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Sub District Office
WARAS W.H.D.

18 March 1969

The District Commissioner
District Office,
MT HAGEN

LEGAL REPORTS : KOMPIAN
No 1/1968-69

Your minute 67.1.1 of 13 March (9) to Director
67.1.0 of 5th March 1969 refers.

The Kompien patrol report No 1/1968-69 was
forwarded to you under reference 67.4.17 of 2/3/69.

The Patrol was a tax collection patrol
by Mr A.G. Lays, L.O. Assistant from 19th July to
30th July 1968, and consisted only of a diary and
a short report listing amount collected, number of
exceptions, etc..

Assistant District Commissioner

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

67-1-1
District Office,
MT. HAGEN, W.H.D.

24th March, 1969.

Kompien P/R1 - 68/69 was forwarded to you under cover of my WHD714
of 15.10.68.

S. M. FOLEY
S. M. FOLEY
District Commissioner.

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c/s

67-14-30

28th May, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
ML. BASH.

PASROL NO. KONTIAN 1/69-69

Your reference 67-1-1 of 7th May, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. A.O. Laya, Local Government Assistant, to Kumbungu, Lower SAG and part of Upper SAG Census Divisions.

No comments are considered necessary.

(T.V. ELLIS)
Manager.

cc: Mr. A.O. Laya,
Local Government Assistant,
Sub-District Office,
VAEAG, Western Highlands District.

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Patrol Report No. 1 of 1968/69 Kompiam.

Patrol Personnel

A.O.Lapu. Local Government Assistant.

Constable Bugler. Joshua Borakon.

Tax Tribunals. Cr. Amal
Cr. Minok
Cr. Ambi
Cr. Tangupai.

Area Patrol

Kompiam Lower Sau and Part of Upper Sau.

Duration of Patrol

15th of July, 1968 to 30th July, 1968

Objects of Patrol

Kompiam Local Government Council Tax for 1968/69

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50/50

KOMPIAM REPORT OF 1968/69

DIARY

Monday 15th July, 1968

Departed at 9.30 for Silim arriving at 11.15. Walked up to the Rest House. People not gathered so word sent out for them to gather tomorrow. Prepared Tax tickets until 7 p.m. Slept at Silim.

Tuesday 16th July

Started at 9.00 a.m. and finished at 2 p.m. Total Tax collected was \$227.50. This was Ward 1. of Silim. Departed at 2.30 p.m. following the main road to Birip arriving at 3.30 p.m. Slept at Birip.

Wednesday 17th July

Departed at 8.00 a.m. For Samalimanda by following the new road to Lalalam. Arrived at 9.00 a.m. and started at 9.30 a.m. and finished at 2.30 p.m. Counted all the money and the total received was \$177.00. This Ward was Ward 3 Of Samalimanda who paid only a dollar each. Returned to Birip and slept.

Thursday 18th July

Started at 9.00 a.m. on Ward 2 of Birip Council tax and finished at 2 p.m. The total Tax collected here was \$154.70. All the people of Ward 2 paid \$1.30 each. Departed for Sauanda arriving at 3 p.m. and slept at Sauanda.

Friday 19th July

Started on the Ward 4 of Saunda Council Tax and finished at 2 p.m. Total Tax collected was \$214.50. All the Ward 4 people paid \$1.30 each. Departed for Aiyuletes at 2.30 p.m. and arrived at 4 p.m. Slept Aiyulates.

Saturday 20th July

Started on the Ward 5. Council Tax at 9.00 and finished at 2.45 p.m. Total Tax collected here was \$170.30. All Ward 5 people paid \$1.30 each. Departed at 3.15 p.m. and arrived at 4.15 p.m. Kompam Station. Slept at Kompam.

Monday 22nd July, 1968

Departed Kompam at 9.00 a.m. climbing the steep grade to Paip arriving at 11.15 a.m. Started on Ward 19 Council Tax and finished at 12.30 p.m. Total Tax collected was \$127.00. Started again on Ward 18 Council Tax and finished at 5 p.m. Total tax collected was \$206.00. Both of these two Wards paid \$1.00 each. Slept at Paip.

Tuesday 23rd July,

Departed at 7.30 a.m. for Kiogai arriving at 8.45 a.m. Started on Ward 20 Council Tax and finished at 1 p.m. Total Tax collected was \$209.00 and started again on Ward 21 Tax and finished at 3 p.m. Total Tax collected was \$92.00. Ward 21 people paid \$1.30 each while Ward 20 paid only a dollar each. Slept Kiogai.

Wednesday 24th July, 1968

Departed at 8.00 a.m. for Walalam Ward 22 arriving at 11.30 a.m. Hard going down and coming up over River Kowe. Started at 12 noon on Ward 22 Tax and finished at 1.45 p.m. Total Tax collected was \$98.00. Departed again for Leoleo Ward 24. Slept Leoleo.

Thursday 25th July, 1968

Departed at 8.00 a.m. for Labalam arriving at 9.00. Started on Ward 23 first. Total Tax collected was \$128.00. They all paid a dollar each. and on Ward 25 finished at 3 p.m. Total Tax collected on Ward 25 was \$87.00. Mr. Waugh of Baptist mission Labalam came and paid his Tax too in the afternoon. Slept Labalam.

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Friday 26th July, 1968

Departed at 9.30 for Ruriseau arriving at 12.30 p.m. People not gathered so word sent out. All the Tax money from Paip to Labalam were counted and checked against the tax Tickets and the receipts were balanced. Slept Ruriseau

Saturday 27th July

At Ruriseau started on Ward 26 Council Tax and finished at 1.30 p.m. Total Tax collected was \$143.00. They all paid a dollar each. Spent Saturday afternoon at Ruriseau and slept at Ruriseau.

Sunday 28th July

Departed at 9.00 a.m. for Rum arriving at 1.30 p.m. Slept at Rum.

Monday 29th July

Started on Ward 10 Council Tax at 8.45 a.m. and finished at 12 noon. Total Tax collected here was \$210.60. Each person paid \$1. Departed at 12.30 p.m. for Linginas arriving at 2 p.m. Slept at Linginas.

Tuesday 30th July

Started on Ward 11. Council Tax at 8.00 a.m. and finished at 11.30 a.m. Total collected was \$4218.40. All these people paid \$1.30 each. Packed all the patrol gears and returned to Kompam arriving at 4 p.m.

End of Diary

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA

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Department of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
MOUNT HAGEN. W.H.D.
7th May, 1969

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU



PATROL REPORTS

In reference to your 67-1-0 of the 18th April, 1969.

According to our files these reports were forwarded. However, copies are attached for your records with the exception of Minj 3/68-69.

Mr. Lapu's report was brief, however, as he is a Local Government Assistant, this was accepted.

A copy of Minj 3/68-69 is being obtained and will be forwarded as soon as possible.

S. M. Foley
S. M. FOLEY
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. KOMFIAM 2 of 1968-69

Patrol Conducted by L. B. WARR Assistant District Officer

Area Patrolled WALE-TARUA CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives FOUR

Duration—From 2/9/1968 to 13/9/1968

Number of Days 11

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 16/2/1968

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

Map Reference FOURMIL WABAG

Objects of Patrol 1 CENSUS REVISION 2 INSPECTION BIRIP-LAIALAM ROAD

3 GENERAL 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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*Mrs. Stacey
D. Warr
on 1/10/68*

67-14-15

18th February, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
MOUNT HAGEN, Western Highlands.

PATROL HQ, KOMPIAM 2/69-69

Your reference WEP730 dated 22nd January, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual
Census Report by Mr. L.B. Warr, Assistant District
Officer, to WALS-ZARUA Census Division.

A well compiled report, but there seems to have
been a long delay between the completion of the
patrol and the submission of the report for comment
and on-forwarding.

Only by regular and painstaking patrolling of
areas such as this Census Division can the people be
encouraged to better their lot even though large
scale economic development may not, at this stage,
appear feasible.


(T.W. ELLIS)
Director.

c.c. Mr. L.B. Warr,
Assistant District Officer,
Patrol Post,
KOMPIAM, Western Highlands District.

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Telephone
 Telegrams
 Our reference WHD/730
 If calling ask for
 Mr.



Department of District Administration,
 District Headquarters,
MOUNT HAGEN, W.H.D.

22nd January, 1969.

The Director,
 Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

KOMPIAM PATROL REPORT No. 2-68/69

Two copies of an area study and situation report submitted by Mr. Warr are enclosed together with comments by the Assistant District Commissioner.

Progress in these backward isolated areas will of necessity be slow. Inclusion in the Kompiam Council will be the next Administrative step for the area.

Small economic ventures such as the tea basket activity can only supply a limited return and stimulus to the area.

S.M. Foley
 (S.M. FOLEY)
District Commissioner

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Wabag, V.H.D..

The District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
Mount Hagen.

**Wabag Report No. 2 of 1968/69
Wabag Census Division by Mr. L. N. Warr, A.D.C.**

In accordance with the new procedure for patrol reporting attached please find in triplicate a situation report and area study of the Wabag Census Division by Mr. L. N. Warr, A.D.C. Census figures are also attached.

Population Distribution and Trends

As stated by Mr. Warr, the decrease in population from 3346 to 3110 was caused by a migration out of the area of a complete group and the fact that the census was conducted as an initial one due to loss of books. The probable reason for the migration is the greater economic attraction of the area closer to Hagen. Birth and death rates were not available as the census was initial.

Education

The Wabag census division still operates quite successfully under the initial school system, however as Mr. Warr states this area will probably be included in the Hagen local Government Council in the near future.

Industry

As stated there are no schools in the census division and the people do not appear anxious to send their children out of the valley for education. Both the Lutheran and Catholic missions have indicated that they intend branching out into the field of education in the future and after the road into the division is completed a future Council project for the area could be a Primary I School which would be staffed by local teachers. This school, together with the two mission projects would be able to meet the division's primary educational needs.

Economy of the area

As Mr. Warr says, agriculture wise the economic future of the area does not look promising. The ecology of the area severely limits this type of development however as in all areas the advent of the vehicular road should make a difference and at least some market gardening could then be encouraged. The cane tea basket industry will provide some form of income, however the market is strictly limited.

Political

From what Mr. Warr says there appears to be a certain amount of political apathy in the area. This probably stems from the fact that the area is relatively isolated, the economy is poor and Administration contact is not continuous. I anticipate that this attitude will alter as the economy expands and educational facilities are improved.

Please have three copies of the attached patrol map made and attach two to the duplicate and triplicate copies of the report and forward two to this office for our records.

Mr. [Name] has written a concise and interesting report and has
outlined his plan in a compact manner.

J. H. [Name]
[Title]

[Redacted Title]

cc: [Redacted Name]

**[Redacted Name]
[Redacted Title]**

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WALE-TARUA CENSUS DIVISION

PATROL DIARY

2-9-68

Patrol equipment and personnel comprising of three members of the R.P. & N.G.C. and Interpreter proceeded by vehicle to Birip for movement to LAIALAM. Self to follow tomorrow after completion of station duties.

3-9-68

0800 to BIRIP by vehicle. 0830 - 1100 Walked to LAIALAM (WALE Valley) along BIRIP LAIALAM road under construction. 1130 - 1430 Completed census of four KURAIIP groups. 1430 - 1800 Talks with assembled people re road work in area and other general matters. No complaints brought forward. Camped LAIALAM.

4-9-68

At LAIALAM completing census statistics. Talk with Lutheran Missionary, Mr. J. Geach regarding the WALE-TARUA area. 1430 Purchased local food for patrol personnel and arranged for carriers tomorrow.

5-9-68

0700 - 1000 Patrol moved to KEMAN. Relatively difficult track. Groups not all assembled at KEMAN. 1100 - 1600 Completed census revision for the five NEWALI groups. 1600 Talked with assembled people. A.P.O. complained that the people were not assisting him. They were advised, due to the shortage of medical staff, they could lose the A.P.O. unless they assisted him fully. 1730 Inspected aid post - in excellent order. 1800 Parade. Visited Catholic Priest at KEMAN and discussed problems of the area.

6-9-68

0715 - 1000 Patrol moved to LAIALAM (TARUA Valley) down across the TARUA river and a steep ascent to the rest house. Completed census revision for the one group at LAIALAM. Part of this group indicated that they wished to pay tax and be censused from the WABAG council area. These names were not recorded. 1400 Talked with assembled people re ADMIN. policy etc. and results of recent House of Assembly Elections. Two cases of assault brought before the patrol, they were adjourned to summon witnesses. 1800 Parade.

7-9-68

0800 - 0930 Patrol moved to RAKAMANDA. 1000 - 1300 Completed census of three groups. Several families also expressed their wish to pay tax to WABAG L.G. Council. They were advised it was their prerogative and were not listed. Several minor disputes brought before the patrol; settled amicably. 1800 Parade.

8-9-68

0730 - 0945 Patrol moved to KAIAMANDA. 1000 Census of two groups completed. Talked with village officials and assembled people. P.M. Sunday observed.

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PATROL DIARY (Continued)

9-9-68

0730 - 1230 Patrol moved to KAIAMAS. A stiff climb to crest of WALE-TARUA divide, across a number of spurs and then a steep descent to rest house. People already assembled. 1300 - 1430 Completed census for two small groups. Talked with assembled people; no complaints registered. 1800 Parade.

10-9-68

0900 - 1030 Patrol moved to PIRIR across the WALE river. Purchased food for patrol personnel. Censused four groups (one group at present paying tax to KOMPIAM L.G.C.) Talked with assembled people. Patrol was asked for an A.P.O. They were told that medical staff were short and it was unlikely that their request could be met. However, the M.C. WABAG would be advised. 1800 Parade.

11-9-68

0600 - 0800 Patrol moved to ARAGULI. Eight large groups to be revised. 0810 Commenced with groups already present. Completed census 1600. Talked with assembled people. 1700 Watched a death payment of pigs between the people from KAIAMAS and PIRIR. They requested the patrol to be present to prevent any trouble occurring. 1800 Parade. Heard two local Courts (one assault and one adultery).

12-9-68

0730 - 0830 Patrol moved to SANGURES. Along a very easy track. People not yet assembled. 1000 - 1100 Revised census. One complete group YOUP-PUMAN have migrated to the DPPER SAU Valley. Talked with assembled people re road work etc. Most of them appeared willing to continue with the LAIJAM road. 1800 Parade.

13-9-68

0730 - 1200 Patrol moved to BIRIP where we were met by KOMPIAM vehicles. 1330 Arrived KOMPIAM. Patrol equipment cleaned and stored.

END OF PATROL.

AREA STUDYWALE-TARUA CENSUS DIVISION

The WALE-TARUA Census Division is situated south-east of KOMPIAM Patrol Post and is bounded by the WARAG L.G. Council in the south, and the KOMPIAM L.G. Council in the east, the MARAMUNI Census Division in the west and the WAPI Census Division in the north. The area encompasses the water sheds of the WALE and TARUA rivers; both rivers flow in a northerly direction, join and then enter the YUAT river.

The area includes mainly steep heavily timbered peaks and valleys (from 2500-8000 asl), with flat level areas practically non-existent. The predominant vegetation is dense rain forest with small scattered areas of kunai grass, delineating old garden sites. The area has a typical midland climate with an approximate annual rain fall of 140 inches.

Access within Census Division is by walking tracks only, and because of the terrain walking is difficult, although all census centres are not separated by any great distance. The people in the area including those from the UPPER SAU area have been constructing a vehicular road from BIRIP (some twelve miles from KOMPIAM on the KOMPIAM WABAG road). The road will cross the SAU river and up the SAU divide and eventually down towards LAIALAM. Most of the road is nearing completion and may be used when the SAU bridge has been constructed.

The post at KOMPIAM was established in 1958 and since that time the people of the WALE-TARUA area have been visited by at least one patrol per year. Their attitude towards the Administration still seems very good. The Patrol encountered no difficulties in obtaining sufficient food or carriers.

POPULATION DISTRIBUTION AND TRENDS

During a change of staff at KOMPIAM the entire Census books for the WALE-TARUA Census Division were lost, and during the Patrol a complete new list, using the new forms, was compiled. Due to this fact it was necessary to consider this census in the light of an initial census as it was impossible to obtain accurate information on births, deaths, and migrations.

This census indicates a total population of the Census Division of 3110 (as against 3346 for 1967). The decrease was caused by several factors. One complete group YOUP-PUMAN and a large percentage of the population from LAIALAM (TARUA) and RAKAMANDA centers have migrated out of the area; also as new books were compiled as is the case with an initial census, a number of people would have been inadvertently missed. This no doubt will be rectified by subsequent Patrols.

As stated previously, all census centers are linked by walking tracks only and although the routes are difficult the centers are not separated by great distances.

The Patrol followed route set below:-

LAIALAM to KEMAN	3 hours 30 minutes
KEMAN to LAIALAM(TARUA)	3 hours 30 minutes
LAIALAM(TARUA) to RAKAMANDA	1 hour 30 minutes
RAKAMANDA to KAIAMAMDA	2 hours
KAIAMAMDA to KAIAMAS	4 hours

AREA STUDY (Continued)

KAIAMAS to PIRPIR	1 hour 15 minutes
PIRPIR to ARAGULI	2 hours
ARAGULI to SANGURES	1 hour
SANGURES to BIRIP	4 hours (END OF PATROL)

None of the people in the census division is normally more than 1 - 2 hours away from their respective census centres.

SOCIAL GROUPING

There are 31 census groups within the Census Division. They include both lineages and subclans. Those groups in the KURAIP, NEWALI, WASIN, KUKUN, DABOLI and TAGIRAP clans are contained entirely within the Census Division. The remainder are sub-clans and lineages with affiliations into either the WABAG and KOMPIAM Council areas. The language spoken in the area is mainly MAE ENGA although some SAU ENGA is spoken in the north eastern corner. However, there is little difference between the two dialects and both groups have no difficulty in conversing.

As in typical ENGA societies the main operation unit is the lineage; with obligations decreasing as the groups increase, i.e. to sub-clan and clans. However, when any of these units are threatened either overtly or covertly from an outside group or individual the members of the clan will quickly band together. As far as can be ascertained there has never been any form of stable alliances. These alliances have been formed and broken rapidly according to the situation. Fighting has never included large encounters, but mainly ambush, hit and run and pay back killings.

Since the Administration influence was felt in the area, fighting has decreased and many of the groups have started to make death payments. One such payment was made between the people from KAIAMAS and PIRPIR in the presence of the Patrol.

As stated previously, many of the groups in the Census Division have strong affiliation and alliances with parent groups in the WABAG and KOMPIAM Council areas, and many of these people voluntarily pay tax to the respective councils.

LEADERSHIP

The WALE-TARUA Census Division is still under the village official administration with Luluais and Tultuls. In the area the traditional elder leadership is still important. Although many of the young men have been to the coast working as labourers, on their return show little wish to sup the older leaders. There is little opportunity in the area once the young men return to continue working or commence cash cropping. Once their money is lost they must depend again on the traditional system. There are no young men from the area with sufficient education who would wish to question the traditional leadership. Even now there are only 31 children attending a recognised school.

AREA STUDY (Continued)

It is possible within the near future that the area could be included in the KOMPIAM Local Government Council (with a lower tax rate) and listed below are possible successful candidates for councillors dependent of course on ward distribution.

LATALAM (WALE)

Luluai KANDALA of KURAIP-PIEM a traditional leader with apparent good control of his people. Has good attitude towards Administration and no convictions for offences.

KEMAN

"Bossbot" ISMAN of NEWALI-ANDAIT. A forceful traditional leader; jailed in 1958 for 6 months for riotous behaviour.

KALAMANDA

Luluai KAMBER of WASIN-PIBI. Age 35. Possibly the one exception to traditional leadership. He was appointed Luluai after the death of his father. Was jailed in RABAUL in 1958 for riotous behaviour while working on New Britain as a labourer.

KAIAMAS

Luluai IAK. Seems ineffectual, but on present indications could be a candidate.

PIRPER

Luluai MAMBAGALI. A strong traditional leader who works closely with all patrols. He also has been convicted of riotous behaviour.

ARAGULI

Luluai IANGUAI of TAGIRAP. A strong traditional and forceful leader who works well with the Administration.

Tultul KUNDUALI of PIPIA. Another strong leader, although younger than most.

SANGURES

Luluai XIQAU of TAGIRAP. A strong traditional leader. He has several convictions for adultery and stealing.

LAND TENURE AND USE

As in all ENGA societies, the basic land holding unit is the sub-clan, with the family group holding its land within that area through patrilineal inheritance. Women have no rights to land other than to gardening rights given by her father and later by her husband.

There are no individuals in the area who hold land other than that by traditional tenure. The only alienated land is that held on lease by the two Missions in the Census Division.

AREA STUDY (Continued)

There is no shortage of land in the area and the small population has more than enough land for their subsistence food crops. However, there are a number of disputes over land and land boundaries. These disputes are becoming apparent as the people are attempting to form permanent boundaries. Previously boundaries between the respective groups changed with tribal fighting and the boundary between two groups may have changed numerous times over the years. The people have heard from other areas on the work of demarcation and seemed very interested. They have little knowledge of tenure conversion and would not contemplate such a radical change, although several of the younger agreed that it could be a beneficial step in the future.

Because of the lack of access into the area and the unsuitability of the terrain for cash crops, there is consequently little economic agriculture in the area. Only one group at PIRPIR, headed by a Committee man BNEAGALI, has planted approximately 200 coffee trees, of which half are now bearing; this plot is communally owned. The coffee beans are sold to the Baptist Mission near KOMPIAM some two days walk away.

LITERACY

The WALE-TARUA Census Division has no recognised school within its area. Twenty five male children are attending schools outside the area, two are attending the KOMPIAM Primary T School. The others attend the Baptist Primary T School at SAUANDA (KOMPIAM area) and the Lutheran Primary T School (AMBUM Valley WABAG area). Four adult males attend the pastor training school at the Baptist Mission LYABUS.

It would be highly unlikely that more than 40 adults are literate in either the vernacular or pidgin english. However, the people are showing increasing interest in education for their children. They now realise that all employment in the Administration or private enterprise require some standard of education. At all centres visited the people asked that a Primary T School be established in the area. It was explained to them that they had been asked by previous patrols to send their children to the KOMPIAM T. School; so far only 2 children from the area were at the school.

Only 2 radios, held by locals, were found in the area; one by a carpenter with the Lutheran Mission at LAIALAM and the other by the aid post Orderly at KEMAN.

STANDARD OF LIVING

The people in the WALE-TARUA area live in typical highland houses with earthen floors, low thatched roofs and small entrance. The men's houses include two sections, the main sitting area with the fireplace and the sleeping quarters in the rear. The women's houses are normally slightly larger with a mid-section for housing of pigs.

Traditional dress still predominates, although a number of people can be seen wearing shirts, shorts and blouses.

Every male possesses either a steel axe or bushmans knife and are normally carried in their rope belts. Most women now possess small steel spades and knives for working in the garden. These instruments can be purchased at the 2 trade stores now operating in the area. The Lutheran Mission store at LAIALAM in the WALE Valley and the Catholic Mission store at KEMAN in the TARUA Valley.

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AREA STUDY (Continued)

The staple diet in the area is sweet potatoe, supplemented with small quantities of cucumber, pandanus nut, and sago. As in most highland areas pig is eaten rarely and as a delicacy on ceremonial occasions. Some tinned fish and meat is purchased from the mission stores, but is too expensive for the average family.

No organised sport is played in the area, however, a form of soccer is played on the two mission stations.

MISSIONS

Only two missions have establishments in the WALE-TARUA area. The Lutheran Mission (Missouri Synod) has a European pastor and his family at LAIALAM in the WALE Valley. This mission limits itself at present to mainly religious activities, although classes are held in the vernacular for day pupils. The mission hopes to commence a Primary School in the future. A number of local LAIALAM men are employed as laborers on the station and have been since it was established 5 years ago.

The Catholic Mission have recently opened a station at KEMAN in the TARUA Valley, staffed by one priest. He also limits his activities to religious teaching, although plans to widen his influence, to education and health.

Both missions have numerous local pastors stationed throughout the Census Division, and have good relations between themselves and the people. There is no evidence of any conflict.

The majority of the people living near and around the respective missions seem to identify themselves with that mission. Those in other areas seem evenly divided, although the Lutheran mission, which has been in the area over a longer period, seems the most influential.

It was noticeable however, that the people still cling strongly to traditional beliefs; sorcery is still blamed on to all unexplained illnesses and deaths.

The people expressed the wish that they wanted more European missionaries in the area. It seems that the people feel the area can only develop economically with an increase of Europeans who will consequently increase the amount of capital in their area.

NON INDIGENES

Other than the missionaries mentioned, there is no non indigenes activity besides the Administration patrols.

COMMUNICATIONS

As already stated movement throughout the census division is by walking tracks which link the census centres. The main route into the area is from BIRIP on the WABAG-KOMPIAM Trunk Road. It is 3 hours walk from BIRIP to LAIALAM in the WALE Valley. A road has been constructed from BIRIP to the crest of the SAU-WALE divide, requiring only the construction of a bridge across the SAU river. Unfortunately, much of this road was constructed without proper survey and supervision; one two mile stretch climbs at well over 15° and will only be usable by light four-wheeled vehicles. The writer started surveying a diversion around this section on 5^o; the survey

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AREA STUDY (Contd)

unfortunately was not completed, but the present OIC KOMPIAM was advised. This diversion would greatly improve the road and its use. However, it would not be feasible to commence work immediately, but only should the amount of traffic warrant it. (BIRIP to WABAG sub District Headquarters - 22 miles; BIRIP to MT. HAGAN 90 miles).

The mountainous terrain and small population of the area will always be limiting factors in any extension of this road further into the Census Division. Before such a road is contemplated, a thorough survey should be carried out.

The Catholic Mission hold a lease on a light aircraft strip, 1 hour's walk from its station at KEMAN in the TARUA Valley. The priest at KEMAN stated that this site was not suitable because of the distance from his station. He wanted an alternative site and suggested one on a ridge just above his station. I feel this site is unsuitable as the grade seemed to be above the maximum allowable. However the patrol was not carrying an abney level and the priest was advised to check before submitting any further application for a lease.

STAGE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

The people in the area now have accepted the fact that they will eventually be included in the KOMPIAM Local Government Council and even now a number are voluntarily paying tax. However, most are apprehensive as they feel they would be unable to meet the \$1 tax. It was explained to them that when the time came for them to be included in the Council, they themselves would have a hand in setting the tax rate. Their elected councillors would have a voting right at meetings and they would also be able to voice their opinion at tax-payers meetings.

During this years House of Assembly elections, while the rest of the KOMPIAM administrative area had 80% of the electors voting, the WALE-TARUA averaged only 50%.

The people in the area have good relations with the two missions and all administration patrols to the area are well received. However, the people seem now to be apathetic about their future. They realise that their area is not conducive to economic crop development and feel that their only hope lies in increasing the european population in the area.

THE ECONOMY OF THE AREA

There is very little economic development in the WALE-TARUA area, and prospects for the future are not encouraging. The difficult terrain, the lack of suitable flat land, the small population and poor access are limiting factors, and only some will be alleviated with the completion of the LAIALAM road.

As stated previously one group at PIRPIR has a communal garden of 200 coffee trees (half of which is now bearing). The parchment coffee is carried two days and sold at the Baptist mission (LYABUS) near the patrol post.

The main source of income into the area is from the young returning from work on the coast (70 returned 1967) with an average of \$50 each.

AREA STUDY (Continued)

The administration spends some \$150 per year in the area for payment of carriers. The two missions would spend an approximate \$1000 (estimate only) for payment of carriers, purchase of local food, building materials and laborers. An average income for the adult males in the area would be \$4.

POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING THE ECONOMY

There is little land suitable for economic tree crops, although coffee plantings could be increased which is against Administration policy, and the lack of large flat areas for tea rules out that crop. The area is mainly lower than that required for pyrethrum. Market gardening could be increased, however a market is not available, and the lack of a suitable road net work would also limit its possibilities.

The prevalent feeling amongst the people of the areas that the only possible avenue for an income is through the Highland Labour Scheme, with the young men working on plantations.

The KOMFIAM Local Government Council has started a project to sell cane tea baskets to the Tea Estates in the WAGHI Valley. Tea baskets are purchased from the people at 40 cents each, and a number of WALE-TARUA men have received instructions in the making of the baskets. Cane is available in good quantities in the lower areas of the WALE and TARUA Valleys. If the market increases, this industry will bring a substantial income to the KOMFIAM area, including the people in the WALE-TARUA Census Division.


LLOYD WARR
ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER

WALE-TARUA CENSUS DIVISION

SITUATION REPORT

POLITICAL

The WALE-TARUA Census Division is a non-council area, although the majority of the people have now accepted the fact that they will eventually be included in the KOMPIAM Local Government Council. Their only reservation being their inability to pay the council tax. It was explained to them that they and their councillors would have a hand in setting their tax rate.

Although the people have good relations with the missions and Administration, (the Patrol was well received in all centres and had no difficulty in obtaining sufficient food and carriers), the people are becoming a little apathetic and pessimistic about the future. At all centres the village officials told the patrol that their land was unsuitable for cash crops, and that their only hope lay in more young men leaving the area to work and an increase of Europeans in the area.

Their apathy was shown I feel when, although all areas in the Kompiam Administrative area received the same amount of political education prior to this year's House of Assembly election, only approximately 50% of electors voted as against 80% in the remainder of the KOMPIAM area.

ECONOMIC

There is little economic development in the area. The unsuitability of the rugged terrain for cash crops and the limited access into the area is not indicative to a prosperous future.

A road into the area joining with the WABAG-KOMPIAM Trunk road with LAIALAM on the eastern edge of the Census Division is nearing completion. However, without economic development it is not warranted to anticipate extending this road any further.

A number of men in the WALE-TARUA area are making cane tea baskets which are purchased by the KOMPAIM Local Government Council for sale to Tea Estates in the WAGHI Valleys. It is possible that this industry could grow and become a good source of income to the people.

At present the largest source of income to the area is from the young men returning from working on the coast with the Highland Labour Scheme.

SOCIAL


The area is still strongly fragmented into clans and sub-clans, and disputes between groups are still prevalent. However, there are signs of these disputes decreasing; while the Patrol was in the area a death payment was made between two groups.

The two missions, the Lutheran mission at LAIALAM and the CATHOLIC mission at KEMAN at present concentrate their activities on religious teachings, and claim a number of adherents. It is noticeable however, that the majority of the people still cling to traditional beliefs and ceremonies. Sorcery is still blamed on all unexplained illnesses and deaths.

SITUATION REPORT (Continued)

The area has no recognised schools within the Census Division although both missions run religious classes in the vernacular.

The Administration maintains four aid posts at LAIALAM (WALE), KEMAN, RAKAMANDA and ARAGULI. The people of PIRPIR asked that a new Aid Post be established in their area. The Patrol explained to them that A.P.O.'s were short and it was unlikely that their request could be met.


LLOYD WARR
ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 3

Patrol Conducted by I. F. SMALLEY, PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled UPPER AND LOWER HAIN CENSUS DIVISIONS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans G. TUCK, C.P.O.

Natives 4 POLICE 1 INTERPRETER

Duration—From 18/1/1969 to 18/2/1969 (BROKEN PERIOD)

Number of Days 25

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? YES

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services JULY 1968

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

Map Reference FOURMIL WABAG AND PATROL MAPS

Objects of Patrol 1. CENSUS REVISION 2. FINALISE OUTSTANDING LAND PURCHASES

3. ORGANISE ROAD CONSTRUCTION 4. DISCUSS LAPOLAM AID POST WITH MISSION 5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Director of Native Affairs,
PCRT 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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24th. April, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Eastern Highlands District,
MOUNT HAGEN

PATROL NO. KOMPIAM 3/68-69

Your reference WHD 745 of 21st. April, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census Report by Mr. G. Tuck, Cadet Patrol Officer to Upper and Lower San Census Divisions.

A very good first report by Mr. Tuck which indicates that his future reports should be of great interest to this Headquarters. My only comment is that the report was unsigned.

Other matters have been dealt with in respective covering memoranda.



(T. W. ELLIS)
Director

G.C.
Mr. G. Tuck,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
Patrol Post,
KOMPIAM
Western Highlands District.

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

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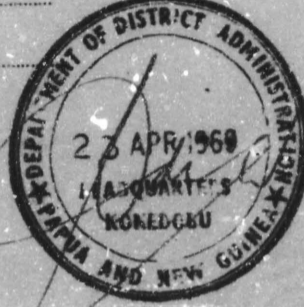
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams..... RA. bb
Our Reference..... WED 745
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
District Office,
MT. HAGEN, W.H.D.



21st April, 1969,

The Director
Department of District Administration,
KONE DOBU.

KOMPIAM PATROL REPORT 3-68/69.

The report submitted by C.P.O. Mr. G. Tuck, is enclosed.

The report is of a very high standard for a Cadet Patrol Officer and Mr. Tuck is to be commended.

The assistant District Commissioner's comments adequately cover the report.

S. M. FOLEY
District Commissioner.

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Sub District Office
WABAG W.H.D.

2 April 1969

The District Commissioner
District Office
MOUNT HAGEN

KOMPIAN PATROL REPORT No 3/68-69
UPPER & LOWER SAV DIVISIONS

Please find attached two copies of the above reports, complete with Census Statistics.

For an initial attempt this is a very good report. The patrol has achieved all its objects.

Population Trends:

The natural increase of 1,14 and 1,45 is a decrease on previous figures - this would seem to be a sub district wide trend.

For figures on page 5 read 3756 and 1711 instead of 5756 and 1611.

The new Grady TAGLIM will be taken up in separate correspondence as regards entry in Village Register.

Leadership & Political

I am disturbed by the attitude towards the elected Councillors. For instance, the comments on Apatas of Sannua contradict those comments on Kopyogall of Iselle. These men are elected by the people, not appointed by the Administration. Naturally the people (especially in the early stages) will tend to elect 'front men' and persons who will not pressure them into too much work. It is our work to work with these men, and advise them, but not to 'push' them to the stage where they become alienated from their voters.

It is part of the pre-election campaign to explain to the people that they will only get the type and quality of government and development according to the type of Councillor they elect.

If we continue to pressure them elected directly, the people will not see any change in the system, and the real leaders will continue to put up 'front' men, and blame any lack of development on us as 'the obvious prime movers'. Only when we move into the background and let the Councillors assume responsibility and leadership will the leaders emerge. Political education is just not a matter of short talks, but continuing action. Development may not proceed as we would like; but only when the voters realize that it is up to them, and the leaders realize that they will not be continually harassed will any real progress be made.

Communications & Development

Communications and Development

The main hindrance to development has been access - by RASY in and by produce out to markets.

The opening in the future of the Wapenamunda/Kompian Jton road, and the work being done on the road towards Hui and Labalen should greatly assist in overcoming these problems.

WASO Ltd of Wapenamunda has expressed interest in buying local type crops from the Hui area, and potatoes etc from Kompian - after the road is opened.

This Wapenamunda/Kompian Road also will open 800 acres of administration land just over the Kompian administrative border, which is being investigated for coffee or tea (tea will require extra acreage), and this development should permit spill over to similar land below Isonia.

Cattle policy is to encourage a small select number of pilot projects, with bank assistance, to serve as examples to the other people. Concentration of Administration effort should ensure success.

P.G. Whitehead

Assistant District Commissioner

cc OIC
Kompian

Please congratulate Mr. Tuck on his report. However point out that the delay in presentation detracts from the value of the report. After a patrol, the officer should be given up to a week clear of all other duties in order to clear up the report and any other matters arising from the patrol. If census statistics are compiled after each census in the village, the actual report should only take one or two days. Although other matters may be pressing, take the attitude that if the patrol stayed out an extra week, action would have been delayed in any case.

Please observe the above comments.

Your comments on this report have not yet been received.

Have claims for camping allowance been forwarded?

If possible, sup. maps to foolscap size

P.G. Whitehead
Assistant District Commissioner

File 67-4-0

The Assistant District Commissioner
MOUNT HAGEN



Patrol Post
Kempster
Hobart Sub District
9th April 1969

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MINERAL PATROL REPORT ON ROADWORK IN A HIGH COUNTRY PATROL OFFICE

Attached three copies of a Patrol Report to the SAH general division.
Camping allowance contingency and census figures also enclosed.
It is with regret that this report is submitted at such a late date, however
this is Mr. Tank's first attempt at a Patrol Report and also at typing.
All objects of the patrol have been achieved with the exception of discussion
of the localities and road with Mr. Tank, as he was away on leave at the time. However
the Kempler Council's attitude has been well made known to their Field Station at
Ridger River, namely that the Council cannot assist in the maintenance of the
Hospital works and an aid post for the Mission.
There were no outstanding land purchases in the area.

Work was commenced on the 10th October and Kempler roads before the patrol
set out. To date the Kempler road into the hills there has been completed and we are
only waiting bridge decking for the 7th bridge across the hill after which the road
can be navigated by a four wheel drive vehicle. The road is now open to within
ten minutes drive of MOUNT HAGEN, however it is not expected to complete the road as far
as Kempler this year.

As Mr. Tank points out there is an obvious lack of leadership amongst the
Councilors, however it is up to the Administrator to work with such people and also
make it known to the people that such Councilors are their own public choice and not
the choice of Administration Officers. I feel however that in the future the quality
of the bridge will improve with further development and continued assistance and
contact from the outside.

Mr. Tank proved himself on this patrol an able officer with much potential
and has also written a libretto and will send out reports.

[Signature]
(Mr. Tank)
Officer in Charge



C.C. Mr. Tank, Kempster
The District Commissioner
District Office
MOUNT HAGEN

Patrol Report previously forwarded under my 67-4-19.
Camping Allowance for approval attached.

67-4-19
14-4-1969

[Signature]
F.G. Whitehead
Assistant District Commissioner

CONTINGENCIES
(GENERAL EXPENSES)

Departmental Reference No.

Dr. to PAPEA, PORE HOSPITAL

Cash Office Registration No.
KOM

Cash Office Consecutive No.

Date of Supply or Period of Service	Particulars	Order No.	Rate	Amount \$	c	
18 JAN 69 to 21 JAN 69	To payment of camping allowance 26 nights at \$1.05 per night. I certify that I am a single officer and that I actually camped out and that no cook or messing facilities were available within a reasonable distance. under P.O.S. orders 6,7,8, and 9.			22	05	
27 JAN 69 to 1 FEB 69						
1 FEB 69 to 5 FEB 69						
10 FEB 69 to 15 FEB 69						
TOTAL						
TWENTY TWO Dollars <u>FIVE</u> cents TOTAL \$ <u>22</u> <u>05</u>						

Claimant's Reference

Erakun Jack

Signature of Claimant

Date 20-3-69

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY

TO BE COMPLETED BY DEPARTMENT

DATE CLAIM RECEIVED BY D.F.O.

C.F.C. or Reqn. No. Div. Subdiv. Item Amount

C.F.C. or Reqn. No. Div. Subdiv. Item Amount

REGISTERED.....

NOT PREV. PAID.....

EXAMINED.....

B.C. ACTION.....

FOR STORES.—I certify that the stores included in this account have been received and taken on charge and that the account is correct as regards rates of charge and the faithful performance of the services charged.

OTHER CASES.—I certify that this account is correct as regards rates of charge and the faithful performance of the services charged.

Person incurring Expense

Person incurring Expense

Date.....

Date.....

CERTIFYING OFFICER.—I certify that this account is correct within the meaning of Section 36 of the Treasury Ordinance 1951-1965.

RECEIVED this..... day of..... 19.....

the sum of..... Dollars

..... cents

Certifying Officer

Signature of Recipient

Witness

Cheque No.....

CONTINGENCIES

I certify that this officer actually camped out on the days shown and that no cook or messing facilities were available.



I. E. Smalley
G.I.C.
Major

Table with columns for dates and descriptions of contingencies. The table is mostly blank with some faint text visible in the rows.

File: 67-1-1

Sub District Office,
WABAG,
Western Highlands District.

4th January, 1969.

The Officer-in-Charge,
Patrol Post,
KOMPIAM.

Patrol Instructions - KOMPIAM Patrol No. 3 1968/69.

Upper Sau and Lower Sau Census Divisions.

Please proceed on patrol as discussed with you on or about 14th January, 1969.

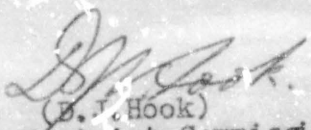
Take Mr. G. Tuck with you and train him in general field duties and patrol procedure. At the completion of the patrol, Mr. Tuck, C.P.O. could be given the task of writing the Patrol Report under your supervision and guidance.

The objects of the patrol are as follows:-

1. Carry out a Census Revision of the Upper Sau and Lower Sau Census Divisions and submit separate sets of Census statistics in triplicate to this office. The Director has advised that in future he wishes the groups consused to be listed on the Village Population Register in alphabetical order as in the Village Directory and spelling is to be exactly the same as in the Directory.
2. Carry out any Land Purchases or Investigations outstanding, in the area patrolled.
3. Organise and supervise and road maintenance work necessary in the two Census Divisions, and organise work on road construction on the LAIALAM and LAPOLAM roads, pointing out to the people the economic necessity for roads in their area. The Agricultural Department will not carry out any intensive agricultural development programme in areas not serviced by roads.
4. Discuss the matter of the Aid Post at LAPOLAM with the Baptist Missionary in charge there, and advise him of the Kompiam Council's attitude towards same, as requested in his letter addressed to Mr. Warr of 22/7/68. Mr. Warr did not have the opportunity of visiting Mr. Brown prior to his departure on leave from Kompiam.
5. Attend to any other general administration duties that may arise in the course of the patrol.

Please advise by telegram the actual day you leave the Station on patrol.

At the completion of the patrol, please submit a Patrol Report and Area Study on the joint area patrolled, in accordance with the new procedure for patrol reporting.


(B. J. Hook)
Assistant District Commissioner.

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KOMPIAM PATROL REPORT NO. 1 of 1968-69

UPPER AND LOWER SAU CENSUS DIVISIONS

PATROL DAIRY

18-1-69

Departed KOMPIAM 0900 with four members of the R.P. & N.G.C., one interpreter and carriers. Walked to BIRIP and inspected bridges and culverts on the way. Arrived at BIRIP 1400 hrs. and went to SILIM turnoff by vehicle. Arrived 1430 hrs. Commenced walk from road to SILIM rest house at 1530 hrs and arrived at 1600 hrs. Camp set up.

19-1-69

Sunday observed at SILIM.

20-1-69

Mr Smalley, oic, arrived to take charge of patrol at 1045 hrs. Census commenced 1115 hrs and concluded 1400 hrs. Mr Smalley heard minor disputes until 1800 hrs while I compiled census statistics. Parade 1800 hrs.

21-1-69

Departed SILIM at 0745 hrs. Travelled by car from SILIM turnoff to BIRIP from 0815 hrs to 0845 hrs. Walked to SAHALIMANDA, arriving at 0935. Census completed at 1145 hrs. Mr Smalley heard minor disputes during and after census. Departed 1200 hrs. and arrived at BIRIP rest house at 1245. Compiled census statistics. Parade 1800 hrs.

22-1-69

Census at BIRIP conducted between 0915 hrs and 1100 hrs. Mr Smalley heard minor disputes and I compiled census statistics between 1300 hrs and 1612 hrs. Parade 1800 hrs.

23-1-69

Departed BIRIP on foot at 0800 hrs for SAUANDA Rest House. Arrived 0835 and census conducted between 0930 hrs and 1100 hrs. Mr Smalley heard minor disputes and I compiled census statistics from 1300 hrs to 1620 hrs.

24-1-69

Departed on foot for AIYULETES Rest House at 0800 hrs. Arrived 0915 hrs, census conducted, minor disputes heard, and census figures attended to from 1315 hrs to 1545 hrs. Parade 1800 hrs.

25-1-69

Mr Smalley and myself departed for KOMPIAM by vehicle in morning. Saturday observed in KOMPIAM

26-1-69

Sunday observed in KOMPIAM.

27-1-69

Returned by vehicle to AIYULETES and patrol departed on foot for PAIP at 0930 hrs. PAIP was reached at 1145 hrs. Camp set up. Parade 1800 hrs.

28-1-69

Census commenced at 1000 hrs and concluded at 1300 hrs. Mr Smalley heard minor disputes and I compiled census statistics. Parade at 1800 hrs.

29-1-69

Departed PAIP at 0940 hrs and arrived KIOGAI Rest House at 1100 hrs. Census concluded, disputes heard, and census figures attended to until 1645 hrs. Parade 1800 hrs.

30-1-69

Departed KIOGAI at 0820 hrs. The KWOLA River was reached at 0920 hrs. Arrived at WARIALAM at 1140 hrs. Census commenced at 1215 hrs. Mr Smalley departed for LABALAM at 1300 hrs and inspected the area to determine the

PATROL DAIRY (Continued)

feasibility of constructing a road. I completed census at 1025 hrs. and departed at 1335 hrs. I arrived at LEOLEO at 1405 hrs, conducted census between 1420 hrs and 1505 hrs, and departed at 1517 hrs. I arrived at LABALAM at 1615 hrs. Parade 1800 hrs.

31-1-1969

At LABALAM. Census conducted between 0904 hrs and 1115 hrs. I compiled census statistics between 1330 hrs and 1645 hrs while Mr. Smalley heard minor disputes. Parade 1800 hrs.

1-2-1969

Observed at LABALAM.

2-2-1969

Departed LABALAM at 0755 hrs, arrived at bridge over SAU River at 0809 hrs, and reached top of mountain range at 0943 hrs. Stopped at 0948 hrs and waited for the slower carriers. Carried on at 1026 hrs. Arrived at IMBRIK at 1214 hrs and took shelter from rain. Departed at 1232. Arrived KOMPIAM at 1335 hrs. Actual walking time 4 hrs 53 minutes.

3-2-1969

At KOMPIAM. General office work.

4-2-1969

Departed KOMPIAM for LEMBIEM at 0830 hrs, the police and carriers having departed the day before. The vehicle had little trouble on the as yet uncompleted road and arrived 0930 hrs. Vehicle returned to KOMPIAM. Mr Smalley completed first half of census and I completed second half. Finished at 1130 hrs. I compiled census statistics from 1135 hrs to 1230 hrs, and from 1300 hrs to 1545 hrs while Mr Smalley had discussions with, and heard minor disputes of, the people. Inspected new road from 1600 hrs to 1700 hrs. Parade 1800 hrs.

5-2-1969

Departed LEMBIEM on foot along road for WINAKOS at 0755 hrs. Arrived 1015 hrs. Actual walking time 1 hr 53 minutes. Commenced census at 1045 hrs and stopped at 1115 hrs due to rain. I compiled census figures from 1300 hrs to 1625 hrs while Mr Smalley heard minor disputes and had discussions with several Councillors.

6-2-1969

Census resumed at 0845 hrs and completed at 1018 hrs. Departed on foot for HOIPAGAM at 1031 hrs. and arrived at 1156 hrs. Mr Smalley heard minor courts and had general discussions with people after the census for their particular lineage was completed, while I conducted census between 1215 hrs and 1352 hrs. Patrol departed for KOMPIAM at 1405 hrs and arrived at 1500 hrs.

7-2-1969

At KOMPIAM. General office work.

8-2-1969

Observed in KOMPIAM.

9-2-1969

Observed in KOMPIAM.

10-2-1969

At KOMPIAM. Office work from 0745 hrs to 0835 hrs. Patrol departed at 0855 hrs on foot for KAIPORES and arrived at 1040 hrs. Actual walking time 1 hr 12 minutes. Census conducted from 1110 hrs to 1155 hrs. I compiled census figures from 1230 hrs to 1730 hrs while Mr Smalley heard minor disputes.

11-2-1969

Departed KAIPORES at 0740 hrs and arrived at LINGINAS at 0910 hrs. Actual walking time 1 hr 43 minutes. Census conducted between 0948 hrs and 1200 hrs and I compiled census figures from 1300 hrs to 1615 hrs. Parade 1800 hrs.

12-2-1969

Mr Smalley departed for KOMPIAM due to impending visit of Superintendent

PATROL DAIKY (Continued)

of Police, leaving myself in charge of patrol. Patrol departed LINGINAS at 0748 hrs and arrived at RUM at 0950 hrs. Actual walking time 1 hr 40 minutes. Commenced census at 1013 hrs and completed it at 1223 hrs. Compiled census figures from 1318 hrs to 1610 hrs.

13-2-1969

Departed RUM at 0807 hrs.. Crossed bridge over SAU River at 0904 hrs and at 0920 hrs, after all carriers had crossed, began arduous climb to RUMISAU. Arrived at 1223 hrs. Actual walking time 3 hrs 8 minutes. Compiled census figures from 1330 hrs to 1625 hrs. Parade 1800 hrs.

14-2-1969

At RUMISAU. Compiled census figures from ~~0815~~ 0815 hrs to 1000 hrs. Census commenced at 1100 hrs and completed at 1250 hrs. Compiled census figures from 1400 hrs to 1655 hrs. Parade 1800 hrs.

15-2-1969

Departed RUMISAU at 0847 hrs.. Reached suspension bridge over the SAU River at 1031 hrs. Waited at bridge for the carriers to cross over. Departed bridge at 1121 hrs and arrived at LINGINAS at 1443 hrs. Actual walking time 3 hrs 57 minutes.

16-2-1969

Departed LINGINAS 0925 hrs. Reached the top of the mountain range at 1031 hrs and reached the road to KOMPIAM at 1244 hrs. Arrived at KOMPIAM at 1317 hrs. Actual walking time 2 hrs 47 minutes.

17-2-1969

At KOMPIAM. General office work.

18-2-1969

Departed KOMPIAM at 0815 hrs for INAP. Arrived at 0829 hrs. Commenced census at 1000 hrs and completed it at 1335 hrs. Returned to KOMPIAM Patrol Post. Commenced census at Patrol Post at 1430 hrs and finished it at 1500 hrs.

Patrol stood down.

UPPER AND LOWER SAU CENSUS DIVISIONS

SITUATION REPORT

POLITICAL

These two Censu Divisions have now been under a Council since 1966. Their second elections will be held on May 5th of this year. As yet, the people and especially the Councilors are confused politically, and although realistic about their economic shortcomings, have little idea of how to 'improve their lot'.

KOMPIAM is situated between three fairly wealthy, go ahead areas; BAIYER RIVER, WAPENAMANDA and WABAG. The people have easy access to these areas and can see for themselves how much better off these other people are, economically and socially, compared to themselves. This realisation has manifested itself in a genuine desire to get ahead and improve their own area. In paragraph two, under the heading of 'NATIVE AFFAIRS', Patrol Report No. 2 of 1966/67, Mr. Glover states that the people are working with a will on two new roads as a first stage to improving their lot. However, today, for the first time, the people are beginning to realise just how much work is needed to improve their area, I noticed, therefore, on this patrol, considerable apathy towards any ideas involving possible new sources of income. A main source of trouble comes from returned indentured labourers, mainly young men. These men have been a constant source of trouble, mainly in the densely populated areas between LEMBIEM and RUM near the lower LAI.

Their refusal to co-operate in any form of work, such as roads maintenance and agricultural projects, coupled with poor leadership from some Councilors must have an adverse effect on the area. However, I feel that this may be a stage, what I call 'the inbetween stage'. A transition from primitiveness to sophistication. There is still a great deal of jealousy between the natural leaders, those with wealth and prestige, and the new, comparatively younger Councilors. This I know will eventually resolve itself, however, again we have an unsettling situation in most of the villages. Councilor NAPIO from WAIPAKAM was recently involved in a power struggle with the natural leaders, which actually split his line in two. Basically he was afraid of losing the forthcoming elections and feeling insecure tried to stop all road work in his area, and enhance himself in the eyes of his people by being a strong man. Another leader in his clan went against this, possibly seeing his chance. The situation was overcome by giving Councilor NAPIO more responsibility in the Council and in various projects in the area. He has become one of the more progressive men in the area, with good cattle interests and two well run trade stores.

From time to time I will expect more upheavals at village level, but I believe that this is only frustration at not 'getting there' fast enough. There is a will to work but they need definite direction from this department and Agriculture.

Ian F. Smalley

ECONOMIC

There is an amount of economic activity in the area but it is rather limited. There is suitable land for cash crops and cattle projects but use will be made of it only if the people are given guidance and if an organised transportation and marketing system are introduced.

The proposed KOMPIAM to PAIP and KIOGAI road and the KOMPIAM to LABALAM road will open up the places in the area with the greatest economic potential, and the KOMPIAM to WAPENAMANDA road will offer an alternative outlet to that of the KOMPIAM to WABAG road.

SITUATION REPORT (Continued)

ECONOMIC

The main sources of income at present are the making of tea baskets, working for, or selling supplies to, the Administration personnel and Missions, and working outside the KOMPIAM area and returning with the money earned. None of these is providing a sound and prospering economy.

SOCIAL

The area is peopled by groups who have, on the whole, settled down to a more peaceful way of life than that enjoyed by their predecessors.

The diet now includes some imported crops and more protein than was formerly consumed, which has improved their health considerably. There is a small hospital at KOMPIAM, a number of Aid-Posts in the outlying areas, and medical services organized by the Baptist Mission, which have also helped to improve the people's health.

The Missions teach their religious ideas and also help in the secular education of children and adults. There are a number of schools in the area, where some 288 males and 42 females receive regular tuition.

Graham Tuck
C. P. O.

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PATROL REPORT

KOMPIAM- 4-68-69

P.G. Whitehead

KOMPIAM

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16th April, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
MOUET HAGEN.

PATROL NO. KOMPAN 4/68-69

Your reference WHD743 of 10th April, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. P.G. Whitehead, Assistant District Commissioner, to Part of Lower SAN Census Division.

A routine patrol which calls for no further comment.

It is noted that Mr. Whitehead omitted to sign the report.

(T.V. ELLIS)
Director.

cc: Mr. P.G. Whitehead,
Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
WABAG, Western Highlands District.

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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District Office,
MT. HAGEN, W.H.D.

10th April, 1969.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

KOMPIAM PATROL # 68/69.

Report submitted by Mr. Whitehead, Assistant District Commissioner of a patrol in the Kompian area is enclosed.

The completion of the Kompian-Wapenamanda road has high priority on the Rural Works Programme and when this is done it is possible that the general area will benefit from increased economic activity. The extension of Wase vegetable marketing facilities to the area will be the greatest initial benefit.

S. M. Foley
S. M. FOLEY.
District Commissioner

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Sub District Office
WABAS W.H.D.

1 April 1969


The District Commissioner
District Office
MOUNT HAGEN

KOMPIAN PATROL No 4/1968-69
UPPER SAU

Please find attached two copies of the above report, and claim for camping allowance.

Main purpose of the patrol was to familiarize myself with the area, inspect road upgrading and construction.

Could two sun prints of the map be returned in due course, please.


P.G. Mitchell
Assistant District Commissioner

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KOMPIAN

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

KOMPIAM PATROL No 4 p 68/69

WABAG SUB DISTRICT

KOMPIAM LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

Peter G. Whitehead

Assistant District Commissioner

Accompanied by:

Ian Smalley, OIC Kompiam

Two members R.P. & N.G.C.

24th March to 27th March 1969

Four days duration

Last Patrol: July 1968

Objects:

General inspection Kompiam area

Inspection of roads, upgrading and construction

General administration and contact

Population: 8,000

Map Reference: Fourmil Wabag
Milinch Wapenamanda

Village Population Register not enclosed.

PATROL DIARY

MARCH 1969

- Monday 24th: Depart Wabag per vehicle 1.30PM.
Discussion with Mr D.Vincent EMA at BIRIP
2.30 - 3.00PM, re conduct of leprosy patrols.
Arrive Kompiam 4.00PM after inspecting
road and bridges en route.
Station Inspection.
Discussion with Mr K.Green re Adult Literacy
Courses and Community Education.
Overnight KOMPIAM.
- Tuesday 25th Depart Kompiam per vehicle 9.00AM along Kompiam/
Wapenamanda Road.
Via WINAKOS to YAMANDA along new road. First
vehicle to travel to YAMANDA. Arrive 9.30AM
Discussions with Primary T School Teacher John Ingle
and Aid Post Orderly Lipita Pean. Inspection of
Aid Post (12 sick) and School, and talk to students.
Walk to LINGINAS over partly completed road, 1 1/2 hrs,
arrive 11.10AM. Walk to RUM 1hr 20 minutes.
Discussions with Councillors, Committees, Aid Post
Orderly and others.
Inspection of Aid Post and Adult Reading Center.
Various minor disputes.
- Wednesday 26th Depart RUM 7.37AM along new road until 7.50AM
when followed old road along ridge to LINGINAS
until 9.10AM. Followed new road to trade store
until 10.00AM. Discussions re.re-routing of road.
Followed new road from 10.10AM to D.37AM. Further
Discussions. Followed route of new road 10.52 to
11.47 when again reached road head at YAMANDA.
Further Discussions. Viewed Baptist Mission air
strip and school site (MAMANDA) and possible areas
for cattle projects. YAMANDA affords views of entire
Lower Lai River, Baiyer River, Lower Sau River and
Lower Jimmy River.
Minor disputes.
Return to Kompiam. Station Inspection.
- Thursday 27th Complete Station Inspection. By vehicle to Wabag,
inspecting Birip/Laialam Road and SAU bridge, and
Catholic Mission sawmill. Arrive Wabag 11.45AM

ROADS AND BRIDGES, KOMPIAM AREA

In recent years considerable concentration and effort has been placed on roads in the Kompiam area. The people have been willing to agree that their area cannot develop without reasonable communications. Due to the steep and broken nature of the terrain, the construction of roads has been difficult, and their construction has only been possible because of the co-operation of the people - the limited funds provided by the Administration have been little more than a scap.

Road work has been divided into three fields:

- a) Upgrading of Kompiam/Wabag Road
 - b) Construction of a three ton capacity road to Wapenamanda.
 - c) Construction of access roads from BIRIP to LAIALAM and from WINAKOS towards LABALAM via WAMANDA and RUM.
- a) Kompiam/Wabag Road upgrading has proceeded well. Many corners have been removed or widened, and the road has been resurfaced. Most bridges have been replaced. It is now possible to take a three ton truck with safty almost to Birip. (A three ton truck has been to Kompiam recently, but this would not be recommended at present because of the safty factor). It will most likely be necessary to re-route the road near Birip to avoid two hairpin bends and some steep descents. The only other remaining problems with this road are:
- i) Bridge decking and bridges - the road goes mainly through grass lands with little timber, and it will be necessary to expend more on sawn bridge decking and to pay more for good bridge logs (or prevail on PWD to supply iron culverts and bridges).
 - ii) There are a number of large very hard rocks protruding onto the road. Attempts have been made over the years to fire these, but it is obvious that they will have to be blasted - not a difficult job, and this is being taken up with PWD.
- b) Construction of the Wapenamanda/Kompiam Road within the Kompiam administrative area has been completed for some time, with the exception of a very large rock outcrop near the NINIMB River. Again it will be necessary to blast this rock. Efforts by the local people have not succeeded in denting this outcrop. The NINIMB River has not been bridged, but because of the timber supplies should not be difficult, despite the size. Elsewhere on this road bridges are again a problem, because of the shortage of good suitable timber - small bridges which should last 10 years are collapsing after 3 - 5 years with very little traffic. The road has been well gravelled. Construction of the Wapenamanda section is proceeding under supervision.
- c) Access roads to LAIALAM and to LABALAM have been under construction for 10 years. In many cases local enthusiasm has resulted in short sections of road, built with little or no supervisor or advise, which are unsuitable because of the steep grades or poor location making it impossible to link the various sections.

Mr Smalley, OIC has made determined efforts to complete these long outstanding roads, with good results. The main problem is that, due to the long period over which the people have been involved in these roads, the people are loath to go to any great labour to re-route the roads - they just want to finish them as quickly as possible and be done with them.

The BIRIP/LALALAM Road is completed except for gravelling and the 75' bridge over the SAU River. Both these projects are currently being undertaken. This road is steep, and will remain a four wheel vehicular road - but will provide sufficient access for the development which can occur in the WALE River area for many years.

The road towards LABALAM from WINAKOS is now open as far as YAMANDA. It will be possible to complete the section to the main ridge to MAMANDA within 1 - 2 months. The road to YAMANDA is almost fully surfaced. Unfortunately there is a steep drop into YAMANDA. This will limit the loads that can be taken from this potentially rich area. The people realise that the road should have followed another but more longer route, but no effort will be taken to re-route the road until development of the area makes it necessary. Concentration is being placed on ensuring that the extension of the road towards LABALAM is along the best possible route so that there will be no need later to re-route what will be the major section of the road. To this end, a patrol will be mounted on Monday 31st April, which will construct up to 4 foot wide tracks along the best route.

There is a section of about one mile from YAMANDA which is currently under construction which will link with a two mile section of constructed road which will bring the road head to the trade store on the main ridge above MAMANDA. From the trade store to LINGINAS a road has been constructed, but most of it is far too steep. It would seem that this section was pegged at least once, but that the local people did not follow the pegs in order to avoid rock and steep hill sides which would entail some hard work.

From LINGINAS to RUM the road will follow a ridge for the most part. The old Councilor for RUM had constructed some two to three miles of road, but again it is far too steep. A section of about one mile leading into RUM, over easy country, has been very well constructed and gravelled.

From Labalam a graded walking track or motor cycle track is under construction towards RUM. When necessary, this could be opened to take motor vehicles.

The abovementioned patrol will build a 4' graded track to LINGINAS and possibly onto RUM from the trade store on the MAMANDA ridge. Actual vehicular road construction will depend mainly on the enthusiasm of the local people - they have been involved in road construction for almost six months, and their desire for a break is understandable, in fact necessary.

This road ranks high on the priorities for Rural Development Funds. The people have made a considerable effort, and the economic potential is good.

There is some pressure for the construction of a road from the Council House at Kompam to KIOGAI via PAIP. There is some economic (cattle) justification for this road, but the people have been told that no financial assistance can be given. At this stage (after the completion of the LINGINAS/RUM gradings) no more than a graded track along the possible route will be constructed. If interest and enthusiasm remains, this graded track could be opened in say, a years time.

SITUATION REPORT

a) Political:

i) Local Government:

Understanding of local government is rudimentary. It is being understood that Councillors are somewhat different from Lulais and Village Officials, but it is not sure just how different.

The recent decision of the Kompam Council to double the tax rate is gratifying, in that the extra income may enable the Council to carry out more projects which will give the people a greater return for the tax payments.

Council Elections are due in May, and the results may be of some interest, as many of the present Councillors are obviously only figure heads, 'put in' to find out what it is all about.

Basically, Council programme is to expand the economic basis this year (pig, poultry and cattle projects, and a tractor to assist partly with road gravelling, partly with marketing), to carry out some environmental sanitation, and then in later years provide permanent aid posts which will spread examples of Council expenditure throughout the area.

ii) House of Assembly

The functioning of the central government is even less understood. The local member is from the related but never the less different Baiyer River area, and is regarded by some with some suspicion. He is at present on a visit to Australia, and may through his experiences be able to draw greater attention as well as imparting greater knowledge. He has made some visits to the Kompam area, but many claim that he tells them rather than listening to them. He is aware of this, and intends to point out that he knows of, and is attempting to fulfill their desires for an Agricultural Officer, more road maintenance funds and greater economic development. He intends to claim that the posting of a second D.D.A. officer was mainly his doing, which may give political rewards and eventually help increasing awareness.

Political education is continuing. One benefit of 'road patrols' which remain in an area for some time is that closer contact can be gained, and complex subjects such as politics can be discussed in greater depth.

b) Economic1) General development:

Economic development of the Kompiam area is limited. This is partly due to the terrain, partly due to the altitude, but largely due to the fact that the area is a badwater, with the problems of marketing and access. Due to the great variations in altitude, no one type of crop is suitable to the entire area, or even one part of the area, so that extensive extension work to almost every village is necessary, rather than depending on the example of one area to overflow to another.

Coffee grows very well in the lower areas. Pyrethrum grows well in the higher areas. Peanuts were planted extensively a couple of years ago. With all crops there have been marketing problems, and also the people claim that there have been drops in prices with them all, so that they are not now greatly interested in them.

The people know that they can grow very good vegetables. WASO Ltd of Wapenamanda is interested in entering the area (when the Wapenamanda/Kompiam Road is open) to purchase potatoes, and tropical vegetables (in the Yamanda/Rum area). Thus this very efficient marketing organisation will be in contact with the majority of the population. It will be necessary to introduce improved quality seed, and better growing methods, but WASO Ltd are very selective in their purchases, which provides the incentive to grow the best.

The people are also aware that they have some very good cattle country, for instance at RUM and below YAMANDA in the MAMANDA area. The Council intends to start breeding or acting as a supply link for pigs, poultry and cattle. Near Kompiam is a farmer with two steers, and a grassed fenced area capable of five or six head. The OIC Kompiam is going to recommend him for a bank loan to purchase more head. As he is near the station it will be possible to keep a close watch on him to ensure his success.

At RUM the possibility of a bank loan to purchase cattle was discussed - the need to pay for and construct fencing and plant improved grass before applying for a loan, as well as the need to agree to usage rights is understood. DASF is being approached to see if they can train one or two men in cattle for up to six months, and the abovementioned road patrol will check to see if in fact the capital for fencing etc. is available within the village, and supervise any collections. Flat grass lands of about 30 acres is available at RUM, and more could be turned over to cattle. One or two successful projects of this nature may be the basis of future development in this field.

The Council employs 3 labour which are under the direction of DASF, as it is not clear if these are always employed in extension rather than cutting grass as the Kompiam DASF center, they will be required to report to the monthly Council meetings on their activities.

Extensive area for DASF at Kompiam is not available, but 5 - 20 acres has been offered 10 minutes from Kompiam for use as an extension centre, and this is being taken up with DASF headquarters.

c) Social

All Aid Posts inspected by this patrol were in very good order, well attended, and obviously appreciated. In recent years there has been a lack of P.H.D. patrols, but there is the intention to introduce regular leprosy patrols which could no doubt also supervise and oversee the general situation.

Law and Order is generally good. Land, women and pigs are the main causes of disputes, but land is not as great a problem as in the Wabag area. In fact, compared with Wabag, disputes are not as serious in Kompian.

Administration contact and services is limited, due to staff and access problems. Aside from the continual demand for greater economic development through cash cropping, the general situation seems good. There are no manifestations of cults or other unrest. Now that roads have almost been completed to the stage where much better internal and external contact is possible, greater Administration emphasis will be placed on economic projects.

There are ~~four~~ four Primary T Schools in the area - two Baptist Mission (Labalam and Sauanda), one Administration (Kompian), and one at YAMANDA controlled by the Council.

The Baptist Mission runs a subsidised adult literacy scheme, which aims to make the people literate in Pidgen (and via the material used, give them a wider appreciation of general subjects including economic and political). The scheme is overseen by Mr K. Green who is employed by the Mission, who obtains a subsidy from the Council (\$1,000 pa.), which is subsidised by the Administration. There are approximately 20 'reading centres' in various stages of completion and activity. At these centres 3 one hour instruction classes are held each week. The Education Department is apparently not satisfied with the scheme at present, mainly because attendances are below those estimated. This is partly due to the lack of construction of some 'reading centres', the lack of encouragement by Councillors (both facts will be brought before the next Council meeting), the heavy concentration on road work which has reduced available time (this is now easing off), the low rates of allowances to instructors (about which little can be done); and the impending six months absence on leave of Mr Green (the Mission is sure that it will obtain a replacement, but has not yet actually found one). The matter of obtaining radio sets for each 'reading centre', and other forms of prestige such as certificates etc, is being investigated. Because this is the only scheme on this scale of its type in the Territory, and because the area is so short of literates, it will be a pity if it is not given a greater trial period and is forced to stop because of the lack of the \$1,000 pa subsidy.

The Lutheran Mission and the Catholic Mission are both represented in the area, but only recently, and concentrate mainly on building up a religious base. The Baptist Mission is the best established, but not highly regarded because of the shortage of finance.

The Baptist Mission intended to start construction

of a 2,800' airstrip on 68.5 acres lease at MAMANDA, in 1968, but no action has been taken yet. It is intended to build a central pastor training centre with approximately 60 students, and also to cater for lay students on a rural vocational school basis. Most of the land would be used for cattle, and there are large areas near MAMANDA which would be suitable for cattle.

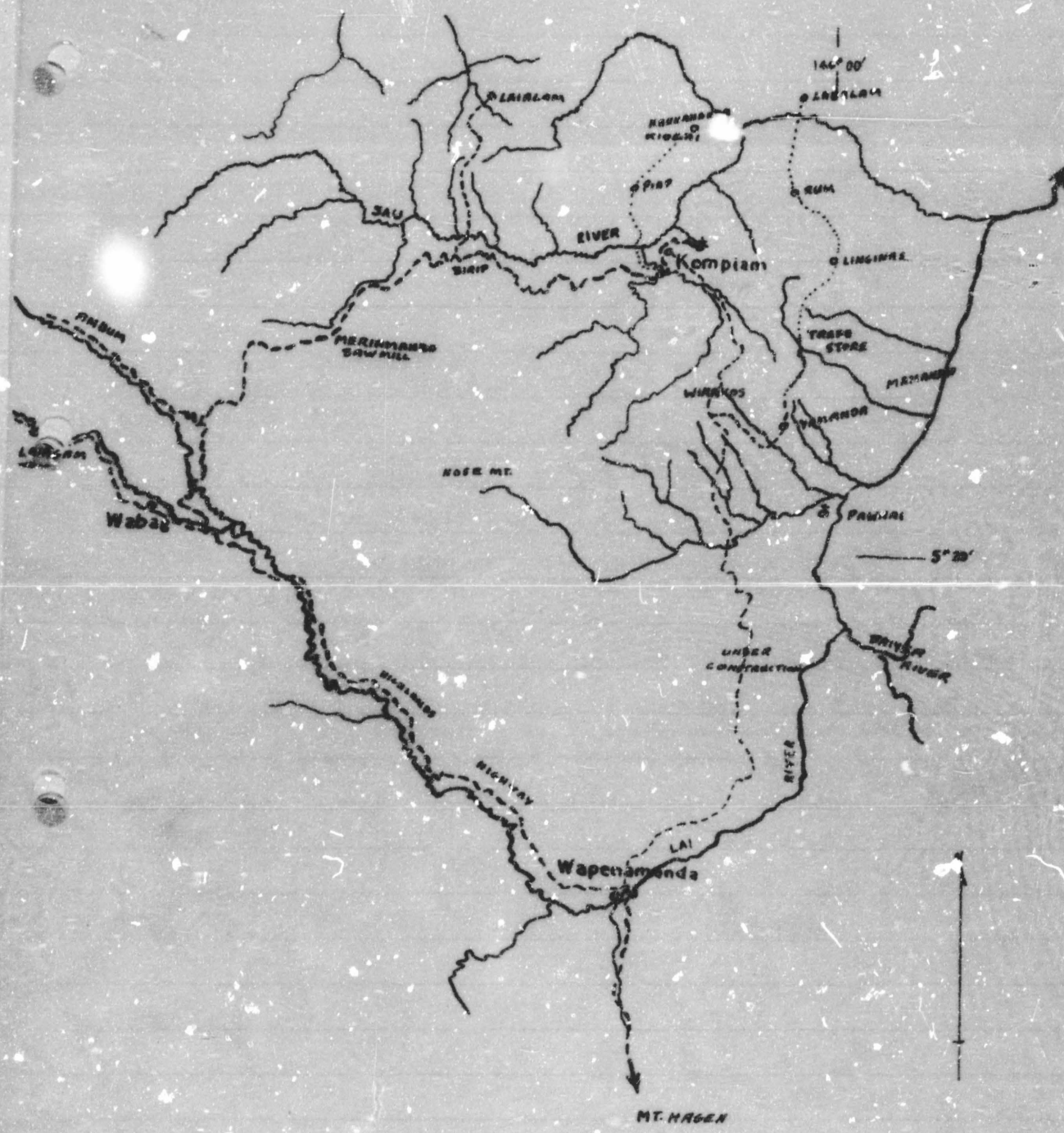
d) Miscellaneous:

Summary

For many years it has been recognised that communications (ie roads) have been the main problem for the Kompian area. Over the years various attempts have been made to overcome this problem, and recent concentrated activity should provide a reasonable level of access.

With the completion of the present programme of construction, it is intended to reduce the level of activity in this field, and concentrate on economic development so that the expected (by the people) results will have a reasonable chance of ~~material~~ fruition. On the degree of development will depend any future road developments. Economic development will be encouraged by inducing WASO Ltd and DASF to make use of the roads and establish 'buying points', and by developing one or two pilot cattle projects attempting to ensure by close supervision that they succeed. Local Government concentration on poultry and pigs, as well as on education and aid posts will take care of matters closer to home. Political education will continue throughout the area. No startling results are expected, but some increased development should be possible.

P.G. Whitehead
Assistant District Commissioner



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 4 - 1968/69

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67-14-36

7th July, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
MOUNT HAGEN.

PATROL NO. KOMPIAM 5/68-69

Your reference WHD 752 of 17th June, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report
by Mr. G. Tuck, Cadet Patrol Officer to SAU Census Division.

It is a pity that there are some rather bad
grammatical and spelling errors in this otherwise good report.

It is unfortunate the TV unit has not been more
successful in the Kompian Area, however our staff have given
more than reasonable assistance to the unit.

(T. W. ELLIS)
Director.

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District Office,
MT. HAGEN, W.H.D.

17th June, 1969.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBUBU.

KOMFIAM PATROL REPORT 5-68/69.

The attached report and confidential memo from the Assistant District Commissioner, Wabag, refers.

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The difficulties experienced with the film unit result mainly from a complete inability of the unit members to appreciate Territory conditions. There was not a chance of any of our patrols or officers assimilating the conditions the unit required - complete - i.e. completely primitive people and scenery available for filming from an armchair.

Apart from the possibility of some bad publicity, the matter should be forgotten. The unit is still working in the Highlands and has not made any complaints to this office.

S. M. Foley
S. M. FOLEY.
District Commissioner.

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WABAG W.H.D.

18 April 1969

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
MOUNT HAGEN

KOMPIAM PATROL No 5/68-69
UPPER SAU ROADS

NATIONAL CITIES BROADCASTING
CORPORATION - FILM UNIT.

Please find attached patrol instructions and report on the above patrol. As you can see from the report, the patrol was unable to carry out the main objects - inspection of completed sections and survey of problem areas of road YAWALIMANDA / LINGINAS.

At the request of the OIC Kompiam, I visited Kompiam on Thursday 17th April to investigate the situation as regards the National Cities Broadcasting Corporation film unit. Basically it can be stated that confusion rains that the film unit is frustrated in being unable to obtain what it wants, that possibly the unit is not clear on just what it does want, and that undue demands are being placed on DDA staff at Kompiam, and on the OIC's wife.

The aim of the unit as I understand it is to film native life as it was prior to contact. If this was the aim Kompiam was a poor selection, as many of the people dress in trade store clothing, and it is difficult to obtain views etc. without including roads, missions and other signs of contact and development without getting well off the roads - activity which would seem to be limited because of the health of the units leader, Mr Feil.

The situation has deteriorated to the point where communications between the OIC Kompiam and Mr Feil are strained and almost non-existent.

A summary of events is as follows:

Mr Don Vincent EMA stated on Sunday 30th March that the unit might come to film "primitive people" who had assembled for his leprosy patrol. This supported the D.C.s circular.

On Monday 31st ~~April~~ ^{March} one member of unit arrived by air, followed by remainder of unit on 1st April - no prior advice received by Mrs Smalley who was already accomodating Mr Vincent, and was expecting a radio technician (by the end of the week she had 6 visitors in her house).

Wednesday morning, film unit took film of people who had assembled at court house for Mr Vincent. Mr Smalley was at Council Meeting. In the afternoon Mr Smalley took the unit to Birip, where a 70' bridge was being built over the Sau Rv.. Due to poor light, the unit requested that logg pulling be postponed until Thursday - people agreed after Mr Smalley offered a bag of salt and unit offered to buy 2 pigs for a dance the next day.

On Thursday 3rd the unit returned to Birip with

an Interpreter and 2 police. Mr Smalley had intended to accompany, but was unable because of urgent business. Mr Tusck was sick. Unit returned after filming pulling of logs, dance and mock fight, stating that it was all wasted because people looked at the camera and some had non-traditional dress.

On Wednesday Mr Don Vincent had offered

- take unit to Wapi over Easter holidays - OIC advised against this because of terrain
- take unit to Wali-Tarua over Easter, and
- take unit to Kundip and Laiagam.

The unit was unable to make up its mind, and Mr Vincent departed Thursday without them, for Kundip.

On Thursday evening Mr Smalley stated he intended to carry out a road patrol in the ~~Kawaxxan~~ Upper Sau, and the unit was welcome to accompany. The Unit decided to go to Hagen for Easter. Hearing that Jack Geach of Lalalam Lutheran Mission was interested in organising a dance, unit went to Baptist Mission (per Admin transport) to discuss over radio.

Unit departed Friday, stating they would advise by radio if they were going to return.

On Wednesday 9th 2 members arrived by air, claiming radio advice had been sent - no radio received to date. Car and other members arrived that night, complete with freezer and 2 cartons of beer.

Mr Smalley advised that DASF officers wanted ~~him~~ to accompany them to the Upper Sau from Monday to inspect cattle projects, but that if unit wanted to depart now, Mr Tuck would carry out the road inspection.

On Thursday 10th the patrol departed, having requested Mr Smally to organise an aircraft to pick the unit up at Labalam on ~~Satur~~ Monday 14th. Mr Smalley later spoke with the MPA pilot Mr Walley Jobe, who stated he would advise Labalam of any arrangements he could make.

Because of the health of the leader Mr Feil, the patrol did not follow the proposed new road route, and thus did not complete its instructions. I have no doubt that Mr Tuck did the correct thing in accompanying Mr Feil.

On Monday an urgent request from the film unit indicated that no one knew of any aircraft, so Mr Smalley asked Rev Gath Manning to contact the Mission 24 hour station at Ruby, in turn to contact DCA to call up Mr Walley Jobe. This was done, and an aircraft went to Labalam that afternoon.

The Unit claimed that the whole patrol was a farce, that only 30 seconds of useful film had been taken, that nothing had been achieved, and that carriers had demanded double pay. They conceded that it was useful as it illustrated patrol system and requirements. They agreed with Mr Smalley that they were possibly trying to do the impossible in filming such a picture. Mr Smalley offered them accomodation and a trip to Lalalam to see the dance. (The DDA sked had indicated that DASF Officers may not arrive)

On Tuesday 15th Mr Tuck brought the patrol in, and DASF arrived. DASF was happy to go to Wali/Tarua, and to visit Upper Sau later in week.

I spoke with Mr G. Tuck CPO about his patrol, and his general impression was that the unit was confused, was not sure just what they wanted to film, and that the unit (or at least Mr Feil was incapable of patrolling).

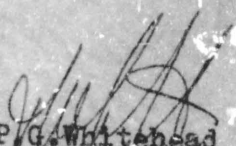
I also spoke to the Mission teacher Mr N. Cole, who stated that Mr Feil did seem sick when ~~he~~ he visited them on Wednesday night, that they refused to leave their car (where they slept) for Birip (10/15 minutes walk away), but departed next morning for Lalalam. It was his opinion that Mr Smalley had all that could be expected, although he thought that Mr Feil should have been advised not to drive on the new road. On the other hand, Mr Feil was a poor driver, and anyone else may well have been able to get through.

It is my opinion that the unit was unprepared for Territory conditions, and that they will not be able to find the type of primitive native they desire to film at Kompiam.

I intend to contact Lalagam today to see if anything better can be offered in that area.

The OIC Kompiam has been advised to attempt to get the unit's car out of the bog, and to continue to co-operate. However I would not be happy if the unit remains at Kompiam due to Mrs Smalley's health - I have advised her to come to Wabag for a break at any time she so desires. Both Mr Smalley and Mr Tuck will be on patrol early in May, when Kompiam station will be closed.

In view of Mr Feil's weak heart and poor health and inability to keep up with a patrol, I would suggest that he does not accompany the initial patrol which I understand has been proposed.


P. G. Whitehead
Assistant District Commissioner

cc OIC
KOMPIAM

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Patrol Post
Kompian

9/4/69

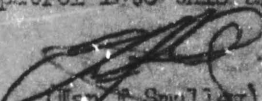
Mr G Tuck
Cadet Patrol Officer
Kompian

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - KOMPIAM PATROL NO 5/68-69, ROAD INSPECTION
PATROL - YAMANDA-LAPALAM

Please depart on patrol for approximately five days on the 10th April 1969

The objects of the patrol are

- (1) To find a possible route between YAMALIMANDA and LINGINAS, compass and Abney Level will be used to ensure a good grade.
- (2) Inspect what has already been cut between NIM and LAPALAM and if not suitable in some sections attempt to find alternative routes, taking into consideration the limited time you are required to spend on this patrol.
- (3) Mr and Mrs Feil, Mr Coggans and assistant may accompany you in order to film sequences of this patrol, however they are not to detract you from the aims of this patrol. You will assist them with carriers and payment of same and also with any interpretation problems they may have.
- (4) As they may be flying back from Lapalam you are to accompany their cargo from Lapalam to Kompian.
- (5) Please submit a type written diary, in full detail on your return. A full Report is not necessary as this is the third patrol into this area in the last two months.


(Mr F Sully)
Officer in Charge

PATROL DAIRY

Thursday, 10/4/1969.

Departed KOMPIAM by vehicle at 1000 hrs. Arrived at uncompleted bridge on YAMANDA-LINGINAS road at 1045 hrs. Carriers were organized and the patrol, consisting of four members of the National Cities Broadcasting Corporation film team, Sergeant No. 0242 GABUMI, 45 carriers, and myself, commenced the walk to LINGINAS at 1115 hrs. Arrived at LINGINAS at 1210 hrs and met Leprousy Survey team there. Carriers paid off. It was originally intended to spend the night at BUM but as LINGINAS had better scenery for photographic purposes the camp was set up there. 1400 hrs. I departed from LINGINAS and investigated possible re-routing of the new road, and returned to the camp at 1545 hrs. A small amount of filming was done in the afternoon. Night at LINGINAS.

Friday, 11/4/1969

After filming several sequences between 0730 hrs and 0830 hrs, the camp was dismantled and most of these proceedings were also filmed. The patrol departed at approx. 0915 hrs for BUM. I accompanied Mr and Mrs FEIL, who travelled at a slower pace than the rest of the patrol. Arrived at BUM at 1045 hrs and met the Leprousy Survey team which had arrived earlier in the morning. After resting and filming several sequences, the patrol moved on at 1130 hrs. At 1140 hrs Mr FEIL said he could not continue on in the heat so it was arranged for the patrol to go on to the nearest source of drinkable water. Mr. FEIL found it impossible to keep up with the rest of the patrol so Mrs FEIL, several carriers, and myself, continued with him at his pace. After several rests and having water brought to him, Mr FEIL was able to reach the rest of the patrol at approx. 1215 hrs. As he could not continue on I had a tent put up on a flat piece of ground to supply some shade and we retired to it to eat and to rest. Mr FEIL thought he could continue on in the afternoon when the sun was not so strong so the patrol departed at 1500 hrs. As before, most of the patrol went on ahead while Mrs FEIL, several carriers, and myself, continued on with Mr FEIL at his pace. After numerous stops, complaints about the lack of drinking water on route, and the lack of knowledge of how far he had to go, Mr FEIL suffered extremely severe leg cramps. He would not condescend to be carried to the camp by the carriers but wanted me to have a tent sent back to the nearest suitable piece of ground so he could spend the night there. However, after having a rest and on learning that the remainder of the route was downhill, he was quite willing to continue on. I had a supply of water brought for Mr and Mrs FEIL and with the help of this, and numerous rests, we reached the rest of the patrol at 1900 hrs. I found that the sergeant had had the camp set up on the new, and as yet unused, road on the southern bank of the SAU River, below LABALAM, as had been arranged for earlier in the day.

Saturday, 12/4/1969

At 0800 I paid off the carriers. I then arranged for 20 new carriers to carry empty patrol boxes across the suspension bridge over the SAU River for the purposes of filming them. After they had crossed over and returned Mr FEIL asked for a few of them to do it again for the completion of that segment of the film. The carriers would not agree to this but I persuaded 4 men to go across again, which fulfilled Mr FEIL's photographic needs. Mr FEIL wanted to spend the rest of the morning and the afternoon until 1600 hrs, at the camp, and so avoid walking in the hot sun, and then walk ~~XXX~~ up to LABALAM in the late afternoon and set the camp up there when he arrived. The carriers would not agree to this and wanted to move the camp as soon as possible, claiming they had not eaten since the previous afternoon and being fed up with the whole affair, they wanted to return to their homes as soon as possible. Mr FEIL, being determined not to move, asked me to offer them double their usual wages in order to encourage them to stay. It being his money, I did so, and the carriers accepted it and agreed to wait until 1300 hrs only. After lunch the camp was dismantled and at 1215 hrs the patrol commenced the walk to LABALAM. After 5 minutes of walking Mr FEIL decided to wait until 1600 hrs before proceeding, in order to avoid walking in the hot sun. To reach LABALAM involved a 45 to 60 minute walk uphill, so the patrol arrived there at approx. 1400 hrs. and camp was set up. Mr and Mrs FEIL subsequently arrived at 1500 hrs.

PATROL DAIRY (Continued)

Mr FEIL wanted a 'sing sing' to be held on Sunday night, and no other night, so I spent most of the afternoon trying to arrange one with the Mission and the natives, as well as having general discussions with the natives, acting as an interpreter for the film crew, and paying off the carriers. Night at LABALAM.

Sunday, 13/4/1969

Observed at LABALAM. At 0855 hrs Sargeant GABONI departed for KOMPIAM, intending to inspect the already completed and the proposed sections of road between RUM and LABALAM and between LINGINAS and RUM. I spent part of the morning and afternoon acting as an interpreter for the members of the film crew and having general discussions with the natives. At approx. 1400 hrs the Rev. BROWN of the Baptist Mission had a talk with Mr FEIL and convinced him of the impracticability of having a 'sing sing' that night. Night at LABALAM.

Monday, 14/4/1969

I further arranged for carriers for the trip back to KOMPIAM, having already done so the previous day. I was ready to depart at 0820 hrs but not enough carriers had arrived. Mr FEIL went to the Mission and spent most of his time trying to arrange for a plane to take himself and the rest of the film crew to KOMPIAM. After various delays enough carriers arrived and I finally departed at 1345 hrs. The plane arrived at approx. 1630 hrs and took the film crew to KOMPIAM. Due to heavy rain I set up camp at 1620 hrs and proceeded no further that day.

Tuesday, 15/4/1969

At 0815 the patrol departed for KOMPIAM and after an arduous walk arrived there at 1135 hrs. Carriers paid off.

Patrol stood down.

Gordon Finch