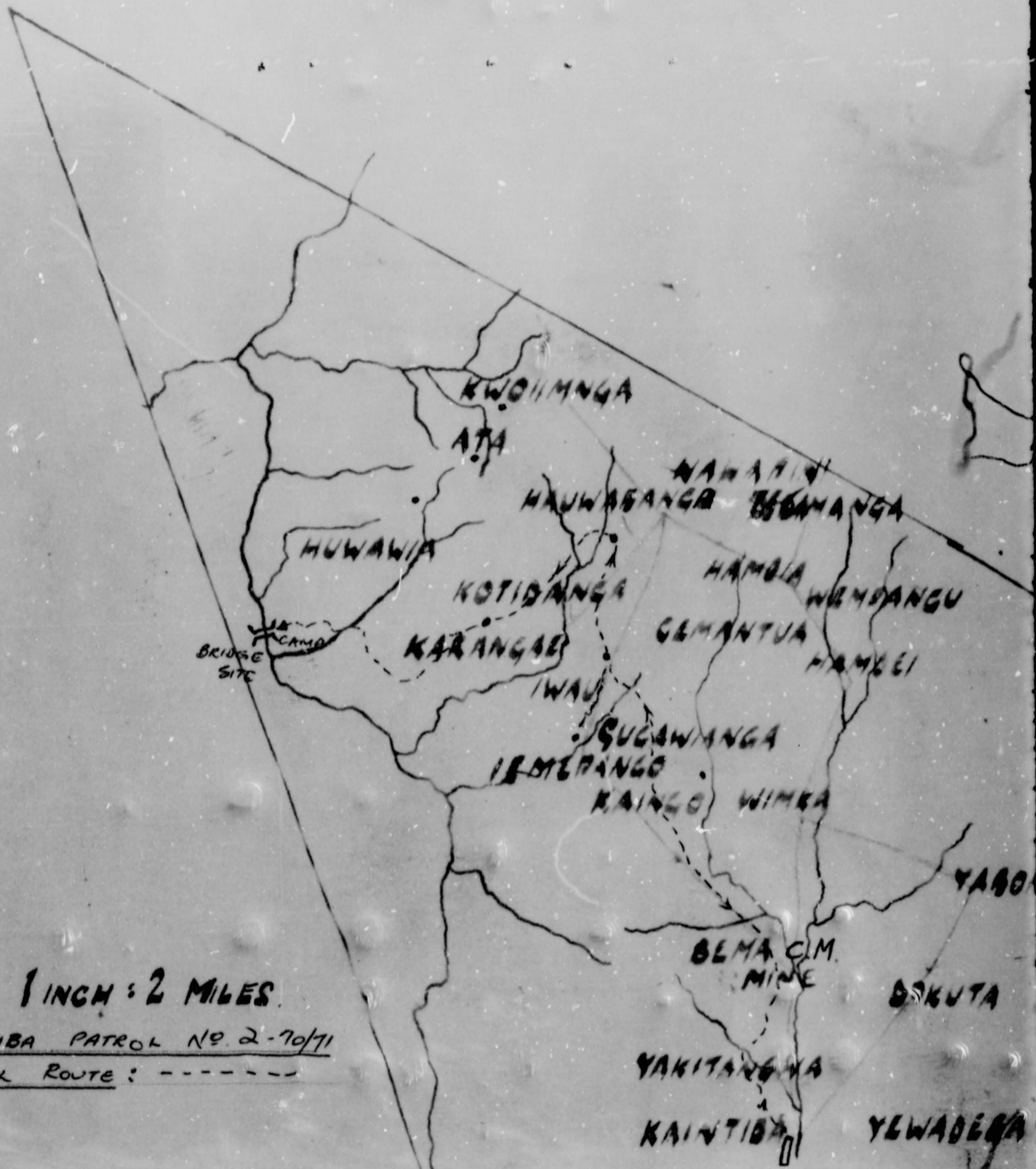
Conduct very good. Young but maturing quickly. Is receiving good experience in bush work. Very reliable.

I certify that the above comments have been entered in Records of Service and Forms RS.4 forwarded to Police Headquarters.

N.C. McQuilty

(N.C. McQuilty)

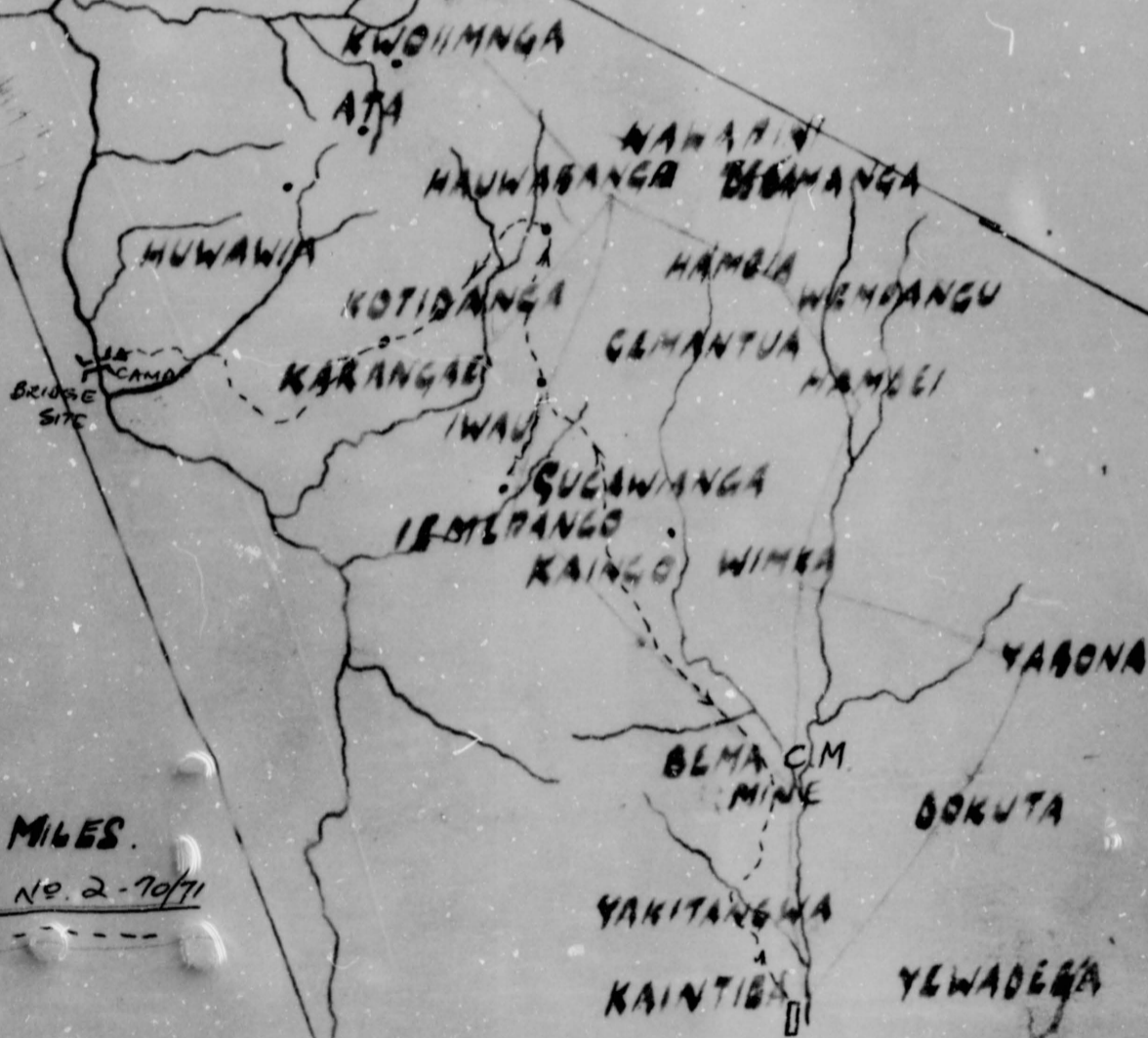
Assistant District Officer.



SCALE 1 INCH = 2 MILES.

KANTIBA PATROL NO. 2-70/71

PATROL ROUTE: - - - - -



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of..... GULF Report No. 3 1970/71 KAITIIBA

Patrol Conducted by..... N.C. McQuilty, A.D.O.

Area Patrolled..... WENTA C/D HANGOIA (PART) C/C

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... NIL

Natives..... 1 INTERPRETER, 1 POLICE

Duration—From..... 18 / 11 / 1970 to..... 21 / 12 / 19 70

Number of Days..... 27 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... April /1970.....

Medical April /1970.....

Map Reference..... Four Mil WAU and Map attached

Objects of Patrol..... 1. Census Revision, 2 check on road works, 3. Liase

..... with P.W.D. on Tauri R. Bridge 4. General Administration

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$

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

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

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KONEDOBU.

16th August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

KAINTIBA PATROL NO. 3 OF 1970/71.

Your reference is 67-7-50/2337 of 11th June,
1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of
above-mentioned Patrol Report by Mr. W.C. McQuilty.

T.W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

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HSP/KAM. 67-7-50/2337.

KOROMA, GULF DISTRICT.

11th June, 1971.

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

KAINIIBA PATROL REPORT No. 3-1970/71.

Thank you for your comments KS.67-2-4 of 9th June, 1971,
on the above patrol carried out by Mr. N.C. McQuilty, A.D.C.

Concerning the smaller census units, I fail to see what
Mr. McQuilty is talking about. To chop and change the sheets about
is impractical. How the officer sets out his census sheets is a
standard business. Grouped by extended family, etc., up to sub-
clan basis as they should be, what local arrangements are made for
the compilation of census can be left to the officer on the spot.
He is still responsible for the maximum contact with the minimum
of discomfort to the people who are not going to be concerned with
how they are listed. The overall number of people is small and
further recording fragmentation is not practical. Keep the same
lists but hold the census in more places if desired.

Care should be taken not to encourage vegetables as a
cash crop but rather as a means of improving their own diet. Any
surplus naturally could be purchased but far too often the people
have been let down by inadequate explanations and expect more for
their money - to the detriment of the scheme.

The situation generally is satisfactory.

(R.S. BELL),
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Minute to:

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

Two copies for your information please.

R.S. Bell
(R.S. BELL),
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Encl.

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Patrol Post,

Kaintiba

14th May, 1971

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
Kereka.

Kaintiba Patrol Report No.3-1970/71
Wenta Census Division
N.C.McQuilty, A.D.O.

Report No.	: Kaintiba 3 of 1970/71
Sub-District	: Kereka
District	: Gulf
Council/Non council area	: Non council
Patrol conducted by	: N.C.McQuilty
Designation	: Assistant District Officer
Area patrolled	: Wenta, Mangoia (Part) Census Divisions
Personnel accompanying	: 1 Interpreter (Patrol) 1 R.P.N.G.C.
Duration of Patrol	: 18.11.70 to 21.12.70 Broken period. 27 days
Date last BDA Patrol to area	: April 1970
Date last PWD Patrol to area	: April 1970
Objects of Patrol	: i.Census Revision, ii.Check on road works, iii.Liase with PWD on Tauri R. bridge, iv.General Administration.
Total population contacted	: 2970
Map reference	: Map attached and Fourmil Wau
Village Population Register	: Attached.

N.C. McQuilty
(N.C.McQuilty)
Assistant District Officer.

PATROL DIARY.

Folios 30 - 33 and 34 - 38 Field Officers' Journal refer.

18.11.70 Wednesday.

Last minute patrol preparations. Self and remainder of patrol gear departed Kaintiba 0930 walked up and over mountain range and down to NAMAIWA hamlet (MAMSAINYA) and rejoined remainder of patrol - 3 hrs walk. Cup of tea. Due to rain, cloud and distance to travel decided to overnight here. Fresh foods purchased for Carriers. Patrol slept MAMBAINYA.

19.11.70 Thursday.

0735. Patrol departed MAMSAINYA and walked down to Tauri River and crossed on vine bridge. Gave instructions for new vine and cane to be put on bridge. Thence continued along new walking track bypassing IKUEYA and direct to IWAMBU arriving 1210. Everyone working in gardens or on road. Departed IWAMBU and walked up to KANABEA Catholic Mission. In afternoon inspected work on road - very good progress has been made. Self slept KANABEA Mission.

20.11.70 Friday.

Interpreter sent to villages to recruit carriers and bring back absent village officials. Carriers from yesterday paid and returned to Kaintiba.

On tour of mission station - inspected saw bench, new Aid Post, tractor with front end loader and compressor, etc. Gave talk to village officials about work on road, when to appear for census, etc. Self slept KANABEA Mission.

21.11.70 Saturday.

Departed mission 0750 and walked along graded walking track bench cut to EWAINYA village and Rest House. En-route spoke to all village officials from IOMBA, PAU, WAPINI, WEMEMA, and KWEMGA. Also gave instructions for IKUEYA group to fix vine bridge over TAURI river. Fresh foods purchased for carriers. Patrol slept EWAINYA.

22.11.70 Sunday.
Observed.
Patrol slept EWAINYA.

23.11.70 Monday.
Self departed EWAINYA and walked down to Tauri River bridge site - talks with bridge foreman concerning progress, etc. Also talks with KOMAKO AND KWAIYU village officials informing them of patrols programme and sent them to village to get everyone ready. Returned to village in afternoon. Patrol slept EWAINYA.

- 24.11.70 Tuesday.
 Departed BWAINYA and walked down to bridge site thence up stream to KANUA hamlet. Departed hamlet and followed upstream along SUBIA creek to KOMAKO village and Rest House. Camp set up in Rest House. Repairs made to Rest House. Inspected vegetable gardens near Rest House. Patrol slept KOMAKO Rest House.
- 25.11.70 Wednesday.
 Spent all day revising census for KOMAKO and EPANANGO. Patrol slept KOMAKO.
- 26.11.70 Thursday.
 Talked with S.D.A. Missionary and people concerning pigs in garden. Departed KOMAKO and walked to KWAIYU. Camp set up in Rest House. Census revised for this group all afternoon. Patrol slept KWAIYU.
- 27.11.70 Friday.
 Spent 2 hours talking to people concerning road works, village, burning off land, planting Casurina trees, coffee, etc. 1000 hrs - 1310 hrs. Departed KWAIYU and returned to KOMAKO thence down to bridge site on Tauri river. Carriers paid off and new carriers arranged for morrow. Patrol slept Bridge site camp.
- 28.11.70 Saturday.
 Patrol departed bridge site and walked to Kaintiba via Bema Catholic Mission. Patrol slept Kaintiba.

 PATROL BROKEN.
- 7.12.70 Monday.
 Last minute patrol preparations. Departed station and walked to Tauri river bridge site. Self slept Tauri river camp.
- 8.12.70 Tuesday.
 Carriers from yesterday arrived mid-morning - paid and returned to Kaintiba. Carriers who bought materials to bridge site paid. All these villagers also given contract payment work on road. Various other discussions with village officials and people concerning further works on road, development, vegetables, etc. One court dismissed after finding it to be rather old. Patrol slept Tauri river bridge camp.
- 9.12.70 Wednesday.
 One Local Court case from KWAIYU heard. Two priests from Kanabea mission passed through on way to Kaintiba. Patrol departed bridge site 9040 in misty rain and walked up range to BWAINYA arriving one hour later.

9.12.70
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Carriers paid off.
Census revision cancelled due weather.
Inspected vegetable garden and gave advice
on growing European vegetables.
Patrol slept EWAINYA.

10.12.70

Thursday.
Census revised for EWAINYA and KWEMGA groups.
Talks with people concerning position and duties
V.O's, European vegetables, road works,
influenza outbreak, etc.
Patrol departed EWAINYA 1440 and walked along
graded walking track - self inspected European
vegetable garden of KWEMGA Cr. and gave advice -
to WEMEWA arriving 1645.
Camp set up in Rest House.
Carriers paid off.
Some fresh foods purchased.
Patrol slept WEMEWA.

11.12.70

Friday.
Census revised for WEMEWA, WAFINI and HANINGIPAI
in between showers of rain.
Some book work and census statistics done.
Talks with PAU and IKUSYA village officials
about areas of patrol and patrol programme.
Patrol slept WEMEWA Rest House.

12.12.70

Saturday.
Talks and discussions with people about road
works, general development, Aid Post, Influenza
outbreak.
After "Family Favorites" packed up and departed
WEMEWA 1440, walked along graded walking track
to PAU Rest House arriving 1350.
Camp set up in Rest House.
Advised people of patrol's programme.
Patrol slept PAU.

13.12.70

Sunday.
Observed PAU
Patrol slept PAU.

14.12.70

Monday.
Commenced census revision of WOMAKAIWU and PAU.
Early showers of rain put a stop to the work
in early afternoon.
Spent remainder of afternoon on census statistics.
Patrol slept PAU.

15.12.70

Tuesday.
Completed census revision for PAU.
Talks with people about roads work and effect of
road on general development of area, duties of
village officials, influenza outbreak, etc.
Two Local Court cases heard.
Patrol departed and walked along graded walking
track - inspected road bench cut by IOMBA - to
IOMBA Rest House.
Carriers paid off - fresh food purchased.
Patrol slept IOMBA.

- 16.12.70 **Wednesday.**
Census revised for IOMBA village.
Talk to people about road works, general development in area following road completion, duties of V.O's etc.
Two Local Court cases heard.
Patrol departed and walked to KANABEA. Catholic Mission. - inspecting road works on route. *
Advised V.O's patrol programme.
Census statistics compiled.
Self slept KANABEA Catholic Mission.
- 17.12.70 **Thursday.**
Census revised for KWAMBEGA AND IPEFONGU.
Talks with people concerning road works, general development in area, supporting mission school and Aid Post, duties V.O.'s, etc.
Census statistics compiled.
Self slept KANABEA Catholic Mission.
- 18.12.70 **Friday.**
Patrol packed up and departed KANABEA and walked down range to IWAMBU village.
Patrol greeted by village people and persistent showers of rain.
Spent afternoon in Rest House peering into mist and rain and bringing census statistics up to date.
Patrol slept IWAMBU.
- 19.12.70 **Saturday.**
Census revised for IWAMGU.
Talks given to people concerning road works, general development, duties V.O's etc.
One complaint settled.
One Local Court Case heard.
Patrol departed and walked to IKUEYA.
Camp set up in Rest House, Carriers paid off.
Fresh foods purchased.
Census statistics compiled.
Patrol slept IKUEYA.
- 20.12.70 **Sunday.**
With permission of people (no missions represented) census revised for IKUEYA.
Talks also given to people about road works, general development, mission Aid Post, duties of V.O's, etc.
Three Local Court cases heard.
One complaint settled.
Patrol slept IKUEYA Rest House.
- 21.12.70. **Monday.**
Patrol packed up and walked to Kaintiba.
Patrol stood down.

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INTRODUCTION:

1. The object of this patrol was mainly for the revision of the census of the Wenta Census Division. In conjunction with this road works were inspected and advice given. General Administration was carried out and in most villages European vegetable seeds issued.
2. Part of the patrol was also taken up with liaison and assistance in the construction of the Tauri River bridge.
3. The results of a recent outbreak of influenza in the southern part of the census division was also investigated.
4. The Wenta Census Division is situated west of the Tauri River, is bordered on the north by the Papua/New Guinea border, on the south by the Wenna Valley and on the west by Mount Eruki and its associated range.
5. Altitude varies from below 2,000 ft. a.s.l. (at the bottom of the Tauri Gorge) up to 7,325 ft. a.s.l. (Mount Eruki). The majority of the population live in villages on the shoulder of the Tauri Gorge or valleys running into the Tauri Gorge in the middle of this altitude variation.
6. The soils appear very fertile and suited to vegetable growing, cattle grazing, coffee, etc. The land now not under cultivation for subsistence purposes is covered with secondary rain forest. Rainfall would be in the 200 inches per annum category.
7. The people populating this region are all Kamea (Kukukuku) living in small scattered hamlets but with the more settled living in village type communities around small mission outstations.

POLITICAL:

8. The Kamea people, almost without exception, are complete egotists. They are individuals, this being the primary social group, and consider themselves completely independent from anyone else, especially outsiders. They cannot, effectively, be approached as a group, but must be approached on this individual basis. Sometimes even close relatives, be it brother, father, mother, are neglected due to this individual outlook on everything. An example of this is a married man from Wemewa who had heard that his old father, who was living on his own in the next small valley to his son, was very sick but the son had not been to see him in the two months he had been sick.
9. They can be compared to an affluent society living in suburbia without newspapers, radio and T.V., i.e. communication and education media, thus making any approach necessary on the door to door, or to each individual separately, basis. Giving the assembled villagers a talk, such as after a census revision, is almost a complete waste of time as the people treat it as a harangue, take little notice of what is said, forget what they do listen to and do not discuss or pass onto other members of the group anything that does interest them or affect them.
10. For the above reasons any contact with the people must be on an informal basis to small groups. But this is only effective to the people in that group as they, very seldom pass anything onto others. Also an opening for these discussions must be either by the people or indirectly by the officer concerned.

11. Political awareness in this area, in fact in the whole Kaintiba Administrative Area, is negligible. This is due to various reasons. One is the problems of communications as mentioned above. The second is that the two members for this area have not visited and the people have not seen any direct result of the House of Assembly. The third, and probably the most important, is that as these people consider themselves independent they are not interested in what happens in other areas of the Territory and in fact have built a wall around themselves excluding all outsiders, including the Kamea people from Menyanya and Aseki in the Morobe District.

12. We can only hope that this wall is broken down when the Kaintiba road network is extended beyond the Kaintiba boundaries and these people, in using the road, go out into these other areas and mix much more freely with them. If they do not break it down they will always remain a little, independent, but backward and ignorant, community in the centre of the constantly developing remainder of the Territory.

13. This area is not covered by a Local Government Council and this cannot be expected for some years to come. One requirement would be a much better system of communication between villages and the Administrative Centre at Kaintiba. Another would be some start on combining these people into groups at the village level.

14. The people know little to nothing about Local Government Councils except for the fact that members of such councils must pay tax. For this reason alone, at this stage of the economic development of this area, the villagers would be against the introduction of a council in this area.

15. Although the Kaintiba area does have some people who are considered more influential than others and therefore considered leaders they are of a very poor nature and their influence only covers certain matters. Generally the individual person ignores the leader if he does not believe, or feel like it. Unfortunately the majority of the Administration appointed Village Officials also fall into this ineffectual category. More unfortunate is the fact that there are no better candidates available.

16. Usually it is the Administration's policy to keep villages as big as possible to simplify communications, supply of services, etc. Missions also tend to pressure the people into living in these larger communities to simplify their activities. This has resulted in the Wenta Census Division, in some census units consisting of two, three or more groups being forced to come together for census and other purposes. The Village Officials only have influence and control over that small group that makes up his sub-clan and the majority belong to the wandering 'do as you like' group that contributes very little to the community. Work on community projects is sorely affected by this as the Administration then has no go between for these groups and as these people do not have any customary obligations towards community projects in their own society these projects are usually done by the unfortunate few every time.

17. The next patrol to this area will be instructed to do a thorough investigation into the possibility of breaking these larger groups into smaller ones based on natural groups of hamlets or sub-clans. The Village Official for each group would have to be the most influential member. A Village Constable could then be appointed to be the overall guardian of three or four of these smaller groups.

18. Some of the smaller census units that are already being administered on this basis are the most effective and responsive in the whole Kaintiba Administrative Area.

ECONOMIC.

19. A cash economy in the Wenta Census Division is almost non-existent. The Majority of the cash that does come into the area comes in from avenues that are not a basis for an economy and cannot be expanded. The main sources of income at the moment are indentured labourers returning with their deferred wages (mostly from the northern section), carriers for Administration and mission patrols, sale of fresh vegetables to patrols, and road maintenance contract payments.

20. The only established cash crop in the area so far is coffee in four small blocks in the Komako-Kwaiyu area near the New Guinea border. All of this coffee is mature but had only been sporadically processed. This patrol talked to all the owners and since the completion of the patrol more has been purchased by D.A.S.F.

21. Due to the climate, altitude and soils of this region any number of cash crops could be successfully introduced into the Wenta. Some of these are as follows:

- a. Coffee: So far there are about 400 trees held by the four farmers mentioned above. These plantings can be increased considerably in that area and introduced to the southern section of the census division as well.
- b. European Vegetables: Previous to this patrol some European vegetables were grown in this area. These included tomatoes, shallots, spring onions, and beans. This patrol gave out some seeds for carrots, beans, onions, tomatoes and cucumbers. The people were shown how to plant them. Mission Catechists were also asked to keep an eye on them and give any advice necessary. The scope for the sale of fresh vegetables in Kerema is enormous and in 12 months time when this area has road access to Kaintiba we can expect to start backloading these to Kerema in quantity. The only problem we have with making this assumption a reality is getting vegetable seeds from D.A.S.F. Many requests in the past for seeds have been unproductive so the majority of seeds issued in this area have been purchased by private individuals.
- c. Cattle Projects: There are large tracts of old garden land along the shoulder of the Tauri River Gorge that is covered in New Guinea Grass. This is ideal for cattle grazing as both the Catholic Mission at Kanabea (in the southern section of the Wenta) and Bema have proved this is ideal for cattle. Both of these mission stations have herds of cattle for their own consumption and eventually the setting up of village cattle projects. A survey to find the potential for cattle in this region was to have been done by D.A.S.F. several months prior to this patrol being mounted but still has not been carried out. A survey of part of the area has now been set down for early May.
- d. Cardamon: A trial plot of cardamon was planted at Kaintiba some 12 months ago. This looks very healthy, is over 6 feet tall and has started, in the last couple of months, to flower and have seeds. The only problem with developing this crop is no one in D.A.S.F. in the Gulf District knows anything about the planting or processing.

e. Peanuts: The Seventh Day Adventist Mission has introduced peanuts to the northern villages. These are grown in large numbers, mainly for local consumption. However, during this patrol it was noticed they are inflicted with a type of blight. The leaves turn brown and yellow, the foliage is much smaller and much less of it than there would normally be, and, most important, the yield is very small - about one quarter. Specimens of this disease were collected but mislaid during the patrol. New specimens will be collected by the next patrol to the area and forwarded for examination.

f. Passionfruit: Passionfruit has also been introduced by the S.D.A. mission. Fruit purchased by patrols was noticed to be large and of a good quality. Specimens are being forwarded to D.A.S.F. Kerema. This is one crop that does not have a time lag before production begins and is an all year round crop. If access to a market could be found plantings could be increased throughout this census division.

22. Not only would the above cash crops bring a cash economy to this area but the majority of them would also improve the peoples' diet. Another way to improve this diet is the introduction of carp. A holding-breeding pond has already been constructed at Kaintiba and we are only waiting for the stock to arrive. From this pond they can then be introduced into smaller village ponds.

23. The Kaintiba Administrative Area is one of the last remaining areas in the Territory where low paid indentured labourers can (could?) be recruited from in any number, compared with other areas. The people have not woken up to the fact that they are usually given a bad deal and that they can make much more money from finding work themselves doing piece work or being employed other than as indentured labourers. Recruiters from the Morobe District come over the border into the northern Kaintiba areas and take off the cream of the village work force. As the population in the Kaintiba area is fairly thinly spread this leaves the villages with a very small, ineffective work force to carry out customary obligations, and, very important in this developing area, a work force not large enough to effectively and quickly carry out community projects such as road works.

24. These people have not yet realised that for their area to develop up to and beyond that of other areas they must stay at home and work. They also do not realise that they can make as much money and more staying at home and planting cash crops as they can be going out of the area. When they do realise this and put it into operation then the Kaintiba area will go ahead in leaps and bounds.

25. There is no expatriate economic activity in this area. There are also no societies or co-operatives.

SOCIAL:

26 Education and Health facilities in this census division are almost non-existent. The only ones supplied are those by the Catholic Mission at Kanabea in the most southern part of the division. This mission has a Primary "T" School with Standard I & II. Standard III from this school, as the numbers do not warrant another teacher, are sent to the Catholic Mission School at Araimiri on the Gulf District Coast. The enrollment figures at the moment are 19 and 23 respectively. These figures at the beginning of the year were much larger but due to a sorcery scare many pupils left.

27. A small number of pupils are taken from the northern villages across into the Morobe District for education in Seventh Day Adventist schools.

28. Again the only medical service provided is that by the Catholic Mission at Kansa. They run an Aid Post staffed by a Registered Nursing Sister. This Sister does some short patrols to the surrounding area when and if they are required.

29. The village people built an Aid Post at Wenewa village and it was staffed by an Administration Medical Orderly in early 1970. However when this orderly went on leave he was not replaced despite the fact that all buildings have been either replaced with better quality ones or the old ones have been renovated.

30. Not only was this Medical Orderly at Wenewa a dispenser of medicines, and an educator in village hygiene but was also the Administrations 'early warning system' for outbreaks of influenza which breaks out regularly in this area. The only warning we can now have is when a mission catechist informs the mission who then informs us or when a Village Official considers something wrong when the majority of the people in the village are sick.

31. This is also the first time that an Administration officer had been stationed in a village in the Kaintiba area. The way he has been removed and not replaced does nothing to boost the peoples' faith in the Administration.

32. Although the Catholic Mission is the only one based in the area the Seventh Day Adventist mission at Memyanya has representatives in the northern villages (as far south as Ewainya village) and the Lutheran Mission based at Kaintiba has representatives in six villages near Kanabea.

33. Relations between these missions are now good. The Catholics and the S.D.A.'s have an agreement whereby the Catholics go no further north than Kwenga and the S.D.A.'s do not go further south than Ewainya. Twelve months ago when the Lutherans first moved across the Tauri River into the southern part of the division near Kanabea Catholic Mission station there was much friction, especially between the followers of the two missions. This friction finally died away when the medical staff from the Catholic Mission spent three days in two of the Lutheran villages attending to the majority of the people, including the Lutheran Mission staff, who were suffering and dying of an influenza outbreak. Change of the European supervisor at their base at Kaintiba has also made a considerable difference.

34. The Catholic Mission at Kanabea is continuing its policy of developing the communications and economy of the area. They have had airlifted into Kanabea by helicopter one industrial tractor with front-end loader and a D4 crawler tractor for the construction of a small airstrip. When work has been completed on the airstrip this equipment will be used to improve sections of the Kaintiba-Murua road. This airstrip and the equipment on road works will make a considerable difference to the area.

35. The possible Cargo Cult situation reported in Appendix 'B' Kaintiba Patrol Report No. 19 - 69/70 was further discretely investigated during this patrol. No mention of further or continuing effects of this story was found. It would appear that the situation has died out completely. The instigator of this rumour, one of the Pau village Councillors, was talked to

concerning Administration policy and plans for the development of the area. He was found to have a strong belief in these matters, is one of the few Councillors in the area who knows most of the men from the village and if he continues in this manner will be appointed Village Constable on the retirement of the present Village constable.

36. Law and order is generally accepted in this area. Any minor disputes or arguments that cannot be settled by the people themselves is brought before the patrol for arbitration. Other minor matters are settled by the Local Court sitting on patrol. It has been found at times that some incidents have not been reported to patrols but usually these iron out in time. The foolishness of not reporting these at the time is always pointed out to the parties concerned.

37. The duties of all Village Officials were explained to the people and the officials in every village visited. It was stressed that regular reports to patrols or to the office was necessary for the efficient administration and running of the area. If these reports were not made a cone of ignorance and silence was forced on the Administration officers at Kaintiba. To put this into operation each Village Official was instructed to report to either a patrol or to the office at Kaintiba at least once every three months.

38. Such sophisticated institutions as Women's Clubs, Yough Clubs, etc. have yet to reach the Kaintiba Administrative Area.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

39. This section must be read in conjunction with the relevant section in Kaintiba Patrol Report No. 19-69/70. The same section as used in the above mentioned report will also be used in this one.

40. The following work is either in progress or has been completed:

i. Tavri River Bridge to Ewainya: The bench cut has been completed. This section is now in process of being widened. This will be a good section of road as it has been well surveyed and is mostly through stable clay. Still requires culverts and some small bridges.

ii. Ewainya to Kwenga/Wemewa boundary: Some small sections that needed regrading have been completed. Remainder follows old walking track. Now in process of being widened. Numerous small culverts will be required. First part through sandy type soil that erodes very easily. Latter section through more stable soils.

iii. Kwenga/Wemewa boundary to Wemewa: Bench cut on this section almost completed. Approximately one half mile to be resurveyed. Remainder of road to follow old walking track. Most of this section through stable soils but surfacing material will be required for lower sections.

iv. Wemewa village to Pau Village: Still in process of being widened from bench cut. Some sections will erode easily if not drained correctly. Other sections through stable soils with level grades. River gravel available in the Ie'ie'ei Creek. This creek will also require a fairly long, high bridge so as to be out of flood reach.

v. Pau village to Pau/Iomba village: This section still has not been surveyed.

47. Although the road gradient will be good the country is very steep and we can therefore expect, in the initial stages anyway, trouble with land slides.
- vi. Pau/Iomba boundary to Kanabea Catholic Mission: Bench cut for this section almost completed. Very good jobs being done by labourers. First portion of this section stable clay resulting in a good road. Latter section near mission station very unstable with many landslides and wash-aways occurring. This latter section will not require surfacing material but will need to be well constructed and drained if it is to be kept open constantly to traffic.
- vii. Kanabea Catholic Mission to Wenna Divide: The bench cut for this section was completed during a previous patrol. No further work was carried out due to labourers for this section working on section vi.
41. Progress on this section of the Kaintiba-Murua road has been very satisfactory. This satisfactory rate of progress is continuing. When completed this will be an all-weather, four wheel drive vehicle road with very good gradients capable of being upgraded in the future.
42. Part of this patrol was taken up with co-operating and liaising on the construction of the Tauri River bridge. This bridge has now been completed. This means there is now no major obstacle to the completion of the construction of the Kaintiba-Murua road.

CENSUS STATISTICS:

(N.C. McQuilty).
Assistant District Officer.

43. The attached census statistics could be, especially in the larger units, anywhere up to 20% inaccurate. This is caused by a large floating population migrating from one village to another. The majority of these just do not appear for census revision at the new village for registration. Some do not appear because they still have a garden and house in their old village and visit it periodically and therefore consider themselves residents of that village while others just wander off to the bush and remain there. Others have been residing in the bush and have never appeared before a census patrol previously. Returning indentured labourers tend to go into the bush and not communicate with anyone for some 12 months afterwards. Also if there is a death of a close family relative go off in seclusion in the bush for 12 months or more.
44. Generally Village Officials do not know who is in their census unit apart from in their own small sub-clan. Sometimes brothers even forget that they have a brother and would not have a clue where he is. This coupled with the customary tabu on saying his own or his father's name makes census revision a nightmare.
45. The only answer to this problem of highly inaccurate census taking that can be seen by this officer is to break the larger census units up into smaller ones based on groups of hamlets or sub-clans as suggested in paragraphs 16 to 18. With these smaller groups not only would we have a far more effective and responsive administrative unit but we would also be able to have a census taken that was well within 5% accurate.
46. Tawong village from the Hangoia Census Division has migrated into the Wenta Census Division and all the people are now being censused at Iwambu and Ipepongu villages. Their names have been included with these two villages.

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47 All of the small census units near the Kanabea Catholic Mission are in a complete mess. The people have not registered their names at the same one as the remainder of the sub-clan but go to the census point that suits them best with the result that sub-clans are divided up and registered all over the place. They quite often change their census point and therefore these units are a mess. The only way we can overcome this is, again, by making the sub-clan into the census unit.

48. For what the figure is worth a natural increase of 2.2% for this area is satisfactory.

CONCLUSION:

49. This patrol found a very satisfactory situation in this division. The people are very pro-Administration. The patrol was warmly welcomed in every village it visited and no untoward incidents marred the course of the patrol.

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Appendix 'A'

Personnel accompanying Kaintiba Patrol No. 3 - 1970/71.

I certify that the following comments have been entered in the relevant Records Of Service.

Const. 0609:

Not the most intelligent member but very hard working and reliable. Good conduct. Very experienced bush policeman.

Patrol Interpreter Lemani:

Very conscientious worker but hopeless as an interpreter. Will be replaced as soon as a replacement is found.

N.C. McQuilty
(N.C. McQuilty)
Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Gulf Report No. 4 Kaintiba 1970-71

Patrol Conducted by R. S. Coles Assistant District Officer

Area Patrolled Hamdei, We'abi and Wenta Census Divisions.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans R. Percy A.P.O (part)

Natives 2 police constables, 1 interpreter, 1 medical orderly

Duration—From 7.1/19.71 to 3.6/19.71 (broken period)

Number of Days 71 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? Yes

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 12.2/19.70-71

Medical 12/19.70

Map Reference Fourmil Wau and attached patrol map.

Objects of Patrol Census revision, bridge construction at Tauri River,

Police Investigations, supervision of road construction.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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KEREMA, Gulf District.

2 December, 1971.

~~Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
KEREMA.~~

KAITUMA PATROL REPORT NO. 4/1970-71
R.S. COLES

Your KS 67-2-4 of 25th November, 1971.

This is indeed a poor effort on the part of Mr. R.S. Coles, particularly as I recall Mr. Coles being stranded by weather in Kerema for a week just after the patrol finished. What did he do then!

The report fills in a gap in the records for the period concerned and little else.

Mr. Coles will have to increase his efficiency and productivity if he is to throw off the apprehension created by this report.

R.S. BELL
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. ~~Mr. R.S. Coles,~~
~~Waimuru Patrol Post.~~

This late submission has been noted.

R.S. BELL
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

→ c.c. Secretary,
Dept of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

Two copies for your information.

R.S. Bell
R.S. BELL
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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Kaintiba Patrol Post,
GULF DISTRICT.

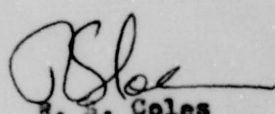
21st June, 1971

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

KAINTIBA PATROL REPORT NO. 4 1970-71
HAMDEI, WE'ABI, WENTA CENSUS DIVISIONS .

Patrol Number.	Kaintiba No 4 1970-71
Sub-District.	Kerema
District.	Gulf
Council area.	Non-council
Patrol conducted by.	R. S. Coles
Designation.	Assistant District Officer
Personel accompanying.	Const1/c Goma Const1/c Maia Interpreter Lemani Hospital Orderly Kiripope
Duration of patrol.	7.1.71 to 3.6.71 (broken period) 71 patrol days.
Last D.D.A patrol to area.	Dec. 70 - Feb 1971
Objects of patrol.	1. Census revision for Hamdei and We'abi Census Divisions. 2. Assist with the construction of the Tauri River bridge, the film of the bridge construction, and organize the opening 'singsing' 3. Encourage and supervise road and bridge construction in the Hamdei, We'abi and Wenta Census Divisions 4. Investigate reported attempted murder in the Kanabea area. 5. Routine administration and magisterial duties as required.
Population of area patrolled.	Hamdei - 4078 We'abi - 850 Wenta - 2970 7898

Census statistics and Map reference are attached.


R. S. Coles
Assistant District Officer.

Patrol Diary.Thursday 7th January.

Patrol departed 8.30 am from Kaintiba office.
 Arrived Yewideba/Dakuta rest house 10 am. Talks with village officials.
 Census revised for both villages during the afternoon.
 Talks given on road construction etc. Several disputes heard.
 Overnight Yewideba/Dakuta rest house.

Friday 8th January.

To Yambona - 1½ hrs walking time.
 Census revised and talks given re. road construction and law and order.
 Medical treatment given to villagers by Aid Post Orderly.
 Talks with councillor re. duties. pig dispute heard.
 Overnight Yambona.

Saturday 9th January.

To Winka village - 1½ hrs walking time over rough walking track.
 Census revised. Talks with villagers. Marriage dispute settled.
 Overnight Winka.

Sunday 10th January.

Observed Winka.

Monday 11th January.

To Landei - 1 hrs walk along a good walking track.
 Census revised. Talks given re road construction and Tauri bridge.
 Medical treatment given by A.P.O. Several minor disputes heard.
 Talks with village constable and councillors. Overnight Landei.

Tuesday 12th January.

To Wempangu, 1 hrs walk along good walking track. Census revised.
 Medical treatment given by A.P.O. Talks with villagers re. road construction and law and order.
 Talks with councillors during evening. Overnight Wempangu.

Wednesday 13th January.

To Hambia - 1 hrs walk - track in poor condition.
 Census revised at resthouse. Talks given re law and order and road work.
 Medical treatment given by A.P.O.
 Talks with councillors and Luluais from the Aseki area. Overnight Hambia.

Thursday 14th January.

To Titamanga - 1 hrs walking time along good walking track.
 Census revised for Gementua, Wawapini and Titamanga at resthouse.
 Talks given re. road construction and law and order etc.
 Medical treatment given by Hospital Orderly.
 Talks with councillors during the evening. Overnight.

Friday 15th January.

To Hauwabango village - 1½ hrs walking time; track in reasonable condition.
 Census revised for Ewai-Udidanga. Talks with villagers re road work.
 Medical treatment given by Hospital Orderly. Overnight.

Saturday 16th January.

Census revised for Hauwabango village. Medical treatment given by A.P.O.
 Talks with people re road construction and law and order.
 Overnight Hauwabango.

Sunday 17th January.

Observed Hauwabango.

Monday 18th January.

To Karangea - 1½ hrs along good road. Census revised. Talks on road and bridge construction with villagers. 3 local court cases heard. Medical treatment given by Hospital Orderly. Several minor disputes heard. Overnight Karangea.

Tuesday 19th January.

To Kuwawia - one hrs walk along rouga walking track. Census revised. Talks with villagers re. road construction. First aid given by Hospital Orderly. Several minor disputes settled. Overnight Kuwawia.

Wednesday 20th January.

To Kwoi'imnga via Ata village; approx 3 hours walk. Talks with villagers re road construction and assistance with Tauri River Bridge. Meeting held with villagers about the death of patrol interpreter Tangi and to discuss compensation payments. Fresh food purchased for carriers. Overnight.

Thursday 22nd January.

Census revised for Kwoi'imnga and Ata villages. Further talks with villagers re road and bridge work. First aid given by Hospital Orderly. Overnight Kwoi'imnga.

Friday 23rd January.

To Tauri River Bridge site, approx 4 hours walk. Inspection of progress to date. Talks with Mr Leeke P.W.D and Mr Witchurch of the Independent Film Unit. Arrangements made to get bridge materials from Kaintiba to the site. Overnight Tauri River.

Saturday 23 January.

Departed bridge site for Mauwabange - approx 3½ hrs walk. Arrangements made with villagers to collect bridge supplies from Kaintiba when required. Overnight Mauwabange.

Sunday 24th January.

Observed Mauwabange. Talks with villagers.

Monday 25th January.

Departed Mauwabange for Kaintiba via Bema arriving 3pm. Patrol stood down. Food arranged for carriers.

Patrol Broken

Friday 19th February

Unloading govt. charters and checking bridge materials and decking. Materials sent forward to bridge site as they arrived. Self departed 2.30 pm with last load of materials arriving Bema 4.30pm. Carriers overnight Mine village. Self overnight Bema Mission.

Saturday 20th February.

Departed Bema 7 am arriving Mauwabange 1 pm. Last Carrier arrived 3.30pm. Rations scaled for carriers. Overnight Mauwabange.

Sunday 21st February.

Departed Mauwabange 6.30 am arriving bridge site 10.30 am. Last carrier in by noon. Rations scaled for carriers. Assisted with bridge construction; arrangements made for 'singsing' at bridge opening. Overnight Tauri River.

Monday 22nd February.

At bridge site - bridge completed. Target shooting competitions etc held during afternoon. Assisted Mr Witchurch with filming. Singing held during the evening. Overnight Kauri River.

Tuesday 23rd February.

Mr Bell D.S and Mr. Crotty Director P.W.D arrived by helicopter to officially open the bridge. Mr Bell and self had talks with local councillors re. the development of their area. Loading helicopter with construction equipment. Last helicopter trip 3pm. Carriers paid off during evening. Overnight.

Wednesday 24th February.

Compensation of \$100 paid to deceased patrol interpreter Tange's relatives. Bridge site cleaned up and creosote painted on bridge decking. Departed site 1pm arriving Hauwabango 4.30 pm. Fresh feed purchased for carriers. Overnight Hauwabango.

Thursday 25th February.

Five local court cases heard - 4 assault, 1 adultery. Departed 11.30 for Iemepange arriving 1.45 pm. Talks with V.C and villagers. Arrangements made for census tomorrow. Fresh foods purchased for carriers. Overnight Iemepange.

Friday 26th February.

Census revised Iemepange. Talks given re. road construction etc. Medical treatment given by Aid Post Orderly. 4 local court cases heard. Departed 1.30 pm arriving Kaingo 3.30 pm. Talks with councillors and village people. Fresh feed purchased for carriers. Overnight Kaingo.

Saturday 27th February.

Census revised for Kaingo and Sugawianga. Talks on road construction and law and order. Carriers to bridge site from Kaingo paid off. Departed 3.30pm for Mine arriving 4.30pm. No rest house available. Overnight Bema Mission.

Sunday 28th February.

Observed Bema Mission.

Monday 1st March.

Census revised for Mine village. Talks given re road construction and law and order. Villagers requested to build rest house and police barracks in their village. Medical treatment given by A.P.O. Several minor disputes heard at the village. Returned to Kaintiba arriving 5.30 pm - 1½ hrs walking time.

Patrol Broken

Wednesday 17th March.

To Mine village 1½ hrs walking time. Check on road and bridge construction in the area. One local court case - assault heard at village. Talks with Fr. Turner and village people re. village cattle project. Overnight Bema. Returned to Kaintiba thursday am.

Monday 29th March.

Departed Kaintiba 7.45 for Palengauwa per motorcycle. Census revised at village. Talks with villagers. To Kapataewa village 1hr 15mins walking time. Census revised and talks with people. medical treatment given by A.P.O. Several minor disputes heard. Overnight Kapateawa .

Tuesday 30th March.

Departed Hapataewa for Hapaitamanga arriving 11.50 am - 3½ hrs walking time. Census revised. Talks with local people re. law and order and road construction. Medical treatment given by A.P.O. Overnight Hapaitamanga.

Wednesday 31st March.

Departed Hapaitamanga 7.45 arriving Nangonai 9.20am. Arrangements made for census tomorrow. Departed for Tuwin 10 am arriving 2pm. Carriers arrived 3pm. Talks with councillor and villagers. Fresh foods purchased for carriers. Overnight Tuwin.

Thursday 1st April.

Census revised at Tuwin. Talks given on road work and law and order. Medical treatment given by A.P.O. One local court case heard. Departed Tuwin 10.50 am for Nangonai arriving 1.30pm. Census revised and talks given. First aid treatment by A.P.O. Fresh food purchased for carriers. 1 marriage dispute settled. Overnight Nangonai.

Friday 2nd April.

Police constable and Interpreter sent locate the families that failed to attend the census. Self departed Nangonai 8.30 arriving Kaintiba 2.30pm.

Saturday 3rd April.

To Ikesea, 10 mins walk from station. Census revised and talks with local villagers. Returned to station during afternoon.

Tuesday 6th April.

Patrol departed Kaintiba 10.30 am, arriving Mambainya 3pm. Talks with villagers. Fresh food purchased for carriers. Overnight Mambainya.

Wednesday 7th April.

Census revised for Mambainya at Nyahawa hamlet. Talks given on road construction etc. Patrol departed for Ikueya to investigate reported attempted murder case, arriving 4pm. Talks with councillor and villagers. Fresh food purchased for carriers. Overnight Ikueya.

Thursday 8th April.

Investigation into attempted murder. Statements taken from witnesses and visited scene of crime. Departed Ikueya noon for Iwambu arriving 2.30. Talks with other witnesses. Departed Iwambu 3.30 for Kanabea arriving 4.15pm. Talks with priests at Kanabea. Overnight Mission station.

Friday 9th April.

Good Friday - observed Kanabea.

Saturday 10th April.

Easter Saturday - observed Kanabea.

Sunday 11th April.

Easter Sunday - observed Kanabea.

Monday 12th April.

Easter Monday - Kanabea.

Tuesday 13th April.

One local court case - assault. Surveying land adjoining Kanabea for mission purchase. Overnight Kanabea.

Wednesday 14th April.

Completed surveying land adjoining mission station. Talks with land owners. Overnight.

Thursday 15th April.

Departed Kanabea 8 am arriving Wemewa 2.45pm. Check on road construction progress and talks with workers en route. Fresh foods purchased for carriers. Two local court cases heard during evening. Overnight Wemewa.

Friday 16th April.

Departed Wemewa 8 am for Tamri Bridge via Swainya. Talks with councillors at Swainya. Met Mr. Arons A.D.O en route to the Kaberope area. Arrived bridge 2.30 pm. Checked on road construction progress to date and talks with Mr Percy A.P.O. Overnight Bridgesite.

Saturday 17th April.

At bridge site. Talks with Huxwria V.C. re road construction. Overnight.

Sunday 18th April.

Departed bridge site 10 am for Hauwabango arriving 1.30 pm. Fresh foods purchased for carriers. Overnight Hauwabango.

Monday 19th April.

Four local courts heard at Hauwabango. Departed 11am, arriving Kaintiba 5.30pm. Talks with road workers en route. Rations scaled for carriers.

Wednesday 5th May

Departed 11.30 am for Mine per motorcycle to supervise road construction between Mine and Kaingo. Patrol camp set up. Supervision of road work and talks with workers during afternoon. O'night Mine.

Thursday 6th May.

Supervision of road and bridge construction between Mine and Kaingo. Several disputes heard at rest house. Contract road payments made to villagers from Mine, Winka, Kamdei, Wempangu and Wandawa during afternoon-156 received payments. O'night Mine.

Friday 7th May.

Departed Mine 7.45 per motorcycle arriving Kaintiba 8.15.

Monday 10th May.

10am departed for Mine per motorcycle. Supervision of road and culvert construction. Talks with villagers during evening. Overnight Mine.

Tuesday 11th May.

To visit Kaingo and Hambia workers north of Kaingo. 20mins by motorcycle from Mine plus 1 1/4 hrs walk. Contract payments made to workers from Kaingo, Hambia, Titamanga, Semantua and Sugawianga. Inspection of progress to date and talks with workers. Returned to Mine arriving 5.15. O'night.

Wednesday 12th May.

Supervision of road construction between Mine and Kaingo. Talks with workers - several disputes heard at rest house. Overnight Mine.

Thursday 13th May.

Supervision of road and culvert construction. Departed Mine 2pm arriving Kaintiba 3pm. Talks with road workers between Bema and Kaintiba en route.

Monday 17th May.

Departed Kaintiba for Mine per motorcycle arriving 11.15.
Supervision of road construction between Mine and Kaingo.
Talks with workers during evening. Overnight Mine.

Tuesday 18th May.

To Kaingo to check on construction progress north of that area.
All working well. Workers from Gemantua and Wawapini had also commenced construction since last visit.
Returned to Mine during afternoon arriving 4.30.
Talks with villagers during evening. Overnight Mine.

Wednesday 19th May.

Supervision of road and bridge construction in Mine area.
Several disputes heard on road and talks with workers. O'night Mine.

Thursday 20th May.

Supervision of bridge and road construction in the Mine-Kaingo area.
Talks with villagers during evening. O'night Mine.

Friday 21st May.

0800 Returned to Kaintiba per motorcycle.

Monday 24th May.

Departed Kaintiba 11 am for Mine per motorcycle. Talks with Yakatangwa road workers en route. Visited Mine workers during afternoon.
Overnight Mine.

Tuesday 25th May.

To Kaingo to check on workers and road construction progress.
Returned during afternoon to inspect progress in the Mine area.
Several minor disputes heard at rest house during evening.
Overnight Mine.

Wednesday 26th May.

Meeting held at Mine with villagers from Mine, Wimka, Mandei, Wempangu and Hambia. Talks given by Mr. G. Gerojo, R.D.O Kereba on economic development in the Kaintiba area.
Two men charged in the local court with threatening behaviour - each sentenced to 3 months I.H.L.
Supervision of road construction during afternoon. O'night Mine.

Thursday 27th May.

Supervision of road construction in the Mine-Kaingo area.
Talks with workers along the road. Returned to Kaintiba arriving 4.15pm.

Monday 31st May.

Departed office 11am for Mine per motorcycle. Talks with Yakatangwa workers en route. Inspection of road progress Kaingo- Mine area during afternoon. Overnight Mine.

Tuesday 1st June.

To Kaingo area to check on workers and road construction progress.
Returned during afternoon to inspect progress in the Mine area.
Overnight Mine.

Wednesday 2nd June.

Supervision of road construction in the Mine area. Several disputes re. pigs and gardens settled. Overnight Mine.

Thursday 3rd June.

Supervision of road construction in the Mine area during the morning. Returned to Kaintiba during the afternoon per motorcycle - Check on culvert construction and talks with workers in the Yakitangwa area en route.

End of Patrol.

Introduction.

1. The objects of this patrol were to carry out an annual census for the Hamdei and We'abi Census Divisions and to assist with the construction and filming of the construction of the Tauri River Bridge. At one stage the patrol had to be broken for a month so that this officer could return to Kaintiba to keep supplies and materials going forward to the bridge.
2. The patrol returned to the bridge site with the last of the construction materials to assist with the filming and organize the opening 'singsing'. The patrol then continued on to complete the census revision for the Hamdei and We'abi areas.
3. While the patrol was in the We'abi area it was reported that an attempted murder had been committed at Ikueya, near Kanabea. The patrol crossed into the Wenta Census Division to investigate the matter and then returned to Kaintiba via the vehicular road route to check on road construction progress, and to assist Mr. Percy A.P.O. who was on a road construction patrol near the Tauri River Bridge.
4. The Hamdei and We'abi Census Divisions are the two Kaintiba census divisions east of the Tauri River, their common border being the government station. Most of the area is broken country covered with tropical rainforest. The area varies in height from 2000' a.s.l in the southern We'abi to approx 6500' in the northern Hamdei near the New Guinea border. There is a censused population of 850 in the We'abi and 4078 in the Hamdei.

Political Situation.

5. The political situation in the Hamdei and We'abi census divisions has not changed greatly in the two years this officer has been at Kaintiba. The simple and extended families are still the main social units. The clan system has all but broken down; its main use to the Kamia's was apparently as a fighting or defensive group.
6. The majority of the village officials, when appointed, were either former fight leaders or influential clan members. While most of them still retain some influence within their village areas, it becomes more apparent that their influence is derived from administration support of their position rather than respect for their traditional positions and authority.
7. To date there are no indications of the younger men taking over village leadership from their elders. Most young men who return from working on coastal plantations prefer to collect their wives and go and live in the bush for a year or so rather than return directly to village life.

Political cont.

8. As has been stated in previous reports the Kamia people have an individualistic nature which does not lend itself to community life. A minor argument is generally sufficient reason for a family to move out of a village to live in their garden area, or another village.

9. Rather than give group talks on the House of Assembly and Local Government Councils, which the locals find a complete bore, attempts were made to explain the workings of these institutions to selected men who it was thought would understand them.

10. It appeared that the basic workings of both institutions were understood in several cases but the men could not see any benefit for themselves in them. The idea of them, as individuals, paying council tax for community development had little appeal.

11. Although the Kaintiba area has sufficient population to influence the Kerema Open seat in the House of Assembly elections, so far the Kamias has shown no inclination to do so. Until the people do emerge as a voting block it is unlikely that sitting members will show anymore interest in the area than they have to date.

12. While the suicide of Patrol Interpreter Tangi happened at the bridge site two months before this patrol was mounted the ramifications of his death were still being felt in the villages. Numerous theories were expounded on the reason for his suicide, one being that the people from his home village would not give him any land. There was also rumour of a 'payback' killing, but the patrol was unable to locate the source of the rumour.

13. A meeting was held at Kwoi'imnga during the patrol, with the Hauwabangos and Titamangas in attendance. All denied starting the rumours and claimed there was no intention of a 'payback Killing'.

14. During the 'sing-sing' at the Tauri Bridge opening the Kwoi'imngas began by sitting on the side of the hill with the intention of boycotting the proceedings as a protest against Tangi's suicide. After several hours they apparently became tired of the gesture and came down to join in the festivities.

15. The day after the bridge opening a meeting was held with Tangi's relatives and compensation of \$100 was given to his sister, who distributed it amongst members of his family. While the dispute over Tangi's suicide now appears to be over, it would not surprise this officer if the locals bring it up again during inter-village disputes at a later date.

Economic.

16. Agriculture. The Kamia people in this area are subsistence farmers. Their staple diet consists of sweet potatoe, taro, bananas and and sugar cane with protein being obtained mainly from 'Galip' and 'Karuka' nuts and supplemented with an occasional pig or fowl.

17. A number of villagers also have small plots of introduced european type vegetables which are sold on the station. It was orriginally planned to supply Kerema with vegetables from this area, but the difficulty in obtaining vegetables seeds has prevented this.

Economic cont.

18. At present there are only a few hundred bearing coffee trees in the Hamdei Census Division, but over the last six to nine months coffee seedlings have been planted out in nearly all villages in the area. The seeds are obtained from friends and relatives in the Aseki area who have established coffee gardens.

19. While it is realized that it is not D.A.S.F. POLICY to encourage new coffee plantings the practice is likely to continue until the Agriculture Department can come up with an alternative cash crop for this area.

20. While the patrol was in the Hamdei area Mr G Corde Rural Development Officer from Kerema visited the Mauwabango valley to ascertain its suitability for cattle raising. The Catholic Mission at Bema has several head of cattle in the valley being looked after by the local villagers. He found the area suitable for cattle raising but expressed doubts as to getting the cattle into the area and obtaining finance to start the venture.

21. As cattle have previously been walked from this area to Futei it should be possible to walk them into the area. The main problem would appear to be finance. The villagers have very little cash, therefore the proposed cattle project would depend on whether the Development Bank would be prepared to finance the purchase of cattle and fencing on the security of the land.

Income.

22. The average income per head of population in the We'abi and Hamdei Census Divisions is approx \$1.15. The labourers working for the Administration and Missions are the highest income earners in the area.

23. Income from wages is limited to 3 administration employed labourers at Kaintiba, 6 mission labourers and mission payments to village catechists and evangelists. Small amounts of money are also earned from the sale of local and introduced vegetables and coffee.

24. The only other sources of income for the area are road contract payments and money brought into the area from returning contract labourers.

Roads and Bridges.

25. During this patrol the Tauri River vehicular bridge was completed. As insufficient planks could be cut at the site by the bridge's completion date much of the decking had to be carried to the site from Kaintiba. As the average plank weighed about 140 lbs five or six carriers were required to carry each plank the 25 odd miles to the bridge site.

26. Most villagers carried willingly although two planks were dropped along the route by carriers who claimed they were too heavy. Approx \$1000 was paid to the carriers for carrying rations, planks and other materials to the site.

27. While this patrol was in the field Mr Percy A.P.O. was on a road construction patrol, completing the bench cut between the bridge and the top of the ridge, a distance of 3 miles (estimated). As this stretch of road has now been completed there is a bench cut track from Kaintiba to the bridge site, although two small sections near the 'Gap' may have to be recut.

Roads and Bridges cont.

28. The bench cut on the Kaintiba-Bema section of the road (5½ miles) was completed by Christmas last year and only blasting and bridging was required to complete it. However a number of large landslides and washaways set the road work back several months. During the later part of this patrol landslides were cleared, culverts and bridges put in and the drains cleared.

29. The patrol also spent several weeks in the Mine-Kaingo area supervising the widening of the road and the construction of bridges and drains. The villagers also spent some time re-opening the road where landslides and washaways had occurred.

30. The villagers from Mine, Hamdei, Wimka and Wepangu were cutting the road north from Mine with the Kaingo's Tetamanga's, Gemantua's, Hambia's and Sugawianga's opening the road from Kaingo back towards Mine. They should eventually meet some 3 miles north of Mine.

31. During the patrol the work force on this section averaged at 240 men. Contract payments for work already completed were paid to both groups. While the villagers are still working well it is obvious that they are becoming disappointed and disalused with the additional work caused by landslides.

Social.Education.

32. There are two recognized schools in the area. One is run by the Catholic Mission at Bema, 5½ miles north of Kaintiba. The school has 83 pupils; 35 in standard 1, 30 in standard 2 and 18 in standard 5. The standard 3 and 4 students from the school have been sent to Araimiri's school on the coast, as there were insufficient students to start these classes at Bema at the beginning of the year. The staff consists of an Australian head teacher and two local teachers.

33. The administration opened a primary school at Kaintiba half way through last year when the Lutheran Mission school closed down. The school has an average attendance of approx. 50 students in standards one to four. The staff consists of an Australian head teacher and one local teacher from the Kerema area.

34. Since the Lutheran Mission was forced to close its school down due to lack of qualified teachers they have concentrated on bible schools in the villages. They have six of these schools operating at present, where the children are taught to read and write in pidgin english.

Missions.

35. There are two established mission stations in the Hamdei-We'abi area. The Lutherans have a station 10 minutes walk south of Kaintiba. They have a bible school and a trade store on the station as well as a number of evangelists and bible schools in the villages.

36. The Catholic Mission at Bema has a primary school and an aid post on their station and trade stores at Bema and Kaintiba. The mission is in the process of trying to organize village cattle projects.

36. The Seventh Day Adventists have about 1000 adherents in the northern Hamdei area. Their headquarters for this area is at Menyanya in the Morobe District. They have two small bible schools in the area.

Missions cont.

38. As the missions influences on the villagers vary from individual to individual and village to village it is difficult to estimate their influence on the whole area. Adherence to a particular mission is generally along village lines. In these two census divisions approx 15% of the population claim to be S.D.A, 11% Catholic and the remaining 71% Lutheran.

Law and Order.

39. All local court cases heard during the patrol were on charges common to the Kaintiba area, i.e assault and adultery.

40. A reported attempted murder was investigated at Ikueya near Kanabea. As insufficient medical evidence was available the person arrested was charged with assault in the local court, convicted and sentenced to six months hard labour at Kaintiba Corrective Institution.

41. Taking into account the length of time that the Kamias have been contacted they can be considered reasonably law abiding. Most court cases from the Hamdei and We'abi census divisions are brought to the government station by the village officials for hearing, as they occur.

Health.

42. During the census Hospital Orderly Kiripope accompanied the patrol giving medical attention as required in the villages. The illnesses reported were influenza, pneumonia, malaria and tropical ulcers.

43. The Jema mission aid post treats a large number of people from the villages north of Kaintiba. The sister in charge is also able to give much needed infant welfare care when the sick babies are brought to her.

44. The administration aid post at Kaintiba has also acquired the services of an infant welfare nurse, which has improved the medical services available to the villages. More village women are now prepared to come to the aidpost for treatment without their husbands.

Census.

45. Census statistics for the Hamdei and We'abi Census Divisions are attached. The population of the We'abi Census Division increased by 43, giving it a total population of 850. The Hamdei area increased from 3923 to 4078. The natural increase percentages of 2.95 for the We'abi and 1.94 for the Hamdei are satisfactory for the Kaintiba area.

46. The only names likely to be missing from the census sheets are those of labourers who have been working outside the area for some time and the locals have forgotten about them.

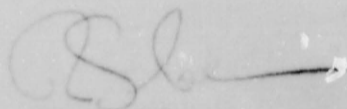
Film of Bridge Construction.

47. The construction of the Tauri River Bridge was used as a central theme for a film on communications in Papua-New Guinea. The film was made by Mr. F. Witchurch of the Independent Film Unit based in Sydney. This officer feels that if it is possible for a copy of the film to be obtained the locals who assisted with the bridge construction would be glad of an opportunity to see it.

Conclusion.

48. Although this area has had some set backs with road construction progress is still being made. The people remain pro-administration and the patrol was well received in all villages. It can only be hoped that some economic development will come their way eventually.

For your information, please.



R. S. Coles
Assistant District Officer

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of CHILK Report No. MAINTEN 5 OF 1970/71

Patrol Conducted by R. J. PERCY A.P.O.

Area Patrolled TAUBRI (PART) GENERAL DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Natives 1 POLICE CONSTABLE 1 PATROL INTERPRETER

Duration—From 27/1/1971 to 26/2/1971

Number of Days 30 DAYS

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 16/10/1970

Medical 21/2/1971

Map Reference CHILK HALL AND ATTACHED PATROL MAP

Objects of Patrol 1. ASSIST AND CO-ORDINATE WITH P.M.D. ON TAUBRI RIVER BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION. 2. GIVE ALL ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE TO FILM WORK BEING CONDUCTED BY MR. P. MITCHELL. 3. ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

15th August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

KAIN TIBA PATROL NO. 5 OF 1970/71.

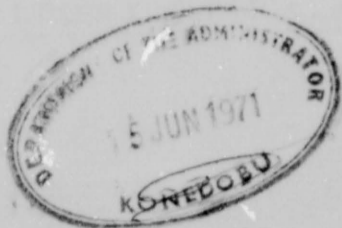
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1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of the above-
mentioned Patrol Report by Mr. R.J. Percy.

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

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67-7-52/1121

Kerema, Gulf District.

10th June, 1971.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Kerema.

KAINTIBA PATROL REPORT NO. 5 of 1970/71.
Mr. R.T. PERCY A.P.O.

Thank you for your KB 67-2-4 of 23rd April 1971
commenting on the above report.

The work by Mr. Percy appears satisfactorily
carried out and he should have benefited greatly by
the experience. This will stand him in good stead
during his years up here.

R.S. BELL.
District Commissioner.

c.c. Officer-in-Charge,
KAINTIBA.

Mr. R.T. Percy,
KAINTIBA.

Secretary, Department of the Administrator, KONEDOBU.

Two copies for your information please.

R.S. Bell
R.S. BELL.
District Commissioner.



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Department of the Administrator.
Sub-District Office,
KAREMA, GULF DISTRICT.

23rd April, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
KAREMA.

KAINTEBA PATROL REPORT No. 5-1970/71
HAMBUN (PART) CENSUS DIVISION
MR. R.T. PERCY, A.P.O.

Attached please find three copies of the above report, patrol map, camping allowance claims together with covering comments by the Officer-in-Charge, Kaintiba.

Comments that I wish to make are:

This is only the second patrol report submitted by Mr. R.T. Percy since he joined the department. This was a special report which Mr. Percy appears to have handled capably.

The report is neatly presented and Mr. Percy's patrol map is quite good.

The Officer-in-Charge has made adequate comments on this routine patrol.

The main point of interest is a reported waning of ill-feeling toward the Administration concerning Tangi's suicide.

For your information and onforwarding.

(F.A. WALLACE),
a/ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Encl.



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Mr. RSC/CPM.

Patrol Post,
KAINTIBA.G.D.

23rd March, 1971.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
KEREMA.G.D.

KAINTIBA PATROL REPORT No 5-1970/71

TAURI BRIDGE AREA- HANDEI C.D.- MR.R.PERCY A.P.O.

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For your information please.

(R.S. Coles)
Officer in Charge

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RSC/CPM.

Patrol Post,
KAINTEBA.G.D.

23rd March, 1971.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
KEREMA.G.D.

KAINTEBA PATROL REPORT No 5-1970/71
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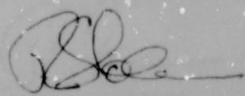
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(R.S. Coles)
Officer in Charge



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Patrol Post,
KAINTIMA.G.D.

27th January, 1971

Mr R.Percy,
Assistant Patrol Officer,
KAINTIMA.

Dear Sir,

KAINTIMA PATROL REPORT No.5-1970/71

As discussed with you please prepare to depart tomorrow for the Teari Bridge Camp Site. You will be accompanied by Constable Rick No.2099 and Patrol Interpreter LEMANI. A group of carriers are already on the station.

The aims of your patrol will be:-

- (1) To supervise the pitsaw teams and ensure that as many planks as possible are cut while you are at the site so that the bridge can be completed quickly.
- (11) To assist Mr Whitcarch in any way possible with the filming of the bridge construction and at local villages near the site.
- (111) To supervise the construction of the uncut section of road between the bridge site and Huwawia village.
- (1V) To assist Mr Leeke P.W.D. with the bridge construction, if required. You will remain at the bridge site until the bridge is completed. I expect to join you within 2 weeks.

There is an A510 portable radio stationed at the site. You will be able to contact Kaintiba and Kerema at 4pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to advise of construction progress and any problems at the site etc.

You will be expected to submit a patrol report within 14 days of your return to the station.

I wish you a successful patrol.

(R.S. Coles)
Officer in Charge

67-1-1

Patrol Post,
MAINTIBA.

1st March 1971.

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

Kaintiba Special Patrol No.5 of 1970/71
Hardei Census Division
R.J.Percy A.P.O.

Report No. : Kaintiba 5 of 1970/71

Sub-District : Kerema

District : Gulf

Council/Non Council : Non Council

Patrol conducted by : R.J.Percy

Designation : Assistant Patrol Officer

Area patrolled : Hardei (Part) Census Division

Personnel accompanying : Const. Rick (No.2099)
Patrol Interpreter Lemani

Duration of patrol : 27.1.71 to 26.2.71---30 days.

Date and duration of last
DPA patrol to area : October-November 1970
23 days

Objects of patrol : 1. Assist and co-ordinate with P.M.D. on the
construction of the Tauri River bridge.
2. Assist, in any way possible, Mr. Peter
Whitchurch. Mr. Whitchurch is producing a
film on communication in New Guinea, and is
using the construction of the Tauri River
bridge as the central theme to the film.
3. Construction of an unfinished section of road
situated immediately before the bridge, on
the Kaintiba side of the Tauri River.

Total population contacted : Not applicable.

Map reference : Fourmil Wau and attached patrol map.

Village Population Register : Not attached.

PATROL DIARYWednesday 27.1.71:

0900 Departed Kaintiba. Arrived Bema 1045 hrs.
 1115 Departed Bema.
 1600 Arrived Hauwabanga. Rained from 1400 hrs. Camped overnight in rest house.

Thursday 28.1.71:

0920 Departed Hauwabanga.
 1300 Arrived bridge site. Met Mr. Peter Whitchurch and Mr. Eric Leske. Camped overnight.

Friday 29.1.71:

0930 Inspected bridge site and length of road still to be completed.
 1030 Inspected pit saw teams.
 1300 Sent P/C Rick to inspect accommodation facilities for carriers expected from Sunday onwards.
 1555 Attempted to contact Kaintiba with A510 transceiver. Unsuccessful.
 1610 Radio contact with Kerema established but distortion rendered messages unintelligible. Camped overnight.

Saturday 30.1.71:

Observed(bridge site). Camped overnight.

Sunday 31.1.71:

Observed(bridge site). Camped overnight.

Monday 1.2.71:

0830 Organized labour line for the road building. Only 12 villagers arrived, supplemented by less efficient of the two pit saw teams.
 0845 Asked advice of P/C 1/C Berie who was of the opinion that it would be use-
 -less to try to round up labour at the villages as the villagers would disappear into the bush when the patrol was sighted.
 0900 Sent V.C. from Huwawia and V.C. from Karangae back to their villages in an effort to bring people back.
 0915 Started road works from bridge back---Peter Whitchurch wants to film it this way.
 1000 Supervised road construction till 1330 hrs. when heavy rain halted work. Eventual labour line that day 30. Camped overnight.

Tuesday 2.2.71:

0830 Sent P/C 1/C Berie back to Kaintiba, he was suffering from malaria.
 0900 Supervised road construction and helped with film shots.
 2000 Taped session with Peter Whitchurch, P/C Rick and Interpreter Lemani on local customs. Camped overnight.

Wednesday 3.2.71:

0830 Resumed road works.
 0900 Assisted Peter Whitchurch with filming.
 1300 Checked on progress of road works.
 1600 Tuned in to sked. Could receive but not transmit---appears batteries at fault. Camped overnight.

Thursday 4.2.71:

- 0830 Morning taken with assisting Peter Whitchurch with film shots.
 1300 Checked on progress of road works.
 1430 Boss-boys approached me and asked that the labourers, the majority being S.E.A., be allowed to finish work today, and tomorrow travel to their villages for their Saturday Sabbath. As this was the practise in the past I complied with their request.
 1500 Carriers arrived from Kaintiba with batteries for the A510 transceiver.
 1515 Checked on pit saw teams. Appears that only one team is proficient, the other one is lacking in experience and is therefore of not much value. Camped overnight.

Friday 5.2.71:

- 0830 No work on road as labour line returned to villages.
 0900 Checked on pit saw teams to calculate output; approximately 20 pieces of timber per week, but quality poor.
 1500 Carriers arrived from Kaintiba with a load of timber.
 1620 Contacted Kaintiba and received instructions via radio sked. Camped overnight.

Saturday 6.2.71:

Observed(bridge site). Camped overnight.

Sunday 7.2.71:

Observed(bridge site). Camped overnight.

Monday 8.2.71:

- 0830 Labour arrived and commenced filling in large depression on the Kaintiba side of the bridge.
 1625 Received instructions per radio from Kaintiba.
 1700 Film shots taken of flag raising ceremonies.
 1725 Instructed V.C. from Kwoi'imga to leave for his village tomorrow in an attempt to get carriers for Kaintiba. Camped overnight.

Tuesday 9.2.71:

- 0830 Sent labour line to continue filling in depression in the road.
 0830 Instructed Interpreter Lemani to go to Nawabanga to get men to go to Kaintiba and act as carriers.
 0900 Assisted Peter Whitchurch in filming fake bridge cutting scene.
 1300 Supervised labour line. Camped overnight.

Wednesday 10.2.71:

- 0830 Supervised road works.
 1300 Supervised road works. Heavy rain at 1430 hrs. halted work for the day.
 1630 Received instructions per radio from Kaintiba. Camped overnight.

Thursday 11.2.71:

- 0830 Supervised labour line in constructing ford over stream nearest the bridge on the Kaintiba side.
 1100 Sent Interpreter Lemani and V.C. from Kwoi'imga to Nemau to enlist carriers for Kaintiba.
 1200 Carriers from Kaintiba arrived with 19 pieces of timber.
 1300 Further work on ford. Rain halted work at 1430 hrs. Camped overnight.

Friday 12.2.71:

- 0830 Supervised completion of ford across stream.
 1200 Labour line completed work for the week, S.B.A.---went back to villages to observe their Sabbath.
 1400 Carriers arrived from Kaintiba with 6 pieces of timber.
 1620 Contacted Kerema on sked. and received instructions.
 1630 Interpreter Lemani returned from Memavo with 12 carriers and also 12 carriers from Wainya. Leave Saturday morning for Kaintiba, there to act as carriers. Camped overnight.

Saturday 13.2.71:

Observed(bridge site). Camped overnight.

Sunday 14.2.71:

Observed(bridge site). Camped overnight.

Monday 15.2.71:

- 0830 Supervised labour line on road works.
 1300 Supervised labour line on road works.
 1615 Received instructions from Kaintiba per radio. Camped overnight.

Tuesday 16.2.71:

- 0700 Sent total labour line (39) with Interpreter Lemani in charge, to Hauwabanga. There to act as relay carriers.
 1400 Received instructions from Kerema that 200 carriers required in Kaintiba by Thursday.
 1430 Sent messengers out to all surrounding villages to get carriers. Camped overnight.

Wednesday 17.2.71:

- 0800 Throughout morning carriers arrived from Kwaiyu, Komako, Wainya and Memakawa, and were sent through to Kaintiba.
 0830 Sent messenger to Interpreter Lemani at Hauwabanga to attempt to get carriers from villages South-West of Hauwabanga.
 1400 Carriers arrived from Hauwabanga throughout afternoon with timber.
 1640 Attempted to contact Kaintiba on radio. Unsuccessful. Camped overnight.

Thursday 18.2.71:

- 0830 Sent carriers back to Hauwabanga to act as relay carriers.
 0900 Awaited carriers from Kaintiba---none arrived. Camped overnight.

Friday 19.2.71:

- 0830 Constructed benches for food for sing-sing.
 1300 Constructed elevated stands for filming of sing-sing by Peter Whitchurch.
 1615 Attempted to contact Kaintiba by radio. Unsuccessful. Camped overnight.

Saturday 20.2.71:

Observed(bridge site). Camped overnight.

Sunday 21.2.71:

Observed(bridge site). Remainder of bridge timber arrived with Rodger Coles A.D.O. Sunday morning. Camped overnight.

Monday 22.2.71:

- 0830 Purchased local foodstuff throughout morning for sing-sing.
 1300 Bow and arrow target competition held, followed by other sports participated in by villagers.
 1600 Contacted Kerema on radio sked.
 1630 Pig killing staged for filming by Peter Whitchurch.
 2100 Sing-sing commenced; continued through the night. (Remainder of bridge decking laid Monday---bridge completed). Camped overnight.

Tuesday 23.2.71:

- 1030 Helicopter arrived with the Director of Public Works and an engineer, Mr. Peter Micheals. Proceeded to make 6 trips from the bridge site to Kaintiba ferrying out the heavier cargo.
 1100 District Commissioner, Mr. Bell, arrived by helicopter and inspected bridge. Followed by bridge opening ceremony which was filmed by Peter Whitchurch.
 1215 Peter Whitchurch and Eric Leeke departed by helicopter.
 1500 District Commissioner, Director of Public Works and Mr. Peter Micheals departed by helicopter.
 1530 Paid the balance of carriers. Camped overnight.

Wednesday 24.2.71:

- 0830 Proceeded to break camp.
 1100 Sent carriers off to Kaintiba with remaining cargo of Eric Leeke and Peter Whitchurch.
 1230 Departed bridge site.
 1600 Arrived Hauwabanga. Camped overnight.

Thursday 25.2.71:

- 0930 Courts held by Roger Coles A.D.G.
 1130 Departed Hauwabanga.
 1245 Patrol divided---Roger Coles and one policeman to complete a census patrol
 ---myself and the remainder of the police started back to Kaintiba.
 1530 Arrived Bema. Heavy rain. Camped overnight.

Friday 26.2.71:

- 0800 Departed Bema.
 0945 Arrived Kaintiba.

PATROL STOOD DOWN

INTRODUCTION

The patrol was mounted for reasons as stated in the "Objects of patrol" (see Page 1). The route the patrol took was following the road from Kaintiba through Bema, Kawabanga to the bridge site. The quality of this road varies considerably. Discounting the frequent landslides, a light motorcycle could be driven along a majority of the length of the road. That is except for the final section, which takes approximately fifty minutes walking time. This is where a track diverges from the road and takes a direct line to the bridge site. Other than a short length of road leading away from the bridge site back to Kaintiba, there are only survey markers for the final two to three miles of the road.

The bridge site is located approximately nine miles from Kaintiba Patrol Post (in a direct line), but normal walking time, using the established route, is a day and a half.

The bridge site is situated at about 2,400 ft. above sea level. The immediate area experienced a heavy afternoon rainfall, commencing around 3 o'clock usually, for the majority of the twenty six days the patrol was stationed there. It would appear as if this is an area of very high rainfall. (No recorded information for precipitation in this area as yet).

1. ROAD WORKS

The road works carried out during the duration of the patrol's stay at the bridge site can be divided into two areas.

First was a benchcut, leading away from the bridge, back to Kaintiba. This benchcut varied in width from six to fifteen feet. On an average it would have been twelve feet wide with a moderate incline. The amount of road constructed extended four to five hundred feet from the bridge.

Encountered in this length of road was two minor streams, both of which required some means of crossing. A ford was constructed over the first stream (the one closest to the bridge), but because of circumstances explained later in this report, no crossing could be constructed for the other obstruction. It is the reporting officer's opinion that a bridge constructed of felled logs would be required for this stream.

The second area of road works was in filling a depression created by the positioning of the bridge. The steel supports of the bridge are cemented into a rock approximately four feet above the surrounding surface. Therefore it was necessary to construct ~~in~~ a lead-off ramp with a gentle incline. This was done by filling the depression with stones and boulders from the immediate vicinity; this required four days of labour to complete.

The amount of work completed by the labour line was satisfactory considering all the circumstances. On more than one occasion work had to be called to a halt early in the afternoon because of heavy rain. Also the labour line only worked on the road from the 1st to the 15th of March. From the 16th onwards the labour line acted as relay carriers, carrying the bridge decking from Kawabanga to the bridge site and then returning for another consignment.

Finally, at any one time, there was never more than forty persons comprising the labour line. This could be attributed to the fact that the villagers of this area still accredit blame to the bridge, and to the road immediately connected to it, for the suicide of Patrol Interpreter Tenggi. This opinion is confirmed by Const. 1/C Borie's doubt that any worthwhile results would be obtained by taking a patrol to recruit labour. (Const. 1/C Borie has been stationed at the bridge site from the time of the suicide). It was therefore decided to employ the Village ~~authorities~~ Councillors in an attempt to obtain labour; moderate success was gained from this.

As the situation is at present, road works could progress quite satisfactory on both the East and West side of the bridge, as animosity towards the bridge and the road is decreasing; the sing-sing held for the opening of the bridge did much to dispel this ill-feeling. However a great deal of ~~of~~ manning must be carried out on the road and no-one, at present stationed at Kaintiba, is qualified to handle explosives.

2. FILMING

Mr. Peter Whitechurch was at the bridge site to produce a film on communication in New Guinea, using the bridge as the central theme to the film. The film is a joint venture by the Department of External Territories and A.W.A.

It was the reporting officer's duty to assist Mr. Whitechurch, in any way possible, with his task. This involved staging scenes, constructing camera vantage platforms, finding suitable persons to be filmed and, on occasions, operating a second camera for Mr. Whitechurch.

Despite the unavoidable delays in completing filming, it is hoped that the end result will be a film that creates an awareness with the people of Australia (where it is to be shown), to the problems encountered with communication in New Guinea.

3. PIT SAW TEAMS

Two pit saw teams were operating at the bridge site for the duration of the time the patrol was stationed there. Although approximately sixty to eighty pieces of timber sawn by the teams were used on the bridge, the overall results achieved by the pit saw teams were relatively disappointing.

A number of these planks produced by the teams were used as the first decking for the bridge. It was then thought that the teams would be capable of producing enough bridge decking, of suitable quality, to complete the bridge without seeking outside aid. However, the pieces of timber produced by the teams and used as the final decking for the Tauri River bridge were used only as a last resort by the bridge builder, Mr. Eric Leeke, when the total number of planks ordered failed to arrive at the bridge site.

It must be taken into consideration, though, that the teams comprising these teams were attempting to acquire a skill in which they had no previous experience. As a result, though the first efforts were relatively poor, it was evident, as they gained more experience, that the quality of the timber sawn improved.

Also the balance of the timber sawn by the pit saw teams can be put to good use. It can be employed as decking for the bridges that will have to be constructed over the numerous streams encountered en route from Kaintiba to the Tauri River bridge.

Finally the members of the pit saw teams have acquired a skill with which they can earn a cash income, in an area where there is relatively little scope for this endeavour.

4. COMMUNICATION

Communication between the bridge site and Kaintiba, and the bridge and Kerema, was intended to be restricted to the A510 transceiver, that was stationed at the bridge site.

However, much trouble was experienced with the A510. Even after new batteries were installed in it, reception and transmission were far from perfect. The A510 has since been sent to Kerema, for the fault to be found and rectified.

With the A510 transceiver at times inoperative, communication with the patrol was maintained by runners to Kaintiba, and to Kerema, by using the Public Works Department's A.H.A transceiver.

5. LAW & ORDER

For an area of , relatively, so little Administration contact the number of transgressions of the law brought to the attention of the reporting officer was surprisingly low. All the cases heard were dealing with adultery; Roger Coles A.D.O. presided as magistrate.

However, it is open to debate whether the cases heard were the total number of crimes committed in this area, or whether they were merely the ones that the village officials wished the Administration to sit judgement upon.

6. ECONOMY & POLITICS

The area the patrol was in, economically, is poor. Mr. W. McGuilty, A.M.S. (acting), in the Kaintiba Patrol Report No. 49 of 1969/70, sums up the economy of the area in the following manner:

"Cash income in the area is very small. The following would be the only sources of small amounts of cash filtering into the area:

- i. Road contract payments.
- ii. Returning indentured labourers.
- iii. Patrol carriers.
- iv. Selling fresh food to patrols."

Not much can be added to that other than there does not appear to be much hope of widening the people's sources of cash income in the immediate future. However, in time it is believed that the Tauri River bridge, and the road through this area, will have an important effect on the economy of these people.

Politically, the bridge was the most important aspect of the patrol, if considered from the point of view that it was, in many ways, a group effort; even though the effort only extended to carrying the timber for the bridge and participating in the sing-sing held for the bridge opening.

The carriers rate a special mention, even though a few pieces of timber were found discarded en route, as timber was formidable. Most of the pieces of timber used as bridge decking weighed approximately 120 to 140 lbs. each. Added to this was the extremely rugged terrain, between Kaintiba and the bridge site, that the carriers had to traverse.

It is a commendable point too, of the hundreds of carriers employed from the beginning to the completion of the Tauri River bridge, that they were from so many different villages—truly a joint venture.

The sing-sing, conducted upon the completion of the bridge, could be considered a success. Not only because of the number that attended (between one thousand and fifteen hundred people), but because of the total absence of any form of trouble. It was first feared that the people of Wai'innga, the village to which Interpreter Tengi had belonged, and the people of Ata, with whom they had kinship ties, would cause some strife, as they had indicated that they still had much ill-feeling towards the bridge. What occurred was that, although they lined the ridge above the bridge site for over two hours whilst the sing-sing was in progress, they finally came down and joined in and no trouble eventuated.

All the villages, that either helped on the road works or carried timber for the bridge, were represented at the sing-sing, in fact a few villages that had no connection with the bridge were also in attendance.

That the Tauri River bridge, and eventually the road, will mean to these people is that they now have an opportunity for advancement; progress is no longer barred by physical barriers. Advancement is open to them socially, politically and economically. The bridge, the road, are the beginnings of a breakdown of the old ways. Traditionally, the people of this area, the Kamia, are isolationists, preferring to live as separate family units rather than as a village. However, it is hoped the road and the bridge will bring these people into closer contact with the Administration, and with one-another.

Even though the Kamia are, socially, politically and economically, far behind other peoples of the Territory, it is believed that with the bridge, and the completion of the road, a starting point to their advancement has been made.

Conclusion:

The patrol successfully accomplished what it set out to do as shown in "Objects of patrol". (See Page 1).

R. Percy
R. PERCY
Assistant Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX "B"

Report on personnel accompanying patrol:

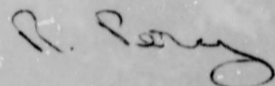
Const. Rick (No. 2099)

Dress: Very good.

Conduct: Very good.

Comments: Const. Rick is an intelligent and conscientious worker. He was of great assistance to the reporting officer. An asset to the patrol.

I certify that the above comments have been entered in the relevant Record of Service and Form RS.1 forwarded to Police Headquarters.



R.J. PERCY
Assistant Patrol Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of... Report No...

Patrol Conducted by...

Area Patrolled...

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans...

Natives... 1 POLICE CONSTABLE ... 1 PATROL INTERPRETER.

Duration—From... to...

Number of Days...

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?...

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...

Medical ...

Map Reference...

Objects of Patrol... 1. ORGANIZATION OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION BETWEEN... AND THE TAURI RIVER BRIDGE. 2. CONSTRUCTION OF A... CUT NEAR THE TAURI RIVER BRIDGE. 3.... AT THE TAURI RIVER BRIDGE. 4. ... ADMINISTRATION.

Director of District Administration, PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ / 19 . District Commissioner

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

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Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

13th August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

KAINTIBA PATROL NO. 6 OF 1970/71.

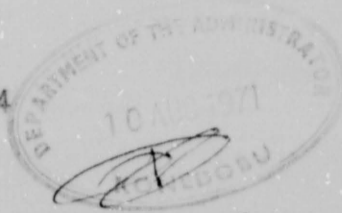
Your reference is 67-7-53/134 of 5th August, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of abovementioned
Patrol Report by Mr. R.J. PERCY.

T. W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

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HSP:CB



KEREMA, GULF DISTRICT. (14)

5 August, 1971.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KEREMA.

KAINTEBA SPECIAL PATROL NO. 6 OF 1970/71
R.J. PERCY A.P.O.

Thankyou for your comments on the above patrol conducted by Mr. Percy, Assistant Patrol Officer.

Allowing for his pessimism Mr. Percy has done a good piece of work however, I would like the following points brought to his attention for future improvement.

1. The accompanying map is good for fixing the road in the local area but does not tell anything else. A sketch map on a larger scale or an actual compass and chain traverse could better assist in placing the road and
 - a) allow for actual bridging and culverting to be assessed.
 - b) show localities of areas for future blasting,
 - c) provide a picture that following officers could follow,
 - d) allow a better overall assessment of costs and materials.

2. Every effort should be made to get the road to motor cycle standard as far as possible. This will include the provision of temporary bridges and culverts to allow use of the track and for the people to see it is being used.

Mr. Percy leaves the impression that he is building a vehicular road from the start. This is the ultimate ideal but a motor cycle track first would allow for easier supervision and widening can follow in the sections opened to the motor cycle.

3. ^{graded} ~~to be regraded~~ ~~and not dog-legged.~~ ~~A decision on this matter was~~ ~~reached over a year ago and no work has been carried out.~~ ~~Comments on this matter is being~~

With regards to the Assistant District Officer's comments on the bridging, if temporary bridges are not possible side tracks to ford streams could be used. It is psychologically important that the workers see something for their efforts and the use of the motorcycle over long sections can enhance this.

R.S. Bell
R.S. BELL
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

→ The Secretary, Department of the Administrator, KONEDOBUI.
c.c. Officer in Charge, KAINTEBA.
c.c. Mr. R.J. Percy.

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Patrol Post,
KAINTEBA.

17th May 1971

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

Kaintiba Special Patrol No.6 of 1970/71
Hamdei Census Division
R.J.Percy A.P.O.

Report No. : Kaintiba 6 of 1970/71
Sub-District : Kerema
District : Gulf
Council/Non Council : Non Council
Patrol conducted by : R.J.Percy
Designation : Assistant Patrol Officer
Area patrolled : Hamdei (Part) Census Division
Personnel accompanying : Const. Garam (No. 1340)
Patrol Interpreter Tom
Duration of patrol : 30.3.71 to 11.5.71---42 days.
Date and duration of last
DDA patrol to area : January-February 1971
30 days
Objects of patrol : 1. To organize road construction between Mine
village and the Tauri River Bridge for the
purpose of widening the road to enable the
passage of 4 wheel vehicular traffic.
2. Construct a bench cut through a surveyed,
but as yet uncut, section of the road
situated near the Tauri River Bridge.
3. To creesete all the unused pit-sawn planks
at the Tauri River Bridge and ensure they
are properly stacked under cover.
4. General administration.
Total population contacted : Not applicable.
Map reference : Fourmil Wau and attached patrol map.
Village Population Register : Not attached.

R. J. Percy
R.J.PERCY
Assistant Patrol Officer.

PATROL DIARYTuesday 30.3.71:

- 1330 Departed Kaintiba.
- 1515 Arrived Bema.
- 1530 Arbitrated on pig killing dispute between Mine villager and Father Turner.
- 1620 Sent word out for villagers from Mine, Yakitangwa, Winka, Wempangu and Hamdie to assemble at Mine tomorrow and bring tools.
- 1625 Inspected new police house and haus kiap (rest house) at Mine. Camped overnight in rest house.

Wednesday 31.3.71:

- 0800 Paid carriers.
- 0820 Labour line of 35 comprising villagers from Mine and Yakitangwa. Other villagers from further away expected tomorrow.
- 0840 Line set to work clearing the road and deepening drainage ditches.
- 1000 Sent men to work on improving track from Bema to Bema River.
- 1300 Supervised road works---track improvements completed.
- 1600 Carriers arrived from Kaintiba with 2 drums of creosote and a tent. Camped overnight in rest house.

Thursday 1.4.71:

- 0800 Inspected road works.
- 0915 Inspected and assessed possibilities of constructing a ford or a bridge across the Bema River.
- 1000 Mapped, up to where road works have progressed, position of proposed conduit and rocks requiring blasting.
- 1100 Supervised road works.
- 1300 Sent word out to Winka, Hamdie and Wempangu that a patrol would go to each village, to enquire the reasons, if the men from these villages did not arrive Monday morning. Received word that men from these villages are due to arrive over the week-end.
- 1400 Inspected road for a mile further along from point where road works have progressed. Took road foreman and explained what was required to be done.
- 1500 Supervised road works. Camped overnight in rest house.

Friday 2.4.71:

- 0800 Inspected road works.
- 0900 Supervised and worked on the road, clearing a landslide.
- 1200 Dismissed labour line for the week. Camped overnight in rest house.

Saturday 3.4.71:

Observed (Mine). Camped overnight.

Sunday 4.4.71:

Observed (Mine). Camped overnight.

Monday 5.4.71:

- 0800 Inspected road works.
- 0845 Supervised labour line.
- 1100 Line from Hamdie arrived and enlisted as carriers.
- 1130 Despatched most of the patrol gear to Kainge. Heavy rain delayed departure of remainder of patrol; finally departed 1300 hours.
- 1515 Arrived Kainge.
- 1530 Paid carriers. Camped overnight.

Tuesday 6.4.71:

- 0830 Organized lines from Kainge, Sugawiang, to work on road in direction of Hauwabange.
- 1000 Supervised road works.
- 1300 Supervised road works. Heavy rain halted work from 1430 hrs. to 1530 hrs.
- 1700 Asked councillors from Kainge to go to Tetapanga and Kambin to enlist lines from each village to work on the road. Camped overnight.

Wednesday 7.4.71:

- 1020 Heavy rain till this time delayed commencement of road works. Supervised.
- 1300 Supervised road works.
- 1430 Inspected route for one to two miles further along from the road works. Camped overnight.

Thursday 8.4.71:

- 0830 Commenced to break camp. Departed Kainge 0915 hrs.
- 1150 Arrived Hauwabange.
- 1330 V.C. from Iemepange arrived and asked for a pass so that his line could obtain tools, to work on the road, from Kaintiba.
- 1400 Settled minor disputes between people at Hauwabange.
- 1445 Sent word out for Karangea, Huwawia and Hauwabange villagers to be prepared for work on Tuesday. Camped overnight.

Friday 9.4.71:

Easter Friday observed (Hauwabange). Camped overnight.

Saturday 10.4.71:

Observed (Hauwabange). Camped overnight.

Sunday 11.4.71:

Observed (Hauwabange). Camped overnight.

Monday 12.4.71:

Easter Monday observed (Hauwabange). Camped overnight.

Tuesday 13.4.71:

- 0800 Called out for carriers but found extreme reluctance on behalf of the Hauwabange villagers to carry. Departed 0930 hrs. when finally enough carriers were assembled.
- 1230 Arrived Tauri River Bridge.
- 1315 Paid carriers.
- 1330 Commenced erecting camp.
- 1415 Inspected road works already commenced by the Huwawia villagers.
- 1500 Instructed councillors from Karangea, Huwawia and Hauwabange that the line from Hauwabange would work from the top of the unmade section, whilst the villagers from Karangea and Huwawia would start from the Bridge. Heavy rain. Camped overnight.

Wednesday 14.4.71:

- 0800 Spent morning, till 1140 hrs., tracing the line of survey markers, at the same time replacing missing markers and cutting the undergrowth to clearly indicate the route.
- 1140 Many men from Huwawia and Karangea had not yet arrived. Questioned village officials as to reason why and asked them to return to their respective villages and repeat the request.
- 1300 Afternoon devoted to creosoting unused bridge decking, remaining from the construction of the Tauri River Bridge. Camped overnight.

Thursday 15.4.71:

- 0800 Treatment of minor first-aid cases.
- 0840 Inspection of road works.
- 0930 Remainder of morning spent creosoting timber.
- 1300 Continued creosoting timber. Heavy rain halted work from 1330 hrs. till 1445 hrs.. Camped overnight.

Friday 16.4.71:

- 0815 Inspected road works.
- 0845 Spent remainder of morning creosoting timber.
- 1200 Work on the road ceased for the week.
- 1300 Treatment of minor first-aid cases.
- 1440 Mr. Roger Coles A.D.O. and his patrol arrived. Continuous heavy rain commenced at 1500 hrs.. Camped overnight.

Saturday 17.4.71:

Observed (Tauri River Bridge). Camped overnight.

Sunday 18.4.71:

Observed (Tauri River Bridge). Mr. Roger Coles and his patrol departed 1100 hrs.. Camped overnight.

Monday 19.4.71:

- 0800 Morning spent supervising road works.
- 1300 Completed giving all the unused pit-sawn bridge decking the first coat of creosote.
- 1450 Inspected road works. Camped overnight.

Tuesday 20.4.71:

- 0800 Inspected road works.
- 0845 Remainder of morning spent commencing application of second coat of creosote to the timber.
- 1300 Supervised road works throughout afternoon. Camped overnight.

Wednesday 21.4.71:

- 0800 Inspected road works.
- 0900 Remainder of morning spent creosoting timber.
- 1300 Continued creosoting timber.
- 1515 Inspected road works. Camped overnight.

Thursday 22.4.71:

0830 Greaseted timber. Completed second coat at 1140 hrs.
 1300 Supervised read works.
 1700 Treatment of minor first-aid cases. Camped overnight.

Friday 23.4.71:

0800 Supervised read works throughout morning.
 1200 Work on the road ceased for the week.
 1315 Treatment of minor first-aid cases. Camped overnight.

Saturday 24.4.71:

Observed (Tauri River Bridge). Camped overnight.

Sunday 25.4.71:

Observed (Tauri River Bridge). Camped overnight.

Monday 26.4.71:

0800 Treatment of minor first-aid cases.
 0830 Supervised read works.
 1300 Supervised read works. Camped overnight.

Tuesday 27.4.71:

0830 Inspected read works.
 0945 Departed for read works that have been commenced on the opposite end of the unfinished section.
 1035 Arrived and inspected works and gave advice to the read foreman as to what was needed.
 1150 Departed; arrived back at the Bridge at 1240 hrs..
 1400 Supervised read works. Camped overnight.

Wednesday 28.4.71:

0800 Supervised read works throughout morning.
 1330 Treatment of minor first-aid cases.
 1415 Supervised read works. Camped overnight.

Thursday 29.4.71:

0815 Supervised read works throughout morning.
 1300 Supervised read works until heavy continuous rain halted work for the day at 1415 hrs..
 1500 Treatment of minor first-aid cases. Camped overnight.

Friday 30.4.71:

0800 Supervised read works throughout morning.
 1200 Work on the road ceased for the week.
 1300 Departed for the read works being constructed on the other end of the unfinished section.
 1350 Arrived and inspected read works.
 1430 Departed. Arrived back at the Bridge at 1520 hrs.. Camped overnight.

Saturday 1.5.71:

Observed (Tauri River Bridge). Camped overnight.

Sunday 2.5.71:

Observed (Tauri River Bridge). Camped overnight.

Monday 3.5.71:

0800 Supervised construction of drainage ditches for the bench cut throughout the morning.

1300 Continued supervising construction of drainage ditches.

1615 Treatment of minor first-aid cases. Camped overnight.

Tuesday 4.5.71:

0815 Inspected road works.

0900 Departed for road works being constructed on the other end of the unfinished section.

1000 Arrived and inspected road works.

1120 Departed. Arrived back at the Bridge at 1230 hrs..

1400 Supervised road works for the remainder of the afternoon. Camped overnight.

Wednesday 5.5.71:

0800 Purchased local fresh feed for line from Hauwabange, as they were experiencing difficulty in obtaining sufficient quantities of feed.

0900 Treatment of minor first-aid cases.

1015 Inspected road works.

1100 Upon instructions received from Mr. Roger Coles A.D.O., despatched Const. 1/C Garam and Interpreter Tom for Menyanya, to arrest a number of persons for whom warrants had been sworn out.

1300 Supervised construction of drainage ditches throughout afternoon. Camped overnight.

Thursday 6.5.71:

0800 Supervised road works throughout morning.

1300 Spent the afternoon tracing the line of survey markers, at the same time replacing missing markers and cutting the undergrowth to clearly indicate the route. Camped overnight.

Friday 7.5.71:

0830 Commenced breaking camp. Departed at 1015 hrs. when finally enough carriers had been assembled.

1415 Arrived Hauwabange after inspecting road works on uncut section en route.

1430 Paid carriers. Camped overnight.

Saturday 8.5.71:

Observed (Hauwabange). Camped overnight.

Sunday 9.5.71:

Observed (Hauwabange). Camped overnight.

Monday 10.5.71:

0800 Discussion with road foreman from Kwei'imnga concerning the Kwei'imnga
-Menyanya road.
0900 Called out for carriers and finally departed from Hauwabange at 0950 hrs..
1420 Arrived Mine.
1500 Paid carriers. Camped overnight in rest house.

Tuesday 11.5.71:

0830 Departed Mine.
1015 Arrived Kaintiba.

PATROL STOOD DOWN

INTRODUCTION

The patrol was mounted for reasons as stated in "Objects of patrol" (see Page 1.). As this patrol was conducted in the same region as Kaintiba Special Patrol No.5 of 1970/71 (duration 27.1.71 to 26.2.71), and for partially the same reasons, it is suggested that this be read in conjunction with that Patrol Report.

1. ROAD WORKS

The patrol set out to organize road construction between Mine and the Tauri River Bridge, for the purpose of widening the existing road to facilitate 4 wheel vehicular traffic.

This was done by dividing the total road length into three relatively equal segments: from Mine to Kainge, from Kainge to Mauwabange, and from Mauwabange to the Tauri River Bridge. Upon doing this, each section was allocated to villages that are nearest to that particular section. The villages working on each particular section were:

<u>Mine-Kainge</u>	<u>Kainge-Mauwabange</u>	<u>Mauwabange-Tauri River Bridge</u>
Mine	Kainge	Mauwabange
Yakitangwa	Sugawianga	Muwawia
Winka	Hambia	Karangea
Kandie	Tetamanga	
Wempangu	Iemepango	

(i) Mine-Kainge Road Works:

After the first hour of walking the route from Mine to Kainge degenerates to nothing more than an overgrown track. (Approximate walking time from Mine to Kainge: 2½ hours). The actual bench cut for the latter part of this section is, on an average, only 3-4 feet in width. The wall of the bench cut consists of unstable shale-like rock. Hitherto this point, however, despite occasional landslides and sections requiring blasting, the road would be capable of facilitating 4 wheel vehicular traffic.

Similarly with the rest of the road, the problem of drainage is encountered in the Mine-Kainge section. Because of the volume and intensity of the rainfall in this area extremely large conduits are necessary, and in a great number; this station does have a 3 feet diameter concrete pipe mould but the difficulties in cost, time spent in production and transportation, for the total road length, can easily be imagined. At present, in conjunction with the road widening, drainage ditches are being constructed, covered by weed bridges.

The villages selected to work on this section are shown above.

(ii) Kainge-Mauwabange Road Works:

The route from Kainge to Mauwabange varies considerably in quality. But, however, taken as a whole, much road construction is required to improve the width, gradient and quality of the road to an acceptable standard whereby it could facilitate 4 wheel vehicular traffic.

Unfortunately, the gradients calculated for the original bench cut are, for the greater part of the ascent to, and descent from The Gap, far too steep. Far too steep, in some sections, even for four-wheel drive vehicles to negotiate.

The decision is now one of whether to re-survey this section, or attempt to reduce the degree of slope of the bench cut to a more acceptable level. As yet a decision in this matter has not been reached.

The villages selected to work on this section are shown above.

(iii) Mauwabange-Tauri River Bridge Road Works:

Because of the relatively level terrain in this area, the greater part of the road in this section is quite good, requiring comparatively little road construction to bring the standard up to that of a 4 wheel vehicular track.

That is of course excluding the latter part of this section, the surveyed but ---at the commencement of the patrol---uncut section.

However, besides a small line from Mauwabange working on this section of the road, all the labour enlisted for the Mauwabange-Tauri River Bridge section was concentrated on the uncut portion, near the Bridge.

The villages selected to work on this section are shown above.

In general---excluding the workers on the uncut section; see 2. Bench Cut---no great enthusiasm was shown by the villagers to work on the road. In fact the patrol had to halt for a number of days at Mine and Kainge to await the arrival of a sufficient number of villagers, even though they were told to be present, at these points, many days in advance.

This unwillingness culminated in Mr. Roger Coles A.D.O. being forced to go to Mine, some weeks after the patrol had departed that village, and arrest a number of people for failure to work on the road. However, a great deal more are evading their responsibilities, and if only out of fairness to the villagers who are pulling their weight, these shirkers should be penalized.

2. BENCH CUT

Prior to this patrol the last three miles, approximately, just before the Tauri River Bridge had been surveyed but up to that date no bench cut had been commenced. (Other than a short section during the construction of the Tauri River Bridge; see Kaintiba Patrol No.5 of 1970/71).

An alternate route was being used to travel from the established road to the Bridge (and still will be used until the final section of this bench cut is completed). However, besides the fact that it is a mere direct route, it is literally nothing more than an animal track.

As stated previously, one of the influencing factors in mounting this patrol was to commence a bench cut in this area whilst it was still possible to locate the survey markers. The survey had been carried out one and a half years ago and it was feared that the original markers may have rotted or become overgrown because of the high rainfall and voracious rate of vegetation growth in this area, thus rendering it impossible to retrace the surveyed route.

It was found, however, that although some survey markers had rotted, and some had become overgrown, it was still quite possible to follow the remaining markers without a great amount of trouble. The missing markers were replaced and, in addition, trees were marked and the undergrowth levelled, so that the workers, constructing the bench cut, would have no difficulty in identifying the surveyed route.

The approach to the construction of this bench cut was altered slightly from what had been originally planned. It was hoped to have all the men from Muwawia, Karangea and Mauwabange working from the one point, either the top or the bottom (near the Tauri River Bridge) of the bench cut. This would have facilitated a much easier and a more concentrated supervision of the work force. Also, with a large group working, progression is much quicker and, because the workers can see these results, their morale remains higher than fragmented groups, where progression is not so rapid.

However there is still some ill feeling over the death of Interpreter Tengri at the Bridge site in November of last year. The men from Mauwabange were adamant that they did not wish to work with the men from Muwawia and Karangea. From what could be learnt, their involvement in the ill feeling that was generated by the death of Tengri is due solely to the fact that Tengri's mother was born in Mauwabange. Although, prima facie, the reason given for not wishing to work together appears trivial, taking into account the feelings of the people in the past in regard to this matter, the reporting officer felt it wise to comply with their wishes.

As a result the line from Mauwabange commenced work on the top of the uncut section and the lines from Muwawia and Karangea commenced on the bottom of the section, near the Bridge.

(i) Top Section:

As stated above the line from Mauwabange worked on this section. The ridge dominated terrain through which this part of the bench cut was constructed is a well drained area, and this enabled the work to move at a satisfactory rate of progression. Also it resulted in a good quality bench cut being constructed.

Supervision of the workers on this section of the bench cut was not as close as the supervision given to the bottom section. One reason for this was that the state of the terrain on the bottom section required more supervision than the comparatively easy terrain of the top section. The second reason was the time factor; to get to the top section from the camp site, properly inspect the road works, and return, took fully a half day.

However, despite the lack of close supervision that was afforded to the top section, a good quality bench cut was constructed there.

Although it is extremely hard to estimate distances in terrain of this sort, it is approximated that a bench cut of one mile has been constructed along the top section. (Included in this is a length of bench cut previously constructed).

(ii) Bottom Section:

The line from Muwawia and Karangea worked on this section. The bench cut was constructed through an extremely damp area which slowed down the work considerably.

Not only were the workers hampered by heavy afternoon rainfall which, if it did not halt the work, made working conditions very muddy, but there is a great deal of water seepage in the area. This, too, tended to turn any depression in the bench cut into a quagmire. Although much attention was given to drainage, seepage in some parts is so prevalent that corduroying was the only course of action that could be taken. However, despite these obstacles, it is approximated that one half, to three quarters of a mile of bench cut has been constructed.

No complaint could be found with the workers of both the top and bottom sections, as they worked quite well in conditions that were, at times, extremely trying.

Although the patrol was intended to stay until the bench cut had been completed, this did not eventuate. It is estimated that another month is required before the bench cut will be finished. However, the fears, that the surveyed route would be irrevocably lost, have been stilled as not only is the line of survey markers still visible, but their course has been traced and additional evidence of their existence been marked en route.

3. CREOSOTING OF TIMBER

One of the tasks of the patrol was to treat the unused bridge decking that remained at the Tauri River Bridge site, and to stack it under cover to avoid further deterioration. Two 4 gallon drums of creosote were transported to the Bridge for this purpose.

All the lengths of unused bridge decking were given a double coat of creosote. They were then stacked, off the ground and under cover, in a transverse fashion (this being done to permit the free circulation of air). The cover provided was an existing bush-materials hut.

At the Bridge site there are now:

4" X 4"	: 7 lengths
8" X 3"	: 53 lengths
<u>Total</u>	: 60 lengths

Both the 4" X 4" and the 8" X 3" lengths of timber are 12 feet long.

4. MEDICAL

A medical box was taken out on patrol and the reporting officer treated a large number of minor first-aid cases. Any cases that required, or appeared as if they required, expert treatment were sent to the Nursing Sister at Bema.

The majority of cases treated were for lacerations, tropical ulcers and malaria. Tropical ulcers were found to be quite ~~common~~ a common complaint of the villagers around the Tauri River Bridge area. It was discovered later that most of the people in this area do not seek medical aid for lacerations and small tropical ulcers; as a result, cuts and sores are allowed to develop until they reach a serious stage.

It is thought perhaps the reason these people do not seek medical aid, for what start out as minor complaints, is because the nearest point where they can obtain this is Bema, a ~~short~~ day's walking distance away.

5. ECONOMIC & POLITICAL

The improvement of the Kaintiba-Tauri River Bridge road is desirable, both economically and politically, for the people living within the Hamdei Census Division.

A well surfaced road will allow motorized patrols (although at present the station is only equipped with one Honda 90 c.c. motorcycle) to these villages where it would be convenient—and a great number of villages in this Census Division are situated on, or are relatively close to the Kaintiba-Tauri River Bridge road. This will mean that it will permit the patrols to spend these extra hours, that are spent walking from Point A to Point B, in the village, with the people.

Motorized patrols, if commenced in the Hamdei Census Division would also, to a great extent, do away with human portage which, as stated in the Departmental Standing Instructions, "is an onerous task and should be avoided where possible".

Looking to the economic future, the people of this area will one day require a means of transporting their produce to outside markets. And this requirement will be met by providing a good quality road to the Kaintiba airstrip, where the produce can be flown to suitable markets.

What the reporting officer is envisaging is the purchase of trucks, or tractors and trailers, by indigenous formed co-operatives; then the requirement of a road to facilitate 4 wheel vehicular traffic will be a necessity. Of course, what is envisaged would take years to materialize. Or it could also happen that it will never be. But the point to be made is that without a start, and that start is the widening of the Kaintiba-Tauri River Bridge road, it will surely never be.

Conclusion:

To reiterate, because of the many points of similarity between the two patrols, this should be read in conjunction with the report on Kaintiba Special Patrol No.5 of 1970/71.

The patrol, although it did not complete the task it set out to do, nevertheless could be considered a success. The widening of the road between Mine and the Tauri River Bridge has been commenced; the unused bridge decking at the Bridge site has been treated and stacked under cover; and a bench cut, for ever half the distance of the surveyed route, has been constructed.

It is suggested that a follow-up patrol be sent to the Bridge site, at the earliest convenient date, to complete the bench cut.

R. Percy

R.J. PERCY
Assistant Patrol Officer

APPENDIX "A"

Report on personnel accompanying patrol:

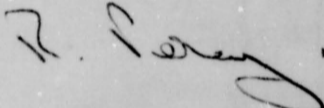
Const. 1/C Garam (No. 1340)

Dress: Good.

Conduct: Good.

Comments: Const. 1/C Garam is a reliable and competent bush policeman.

I certify that the above comments have been entered in the relevant Records of Service and Form RS.1 forwarded to Police Headquarters.



R.J. PERCY
Assistant Patrol Officer.

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APPENDIX "B"

The following is a description, and the method of administration, of an emetic used by the people of the Hamdeï Census Division. (It was not learnt if this particular emetic was known to people other than in this region.)

The emetic is the bark of the tree, known in the language of this area, Kamia, as the Iwawa tree. This tree grows very tall and very straight, and is easily recognisable because of the heavy musk-like scent contained in both the wood and the bark. The Iwawa tree is found extensively at medium altitude, apparently unable to grow in the colder conditions of the higher altitudes.

The method of use is to remove a piece of the bark from the tree, a one inch square of the bark is sufficient; chew this thoroughly and swallow, and then spit out the masticated bark.

The emetic is stated to be quite effective (no experimentation was endeavoured by the reporting officer) and vomiting will result almost immediately.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....**GULF**..... Report No.....**KAINTIRA 7 OF 1970/71**.....

Patrol Conducted by.....**R.J.PERCY A.P.O.**.....

Area Patrolled.....**MANDEL CENSUS DIVISION (PART)**.....

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

Natives.....**1 POLICE CONSTABLE (1/C) 1 PATROL INTERPRETER**.....

Duration—From...**1/6/1971**...to...**17/6/1971**...

Number of Days.....**16 DAYS (BROKEN PERIOD)**.....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...**30/3/1971**...

Medical **24/6/1971**...

Map Reference.....**FOURMIL WAU AND ATTACHED PATROL MAP**.....

Objects of Patrol.....**1. ORGANIZATION OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION BETWEEN MINE VILLAGE AND THE TAURI RIVER BRIDGE. 2. RE-SURVEY WHERE NECESSARY. 3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.**

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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HSP:CB

KERIMA, GULF DISTRICT.

30 August, 1971.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KERIMA.

KAINIIBA PATROL REPORT NO. 7/70-71
R.J. PERCY A.P.O.

Your 67-2-4 of 26th August, 1971 refers.

Thankyou for your comments on the above Patrol
Report.

It is pleasing to note that both you and Mr.
McQuilty picked up the fact that no Political Education was
conducted while Mr. Percy was on patrol. Experience else-
where has shown that Political Education during road working
and on a casual basis can be most effective.

Again an actual survey of the road constructed
could be most beneficial in analysing the work being done.

R.S. BELL
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

Two copies for your information, please.

R.S. Bell
R.S. BELL
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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KAINTEBA Patrol Post,
Gulf District,

3rd August, 1971
NAW:OB

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
KERAMA, G.D.

KAINTEBA PATROL REPORT No. 7-70/71
KAMDEI CENSUS DIVISION
R.J. PERCY A.P.O.

Please find attached 4 copies of the above report
claim 1. Camping Allowance, Patrol Map and comments on personnel
accompanying.

Some comments I wish to make on the various sections
of the report are as follows:

Diary

Thursday 10th and Tuesday 15th Mr. R. Percy attention
has been drawn to the correct and only use to be made of Patrol
Police whilst on road patrols.

Patrol Instructions:

Separate Instructions were not issued for this patrol
as it was only a continuation of Kaintiba Patrol No. 6-70/71.

Road Works:

The two steep sections that are referred to in
paragraph 4 and 5 have been or are in the process of being resurveyed
and recut during the widening process. These gradients, although they
are still fairly steep, will be trafficable especially when they settle
down and are surfaced with gravel.

Geology:

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The whole development and future of the Kaintiba area
depends on this road. Until it is finished and unless it is finished
Kaintiba has nothing and can have nothing.

Political:

There is no mention of Political Education having been
carried out during this patrol. A road camp such as this is an ideal
situation for informal discussions on such matters and in future Mr. Percy
must make full use of them.

With more experience of this type Mr. Percy will be much
better equipped to do more advanced work with the KAMEA people of this area.

(H.C. McQuilty)
Assistant District Officer

cc Mr. R.J. Percy, A.P.O.,
KAINTEBA.

KS67-2-4
EAW:CB

Sub-District Office,
KEREMA, GULF DISTRICT.

26 August, 1971.

District Commissioner,
KEREMA.

KALINTIBA PATROL REPORT
7/70-71 HAMDEI C. DIVISION
R.J. PERCY A.P.O.

Enclosed please find three copies of the above Patrol Report, Camping Allowance claims and a Patrol Map together with The Officer in Charge comments.


My comments:

I would like to point out that your 67-7-53/134 had not yet been received when Mr. Percy submitted his Patrol Map. During my recent inspection I again emphasised that Mr. Percy's Patrol Map should be enlarged to show the areas of road in more detail.

Other comments by the Officer in Charge appear adequate to cover this routine patrol.

My only comments are addressed to Mr. Percy, whom I feel must learn that before he can become a truly efficient field officer he must establish a working relationship with the village people, this takes a deliberate effort to achieve. The best way to do this is as stated by Mr. McQuilty, by discussions around the campfire during patrols. It will not be gained by isolating oneself in a camp listening to the radio or reading books.

Mr. Percy has the ability to make a good field Officer if he makes this effort.


A. WALLACE
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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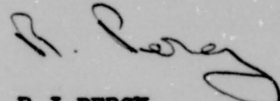
Patrol Post,
Kaintiba.

21st June 1971

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

Kaintiba Special Patrol No.7 of 1970/71
Mandei Census Division
R.J.Percy A.P.O.

Report No.	: Kaintiba 7 of 1970/71
Sub-District	: Kerema
District	: Gulf
Council/Non Council	: Non Council
Patrol conducted by	: R.J.Percy
Designation	: Assistant Patrol Officer
Area patrolled	: Mandei (Part) Census Division
Personnel accompanying	: Const. 1/C Irifoge (No.0683) Patrol Interpreter Tom
Duration of patrol	: 1.6.71 to 17.6.71 (Broken)—16 days.
Date and duration of last DDA patrol to area	: March-May 1971 42 days
Objects of patrol	: 1. Continuation of Kaintiba Patrol 6: To organize road construction between Mine village and the Tauri River Bridge for the purpose of widening the road to enable the passage of four wheel vehicular traffic. 2. Re-survey sections of the Kaintiba-Tauri River Bridge road where necessary. 3. General administration.
Total population contacted	: Not applicable.
Map reference	: Fourmil Wen and attached patrol map.
Village Population Register	: Not attached.


R.J.PERCY
Assistant Patrol Officer.

PATROL DIARYTuesday 1.6.71:

1315 Departed Kaintiba.
 1500 Arrived Mine. Mr. R. Coles and his patrol stationed at Mine. Camped overnight.

Wednesday 2.6.71:

0815 Called out for carriers. Sent them ahead at 0900 hrs..
 0930 Departed Mine with Mr. R. Coles on motorcycle.
 1015 Inspected road works with Mr. R. Coles. Departed his patrol at 1045 hrs..
 1230 Arrived at The Gap. Selected suitable camp site.
 1315 Commenced cutting a clearing and erecting camp.
 1500 Had talks with V.C. and road foreman from Iemepango. The villagers from Iemepango have already commenced road works here. Camped overnight.

Thursday 3.6.71:

0800 Inspected road works already in progress.
 0845 Had talks with village officials from Nambia.
 1215 Received word from Mr. R. Coles to return to Kaintiba.
 1300 Departed from The Gap.
 1645 Arrived Kaintiba.

Friday 4.6.71:

1330 Departed Kaintiba.
 1515 Arrived Mine. Camped overnight.

Saturday 5.6.71:

1000 Departed Mine.
 1315 Arrived at ~~THE~~ The Gap. Camped overnight.

Sunday 6.6.71:

Observed. (The Gap). Camped overnight.

Monday 7.6.71:

0800 Supervised road works.
 1030 Mr. N. Mc.Quilty A.D.O. arrived. Re-survey of a section of road was completed.
 1300 Mr. N. Mc.Quilty departed.
 1330 Supervision of road works.
 1600 Had talks with village officials from Kwoi'ingga. Camped overnight.

Tuesday 8.6.71:

0800 Inspected road works.
 0900 Morning spent re-surveying a section of road.
 1300 Construction of partially re-surveyed section commenced.
 1430 Heavy continuous rain halted work for the day. Camped overnight.

Wednesday 9.6.71:

0800 Inspected road works.
 0845 Morning spent supervising construction of re-surveyed road.
 1215 Heavy continuous rain halted work for the day.
 1400 Interviewed person concerning Interpreter Tangi's suicide of last year.
 Camped overnight.

Thursday 10.6.71:

0815 Supervised road works.
 1100 Departed for Iemepango with Const. 1/C Irifoge to seek reason for some men not arriving for road works.
 1200 Arrived Iemepango. Male villagers had "gone bush". Departed at 1245 hrs..
 1415 Arrived back at the camp site. Supervised road works. Camped overnight.

Friday 11.6.71:

0800 Supervised road works. Rain commenced falling at 1030 hrs..
 1200 Work on the road ceased for the week.
 1300 Settled minor disputes between Iemepango villagers. Camped overnight.

Saturday 12.6.71:

Observed. (The Gap). Camped overnight.

Sunday 13.6.71:

Observed. (The Gap). Camped overnight.

Monday 14.6.71:

0800 Supervised the road works throughout the morning.
 1300 Re-surveyed a further section of road.
 1415 Heavy continuous rain halted work for the day. Camped overnight.

Tuesday 15.6.71:

0800 Inspected road works.
 0830 Sent Const. 1/C Irifoge to the Tauri River Bridge to check on the progress of the road works there.
 0900 Supervised the clearing of bush on a re-surveyed section for the rest of the morning.
 1300 Re-surveyed a further section of road in the afternoon. Camped overnight.

Wednesday 16.6.71:

0800 Supervised road works throughout the morning.
 1300 Supervised road works.
 1530 Arbitrated on several minor matters of dissent between Iemepango villagers. Camped overnight.

Thursday 17.6.71:

- 0830 Departed with Councillor from Mambia to inspect proposed new route for the road on the south side of The Gap. After inspection gave instructions as to what was to be done.
- 1145 Arrived back at the camp site.
- 1300 Inspected road works and explained to road foreman what was to be completed when the patrol departed.
- 1500 Had discussion with V.C. from Muwawia re court case. Camped overnight.

Friday 18.6.71:

- 0830 Broke camp and made preparations for departure.
- 0900 Departed from ~~EM~~ The Gap.
- 1315 Arrived Kaintiba.

PATROL STOOD DOWN

As stated in previous patrol reports by this reporting officer and other officers, the bench cut on the north and south side of The Gap is not considered satisfactory. (That is, the length of bench cut that is included in the original plan is too long, and the descent just after The Gap).

It is considered unsatisfactory on two counts. One is that the gradient of the bench cut is far too steep, and the other is the thought that it may be possible to shorten the route marked in the original survey, especially on the south side of The Gap.

The road works carried out during the duration of the patrol's stay at The Gap were divided into two areas, the two areas being the north side of The Gap and the south side of The Gap.

The work force on this side of The Gap consisted of villagers from East and West.

The work carried out in this area was two-fold. Firstly, it was a continuation of the overall plan to widen the Kaintiba-Dauri River Bridge road for four wheel vehicular traffic. The majority of the time of the patrol's duration at The Gap was spent in pursuit of this aim.

The area where the work was being carried out on the bench cut was a continuation of the widening operations set in motion by Kaintiba Patrol No. 6 (of 1970/71). This would place it approximately a half a mile on the north side of The Gap.

The second part of the task on the north side was the re-surveying of sections of the bench cut. There were three points where re-surveying was considered necessary.

The first point was re-surveyed by Mr. B. McQuilly J.S.O. when he arrived to inspect the road works' progress. This re-survey was carried out for the purpose of re-ascertaining the gradient of a section of bench cut, constructed by the villagers during a time they were without supervision. The second and third re-surveys were completed by the reporting officers. Both were carried out for the purpose of reducing the total length of bench cut; this was able to be done without having to increase the gradients to any marked degree.

South Side

As stated above, widening operations had already been investigated by a previous patrol on the bench cut on the south side of The Gap. (That is, except for the section which comprises the final descent to The Gap; this was for the reason that there is some doubt as to whether the completed road will follow the original survey plan. See Kaintiba Patrol No. 6 of 1970/71).

Whilst stationed at The Gap, the reporting officer was approached by the Councillor from Mambia (the villagers from Mambia have been widening the bench cut in the area just below, and on the southern side of, The Gap). The Councillor wished that an inspection be made of a proposed new route that the villagers had worked out.

INTRODUCTION

1. The patrol was mounted to the Mambai Census Division for reasons as stated in the "Objects of patrol" (see Page 1).
2. The patrol was stationed at The Gap; this is the name given to the highest point where the Kaintiba-Tauri River Bridge road passes through the dividing range which separates the Tauri River and Werr River valleys. It is approximately four to five walking hours from Kaintiba; the village of Iemepango can be seen directly below The Gap.
3. The Gap is situated at 4,500 ft. to 5,000 ft. above sea level. The climate, correspondingly, is cool with a high annual rainfall figure; the patrol experienced heavy rainfall on each and every day of its duration at The Gap. (Fortunately it occurred usually in late afternoon, and therefore, only partially hindered the work of the patrol). In accord with the altitude, the vegetation of this area is of a sub-tropical nature.

1. ROAD WORKS

4. As stated in previous patrol reports by this reporting officer and other officers, the bench cut on the north and south side of The Gap is not considered satisfactory. (That is only in relation to the length of bench cut that is included in the ascent just prior to, and the descent just after The Gap).
5. It is considered unsatisfactory on two counts. One is that the gradient of certain sections is far too steep; and the other is the thought that it may be possible to improve on the route marked in the original survey, especially on the south side of The Gap.
6. The road works carried out during the duration of the patrol's stay at The Gap can be divided into two areas; the two areas being the north side of The Gap and the south side of The Gap.

North Side:

7. The work force on this side of The Gap consisted of villagers from Ewai and Iemepango.
8. The work carried out in this area was two-fold. Firstly, it was a continuation of the over-all plan to widen the Kaintiba-Tauri River Bridge road for four wheel vehicular traffic. The majority of the time of the patrol's duration at The Gap was spent in pursuit of this aim.
9. The area where the work was being carried out on the bench cut was a continuation of the widening operations set in motion by Kaintiba Patrol No. 6 (of 1970/71). This would place it approximately a half a mile on the north side of The Gap.
10. The second part of the work on the north side was the re-surveying of sections of the bench cut. There were three points where re-surveying was considered necessary.
11. The first point was re-surveyed by Mr. N. McQuilty A.D.O. when he arrived to inspect the road works' progress. This re-survey was carried out for the purpose of reducing the gradient of a section of bench cut, constructed by the villagers during a time they were without supervision. The second and third re-surveys were completed by the reporting officer. Both were carried out for the purposes of reducing the total length of bench cut; this was able to be done without having to increase the gradients to any marked degree.

South Side:

12. As stated above, widening operations had already been instigated by a previous patrol, on the bench cut on the south side of The Gap. (That is except for the section which comprises the final ascent to The Gap; this was for the reason that there is some doubt as to whether the completed road will follow the original survey path. See Kaintiba Patrol No. 6 of 1970/71).
13. Whilst stationed at The Gap, the reporting officer was approached by the Councillor from Mambia (the villagers from Mambia have been widening the bench cut in the area just below, and on the southern side of, The Gap). The Councillor wished that an inspection be made of a proposed new route that the villagers had worked out.

14. A limited inspection of the proposed new route was conducted and an estimation of the gradients involved was calculated. A more comprehensive inspection was not possible as the undergrowth and bush had not yet been cleared along this route; this made the utilization of any instrument to measure gradients an impossibility. Unfortunately, the patrol could not wait for the villagers to clear a path, so a more conclusive survey could have been carried out, as the patrol had to depart for Kaintiba the following day. (The reporting officer had to attend a training course in Kerema).

15. Gauging the proposed route by eye only, the reporting officer considers that this route may be a more acceptable proposition than the original surveyed route. ~~The~~ The proposed route, if acceptable, will do away with a long length of "cut-back", which is included in the original survey. It appears as if this can be accomplished without increasing the gradient to any greatly marked degree.

16. The villagers have now been instructed to clear a path along the proposed route. Another patrol shall be passing through this area within four to five weeks of the date of this report; it is understood that this patrol shall conduct a proper survey of the new ~~route~~ route, and evaluate the acceptability of incorporating the section in the Kaintiba-Tauri River Bridge road.

2. ECONOMIC

17. The indigenous population of the Mamdei Census Division, the area in which this patrol was conducted, have an extremely low per capita cash income. The people are almost exclusively subsistence farmer-gatherers. Their avenues of deriving a cash income are almost wholly restricted to the following:

(i) Selling fresh food to patrols (or, as they are relatively close to Kaintiba, also selling their produce to the station staff).

(ii) Acting as carriers, for government patrols or the missions in the Kaintiba Administration Area.

(iii) Through payment of contracts for government road works.

18. Fit males may also earn a cash income by indenturing themselves as contract labourers to large scale businesses outside the area.

19. As it has been repeated so often in previous reports, there does not seem to be much hope of increasing the per capita income of these people until road communication is established with suitable markets.

20. Even with the connection of roads to these markets the amount of produce grown by the villagers of the Mamdei Census Division (as is the case with the whole of the Kaintiba Administration Area) would have to be substantially increased to show any appreciable increase in the per capita income figure. Therefore it is expected that the per capita income of the people of this area ~~will~~ will remain at its present low level for some time to come.

21. However, this may be disproved when the ability to earn a stable and relatively high ~~cash~~ cash income is a reality. The incentive element may be found to be the deciding factor. Time will tell.

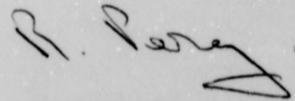
3. POLITICAL

22. The villagers contacted on this patrol still maintain a deferential attitude towards the patrol officer. Though whether this is due to respect for the patrol officer, or whether it is due to the fact that the patrol officer, in the eyes of the villager, is primarily considered The Law (which is irrevocably connected to The Court) is a difficult thing to say. It is hoped the patrol officer is considered in the former light.

23. However this deferential attitude is most helpful to the patrol officer and makes the execution of his task infinitely easier.
24. The villagers of Iemepango, Iwai and Mambia, the people with whom the patrol was in contact with, showed, on the whole, relative enthusiasm to work on the road. Although there were a few days when a poor attendance for road works was recorded, this was usually rectified the next day.
25. The attitude shown by the Mambia's is especially pleasing. The interest evidenced, in proposing a new route for the bench cut, even though it will mean, if accepted, the total length of bench cut they will be required to widen will be greatly reduced, is still most gratifying.

Conclusion:

26. The patrol successfully accomplished what it set out to do as shown in the "Objects of patrol". (See Page 1).
27. This patrol gave the reporting officer his first practical experience in surveying and it is expected that the experience gained will be most helpful for future patrols of this nature.
28. It is recommended that a patrol inspect and evaluate the new route proposed by the villagers from Mambia; the villagers are, at the moment, involved in the demarcation of this route. It is further recommended that the patrol to do this be the patrol that compiles the Territory Wide Census (1971) in this sector. This patrol shall be returning via The Gap and the work could be completed then.



R.J. PERCY
Assistant Patrol Officer.

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APPENDIX "A"

Report on personnel accompanying patrol:


Const. 1/C Irifoge (No. C263)

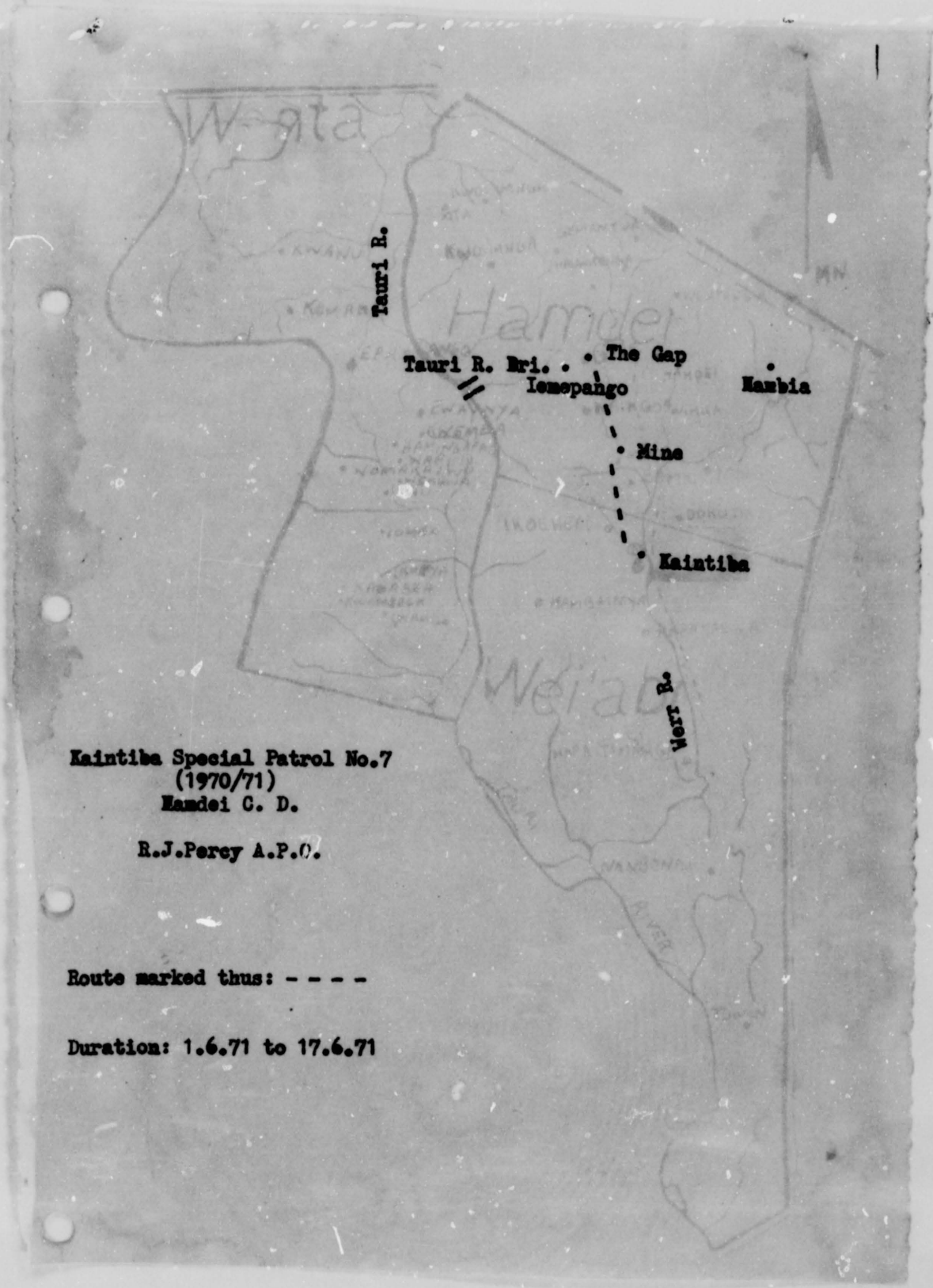
Dress: Fair.

Conduct: Fair.

Comments: Const. 1/C Irifoge is a competent bush policeman.

I certify that the above comments have been entered in the relevant Records of Service and Form RS.1 forwarded to Police Headquarters.


R.J. PERCY
Assistant Patrol Officer.



Kaintiba Special Patrol No.7
(1970/71)
Hande C. D.
R.J.Percy A.P.O.

Route marked thus: - - - -

Duration: 1.6.71 to 17.6.71