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EASTERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT

PATROL REPORTS

1971 - 1972

OBURA

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
1-71-72	R. BREW	Iturua C.D. and Lamari L.G.C.
1A-71-72	W.R. BARTLETT	Piora C.D.
2-71-72	-----	Not used.
3-71-72	R. BREW	Dogara C.D.
4-71-72	T.N. WALSH	Itura C.D.
5-71-72	R.J. BREW	Dogara, Iturua , Piora C.D.
6-71-72	-----	No' used
7-71-72	R. BREW	Obura Administrative Area.
8-71-72	T.J. BUISING	Itura C.D.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... 11

Subdistrict..... ONURA PATROL POST, KAINANTU SUB-DISTRICT

District..... EASTERN HIGHLANDS

Type of Patrol..... CENSUS REVISION - COUNCIL TAX

Patrol Conducted by..... R. BREW, PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled } ITURUA CENSUS DIVISION
 (Council and/or } LAMARI L.G.C.
 Census Division/s.) }

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

K. Bai - Local Govt. Officer

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

1 Interpreter

Duration of Patrol—from 19 / 7 / 71 to 4 / 8 / 71

No. of Days..... 17

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

Date..... 23/11/70 Duration..... 22

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... CENSUS REVISION
 COUNCIL TAX COLLECTION
 COUNCIL PROJECTS
 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

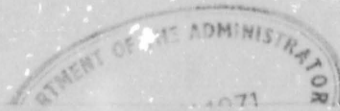
Total Population of Area Patrolled.....

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

8/11/1971

J. P. Sullivan
District Commissioner.



67-13-20 (11)

RGE:SP

P.O. Box 2396,
KONEDOU.

67-13-20

16th December, 1971

The District Commissioner,
Eastern Highlands District,
GURUKA

OBURA PATROL NO. 1 of 1971/72

Your reference 67-14-2 of 27th October, 1971.

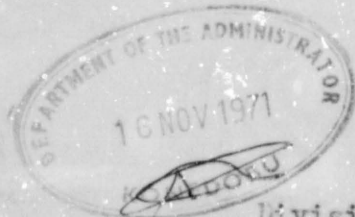
I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual
Census and Situation Report by Mr. R. Brew, Patrol
Officer of Iturua Census Division.

A successful patrol.

S. J. Pearsall
(S.J. PEARSALL)
a/Secretary.

67-13-20 (11)

DIBCOM
67-14-2



Division of District Administration,
GOROLA, Eastern Highlands District.
27th October, 1971.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
LAIR NEU.

PATROL REPORT OBURA NO.1 OF 1971/72.

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Photostats of the population register are enclosed.

(J.P. SINCLAIR)
A/G. District Commissioner.

Minute to:

→ The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

Two copies of the report together with the Assistant District Commissioner's comments are enclosed.

(J.P. SINCLAIR)
A/G. District Commissioner.

DIBOOE

67-14-2

Division of District Administration,
GOSSA, Eastern Highlands District.
27th October, 1971.

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Sub-District Office,
KONEDOBU.

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A/S. District Commissioner.

67-2-6 Obura Patrol 1-71/72

RCH:DM

Sub-District Office,
KANANTU. E.H.D.

15th October, 1971.

Mr. R.J. Brew,
Patrol Post,
OBURA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1-71/72 ITURA CENSUS
DIVISION


1. Thank you for your report.
2. I have little comment to make on it. The report depicts a fairly static area with little opportunity to progress without quite a large infusion of cash. You should, though, on all future patrols impress on people that funds are scarce and that the best way to get anything done is through self-help.
3. I am pleased to see you have had no tax defaulters to date.
4. I am sorry but I do not know any means by which the people can be employed that you mention in para. 22.
5. In your paragraph 6 you state some control of Councillors is necessary. Make sure this is not too detailed as we wish to avoid accusations of running Councils.

(R.C. Hill)
Assistant District Commissioner.

Minute to:

District Commissioner,
GOROKA. E.H.D.

1. Three copies of the report plus camping allowance claims are attached. Would you please have copies of the population register made and return three copies to this office. Perhaps you may have some ideas about employment opportunities for these people mentioned in para. 22. The delay in forwarding was caused by Mr. Brew departing on patrol to the Gadsup almost immediately this patrol was finished.


(R.C. Hill)
Assistant District Commissioner.

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OBURA PATROL NO. 11 1970/71 ITURUA C/D

PATROL DIARY

- Day 1 19/7/71 Preparing for and departing on patrol. To Numbaira resthouse (2½ hrs.). Setting up camp. Discussion with Councillor. Slept Numbaira resthouse.
- Day 2 20/7/71 Conducting Census Kobara, Atakara, Numbaira and Mbeeri groups. Assisting with tax collection and balancing books. General discussions with villagers. Slept Numbaira resthouse.
- Day 3 21/7/71 To Baira resthouse (2 hrs.). Setting up camp. General discussions with villagers. Conducting Census Baira No. 1 and Baira No. 2 groups. Slept Baira resthouse.
- Day 4 22/7/71 To Komboro resthouse (1 hr.). Setting up camp and general discussions. Conducting Census of Komboro group. Inspecting site of proposed water supply project to Aid Post - discussions re same. Slept Komboro resthouse.
- Day 5 23/7/71 Supervising and assisting with installation water supply project - initial cement work and digging of hole for pipe. Slept Komboro resthouse.
- Day 6 24/7/71 Saturday - Completion of cement work, laying of pipe and attaching fittings. Slept Komboro resthouse.
- Day 7 25/7/71 Sunday - Part observed. Balancing of Census figures. Slept Komboro resthouse.
- Day 8 26/7/71 To Kawaina No. 1 resthouse (1 hr.). Setting up camp and general discussions. Conducting Census Bakumpa - Kawaina groups. Balancing of Census figures. Slept Kawaina resthouse.
- Day 9 27/7/71 Political education talks. To Bi'api'arata resthouse (2 hrs.). Setting up camp and general discussions. Conducting Census of Bi'api'arata group. Political education talks. Balancing Census figures. Slept Bi'api'arata resthouse.
- Day 10 28/7/71 To Mei'auna resthouse (1 hr.). Setting up camp and general discussions. Conducting Census of Mei'auna and Ogarutaba groups. Political education talks, balancing of Census Figures. Slept Mei'auna resthouse.
- Day 11 29/7/71 To Baira No. 2 resthouse (3½ hr.). Setting up camp and general discussions. Slept Baira No. 2 resthouse.
- Day 12 30/7/71 To Komboro, final stages of water project finished and pipe opened. Native dispute. Returned to and slept at Baira resthouse.
- Day 13 31/7/71 Saturday - Part observed - native complaints. General discussions. Slept Baira resthouse.

- Day 14 1/8/71 Sunday - Observed. Slept Baira resthouse.
- Day 15 2/8/71 To Komoro - further work on water supply. Returned to and slept night at Numbaira resthouse.
- Day 16 3/8/71 Native disputes - part supervision road work. Political education. Slept Numbaira resthouse.
- Day 17 4/8/71 To Obura Station.

End of Patrol.

SITUATION REPORT

INTRODUCTION

1. The Iturua Census Division is on the Western side of the Lamari River from Obura station, and is a rather rugged bush covered area. Villages are situated in the folds of the mountain, on usually very steep ridges, which run down to the Lamari river, and a new road had been constructed about half way to the first village in the Iturua. At present there is only a foot bridge over the Lamari, although it is hoped to build a larger vehicular bridge in the near future.
2. The Iturua, along with the Dogara Census Division, forms the Lamari Local Government Council, which has been in operation since 1967. The objects of the patrol were twofold, to do the Annual Census Revision and to collect the Council Tax. As well as this, routine Administration was undertaken and a Council water supply project installed at the Komboro Aid Post. Mr. Konga Rui, Local Government Assistant, also accompanied the Patrol.

POLITICAL

(a) LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

3. The Lamari Local Government was set up in 1967, and since then has expanded very slowly, due to its small size and consequent lack of funds. Despite this lack of finance, the Council has been accepted by the people as a part and parcel of their lives. This is not to say that the people are by any means fully conversant with the functions and principles of Council operation, the opposite is closer to the true position, however there has been no incidence of complaint about the Councils operation. I feel that the probable basis for this is the low tax rate, which does not cause any economic problem at all and the fact that most of the Councils money is paid out on roads, a couple of Aid Posts, Schools and in the purchase of Coffee Pulpers, this is done on a dollar for dollar basis with the villagers.
4. The people can therefore see what is being done, and have little trouble in comprehending this and relating the work done to the little tax rate that they pay. This is the opposite of the larger Councils where the people feel that they are not getting a fair return for their tax money. They tend to have an expanded idea of the gross amount the group pays and an entirely incorrect assessment of the cost of even small Council projects. The Iturua people do not as yet have the problem of attempting to assimilate the financial structure of the larger rapidly expanding Councils.
5. The people therefore, do not have much more than a vague idea of the Council although they presently accept it because they see a certain amount of tax money go in, and they can see work being done on their roads etc. In the very near future however, I feel that people will begin to expect more and more from the Council, especially when the tax rate begins to rise. At the present time however, this problem does not exist and no trouble was experienced with tax collection. There were no defaulters.

(b) LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILLORS

6. The Councillors in the area have a slightly better idea of the Council system than the average villager. This is due of course to their more intimate contact and broader observation of the Council in action. Despite this the average Councillor has very little to say during Council meetings, and very often, does not have any idea what is being discussed during Council meetings. It is not unusual to see Councillors voting for a motion during a meeting, when they obviously have no real idea as to what their acceptance of the particular motion means. This places the responsibility for explaining the motions, and attempting to control the actions of the Councillors to prevent any big mistakes being made on the Clerk and the Adviser. Usually the latter assumes the role due to a wider knowledge of the problems involved.

7. An attempt to separate the role of the Patrol Officer and the Council Adviser was made, with an Administrative Adviser coming out for the monthly meetings. This arrangement has proven most unsatisfactory and the previous arrangement, whereby the officer-in-charge is appointed as the Administrative Adviser has been re-adopted. The duties of the Officer-in-Charge are so closely tied with the operations of such a small Council, that the technical difference created by the appointment of an Adviser from the Local Government Section was completely lost on the people. The Administrative difficulties also proved a hindrance to the day to day operation of the Council.

(c) HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY AND MEMBERS

8. The House of Assembly is an institution which is little understood at village level. Due to the manner in which discussion on the matter is generally constructed, the people tend to think of the House of Assembly as a big Council. This is a very large simplification of course and there is little or no concept at all of the concepts of National Government, and the Administration of a Country. Such things as Foreign Affairs, United Nations etc., are far and away beyond the ken of the people at the present time.

9. One of the major problems encountered in explaining these matters is the complete lack of background of the people in these fields, and the lack of any relative relationship between such topics and the understanding needs and actual situation of the people. The House of Assembly like the Local Government Council is accepted by the people as a law making body, but little else is known about its functions and purposes. When the stage of Economic and Social development of the area is considered, the understanding of the people in these matters is all that could be really expected.

10. The encumberment members for the Ituria are, Mr. D. Buchanan M.H.A. E.H.D. Regional and Mr. N.M. Casey M.H.A. Kainantu Open. Mr. Buchanan has been out once to visit the Lamari Local Government Council meeting. Mr. Casey has been out once or twice to oversee and assist in the construction of the Bena Company store in which he apparently has an interest. He has not attempted to contact his constituents on these or any other occasions to my knowledge.

11. The failure of both members to come and see them has occasioned a fair bit of comment from the people. It would be a bit much to expect the honourable members to tramp over the rugged hills of Obura, although this is what the people expect.

The general consensus appears to be that they voted for a European, and he did not 'perform' to expectations, next time they will try a fellow countryman.

12. The newly created Obura Open Electorate was advertised during the patrol, and the people were very pleased that they were to have a member of their 'own'. From what I have heard and can deduce, the main runners for the position of M.H.A. for the area will most likely be the interpreters from Obura and Marawaka. As the Marawaka/Wonenara section of the electorate has the greater population, the likelihood is that the next member will be from the Wonenara Sub-District.

SOCIAL

HEALTH AND EDUCATION

13. There is only one Aid Post in the Census Division is at Komboro. A previous Aid Post at Baira No. 1 was closed down after trouble of some sort. The Aid Post is maintained by the people and is kept in very good condition. The Aid Post Orderly had no real complaints, and most of the people turned up for treatment. During the course of the patrol a water supply was installed which now provides water at the Aid Post. Maintenance to the Aid Post is carried out by the Council, although medicines and the orderlies pay all come from P.H.D. Kainantu.

14. The Swiss Evangelical Brotherhood Mission at Obura, has a European nursing sister who conducts M.C.H. patrols to Motokara/Numbaira and Baira rest houses. The Seventh Day Adventist Mission Evangelist at Mei'anna village also provides first aid facilities to the people around him.

15. There are no schools in the area although the Seventh Day Adventist Missions at Bibeori, Kawaina No. 1 and Mei'anna, conduct bible classes in pidgin. These classes are not strongly disciplined and consequently there are often days, especially when it is raining that no one attends. Despite this, the schools do educate some of the young men and girls to be at least semi literate in pidgin english. Some children from the Numbaira resthouse group attend school at the Obura Swiss Evangelical Mission.

16. The Lamari Council had intended to build a school at either Komboro or at Bibeori, as this project was given priority No. 6 for the 1971/72 programme. It was intended that an investigation into the land should be undertaken on this patrol. Immediately prior to the patrol however I was informed that it was not very likely that a teacher would be available in 1972 as originally anticipated. Therefore nothing has yet been done the marking of the land as I do not want the people to be expecting the school next year and then to be told that it will not be forthcoming. The people are most anxious for the school to be erected, and no problems are anticipated in getting enough land nor in getting the people's assistance with any work to be done.

(b) LAW AND ORDER

17. The people have accepted the principle of Rule of Law in general, and are, most of the time fairly quiet and law abiding using the Courts to settle most disputes. Due to the isolation however, small incidents which cannot be settled by the Councillors Committee men, can grow into a large scale incident if no one appears to calm things down.

It is only very rarely that people come all the way to the station for a Court, usually anything serious enough to occasion a Court case is either settled by traditional means or results in a wary stand off between opposing lines until a patrol comes around.

ECONOMY

(a) PRESENT

18. The only Economic crop in the area is of course, Coffee. Due to the lack of road access all coffee has to be carried to the Lamari River road head a walk of at least two hours, and as much as two days for the further villages. This has a great influence on the amount of coffee planted in the villages furthest from the road head, a survey of coffee plantings taken in July, 1970 produced the following figures :-

	<u>No. Mature Trees</u>	<u>Immature Trees</u>
Atakara	2128	143
Baira No. 1	11197	124
Baira No. 2	8366	1289
Bakumpa	3777	46
Bi'api'arata	4976	191
Bibeori	1450	177
Kawaina 1	4135	126
Kobara	1472	106
Komoro	7938	142
Mei'auna	777	163
Motokara	4186	302
Numbaira	1862	77
Ogarataba	56	12
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19. This is a fairly considerable number of trees when the population is considered, although it is doubtful whether the full crop finds its way to market, due to the effort involved and the present poor prices being offered.


(b) FUTURE OF ECONOMY

20. The basis for any future development especially in the near future, relies upon the completion of the access road into the Census Division. With the completion of this road, it can be expected that the full output of the coffee plantings may be sold providing an immediate, if comparatively small increase in the total cash income to the area. There is little or no, other means by which the overall economic picture in the area may be improved. There is no other form of economic development in the Obura Administrative area which could be tried out in the Iturua as yet. Some thought has been given in regard to putting in one or two small sheep projects inside the area. Nothing has as yet been done about this, but it is hoped that the Council will write to the Department of Agriculture enquiring as to this possibility.

21. There is no non indigenous development in the Census Division, nor does there seem to be any chance of such development or carring.

MISCELLANEOUS

22. During the patrol I was approached at Kawaina rest house, by the Councillor who was speaking on behalf of the young men of the village. The Councillor and the young men wanted to know if there was any means by which the young men of the village could be given good jobs, such as the Police Force etc. I explained to the people that the new educational qualifications requested by employers these days would preclude young men from places like Kawaina, who had no schooling to speak of. Although this was understood, it is a pity especially now that the proposed school for the Iturua has been shelved due to the non availability of teachers. The people are very keen for something of this nature, and the frustration of rejection cannot help but detrimentally effect their attitude to the Government and Council in the long run. If the A.D.C. is aware of any means or scheme by which some of the younger men could be given some sort of training to enable them to take up a reasonable job, something other than work as a labourer, then I would be able to get many volunteers as could be taken. I realize that there is little hope for such things, but it seems a pity that nothing can be done to help the younger men in such isolated areas who do not even have the relative comforts of living close to a large town.


(R. Brew)
PATROL OFFICER.

APPENDIX TO OBURA PATROL REPORT No. 1 1971/1972;

a. POLITICAL EDUCATION ASSESSMENT OBUR APATROL No. 1 OF 1971/1972

VILLAGE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
NUMBAIRA	B	C	C	B	C	B	C	B	C	C	C
BAIRA	B	C	C	B	C	B	C	B	C	C	C
KOMBORO	B	C	C	B	C	B	C	B	C	C	C
KAWAINA	B	C	C	B	C	B	C	B	C	C	C
BI'API'ARATA	B	C	C	B	C	B	C	B	C	C	C
MEI'AUNA	B	C	C	B	C	B	C	B	C	C	C
OGURATABA	B	C	C	C	C	C	C	B	C	C	C

b. CENSUS FIGURES:

The annual census revision for 1971/1972 shows an annual natural increase rate of 1.3 per 100 persons, as opposed to a rate of 2.4 per 100 for 1970/1971. This was brought about by a slightly higher death rate of 1.3 per 100, as opposed to the previous rate of .8 per 100. The bulk of these deaths occurred in the older age groups, so that there is no significance in the increase. The birth rate has also shown an increase, from 3.2 to 3.6 per 100. Out of a total adult male population of 750, there are 149 absent on the coast, many in the Highland Labour Scheme, but also quite a few, particularly from the Kawaina group, who have gone to Lae under their own steam to find work. This does not as yet create a problem in the villages as far as the work is concerned, it does however give rise to considerable social problems, with wives of men on the coast continually committing adultery with those men remaining.

.....
Patrol Officer IN Charge

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

1A

Report Number..... OBURA No. 1 of 1971/72 (L.G. No. 1 of 1971/72)

Subdistrict..... KAINANTU

District..... EASTERN HIGHLANDS

Type of Patrol..... LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SPECIAL)

Patrol Conducted by..... WARREN R. BARILETT, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER

Area Patrolled..... FIORA CENSUS DIVISION (38)
 (Council and/or..... (NON COUNCIL AREA)
 Census Division/s.)..... (FIELD POLICE ZONE)

Personnel Accompanying Patrol.....
Miss. T. Monahan PNG Museum..... Interpreter (Patrol) Kabawina of Marawaka

 Constable Sagen R. PNGO of Marawaka

Duration of Patrol—from..... 25 / August to..... 2 / September 1971

No. of Days..... 8 Patrol Days

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area:..... Obura Patrol No. 9 of 1970/71 Census

Date..... March/April, 1971..... Duration..... 30 days

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... Local Government Survey (Area Study)
 Compile Ward Development Plans
 Political Education
 General Administration

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 1,829

Not Done as per Study

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

22/ 3/1972

District Commissioner. *[Signature]*

KLH 67-13-58

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GOROKA, E.H.D.

23rd August, 1972.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

REPORT OBURA PATROL NO.1 OF 1972.

Your 67-13-58 of 29th March and my 67-14-2 of 28th April to the Assistant District Commissioner, OKAPA, copy minute to you, refers.

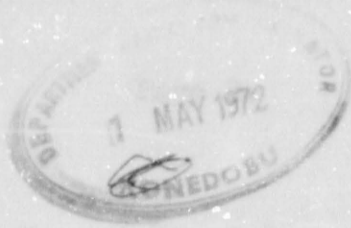
OKAPA Patrol No. 26 of 1971/72 visited the area of OKAPA contiguous to the PIORA Division of KAINANTU Sub-District and administered from OBURA Patrol Post.

In his comments on that patrol the Assistant District Commissioner, OKAPA, states he considers any move to include the western sector of the PIORA Division within the OKAPA Sub-District premature until a road link from PUROSA to AGAKAMATASA has been completed which, although not bringing road access into the PIORA Division, could raise the possibility of further extension into it after the initial link from PUROSA to AGAKAMATASA had been completed.

For this reason it is considered the present administrative arrangement should continue and that the AWA speaking people remain within the KAINANTU Sub-District.

Forwarded for your information, please.

J. P. Sinclair
J. P. Sinclair,
District Commissioner.



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67-14-2/1-1-9 Division of District Administration,
GOROKA - Eastern Highlands District.

28th April, 1972.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
OKAPA

ADMINISTRATIVE RE-ORGANISATION
FIORA CENSUS DIVISION

Reference Obura Patrol Report No. 1 of 1971/72
submitted by Mr. W. Bartlett. I quote the following
two paragraphs.

Paragraph 14 -

"The people now are only partly in favour of local government participation. If the area was still part of Wonenara Sub District then the situation may be different. Obura Station is further from the area than Wonenara Station was and it is found that very few people refer to Obura with their Administrative problems. Most problems are therefore held until such time as a patrol visits the area. Most of the Awa speaking group at the western end of the Census Division (population 775) refer to Okapa which is one to two days walk. The Owenia and Waisara fear the Kokonbila and Pinata people at the eastern end of the Fiora due to sorcery. The Kokonbila/Pinata area must be traversed if the other Fiora people wish to visit Obura, whereas it was not necessary when visiting Wonenara."

Paragraph 21 -

"The majority of the Awa speaking group, which constitutes three wards in the Fiora Census Division, expressed preference in joining the Okapa rather

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than the Lamari Local Government Council. This is because of their affiliations with the Awa speakers in the Auyana Census Division of Okapa and the closer proximity to Okapa. The area is equally isolated from Okapa and Obura and is separated from Okapa by the Lamari River. Similar requests have been made by these people previously, however the Assistant District Commissioner, Okapa and District Commissioner, Goroka have not considered the request as feasible. "

The villages concerned are:-

- AGAMUSEI
- OWAPEI
- MOBUTA
- AMORABA
- TAINORABA
- KAINARABA

Please let me have your views on this matter at your earliest convenience.

(J.P. SINCLAIR)
A/g District Commissioner.

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
KAINANTU

MINUTE TO:

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU

Your memorandum 67-13-58 of 29th March, 1972 penultimate paragraph, refers.

For your information please.

J.P. Sinclair
(J.P. SINCLAIR)
A/g District Commissioner.

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Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
GOROKA. Eastern Highlands District.

11th April, 1972.

The Secretary
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

OBURA PATROLS NOS. 1 AND 4 OF 1971/72
AND
OKAPA PATROLS NOS. 5 AND 8 OF 1971/72.

I refer to your several memoranda as listed hereunder:
67-13-55 of the 24th March, 1972, 67-13-53 of the 27th March,
67-13-58 of the 29th March, 1972, 67-13-57 of the 28th March.

I would like to offer my sincere regrets and apologies for the very late submission of the patrol reports mentioned above. I am fully aware that the value of a patrol report diminishes to almost vanishing point if the report is months overdue in submission.

I will not enter into any excuses for the delays, which have basically stemmed from the fact that I have operated for a very considerable time without a Deputy District Commissioner.

I intend to see that your instructions in regard to patrol reports are rigidly adhered to in the future, and I hope it will not be necessary for you to again comment on such unpardonable delays on reports from this District.

(J.P. SINCLAIR)
A/c. District Commissioner.

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P.O. Box 2396,
KORORUA.

67-13-58

29th March, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Eastern Highlands District,
GOROKA.

OBURA PATROL NO. 1 - 1971/72.

(L.G. NO. 1 - 71/72).

Your reference 67-14-2 of the 23rd March, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Situation Report by Mr. R.W. Bartlett, Assistant District Officer, to the Piora Census Division.

I see that this report was written by Mr. Bartlett two months after he completed the patrol; forwarded to you by the Assistant District Commissioner, Kainantu, six weeks after this, commented on by the District Local Government Officer and finally sent to me 2½ months later - in all, some 6½ months after the patrol was completed!

From the Report it seems logical that the Piora Census Division be included in the Lamari Local Government Council and that it is now a question of timing this move. I note that you are to keep this matter under constant review.

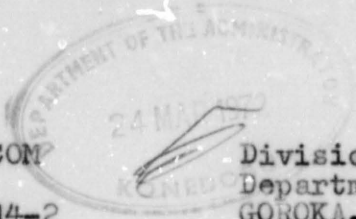
Have you any recommendation to make following the Assistant District Commissioner Kainantu's suggestion that the Awa section be included in the Okapa Sub-District.

As you say, this report is above average and reflects credibly on Mr. Bartlett. Its effect, however, is diminished by its extraordinary lateness which is not Mr. Bartlett's fault.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

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Telegrams: DISCOM
Reference: 67-14-2

Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
GOROKA. Eastern Highlands District.

23rd March, 1972.

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

OBURA PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 1971/72.

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of the above report, submitted by Mr. W. Bartlett, Assistant District Officer, together with memoranda from the District Local Government Officer, and yourself.

2. The report conveys a clear picture of the state of affairs within the Piara Census Division. I agree it would be pointless to absorb the people of this Division into the Lamari Local Government Council, given the lack of development in all sectors, inability of the Lamari Council with its present administrative difficulties to cope with expansion, and no interest shown by the Piara people for such a development. It is doubtful if the position will change much in 12 months, however, the review suggested could be taken after this period.

3. Concerning Mr. Bartlett's final paragraph, A510 portable radios are available at this District Headquarters at request.

4. The situation report is above average and up to the standard to be expected of Mr. Bartlett.

(J.P. SINCLAIR)
A/g. District Commissioner.

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

Attached please find two copies of the patrol report, together with instructions and comments from the Assistant District Commissioner, and the District Local Government Officer.

A map of the area patrolled was submitted with the report on Marawaka Patrol No. 2 of 1971/72.

J. P. Sinclair
(J.P. SINCLAIR)
A/g. District Commissioner.

(R.C. 201)
Assistant District Commissioner

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Office of Local Government,
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GOROKA,
Eastern Highlands District.

5th January, 1972

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
KAIWANTU.

CEBRA PATROL NO.1 - 1971-72

Receipt is acknowledged of Mr. Bartlett's patrol
and your comments thereto.

I am not prepared to recommend the inclusion of
the people of the Piara Census Division into the Lamari Council at
this stage. As Mr. Bartlett and yourself have pointed out, there
is little desire from the people to join the Council, and the Council
itself can ill afford any additional burdens. The people of this
area shall probably not be ready for participation in Local Government
for some time, however I suggest the situation be reviewed again
towards the end of this year or early 1973.

T.R. Nixon
(T.R. NIXON)
A/g. District Local Government Officer.

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OBURA PATROL 1-71/72

RCH:DM

Sub-District Office,
KAINANTU. E.H.D.

29th December, 1971.

Mr. W. Bartlett,
KAINANTU. E.H.D.

COMMENTS OBURA PATROL 1 - 71/72

1. Thank you for your report submitted previously. Bracketed numbers refer to your paragraphs.
2. There seems little point in extending the Lamari Council to include the Piora Census Division. The Piora has nothing to offer the Council and conversely the Council has little to offer to Piora. With annual average income for males around \$4.50 and the adult male population being approximately 500 little tax could be expected. Even if the tax rate was about \$1.00 per annum instead of a more reasonable 50¢ the amount collected would probably cost half the amount of the tax. You have pointed out how economically backward the area is and also how the people are prepared to join the Council if the Council undertakes a number of projects in the first place. There is little desire from the people to be included in the Lamari Council. To push them in will only put additional burdens on the Council which at the moment it is unable to shoulder. If any change is to be successful the momentum for such change must come from the people themselves.
 - (14) It would appear more sensible to split the Piora Census Division into two parts. The Nwa speaking people totalling 775 should be in the Okapa Sub-District for Administrative purposes whilst the remaining 1054 should remain with the Obura Administrative area.
 - (17) The Council has been asked to employ two people from the Obura area to staff the two Aid Posts but so far have not come to a decision. This matter will be followed up.
 - (49) It is only recently that D.A.S.F. Officers went into the Obura area together with the Development Bank Officer stationed in Geroka and recommended six loans from the Development Bank. The R.D.O. Kainantu is of the opinion that much of the Obura area could be used for cattle and sheep.
 - (53) No labour no road.
 - (67) The latest circular issued from our Headquarters on the different functions of Generalist and Local Government Staff may use their court powers in circumstances such as you found yourself.
3. Your report indicates sound fieldwork. I look forward to receiving your local government report.

(R.C. Hill)
Assistant District Commissioner.

Minute to:

District Commissioner,
District Office,
GOROKA. E.H.D.

1. Copies of the report are attached. I do not recommend the extension of Local Government into the Piara Census Division for the time being. The first thing that should be done is to rationalise the boundaries of the Piara. The Patrol Officer at Obura will be instructed to keep stressing the eventual aim of the Government i.e. to encompass all villages within the Territory in the Local Government system. I recommend the situation be reviewed early 1973. Re paras (24-25) would you please confirm the provisional appointment of Tobiala as Tultul of Owapei.

(R.C. Hill)

Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Patrol Officer,
Patrol Post,
OBURA.

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16th July 1971

Assistant District Commissioner,

Office of Local Government,
Post Office Box 246,

MARAWAKA
KAINANTU

Goroka
Eastern Highlands District.

PATROL FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SURVEY
WONENARA SUB-DISTRICT AND PIORA CENSUS
DIVISION
12th November, 1971

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office, R. Bartlett, AEO,
KAINANTU

It is intended that this Local Government Patrol to
This patrol will cover part of the OBURA Patrol Post Area and
Wonenara Sub-District. Both Assistant District Commissioners
are therefore requested to issue instructions to Mr. Bartlett for
their respective Obura Patrol No.1 of 1971/72
Piora Census Division

follows:-

The main aims of the patrol are as follows:-

Attached herewith please find the original and four
copies of the above Situation Report.

The delay in submission is regretted being due to
the fact that the Marawaka Situation Report No.2 of 1971/72,
of which this Obura Patrol was a diversion, had to be complet-
ed first.

The Local Government Survey for the Piora Census
Division will be submitted shortly as a separate document,
as instructed in paragraph 3 of Local Government Circular
No.3 of 1965. Accompanying this will be the Ward Development
Compilation for the Piora Census Division which is already
completed.

Camping Allowance claims and carriers contingency
have been submitted with the Marawaka Report, being the one
patrol over two Administrative Sub-Districts..

1. Local Government Survey for the Piora Census Division.
2. Compile Ward Development for Piora Census Division. *W. R. Bartlett*
achieved Lamari Council will be able
to prepare its Five Year Plan for the
whole proposed Lamari W. R. Bartlett
Assistant District Officer
3. Political Education with emphasis on
Local Government, House of Assembly
and meaning of Self Government,
Independence and National Unity.

Mr. D.R. Vindic, District Medical Officer,
in the Highlands Region, has requested that the patrol be equipped
for him statistics regarding leprosy in the region. The District
Census Division. As the Assistant District Commissioner, Marawaka Division
that he is unable to provide an Aid Card orders to be issued, the
District Medical Officer will be approached for a suitable person to
accompany the patrol.

The programs envisaged for the patrol are as follows:

(Sgt.) (A.F. FARWORTH)
District Local Government Officer.

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Office of Local Government,
Department of the Administrator,
P.O. Box 246,
GOROKA.

16th July, 1971

Assistant District Commissioner,

MARAWAKA
KAINANTU

PATROL FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SURVEY
WONENARA SUB-DISTRICT AND PIORA CENSUS
DIVISION

It is intended that this Local Government Patrol, to be conducted by Mr. W.R. Bartlett, ADO, will be commenced on Saturday 24th July, 1971. This patrol will cover part of the OBURA Patrol Post Area and the entire Wonenara Sub-District. Both Assistant District Commissioners are therefore requested to issue patrol instructions to Mr. Bartlett for their respective Administrative areas.

The main aims of this patrol are envisaged as follows:-

- MARAWAKA:
1. Local Government Survey of the Wonenara Sub-District as per Local Government Circulars Nos. 3 and 12 of 1965 and Chapter 17 of Departmental Standing Instructions Volume 1.
 2. Compile Ward Development Plans.
 3. Political Education with emphasis on Local Government, House of Assembly and meaning of Self Government, Independence and National Unity.
- KAINANTU:
1. Local Government Survey of the Piora Census Division of the Obura Patrol Post. It is envisaged that this area be incorporated into the existing Lamari Local Government Council.
 2. Compile Ward Development Plans of the Piora Census Division. Once this is achieved Lamari Council will be able to prepare its Five Year Plan for the whole proposed Lamari Council Area.
 3. Political Education with emphasis on Local Government, House of Assembly and meaning of Self Government, Independence and National Unity.

Mr. D.R. Vincin, Officer-in-Charge of Leprosy Control in the Highlands Region, has requested that the patrol endeavour to obtain for him statistics regarding leprosy in the Wonenara Sub-District and Piora Census Division. As the Assistant District Commissioner, Marawaka advises that he is unable to provide an Aid Post orderly to accompany the patrol, the District Medical Officer will be approached for a suitable officer to accompany the patrol.

The programme envisaged for the patrol is as follows:

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(Sgd.) (A.F. WADSWORTH)
District Local Government Officer.

Patrol Diary

Obura Patrol No.1 of 1971.72

Obura Local Government Patrol No.1 of 1971.72

(Non-Council Area - Field Police Zone)

Patrol Conducted By : Warren R. Bartlett
(Assistant District Officer)

Area Patrolled : Piora Census Division (38)

Personnel Accompanying : Miss T. Monahan, ex PNG Museum
Interp.(Patrol) Kabauwina of Marawaka
Const. Sagem of RPNGC Marawaka

Duration of Patrol : 26th August - 2nd September, 1971
(8 Patrol Days)

Last DDA Patrol : Obura Patrol 9/70.71 - Census
March/April 1971.

Objects of Patrol : Local Government Survey (Area Study)
Ward Development Compilation
Political Education
General Administration

Population : 1,829 (Popn. Reg. not enclosed)

Map Reference : Eastern Highlands District Map 2ml - 1in.
Attached Patrol Map

1730 - 0915 hours walked to Oweria. 0930 -
1050 hours showed illustrations in West House.
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with Oweria people. 1250 - 1400 hours walked
to Naisara. Upon return of people from garden
1730 - 1930 hours had D.G. and Pol.M. talks
and illustrations with Naisara people. Compil-
tion and typing of diaries and reports.
Completed diaries 2.

0745 - 0830 hours walked to Piora No. 1.
0830 - 0915 hours had D.G. and Pol.M. talks
and showed illustrations in West House. Inter-
related difficulties explained. 0915 - 1100
hours walked to Piora No. 2 walking West
House not necessarily used by patrols. Compilation
diaries, reports, etc. 1100 - 1150 hours had
L.G. and Pol.M. talks with Piora No. 2 and
Piora No. 1. Upon return of people showed filmstrips
in evening. Completed diaries No. 2.

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Patrol Diary

This patrol started as Marawaka Patrol No.2 of 1971/72 on 24th July, 1971, which entered the Piora Census Division on Thursday 26th August and until Thursday 2nd September it continued as Obura Patrol No.1 of 1971/72. The patrol then returned to the Wonenara Sub-District until Wednesday 8th September for the completion of Marawaka Patrol NO. 2 of 1971/72.

- Thurs Aug. 26 0800 - 1330 hours walked from Siumogu Rest House in the Wugamwa Census Division of the Wonenara Sub-District to Agamusei Rest House following a route not previously used by patrols. People unaware of patrol due to non-arrival of Interpreter Andoube from Obura as planned. Death Adder killed whilst cleaning and setting up camp. Compilation diaries and reports. Filmstrips shown in evening.
Camped Agamusei R.H.
- Frid. Aug 27 0830 hours sent carriers off to Mobuta. 0830 - 1045 hours had L.G. and Pol.Ed talks with Agamusei and Owapei people. 1045 - 1230 hours walked to Mobuta Rest House. Two death adders killed whilst cleaning and setting up camp. 1600 - 1800 hours had L.G. and Pol.Ed talks when people returned from gardens. Compilation reports and diaries. No films in evening due to rain.
Camped Mobuta R.H.
- Sat. Aug. 28 0800 - 0945 hours walked to Amoraba. As no Pidgin English speakers present instructed people to attend talks at nearby Tainaraba Rest House next day. 1015 - 1100 hours walked to Tainaraba Rest House. General discussions with people and filmstrips shown in evening. Compilation reports and typing.
Camped Tainaraba R.H.
- Sun. Aug. 29 1100 - 1330 hours had L.G. and Pol.Ed talks with Tainaraba, Kairaba and Amoraba people. Compilation reports and typing and general patrol matters.
Camped Tainaraba R.H.
- Mon. Aug. 30 0730 - 0915 hours walked to Owenia. 0930 - 1030 hours showed filmstrips in Rest House. 1030 - 1230 hours had L.G. and Pol.Ed talks with Owenia people. 1230 - 1400 hours walked to Waisara. Upon return of people from gardens 1730 - 1930 hours had L.G. and Pol.Ed talks and filmstrips with Waisara people. Compilation and typing of diaries and reports.
Camped Waisara R.H.
- Tues. Aug 31 0745 - 0830 hours walked to Pinata No. 1. 0830 - 1015 hours had Pol.Ed and L.G. talks and showed filmstrips in Rest House. Interpretation difficulties encountered. 1015 - 1100 hours walked to Pinata No. 2 utilizing Rest House not normally used by patrols. Compilation diaries, reports, etc. 1500 - 1700 hours had L.G. and Pol.Ed talks with Pinata No. 2 and few Pinata No. 1 people present. Showed filmstrips in evening.
Camped Pinata No.2 R.H.

Weds Sept. 1 0715 - 0930 hours walked to Konkonbila. Comp-
 ilation reports, diaries, typing, etc. 1500 -
 1700 hours had L.G. and Pol.Ed talks with
 Konkonbila and Oraura No.2 people utilizing
 Wonenara ex-labourer Tabe for interpretation.
 Filmstrips shown in evening.
 Camped Konkonbila R.H.

Thurs Sept. 2 0730 - 1130 hours walked to Orobina thence
 Arebunkura in the Aziana Census Division of
 the Wonenara Sub-District to resume Marawaka
 Patrol No.2 of 1971/72.

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End of Obura section of Patrol

The Census Division was controlled as a patrol
 patrol from Marawaka. End of Obura section of Patrol
 was the end of the patrol on both sides from Marawaka
 side in the Wonenara Census Division and departed from Marawaka
 side Village on 2nd September for Marawaka in the Aziana
 Census Division of Wonenara Sub-District.

The patrol was led by the District Interpreter, Patrol, who was
 to have joined the patrol at Marawaka on 2nd September, however
 appeared only at the commencement of instructions because of
 illness. This hindered the patrol considerably as the
 people were not aware of the patrol's intended visit and also
 hindered interpretation difficulties.

Mr. J. Hunter, previously of the Papua New Guinea
 Bureau, was accompanied the patrol for the purpose
 of collecting data for the Papua New Guinea Bureau and
 the District Interpreter, and gathering information on the
 local people. Mr. Hunter was a member of the patrol and
 his presence was a great help to the patrol. He was
 accompanied by his wife and children. The patrol was
 accompanied by the District Interpreter.

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SITUATION REPORT

INTRODUCTION

1. This patrol was mounted primarily for a Local Government Survey of the Piora Census Division and compilation of Ward Development Plans for the proposed Wards. The Piora Census Division is the only sector of the Obura Patrol Post Administrative Area which is not incorporated in the Lamari Local Government Council. The Local Government Survey and Ward Development are being submitted as a separate document.
2. The Census Division was patrolled as a diversion patrol from Marawaka Patrol No. 2 of 1971.72. The patrol entered the area at Agamusei on 26th August from Siumogu Village in the Wugemwa Census Division and departed from Kokonbila Village on 2nd September for Arebunkura in the Aziana Census Division of Wonenara Sub-District.
3. Unfortunately the Obura Interpreter (Patrol), who was to have joined the patrol at Agamusei on 26th August, never appeared due to the non-receipt of instructions because of missing mail. This hindered the patrol considerably as the people were not aware of the patrol's intended visit and also presented interpretation difficulties.
4. Miss T. Monahan, previously of the Papua New Guinea Museum Port Moresby, accompanied the patrol for the purpose of collecting artifacts for the Papua New Guinea Museum and the Brussels Museum and gathering information and photographs for a book on the Wonenara people. Permission for Miss Monahan to accompany this patrol was granted by the Secretary of this Department in his letter to Miss Monahan 67-19-13 of 14th July 1971, copy to the District Commissioner.
5. Miss Monahan was of no hindrance to the patrol and her presence was appreciated by many villagers who had never seen a white woman in their area before.
6. The patrol had to be shortened by three days due to the non-arrival from Goroka via Obura of a patrol box of food supplies. This was later discovered in Stores and Supply, Goroka, having not been forwarded to Obura as requested.
7. The Piora Census Division lies to the south of Obura Patrol Post. Until June 1969 it was administered from Wonenara as part of that Sub-District. The Census Division is bordered in the south by the Aziana and Kuwepu Census Divisions of the Wonenara Sub-District, to the west by the South Fore, North Fore and Auyana Census Divisions of the Okapa Sub-District, to the north by the Iturua and Bogara Census Divisions of Obura and to the east by the Kaiapit Sub-District of the Morobe District.
8. The area is drained by the Lamari River, a tributary of the Purari River which flows into the Gulf of Papua, west of Ihu. The vegetation is mainly kunai grass from the valley floor from as low as 4,000 feet to near the ridge of the Lamari/Aziana Divide. The far eastern end of the Census Division and ridge tops are covered with rain forest growth. The terrain is very rugged and steep which makes any development prospects difficult.

9. Three languages are spoken in the Piara Census Division; "Awa" amongst the Agamusei, Owarai, Mobuta, Amoraba, Tainaraba and Kairaba people (population 775), "Iturus" amongst the Owenis and Waisara people (population 334), and "Aiora" amongst the Pinata, Kokonbila and Traura No.2 people (population 720). Very few people are fluent in the Pidgin English lingua franca. The Piara Interpreter Andouba is fluent in only the Awa and Iturus languages, therefore it is imperative that for a patrol to be successful, two Administration Interpreters must be utilized.

POLITICAL

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10. The main object of this patrol was a Local Government Survey to gauge whether the people wished to join the Lamari Local Government Council which, at present, comprises the Dogara and Iturus Census Divisions; and also to compile Ward Development Plans for the area.

11. The initial local government propaganda patrol was conducted as Wonenara Patrol No.13 of 1967/68 in June 1968 when the area was administered from Wonenara. At this stage it was envisaged that the Piara Census Division would be incorporated in a Wonenara Local Government Council. Since June 1969, when Wonenara Sub-District Headquarters was transferred to Marwaks, the Piara Census Division has become part of the Obura Patrol Post area and as such it should eventually become part of the Lamari Council.

12. During the propaganda patrol in 1968, it was felt that the Piara people wished to participate in local government as they were beginning to consider themselves left-out and forgotten. Some economic benefits in the nearby Okapa and Lamari Council areas were viewed with envy and it was considered that Council participation would bring similar benefits to the Piara. There was little understanding of the political and administrative benefits that a Council could bring the people and very little comprehension of the Local Government System as a whole. The main fear of Council participation was one of tax. At that time there was very little economic development apart from some small coffee plantings.

13. Between June 1968 and this patrol, most other D.D.A. Patrols which have visited the area have held political education discussions and included local government in such talks. It would appear though that very little comprehension of any political education subject has been achieved.

14. The people now are only partly in favour of local government participation. If the area was still part of Wonenara Sub-District then the situation may be different. Obura Station is further from the area than Wonenara Station was and it is found that very few people refer to Obura with their administrative problems. Most problems are therefore held until such time as a patrol visits the area. Most of the Awa speaking group at the western end of the Census Division (population 775) refer to Okapa which is one to two days walk.

The Owenia and Waisera fear the Kokonbila and Pinata people at the eastern end of the Piara due to sorcery. The Kokonbila/Pinata area must be traversed if the other Piara people wish to visit Obura, whereas it was not necessary when visiting Wonenara.

15. The fear of Council Personal Tax is still inherent. It was expressed that local government participation was desired but only after a sound economic cash crop was established in the area and the Administration had constructed a vehicular road through the area. The closest road at present is nearing Oraura in the Dogara Census Division which is only a one hour walk from the Oraura No.2 Village in the Piara C.D.. The Obura -Oraura road has been constructed through Rural Development Grants obtained by Lamari Council and it is intended to extend this road into the Piara possibly in 1972/73. The Piara people are not interested in providing labour to construct this road and expect the Administration to supply the necessary labour for them.

16. Overall, the people of the Piara Census Division are apathetic towards change, unless it will benefit them directly and involve them in little work. Apart from the establishment and maintenance of law and order in the area and a slightly better standard of housing, the area has changed little since first contact with the Administration. In preference to establishing any form of economic development or construction of a road in the area most young men prefer to leave the area and seek employment through such avenues as the Highland Labour Scheme. The Piara Census Division would be considered to be the slowest developing area in the Eastern Highlands District, both politically and economically, due to the apathy of and lack of co-operation by the people.

17. There is no mission influence in the area apart from irregular visits to Mobuta by a Summer Institute of Linguistics linguist. A Maternal and Child Health Sister from the Swiss Evangelical Brotherhood Mission patrols between Kokonbila and Owenia irregularly but gets little co-operation from the people. Two recently established Administration Aid Posts at Kokonbila and Mobuta, which are to be staffed on a roster basis by Kainantu Aid Post Orderlies, have been unstaffed for some months due to the continual failure of Orderlies to remain for more than one week. The lack of interest by most people in any form of outside assistance is rather frustrating and it is felt that little co-operation would be forthcoming if the area is included in the Lamari Local Government Council or even if a Piara Council was instituted. The only form of administration which is understood in the Piara is direct administration by expatriate officers.

18. The present Lamari Council has difficulty in encouraging Councillors to attend Statutory Meetings. It was considered that this could be due to the distances which some Councillors had to walk but many of the Councillors from nearby Wards or from Wards which are served by the To'okena road even fail to attend meetings. There was no Council meeting in September due to the lack of numbers to constitute a quorum, even for the specially called meeting held a week later in September. With the three different language groups in the Piara Census Division and the number of factions which appear to exist in the area, it is doubted if much benefit would be gained by the Piara participating in local government. During the patrol two village officials expressed that the elected Councillors would only attend Council meetings if a vehicle was sent to collect them and for this to be done, a road would be required to be constructed first! It is considered that Statutory Meetings of the Council should be held no more frequently than every two months.

19. Despite the general lack of interest in Council participation, it was possible to determine proposed Ward Boundaries and compile the Piora Ward Development statistics. These may be found briefly in Appendices 'B' and 'C' and in greater detail in the Local Government Survey which is being submitted as a separate document.

20. There are six proposed Wards similar to those proposed during the Local Government Propaganda patrol in 1968. Language groups have not been combined to constitute Wards. The Tainaraba, Kairaba, Amoraba Ward No.23 (No.21 in Revised Composition of Lamari IGC Constitution) is still a little doubtful as the Amoraba (population 101) still bear some animosity against the Tainaraba and Kairaba, even though they are sub-clans and wish to combine to constitute one Ward. The Amoraba men brought bows and arrows to the meeting at Tainaraba Rest House and returned home at sundown.

21. The majority of the Awa speaking group, which constitutes three Wards in the Piora Census Division, expressed preference in joining the Okapa rather than the Lamari Local Government Council. This is because of their affiliations with the Awa speakers in the Auyana Census Division of Okapa and the closer proximity to Okapa. The area is equally isolated from Okapa and Obura and is separated from Okapa by the Lamari River. Similar requests have been made by these people previously, however the Assistant District Commissioner, Okapa and District Commissioner, Goroka have not considered the request as feasible.

22. In general, it is felt that the Piora Census Division is not ready for participation in local government, and in all probability will not be ready for some considerable time. The future of this area after self government and independence is not a promising one and without some form of local administration the people will most likely return to their traditional customs.

23. Most Village Officials were partly in favour of local government participation simply because once their office became redundant they would receive the Administration's gratuity for services rendered.

Village Officials

24. It was reported to the patrol that Tultul Auwandi Abo of Owapei was deceased, and on the recommendation of the Owapei villagers, Tobiala Wena was appointed and affirmed on 27th August, 1971. Tobiala is from Owapei Village, was born in 1938, is married to one wife and has three children. He has been employed through the Highland Labour Scheme in 1969 and 1970 and has had no convictions.

25. It is requested that the District Commissioner approve the appointment of Tobiala to the position of Tultul for Owapei Village.

House of Assembly

26. The Piara Census Division, together with the Dogara and Iturus Census Divisions are included in the Kainantu Open Electorate. For the 1972 House of Assembly Elections, Obura and Marawaka have been combined to constitute the new Obura Open Electorate. This fact was explained during the patrol.

27. The present Member, Mr. M. Casey, is not known in the Piara Census Division as he has never visited the area. The role of the House of Assembly is not understood either, even though most patrols discuss this topic briefly in political education talks. Only Interpreter Patrol Andouba, who is from Cwenia Village, has any understanding of the House of Assembly through his being stationed at Obura.

28. It is hoped that the future Member for Obura Open Electorate will attend most meetings of the Lamari Local Government Council and the proposed Marawaka Local Government Council and thereby be able to advise his constituents of the decisions made by the House of Assembly which could affect the area.

29. Most people consider that their government is the Patrol Officer at Obura, the Assistant District Commissioner at Kainantu or Okapa and the District Commissioner. Little comprehension exists of other Administration officers who are never seen but occasionally discussed. The Lamari Council is generally considered to be an organization purely to build roads, encourage coffee planting and distribute radio receivers and coffee hullers. The purpose of attending Meetings is to collect "pay" for the work the Councillor does in the village. Local administration is therefore not considered a function of the Council apart from bringing economic benefit.

Elections

30. The forthcoming House of Assembly elections were discussed and filmstrips shown in the evenings on "Canberra" and "House of Assembly Elections 1964". Voting procedure and preferential voting were discussed but not really understood. All voters in the area will require assistance when casting votes.

31. It is doubted if any person from the Piara Census Division will nominate as a candidate for the elections. It is envisaged that there would be possibly only one candidate representing the Wonenara Sub-District and possibly one or two Obura candidates. The \$100 nomination fee for candidature is rather excessive for people in the Obura area.

Political Education

32. This patrol being a Local Government Survey, most topics discussed hinged around local government. The attendance at most meetings was poor due to the people not being

advised of the patrol. This situation occurred because of the non-arrival of the Interpreter from Obura. Most people showed little interest in the patrol's visit. It was impossible to obtain any one person conversant enough in Pidgin English to act as a good interpreter so consequently most men utilized for interpretation understood little or nothing of what they were being told.

33. The talks usually commenced by giving a brief outline of the situation before the Administration arrived, then the establishment of law and order, appointment of Village Officials, encouragement of Mission influence and the development of a cash economy with the purchase and lease of land to expatriates who in turn provided incentive for the Papua New Guineans to commence cash cropping. (Unfortunately, inaccessible areas such as the Piara Census Division did not offer attractive to private enterprise). It was at this stage in most areas when the Administration decided to introduce local government. Most areas with some economy now have local government councils and as the system was working satisfactorily the Administration decided to consider establishing Councils in areas with little economy. Such was the case with the Dogara and Iturua Census Divisions constituting the Lamari Council in 1967. Before a Council was established in any area though the people had to be almost unanimously in agreement. Hence the purpose of this Local Government Survey patrol. Lamari Council does not now qualify for the Administration's Grant-in-Aid so most of the revenue has to be raised through Council Personal Tax. The Administration would help the Council to finance roads, bridges and water supplies through the Rural Development Programme. Tax rates would be decided upon by the people through their elected Councillor and set by the Council, the rate for the Piara possibly being in the vicinity of 50 cents per adult male until the economy of the area increased.

34. The main objectives of Councils in areas such as Obura would therefore be political with the elected representatives of the people becoming involved with the administration of their area instead of relying on one foreigner and his staff (meaning D.D.A. Officers) making all their administrative decisions. The establishment of a council would not mean that the administration of an area would rest solely with the Council, but the Patrol Officer would act more in an advisory capacity teaching and guiding the people into the correct form of local administration.

35. It was felt that most people had little interest in being responsible for their local administration and preferred to rely on the Administration to settle any of their problems. As long as law and order was maintained little else was desired, particularly if it involved work on their part.

36. The relationship between, and the different responsibilities attached to the House of Assembly and a Local Government Council were explained. It is hoped that the future Obura Member will attend Lamari Council meetings regularly and make occasional visits to villages.

37. The National Flag (paper copy) was displayed during the patrol and copies distributed. Its meaning, the name of the country, and the importance of national unity were stressed. Self government and independence were incorporated in the general local government discussions. Comprehension of these topics appeared rather vague also and in some cases was non-existent.

38. Most people were surprised to be handed political education material. Apparently previous patrols from Obura have not been supplied with suitable material? It is expected that the Village Officials will be the keepers of any handouts and will produce them with the Village Book whenever future patrols visit the area. It is doubted if the contents of handouts are really understood and will be discussed at village meetings convened by the people.

39. A Honda 300 Portable Power Generator from Marawaka and a Slide/Filmstrip Projector were utilized during the Piara patrol and filmstrips titled "Takis Bilong Kaunsil", "People of the Eastern Highlands District", "Canberra" and "Election of Members - House of Assembly" were shown at all Rest Houses where the patrol overnights, except Mobuta where it rained. Attendances were poor, possibly due mainly to fear of the dark and sorcery and superstition. Usually children outnumbered adults. The films of most interest were those depicting people, especially in traditional life. The more educational filmstrips resulted in little or no comprehension due to the absence of the Administration Interpreter, however interest was maintained just by viewing the pictures and listening to whatever the interpreted commentary was.

40. It is considered that suitable filmstrips and a knowledgeable Interpreter would be the best means of political education in the Piara Census Division and the Obura Administrative Area as a whole. It is suggested that all future patrols be equipped for showing filmstrips to arouse some political awareness in this area.

41. Refer Appendix 'D' for Political Education Topic and Assessment with respect to the Piara Census Division.

42. Pigs and dogs are the only traditional domestic livestock. Hogs are used for ceremonial purposes. The pig is a symbol of wealth and a variety of breeds are raised. Traditional wild livestock such as are found in the forest near the edge of the Piara Census Division.

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Cash Crop Extension

42. Although the Piara Census Division has requested economic development, the people are very apathetic about applying themselves to develop any cash crop. The Department of Agriculture, Stocks and Fisheries Rural Development Assistant at Obura has visited the area and advised and assisted the people in the establishment of coffee nurseries but little interest has been maintained by the people, few seedlings transplanted and very little care taken of any coffee trees which have reached maturity.

43. There would be no more than 1,700 mature coffee trees in the whole Census Division. Only the Mobuta people, who claim approximately 1,000 trees, have shown any interest in coffee. They carry their crops to Okasa in the Okapa Sub-District for sale to coffee buyers. Most of the growers in other villages consider themselves too far from the coffee buyers to warrant harvesting the crop but those who do, carry the produce to Okasa or to To'okena in the Dogara Census Division.

44. Several passionfruit vines are to be seen in the Pinata and Kokonbila/Oraura area but this is not an economic crop for Obura. Most fruit rots on the ground. Grapefruit and lemon grow particularly well at Mobuta. These fruits were planted by the Summer Institute of Linguistics family who live at Mobuta irregularly. Due to the need to sweeten these fruits to eat them, most of this crop rots also.

45. Most people still prefer traditional vegetables to those introduced by the Administration from Wonenara some seven years ago. Small quantities of potatoes, tomatoes, paw-paw and peanuts are usually available for purchase by patrols. Trade goods in the form of salt, matches, soap or tobacco are still utilized by most patrols but the demand for cash payments is high. The demand will increase if the Piara Census Division is included in the Lamari Council as this is one means of raising income to meet tax obligations. Future patrols should be prepared to purchase most fresh foods for patrol carriers with cash.

46. If the Obura-Oraura Road is extended into the Piara Census Division then, and only then, may it be possible for the people to consider it worthwhile to apply themselves towards cash cropping.

Livestock

47. Pigs and dogs are the only traditional domestic livestock. Dogs are used for hunting of pigs and opossums. The cassowary, pigeon, and a variety of opossum are the main traditional wild livestock which are found in the forest near the ridge of the Aziana/Lamari Divide.

48. Poultry was introduced from Wonenara and Okapa around 1965 but few have survived due to the dogs and eagles. Small quantities of fish are to be found in the Lamari River and are caught using traditional hooped nets.

49. The terrain does not lend itself to livestock due to the steep arid kunai covered mountain slopes which constitute the Piara Census Division.

Activities of Development Departments

50. The Obura D.A.S.F. Rural Development Assistant has visited the Piara Census Division to help the people establish coffee nurseries. Most projects have collapsed as the people expect the Officer to do all the work for them. The only other departments which have an interest in the area are Public Health, which has two unstaffed Aid Posts, and the Department of the Administrator, which has achieved little since first contact even though the area is patrolled at least three times per year.

Roads and Bridges

51. The possibility of a future Wugamwa Census Division (Wonenara Sub-District) Road linking with the Obura road network via the Piora Census Division from Agamusei to Kokonbila was quickly investigated and likewise scrapped. Such a road would be too long, passing through uninhabited areas for some 15 miles from Siumogu village in the Wugamwa.

52. The existing Obura-Oraura Road will be extended to Kokonbila possibly in 1972-73 utilizing Rural Development Programme funds. The Aziana Census Division people in Wonenara Sub-District are keen to extend the 13 miles of Wonenara roads to connect with the Obura network at Kokonbila and are currently clearing forest to achieve this.

53. The Piora Census Division people are keen to have a vehicular road constructed through their area but are not keen to provide the labour. Such a road would require to follow a route above village level due to the steep terrain. Construction and maintenance of this road will present considerable labour problems, if contemplated, with over 25 miles of road required and only 505 adult men in the villages of the Piora Census Division.

Land

54. There is no alienated land in the Census Division. The Summer Institute of Linguistics has a camp on native land at Mobuta village which is staffed by an American couple at irregular intervals through the year.

Employment

55. From the March 1971 census of the area, 95 adult males are absent in employment, mainly through the Highland Labour Scheme. Working inside the District are 19 adult men and 8 youths employed at Obura, Goroka or Kainantu. The 6 women absent inside the District are accompanying their employed husbands. The census statistics reveal that approximately 30% of the adult male work force is absent from the villages.

56. At Agamusei Rest House, seven youths requested recruitment for the Highland Labour Scheme. As 36% of the male work force was absent and as both Owapei and Agamusei villages were shockingly filthy, all volunteers were refused and instructed to clean up the villages and rebuild or repair their parents' and the men's houses before seeking employment.

57. Due to the attractions which life away from the Piora Census Division holds for many young men, most repatriated Highland Labourers seek new Agreements shortly after completing their previous term and after settling traditional obligations in their home village.

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Economic Development

58. At Owenia, a request was heard for the Administration to finance an expatriate businessman to live with the people and lead them along the path to economic development. The futility of such a proposal was explained.
59. Without vehicular access through the Piora Census Division, it is not envisaged that the area will ever develop economically through cash cropping. The only exceptions to this could be Kokonbila and Oraura No.2 villages in the east which will have access to the Obura - Oraura - Wonenara Road when constructed as far as Kokonbila; and Mobuta village in the west which carries coffee to Okasa for sale.
60. Most income will therefore be derived through employment outside the area as at present, with very little income being derived through the sale of coffee, carrying for patrols and supplying fresh food to patrols. Repatriated Highland Labourers will be responsible for bringing most money into the area.
61. The average per capita income for 1971/72 is estimated at no more than \$1.00 for the whole Census Division. A more realistic figure for local government purposes would be approximately \$4.00 per adult male with a slightly higher figure around Mobuta due to coffee.

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62. There are no schools operating in the Census Division. The Summer Institute of Linguistics at Mobuta teach a few informants to read and write their Awa language whenever the linguist is living at Mobuta, which is not very often, most of his work being at the S.I.L. Base at Ukarumpa near Kainantu. It was requested that a Primary T School be established at Kokonbila, however this was dissuaded due to the three Primary Schools which will be operating in the Obura area in 1972, and which should be sufficient to serve the educational needs of the 7,800 Obura people.
63. The March 1971 census reveals that 7 male children and two youths are attending Mission School. Two from Agamusei village are attending the Highland Christian Mission Primary School in the Okapa Sub-District whilst the other seven attend the Swiss Evangelic Brotherhood Mission Primary T School at To'okea in the Dogara Census Division.

Missions

64. There are no missions represented in the Piora Census Division. The Seventh Day Adventist Mission once had evangelists in Pinata No.2 and Oraura No.2 villages but they deserted over 12 months ago and have never been replaced.

65. The Summer Institute of Linguistics, which is more linguistic than mission, is represented at Mobuta in the west of the Census Division. The American couple who staff the Mobuta camp spend little time there as most of their language work involves them at the S.I.L. Base at Ukarumpa.

66. The Swiss Evangelical Brotherhood Mission at To'ckena in the Dogara Census Division has a Maternal and Child Health Sister who patrols Oraura No.2, Kokonbila, Pinata, Owenia at monthly intervals when possible for infant welfare work but not religion.

Law and Order

67. The Piora Census Division, like the remainder of the Obura Administrative Area, is a Field Police Zone. One Member of the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary from the Marawaka detachment accompanied the patrol through the Piora and all police matters were referred to him with assistance given by the writer when required. The writer is not permitted to exercise Local Court Powers whilst associated with the Office of Local Government. No complaints warranting court action were brought to the attention of the patrol.

68. Only two complaints were brought to the patrol for arbitration, both being marriage disputes. Due to interpretation difficulties, it was not possible to arbitrate either complaint.

69. Two large areas of burnt off kumai grassland were noticed, these being in the Owenia and Pinata areas. As Death Adders are a constant menace in the whole area, large tracts of land are usually burnt off to enable new gardens to be worked in comparative safety. A large area was also being burnt off near Ogarataba in the Iturua Census Division, this being the usual annual rodent hunt. It is no wonder that the whole area is void of tree growth.

70. At Tainaraba, a complaint was voiced that the Policeman and several Aziana carriers had entered the Tainaraba bush to hunt. The area in which hunting for birds and pig was intended was bush land on the Wonenara side of the Aziana/Lamari Divide in which the Aziana carriers had traditional hunting rights. This was explained to the Tainaraba who appeared upset that the Police Constable and Azianas had walked through the Tainaraba bush to reach Aziana land. The Tainaraba knew of the intended hunt in the morning but did not complain until the return of the party. Such a dispute would never have arisen if the young Tainaraba men had more to think about than sitting around and stirring up trouble.

Welfare

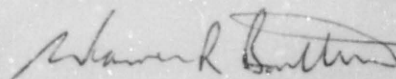
71. For the benefit of the Ward Development Compilation, the number of radio receivers in the area was counted. At the present time there are twelve (12) operative receivers. Radio Goroka is received at a reasonable strength as is Mount Hagen and Wewak.

Health

72. The Census Division has two Administration Aid Posts constructed in 1970, these being at Mobuta and Kokonbila. They are staffed on a roster basis from Kainantu but it has been found that Aid Post Orderlies refuse to remain any longer than one week and run away to Kainantu. The Aid Posts are therefore rarely staffed and are not providing the necessary service.
73. To overcome this situation, it has been suggested that two local Piora men be trained as Aid Post Orderlies to staff the Aid Posts. No move has been made yet to select suitable men.
74. The Swiss Evangelical Brotherhood Mission at To'okena sends an Infant Welfare patrol as far as Owenia via Oraura No.2, Kokonbila and Pinata every month, when possible. Little co-operation is afforded by the people to the Sister.
75. Most people tend to rely on traditional cures before seeking medical assistance. Very few people therefore present themselves to the Sister. At the time of the patrol, several people were suffering from influenza in the Kokonbila area. They were advised to seek medical treatment at To'okena and to report to the Sister during her patrol the following week.
76. Due to an influenza epidemic in 1970, there were more deaths than births recorded in the March 1971 census resulting in a Natural Decrease in population of 0.8%.
77. The Piora are not the healthiest of people. They are of short stature, between 4'6" and 5'0", many suffer from leprosy, goitre and most have perpetual coughs, due possibly to the smoke filled houses in which they live. Death Adders are also responsible for at least five deaths every year.
78. During this patrol, one Death Adder was killed at Agamusei Rest House and two at Mobuta Rest House during the setting up of camp. One Death Adder was almost stepped upon on the walking track between Tainaraba and Owenia. Patrolling in the Piora Census Division can therefore be a dangerous business, especially with overgrown tracks and Rest Houses. The chances of surviving a bite are remote. Possibly patrols should be equipped with portable radio transceivers like the A-510 and should such an emergency occur then it may be possible to get the patient to medical treatment by helicopter?

Also

- Appendix 'A' Patrol Map.
 'B' Summary of Composition of Local Govt. Proposed Wards for Piora Census Division.
 'C' Summary of Ward Development.
 'D' Political Education - Topic and Assessment.



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APPENDIX 'B'Summary of Composition of Wards for the Proposed Inclusion of Piara Census Division in the Lamari Local Government Council

1. For the purpose of this Situation Report, the Constitution of the proposed Wards to be incorporated in the Lamari Local Government Council is recorded in brief form. The actual revised Constitution will be prepared as outlined in Local Government Circulars Nos. 3 and 12 of 1965. This will be submitted with the Local Government Survey which will be submitted separate to this Report.
2. There are six (6) Wards proposed for the Piara Census Division, each Ward being represented by one Councillor. It is also proposed to amalgamate some of the present Lamari Local Government Council Wards from 24 to 17, which will result in the Revised Constitution of the whole Council Area containing twenty three (23) Wards, each Ward being represented by one Councillor. One Ward Committeeman will be required to represent each Village to assist the Ward Councillor.
3. For the benefit of this Report the proposed Wards are given two numbers. The unbracketed number is the Ward Number if the amalgamation of existing Wards is not achieved and the bracketed number is the Ward Number if several of the existing Lamari Council Wards are amalgamated as suggested in Obura Patrol Report No.8 of 1970/71. For information only, the population of villages is included below to gain some indication of the Ward size.
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| Ward 25 (18) | Kokonbila and Oraura No.2 Village Groups | Popn.
438 |
| Ward 26 (19) | Pinata No.1 and Pinata No.2 Village Groups | 282 |
| Ward 27 (20) | Owenia and Waisara Village Groups | 334 |
| Ward 28 (21) | Tainarabs, Kairaba and Amoreba Village Groups | 332 |
| Ward 29 (22) | Mobuta Village Group | 209 |
| Ward 30 (23) | Agamusei and Owapei Village Groups | 234 |

APPENDIX 'C'Summary of Ward Development

1. The full Ward Development Compilation for the Piara Census Division is being submitted separately with the Local Government Survey. A brief summary of current assets and needs for each proposed Council Ward is recorded in the following pages.

2. The following details elaborate on the needs listed briefly in the Current Needs page:-

Radio Receivers - The Council could purchase a small number of good quality cheap receivers each year and distribute to each Ward.

Road Construction - Funds for the construction of the Piara Road would be through the Rural Development Programme with the Council's component being self help. It would not appear to be feasible to construct the Obura - Oraura Road past Kokenbila into the Piara but preferably towards Wonenara, where the greater demand lies.

Supply Coffee & Vegetable Seeds - The Council to obtain coffee seeds from D.A.S.F. and distribute to suitable interested areas. Assistance and guidance to be given by the Rural Development Assistant at Obura and Council's Agricultural Assistant. Vegetable seeds would probably have to be purchased by the Council.

Introduction of Fish and Poultry - Golden Carp fingerlings to be distributed to suitable Village Ponds from the Obura Holding Ponds. People wishing to purchase poultry could place orders through the Council.

Primary School - This is not recommended as two Mission Primary Schools at To'okena and Obura and proposed Administration Primary School at Bibe'ori should be sufficient for Obura area.

Coffee Huller - The people to contribute 50% of the cost of a coffee huller to the Council and the Council will purchase and supply the machine. The total cost of a coffee huller is in the vicinity of \$75.

WARD DEVELOPMENT - SUMMARY OF CURRENT WARD ASSETS

Ward No.	Main Village	Alienated Land		Agricultural		Male Adult Capita Income (estimated)	Mission	School	Road (Miles)	Rest House	Aid Post	Trade Store	Radio Recvr.
		Blocks	Hects.	Poultry	Coffee Trees.								
25(18)	Kokabila, Oraura(2)	-	-	-	200	\$4.00	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
26(19)	Pinata(1) & (2)	-	-	-	100	\$4.00	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
27(20)	Owenia, Waisara	-	-	-	100	\$4.00	-	-	-	2	-	-	3
28(21)	Tainaraba, Kairaba, Amoraba	-	-	Few	100	\$4.00	-	-	-	2	-	-	5
29(22)	Mobuta	-	-	-	1,000	\$6.00	SIL	SIL Language School	-	1	1	-	1
30(23)	Agamusei, Owapei	-	-	-	100	\$5.00	-	-	-	1	-	-	3

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WARD DEVELOPMENT - SUMMARY OF WARD NEEDS

Ward No.	Villages	Radio Receiver	Road Construction	Agricultural Development	Education	Livestock
25 (18)	Kokabila, Oraura (2)	1	Oraura-Mobuta	Supply coffee seeds & guidance	Primary School at Kokabila	
26 (19)	Pinata (1) & (2)	1	Oraura-Mobuta	Supply coffee seeds & guidance		Assistance with Poultry re-Introduction
27 (20)	Owenia, Waisara	1	Oraura-Mobuta	Supply coffee seeds & guidance		Assist with re introduction Poultry & fish ponds
28 (21)	Tainaraba, Kairaba, Amoraba	-	Oraura-Mobuta	Supply coffee seeds & guidance		Assist with introduction of poultry & fish ponds
29 (22)	Mobuta	1	Oraura-Mobuta	Supply subsidized coffee huller		
30 (23)	Agarusei, Owapei	-	Oraura-Mobuta	Supply coffee seeds & guidance		

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Summary on Political Education Topics

As the Obura Administration Interpreter did not join the patrol, considerable interpretation difficulties were encountered. This could be partly the reason for lack of comprehension of most of the political education topics and consequent low gathering.

- 1 Majority Rule -- Not discussed - most probably no comprehension.
2. Rule of Law -- Not discussed - most probably no comprehension.
- 3 Electoral process - Discussed and filmstrips of House of Assembly Elections shown, Some knowledge by few. Guidance required at elections. No comprehension of preferential system of voting.
- 4 Local Government - Only little comprehension by few of the theory or practice of local government due to lack of interest. Filmstrips shown on "Takis Bilong Kaunsil" with a suitable commentary for this area adapted.
- 5 Taxes --Some grasp by a few on the purpose of taxes. Most people afraid of taxes and consequently fear of council.
- 6 House of Assembly - No comprehension of House of Assembly except that few have heard of Mr. Casey MHA Kainantu, Mr. Muriso Warebu MHA Okapa and Mr Dennis Buchanan MHA Goroka Regional but unable to comprehend their functions.
- 7 Administration - Comprehension of this very parochial. The Administration is usually considered to be the officers at Obura, ADG at Marawaka, Okapa and Kainantu and District Commissioner in Goroka. Some unknown identities are in Port Moresby.
- 8 Courts and Law - Not discussed. People realize that "Government Laws" do exist and if broken, can be dealt with in the Local Court at Obura or sometimes patrols, resulting in fines or imprisonment.
- 9 Interest Groups
Political Parties - Not discussed - no comprehension could be expected of these people on such topics.
- 10 Self Government - No comprehension but fear of whatever it may be.
- 11 Independence - No comprehension, but believed to be similar to self government.

APPENDIX 'D'Political Education Topic and Assessment

1. The following is an assessment of political education topics discussed during the patrol. Only those topics which were discussed are assessed.

2. The number allocated to each Political Education topic is as follows:-

- 1 Majority Rule
- 2 Rule of Law
- 3 Electoral Process
- 4 Local Government
- 5 Taxes
- 6 House of Assembly and Ministerial Members
- 7 Administration
- 8 Courts and Law
- 9 Interest Groups and Political Parties
- 10 Self Government
- 11 Independence



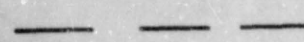
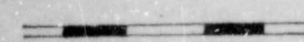








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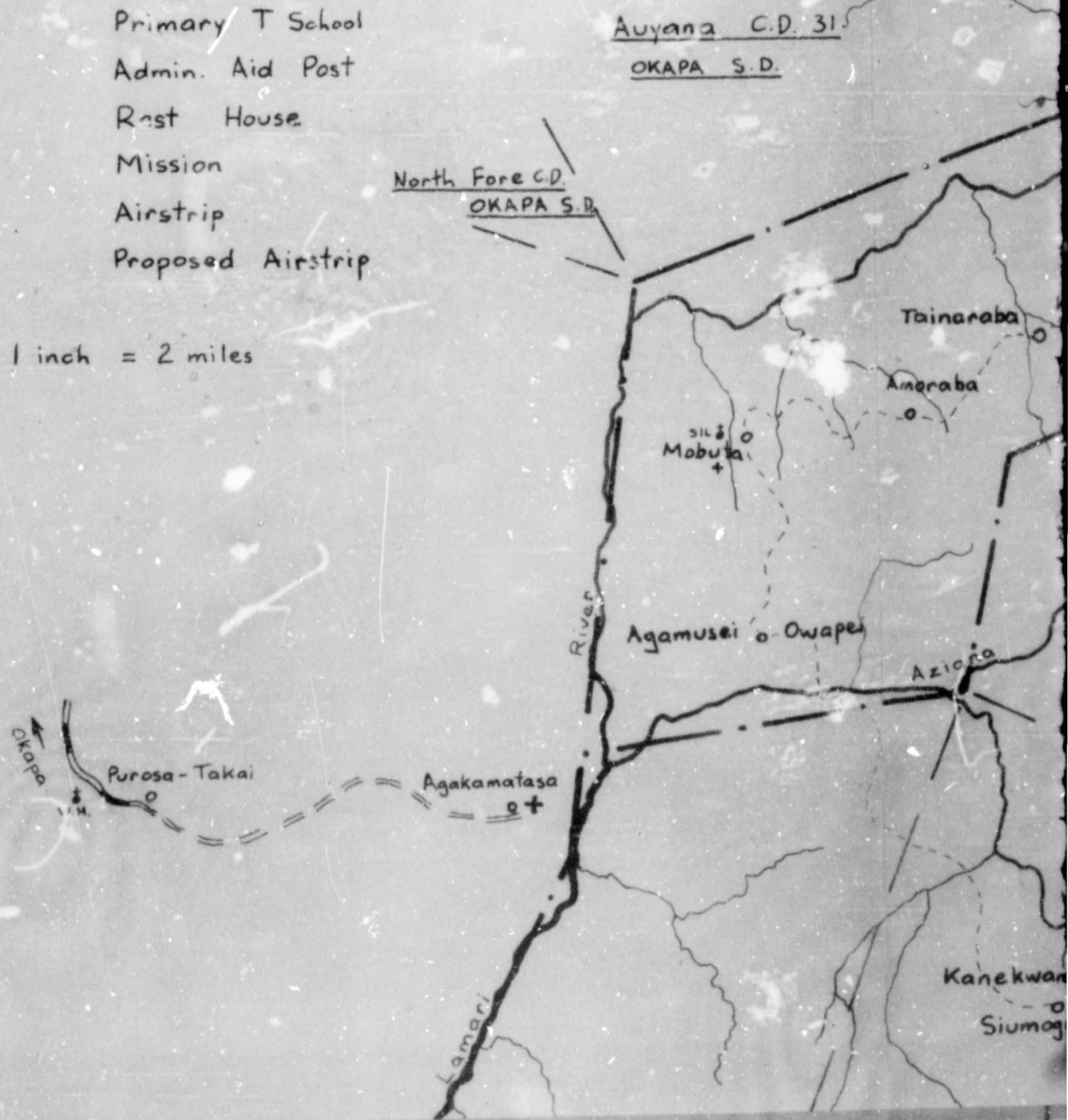
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Piara Census Division											
Village	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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Amoraba	-	-	C	C	C	C	C	-	-	C	C
Kairaba	-	-	B	C	C	C	B	-	-	C	C
Kokonbila	-	-	B	B	B	C	B	-	-	C	C
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Owapei	-	-	B	B	B	C	B	-	-	C	C
Cwenia	-	-	B	C	C	C	B	-	-	C	C
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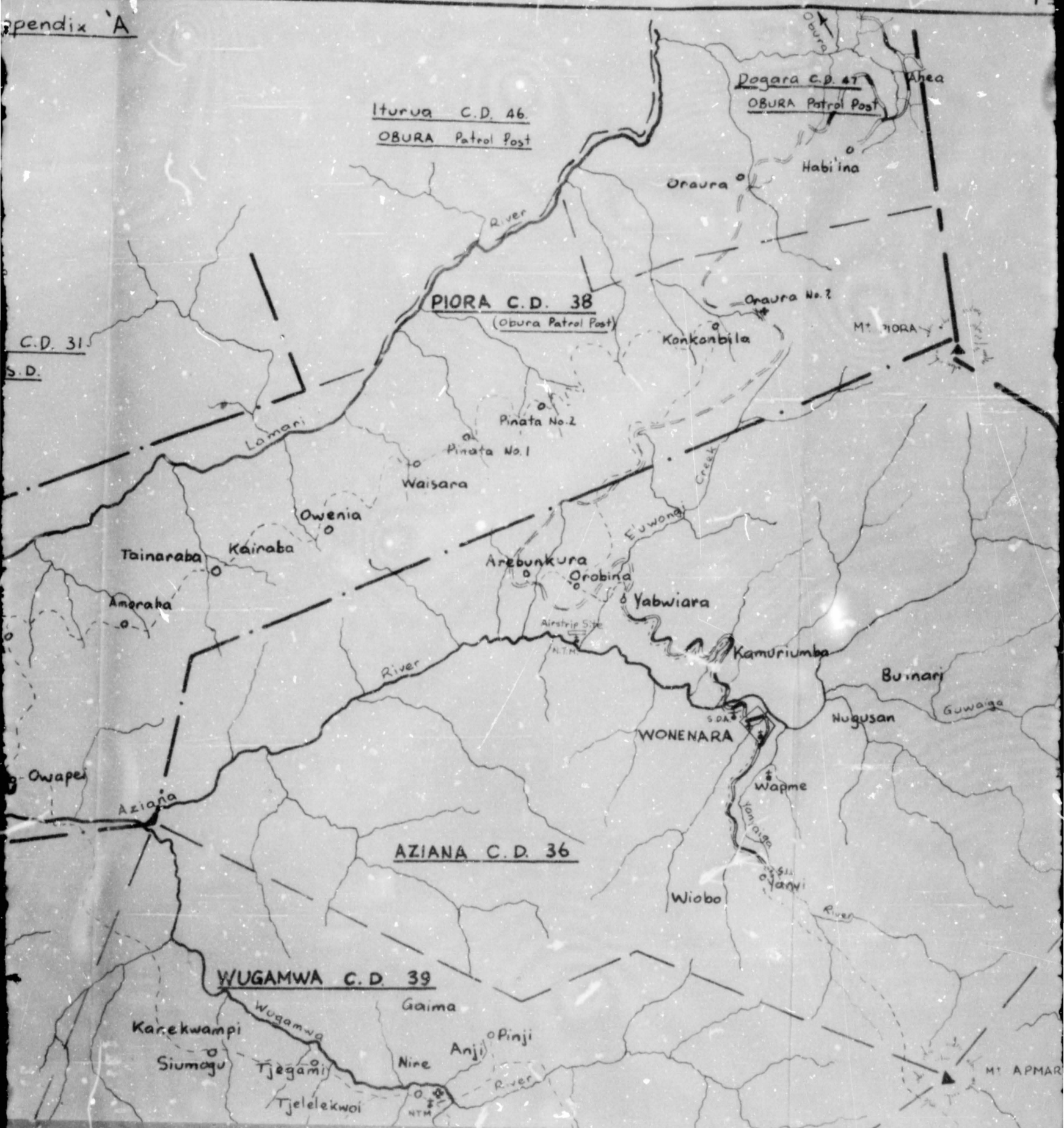
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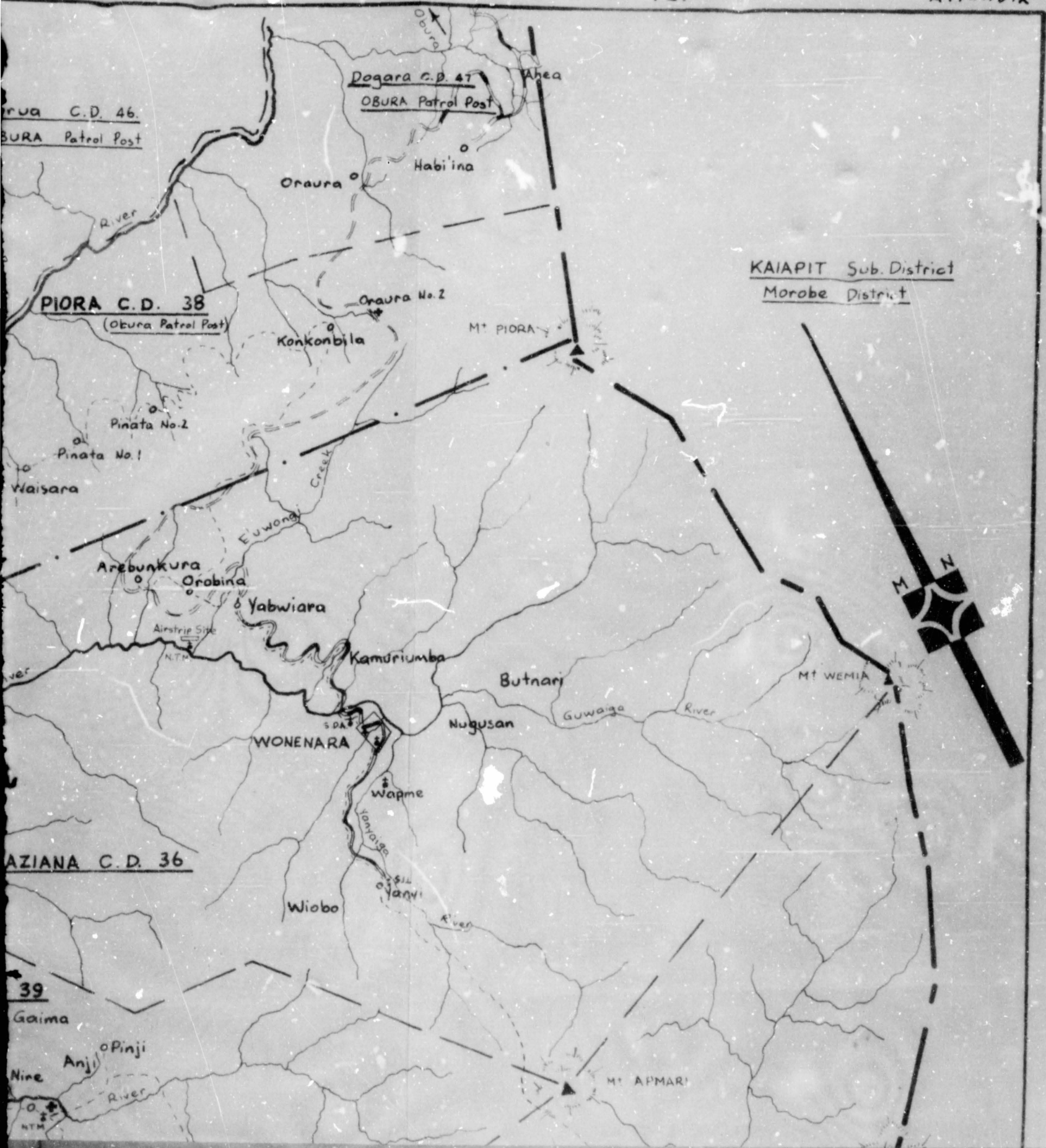
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-  Census Divn. Boundary
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-  Proposed Vehicular Road
-  Patrol Route
-  Primary T School
-  Admin. Aid Post
-  Rest House
-  Mission
-  Airstrip
-  Proposed Airstrip

Scale 1 inch = 2 miles



Appendix 'A'





Orua C.D. 46
OBURA Patrol Post

Dogara C.D. 47
OBURA Patrol Post

PIORA C.D. 38
(Okura Patrol Post)

KAIAPIT Sub. District
Morobe District

WONENARA
AZIANA C.D. 36

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Gaima

MT APMARI

MT WEMIA

Butnari

Nugusan

WONENARA

Wiobo

Wapme

Kamurumba

Yabwiara

Airstrip Site

Orabina

Arebunkura

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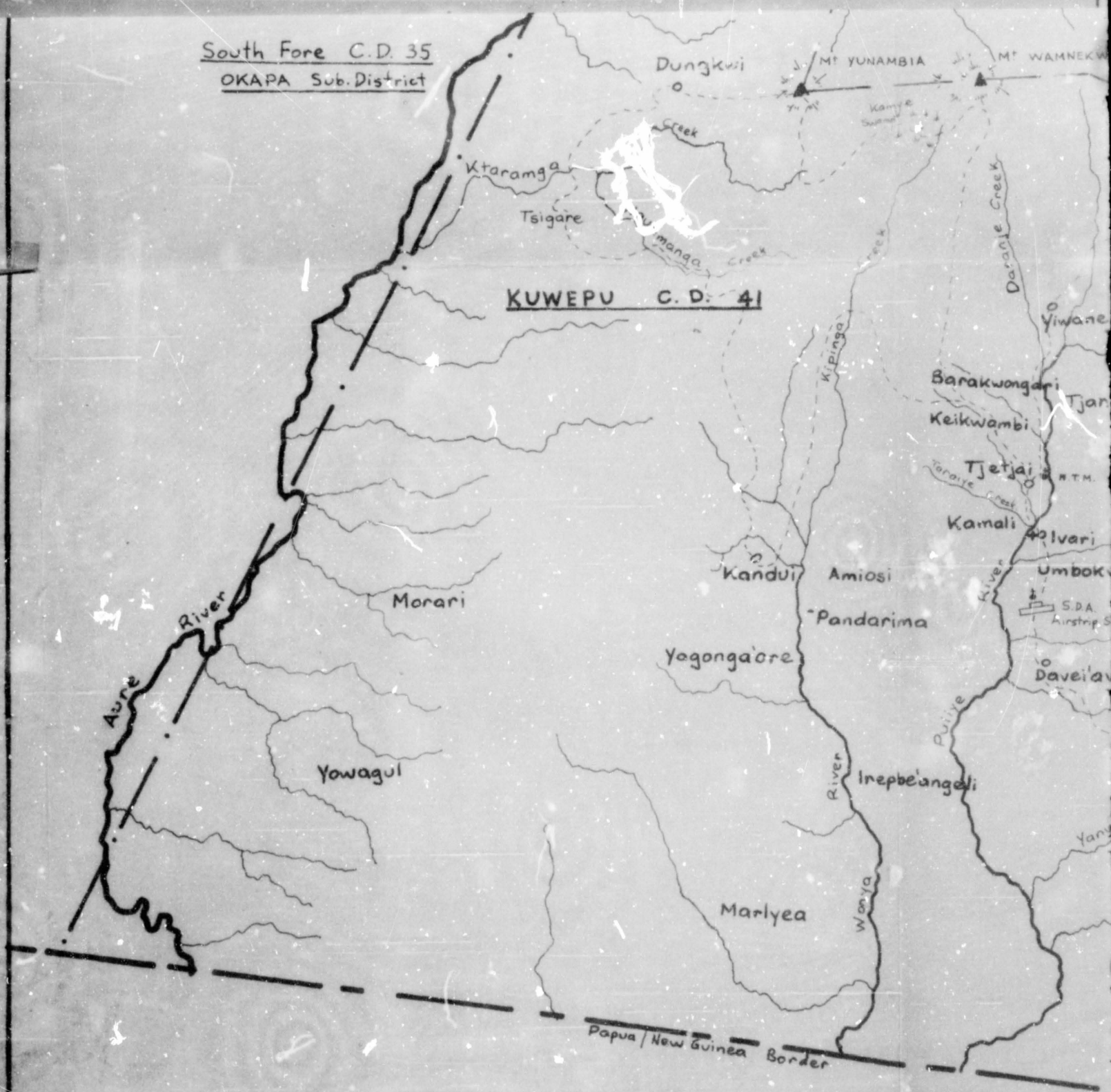
Habina

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Obura



South Fore C.D. 35
OKAPA Sub.District



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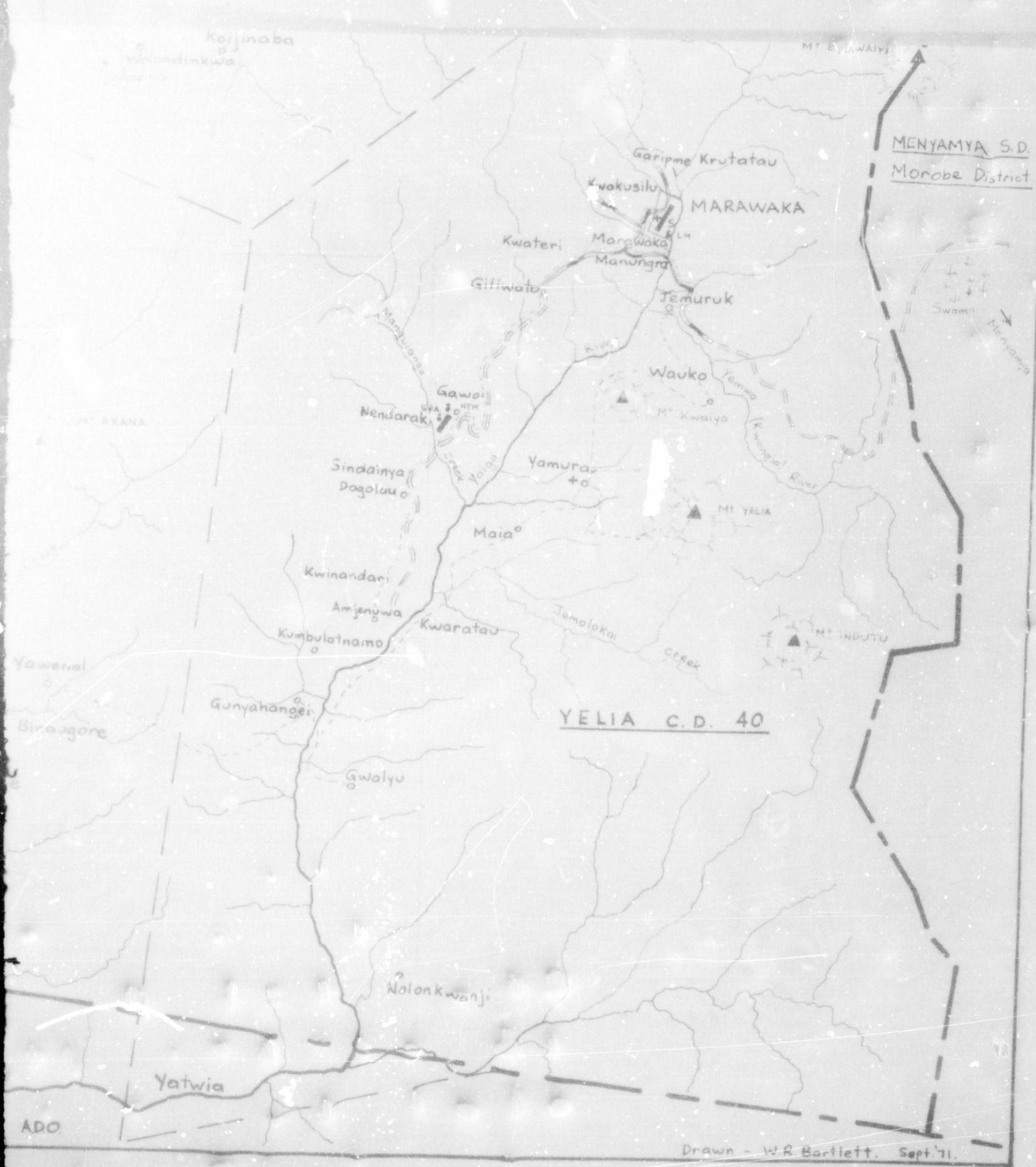
Papua / New Guinea Border

IHU Sub.District
Gulf District

Marawaka Patrol No. 2 of 1971.72
Obura Patrol No. 1 of 1971.72

July - September, 1971, Conducted by W.R.





ADO

Drawn - W.R. Bartlett, Sept '71.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number 3 OF 1971/1972

Subdistrict DOGARA C.D. KAINANTU SUBDISTRICT

District EASTERN HIGHLANDS

Type of Patrol CENSUS TAX COLLECTION

Patrol Conducted by R. BREW PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled DOGARA C.D.

(Council and/or

Census Division/s.)

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

TWO MEMBERS R.P.N.G.C.

ONE INTERPRETER

ONE COUNCIL CLERK

Duration of Patrol—from 23/9/71 to 26/10/71

No. of Days NINETEEN (19)

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: 12/5/71

Date Duration EIGHT DAYS

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) CENSUS REVISION

COUNCIL TAX COLLECTION

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Total Population of Area Patrolled 3142

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

20/12/1971

J. E. Fairclough
a/ District Commissioner.

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DISCOM
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Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
GOROKA, E.H.D.

11th August, 1972.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

ATTENDANCE BY COUNCILLORS LAMARI L.G.C.
MEETINGS

Attached herewith please find a copy of memorandum
LG42-6-19 undated received from the District Local Government
Officer, Goroka.

This document is pertinent to Situation Report No.1
of Obura Patrol Report No. 8 of 1971/72 and Obura Patrol No.3
of 1971/72.

Forwarded for your information, please.

J. P. Sinclair
(J. P. SINCLAIR)
District Commissioner

attach:

DISLOC
L342-6-10

Office of Local Government,
P.O. Box 246,
GOROKA.
Eastern Highlands District.

District Commissioner,
Eastern Highlands District,
GOROKA.

LAMARI L.G.C. MEETING - 7TH JUNE

Your 67-3-2 of the 26th July, 1972 refers.

2. Whilst the absence of Iturua Census Division Councillors from the meeting may be attributable in some measure to their being offended over lack of interest in their school opening. I fear that the real reasons for their reluctance to attend meetings are far more complex. One possibility is that the Council's meagre financial resources and its inability to accede to requests by Councillors for assistance with projects requested by the people may have a lot to do with it.

3. I intend to visit Obara during the first week in September, when the next Council meeting is due, and will discuss this possibility and any other reasons which may be put forward with such Councillors who may be present or contacted at the time. A report on the results will be forwarded as soon as possible thereafter.

(A.F. WADSWORTH)
(A.F. WADSWORTH)
District Local Government Officer.

(141)

The District Local Government Officer comments:-

"My personal view is that the long distances some of the Councillors have to walk, especially those in the Iturua Census Division, is the main reason for poor attendance. Perhaps bi-monthly, instead of monthly meetings, might be the answer?"

The question of bi-monthly meetings has been put to the Lamari Council before but was rejected. The matter will again be discussed with the Council and, as part of the exercise, the Councillors themselves will be asked to give their views on how interest can be revived and sustained in the low income council.

J.P. Sinclair
(J.P. SINCLAIR,)
District Commissioner.

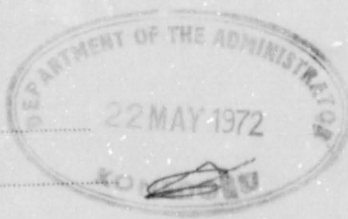


TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams DISCOM:
Telephone 67-14-2:
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If calling ask for
Mr.....



In Reply
Please Quote

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Department of the Administrator,

Division of District Administration,
P.O. Box 880,
COROKA - Eastern Highlands District.

16th May, 1972.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
P.O. Box 2396,
KONEDOBU, Papua.

Obura Patrol No. 3 - 1971/72.

Your memorandum 67-13-26 of the 19th January, 1972, refers.

The following information has been provided by the Patrol Officer-in-Charge, Obura Patrol Post:-

Lamari Council.

a) Attendance: (Council membership is 25)

- 1) November - 11
- 2) December - 16
- 3) January - 14
- 4) February - 14
- 5) March - 16
- 6) April - 14
- 7) May - 16

b) Meeting Allowances:

The Councillor's allowance is \$1.00 per month. If a Councillor fails to attend a meeting and no reason is offered, no allowance is paid. If he advises the Clerk, either in writing or orally, of his inability to attend, he is entitled to receive 50%.

c) Engendering of interest:

It is difficult to do a great deal to get the Councillors more interested; I have spoken to them on several occasions about failure to appear etc., and they always agree that it is a bad thing and that everyone should turn up, but rarely do we get a good roll up for meetings. Part of the problem is the distance they have to travel. Next year allowances are to be doubled to \$2.00 per meeting and perhaps this will help a little.

OA:MG

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P.O. Box 2396,
KONEDOBU.

67-13-26

19th January, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Eastern Highlands District,
GOROKA.

OBURA PATROL NO.3 OF 1971-72.

Your reference 67-14-2 of 20/12/71.

2. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report by Mr. R. Brew of the DOGARA Census Division.

3. It is disturbing that the Lamari Council is losing popularity as a representative body.

4. Please supply me with details of:

- (a) The attendance at the November and subsequent meetings;
- (b) The Councils policy towards meeting allowances, and withholding of these, if applicable;
- (c) Steps being taken by your Local Government Staff to engender more interest in Council affairs.

5. Positive action seems warranted.

(S.J. PEARSALL)
a/Secretary.

DIBCOM
67-14-2



Division of District Administration,

GOROKA - Eastern Highlands District.

20th December, 1971.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,

KAINANTU E.H.D.

REPORT OBURA PATROL NO. 3 OF 1970/71.

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of the above report submitted by Mr. R. Brew Officer-in-Charge Obura Patrol Post, together with your comments.

It is noted this is the same area as was the concern of Mr. McIlwain when he conducted a patrol to the Bogara Division. Mr. McIlwain was supposed to complete a feasibility survey for the To-okena - Tumbuna road but failed to do so. It was to be one of Mr. Brew's tasks to complete this report but I have no record of this being done.

Some of the expression used in this report is loose and I advise Mr. Brew not to use informal language, verging on the facetious, in his comments in paragraph 11, on the current member of the House of Assembly for Kainantu.

For your information please.

(D.E. FAITHFUL)
A/g District Commissioner.

c.c.

Mr. R. Brew,
Patrol Post,
OKAPA E.H.D.

MINUTE TO:

Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU PAPUA.

Attached please find original and one copy of the above report together with comments from the Assistant District Commissioner. The patrol map is attached to the original copy of the report.

For your information please.


D.E. Faithful
(D.E. FAITHFUL)
A/g District Commissioner.

Enclosure.

Minute to:

District Commissioner,
District Office,
P.O. Box 880,
GOROKA. E.H.D.

1. The report was received here on the 1st December. I can see no reason for this. I will forward the P.E. summary when it comes to hand. I have little comment to make except that there is little change from the previous year.


(R.C. Hall)
Assistant District Commissioner.

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RCH:DM

Sub-District Office,
KAINANTU. E.H.D.

6th December, 1971.

Mr. R. Brew,
Patrol Post,
OBURA.

COMMENTS OBURA PATROL NO. 3 - 71/72

1. Thank you for your report. Some comments follow and bracketed numbers refer to your paragraphs in the report.

(7) Positive attitudes will grow only with positive results. I don't think that we can expect Councillors who know very little about Councils to be over enthusiastic especially as they do not realize the influence they can have.

(9) Another course will have to wait until after the elections. Raise the matter mid-March 1972 please.

(15-16) The new school at Bibeeri should be opening next year. This will give some educational opportunities to those people in the Iturua Census Division. I hope they give the same support as the people in the Dogara.

(22) The Development Bank Representative has advised that he has received applications for six loans from the Obura area. If they go through this should help boost the economy.

(23) I will check with D.A.S.F. concerning the projects mentioned by the D.R.D.O.

(24) We have already discussed the need to repeg certain sections of the road. It is imperative that the road is built to a reasonable standard in the first place.

2. Although I did not issue patrol instructions you should know by now that the following requirements stand for all patrols :-

(a) Report to be in my hands within two weeks of your return to the station. Failure to comply with this will be regarded seriously in future.

(b) A Political Education summary is required at an appendix to all reports. Please forward the appendix for this patrol.

(c) Five copies of your report are required at Kainantu.

(R.G. Hill)
Assistant District Commissioner.

OBURA PATROL NO. 3 OF 1971/1972

DOGARA CENSUS DIVISION

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PATROL DIARY

Day 1
28/9/71

General office work - census/tax collection
KAURONA line.

Slept KAURONA.

Day 2
29/9/71

General office work - census/tax collection
YONURA group. Village inspection.

Slept YONURA

Day 3
30/9/71

General office work. Census/tax collection
KURANUMBURA. Village inspection.

Slept KURANUMBURA

Day 4
11/10/71

Preparing for and departing on patrol, to
ASARA R.H. Setting up camp and general
discussions.

Slept ASARA R.H.

Day 5
12/10/71

Census of ASARA - Council tax collected.
Political education talks. Village
inspection.

Slept ASARA R.H.

Day 6
13/10/71

To HIMARATA R.H. (1½ hr.). Setting up
camp, Census/tax collection. Political
education talk.

Slept HIMARATA R.H.

Day 7
14/10/71

Village inspection. General talks with
Councillor and people. Council books re
financial statement, balancing Census figures.

Slept HIMARATA R.H.

Day 8
15/10/71

To ORAURA R.H. (1½ hrs.). Setting up
camp. Talks with Councillor and villagers
supervising part construction new house police.

Slept ORAURA R.H.

Day 9
16/10/71

Attempting to balance Council books for
October financial statement. Talks with
people. Still working on new house police.

Slept ORAURA R.H.

Day 10
17/10/71

Census/tax collection of ORAURA. Political
Education and general talks to people.
Completing draft of Situation Report, Kainantu

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patrol No. 7.

Slept OPAURA R.H.

Day 11
18/10/71

Assisting and supervising work on TO'OKENA/ OPAURA road. Part draft then study Kainantu patrol. General talks with people.

Slept OPAURA R.H.

Day 12
19/10/71

To HABI'INA (2 1/2 hrs.). Setting up camp - discussions with people. Census/tax collection. Political education address. General and political discussions at night with people.

Slept HABI'INA R.H.

Day 13
20/10/71

Local Court hearing. Riotous behaviour. General native complaints. Village inspection.

Slept HABI'INA R.H.

Day 14
21/10/71

To AHEA R.H. Setting up camp, discussions with people. Political Education talk. Census/tax collection. Discussions with Councillor and people.

Slept AHEA R.H.

Day 15
22/10/71

Assisting and supervising road repairs, with AHEA people. Village inspection.

Slept AHEA R.H.

Day 16
23/10/71

To TO'OKENA R.H. Setting up camp general talks with people. Census/tax collection.

Slept TO'OKENA R.H.

Day 17
24/10/71

Sunday - General talks with people. Balance observed.

Slept TO'OKENA R.H.

Day 18
25/10/71

Supervising repairs and maintenance to TO'OKENA/AHEA road. To ANIMA, talks with Councillor and people. Local Court hearings - riotous behaviour and unlawfully striking.

Slept TO'OKENA R.H.

Day 19
26/10/71

ANIMA R.H. Setting up camp - general talks with Councillor and people. Census/tax collection. Political education discussion. Native complaints.

Slept ANIMA R.H.

27/10/71

Returned to OBUVA - End of Patrol.

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SITUATION REPORT

(a) INTRODUCTION

1. This patrol was undertaken to revise the Census statistics for the Census Division and to finalize the collection of tax for the Lamari Local Government Council. Both of these functions have been carried out.

2. The Gogara is the central Census Division for the OBURA Administrative area, and the KAINANTU/OBURA road runs right through the Census Division. The topography of the area is one of steep, kunai covered mountain slopes, upon the ridges of which the people have settled. The reverse slopes and tops of the mountains are heavily forested and therefore uninhabited. The Dogara is bordered on the East by the Kiapit Sub-District, and there are trade routes into the region over the mountains.

3. As at the completion of the patrol, the total population of the area is now 3442, an increase of some 114 persons since last year's total of 3028.

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(b) POLITICAL
LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL AND COUNCILLORS

4. The Lamari Local Government Council has been established and operating in the area since 1967. At the present time there is little or no concept or understanding of the principal functions and aims of the Council. To the people it is merely another adjunct of the Administration, and there is no feeling of the Lamari Council being 'their' council in its own right, controlled by the people, for the benefit of the area as a whole. The presence of the Patrol Officer-in-Charge as Advisor to the Council only enhances this belief, especially amongst the Councillors themselves. The circumstances make this arrangement the only practicable one however, and I feel that the people are too disinterested and uninformed about the relationship of the 'office', to the Council.

5. The Council appears to have been accepted by the people, but due to its low revenue, it is not possible for a great amount of work to be done. What money there is available is spent on Capital Works to the greatest extent possible. This means that people can see where their tax is being spent. As the present rate is only \$2.00 per head for adult males, the problem of people expecting too much return for their tax, as is found with larger Councils is not evident here as yet. No trouble was experienced with tax collection, and to date no defaulters have come to light.

6. One of the major problems found in the operation of the Council is to engender some spark of interest or enthusiasm from amongst the Councillors. Of late there has been considerable difficulty in getting enough members at a meeting to form a quorum. The September meeting was missed for this reason, and now the November meeting has been deferred for a week. Even if the required 13 turn up, it is not a very good thing for a Council to operate with a 50% absence rate. Discussion has been held in order to try to make the Councillors aware of their responsibility to attend, but despite their agreement with these sentiments at the last meeting most of them didn't turn up this time. Those that did came a day late after the Government van went around and informed them that a meeting was due.

7. I consider this to be a very serious matter for the Councils, and one wonders just what steps can be taken to instill a more positive attitude on the part of the Councillors. Even after four years of Council operation the Councillors almost to a man, still do not make any effort to keep track of the weeks that go by. Every time the talk has to be sent out, which is a tedious process throughout the Dogora but the Isarua which has no road access, poses greater difficulties. In my view anyway, there should be no need for the G.L.C. to go to such lengths just to get sufficient members to attend so that business may be conducted.

8. When the meeting re-convenes next week, the matter will be raised again to the Councillors. If no improvement can be wrought by the members themselves, I feel that some action will have to be taken to bring the importance of the Council to the future of the area, to the attention of the Councillors and people. Perhaps even by suspending it for a short while.

9. Earlier in the year, a group of Councillors from here attended a course conducted by the A.D.C. Kainantu and also by the Political Education Officer from Goroka. This course was designed to show the larger Councils in operation, and also

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to try and explain the mechanics of operation to the Councillors. It is a bit much to expect any result from one short course, but I feel that a series of such courses over a period of twelve months might make the Councillors feel as if they are actually involved in Local Government, rather than just tagging along.

(c) HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY AND MEMBERS

10. Ideas and concepts of the House of Assembly, if they exist, are based upon the vague conception that the people have of the Local Government. The Council, and ergo, the House is a meeting place where the Councillors, (members), on the grievances of their constituents, and try to get money for roads and bridges etc., out of the Government. There is nothing wrong with this simple idea, except that it does not contain, nor does it readily amend itself to contain, such ideas as National Government, Unity and Identity at facet of Government that field officers are expected to expound at all opportunities. To do so with a notable lack of success but in view of the divided groups a field officer works among, it is hardly surprising.

11. Mr. N.M. Casey has the honour of being the incumbent for the Kainantu Open and consequently the Obura area. He has apparently found his business interests too pressing to be able to visit Obura, except when he came out a couple of times to democratically assist in the construction of a trade store on his lease. People are rather aware of this, and, with a new electorate having been declared they are very pleased that a person from either Obura or Krawaka will most likely end up as their member. At almost every opportunity, it is good that we will have our own member, I have tried a European and drawn a dud, so we will now try one of our people.

12. People think of a member as a go between from the House and themselves, and this is why they place such importance on contact with him. They vote him in to tell the Government their troubles, and then to return and bring the talk of the Government back to them. Mr. Casey, being a more senior citizen would have great difficulty getting to the site of many of the villages, although this is what the people expect.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

13. With the House of Assembly Elections drawing nearer, two budding members have appeared. They are ONAIKUTA/REIBI, government interpreter and one MESSLEY/MATAORA, a Seventh Day Adventist Missionary. Both of these men have indicated a desire to stand, and, whilst neither has as yet embarked on a full scale electioneering campaign, they undoubtedly will once their nominations have been accepted.

(d) SOCIAL

HEALTH AND EDUCATION

The Swiss Evangelical Brotherhood Mission operates two Aid Posts and two Primary 'P' Schools within the Dogara, one at Obura and the other at To'okena. Both Aid Posts are staffed by trained European sisters, with native trainee assistants. The facilities provided, which include M.C.H. clinics and patrols are excellent, and have caused a sharp improvement in the overall health of the people compared to a few years ago. People come to the Aid Posts for treatment for all minor ailments but more serious things are initially treated by traditional methods in many cases only reaching the aid post when it is often too late. This stems of course from the peoples ignorance of germ and bacterial infection, they often blaming sickness on sorcery.

15. The schools are also operating well with little or no trouble with children being absent without excuses. Parents give a reasonable amount of aid and assistance in the maintenance of the school and mission buildings. The missions also conduct bible and adult literacy classes, all of which help to improve the general educational standards of the area.

16.	<u>TO'OKENA</u>	<u>STD.</u>	<u>BOYS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
		1	35	11	46
		2	28	20	48
		4	19	14	33
		5	25	4	29
			<u>107</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>156</u>
	<u>OBURA</u>	<u>STD.</u>	<u>BOYS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
		1	28	7	37
		3	29	13	42
		4	17	6	23
			<u>74</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>102</u>

17. Next year To'okena school expects to have a Standard 6, after which some of the successful students will be sent off to the Mission High School.

(e) MISSIONS

18. The S.E.B.M. has been established in the area since 1961 at To'okena, and 1964 at Obura. The mission has concentrated on building up the stations, schools and Aid Posts, rather than beating the drums and attempting to convert the entire population overnight. They have therefore managed to build up a good relationship with the people who respect the mission, and are grateful for the services provided. The mission is now beginning to develop its evangelistic work. An Evangelist has now been established at Oraura, and the Obura mission has finally gotten around to completing its church which has been standing half finished for a long time.

(f) LAW AND ORDER

19. Generally people take their disputes to the Councilior or Committee, and if they cannot settle, matters are referred to the Police for arbitration or prosecution as necessary. Even minor disputes however can erupt into violence, be it between separate lines, or brothers in the same group. The idea of Rule of Law is not one which is generally commended by the people although there is a good deal of respect for the Police in the area.

(g) ECONOMY

20. The only cash crop and therefore the mainstay of the economy, is coffee. A D.A.S.F. survey of the Obura area in 1970, resulted in a count of some 63,000 productive trees in the area. Plantings in nurseries have been kept up, and the figure will be increasing the production for these trees should be about 65,000 lbs. of parchment. Obura coffee is fairly good for native produced coffee but the distance from Kaimantua results in lower prices, by about 2¢ per lb. Prices are about 10¢ to 12¢ per lb. according to the drivers, but in many instances the people get less than this, they are at present too unsophisticated to be able to check on the drivers calculations.

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21. One small cattle project is operated by the Swiss Mission at To'okena, two of its half dozen cattle being owned by the Mission, and the rest by local people. This project is doing well enough, and the cattle are in good condition. The Mission also has three sheep in a small paddock on their lease, and they too are doing well.

22. The people are very keen for any such development and I have received an enquiry from Councillor Nati from To'okena, as to whether it might be possible for his group to set up a small cattle and sheep project possibly with Development Bank assistance. The Lamari Local Government Council is presently awaiting advice from the district Rural Development Officer as to the practicability of standing small scale sheep projects in the area. One not inconsiderable drawback to future development is the lack of capital within the area, it is not possible for any one individual to set himself up in a business, as he would not have sufficient money. As a member of a group it would be possible, but this leads to other problems of division of profits, and allowances for labour etc.

23. The main future of the area would appear to be in coffee and the future in that crop depends almost exclusively on the improvement of the existing OBURA/KAINANTU road. With improved road access it may be possible to get an increase in prices, and thus a greater economic incentive for the overall development. At a recent visit to the Lamari Local Government Council meeting the D.R.D.O. mentioned the possibility of peppers as a small scale crop. As he is also looking into the possibility of sheep projects, his eventual report may open up new avenues of economic venture for the people.

(h) ROADS AND BRIDGES

24. There is a road running throughout the entire Census Division, Oraura being the only place, along with Himarata, that is not within half an hour of a roadhead. The Council is presently constructing a road to Oraura, which is some 70% completed. The road is fairly new having been completed in the last couple of years and its surface is very rough, and with continued rain, virtually impossible. There are extreme slopes to be contended with, and these do not make it any easier. Coffee cars with heavy loads mean that maintenance has to be kept up all the time, especially on the smaller bridges and culverts, if the road is to be kept open.

(i) NON INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT

25. The only non indigenous development in the area is in the form of two trade stores near Obura station. One is owned by Jascar Pty. Ltd., and the other by Bena Coffee Lands.

(R. Brew)
PATROL OFFICER

† Aid Post

• R.H.

— main road.

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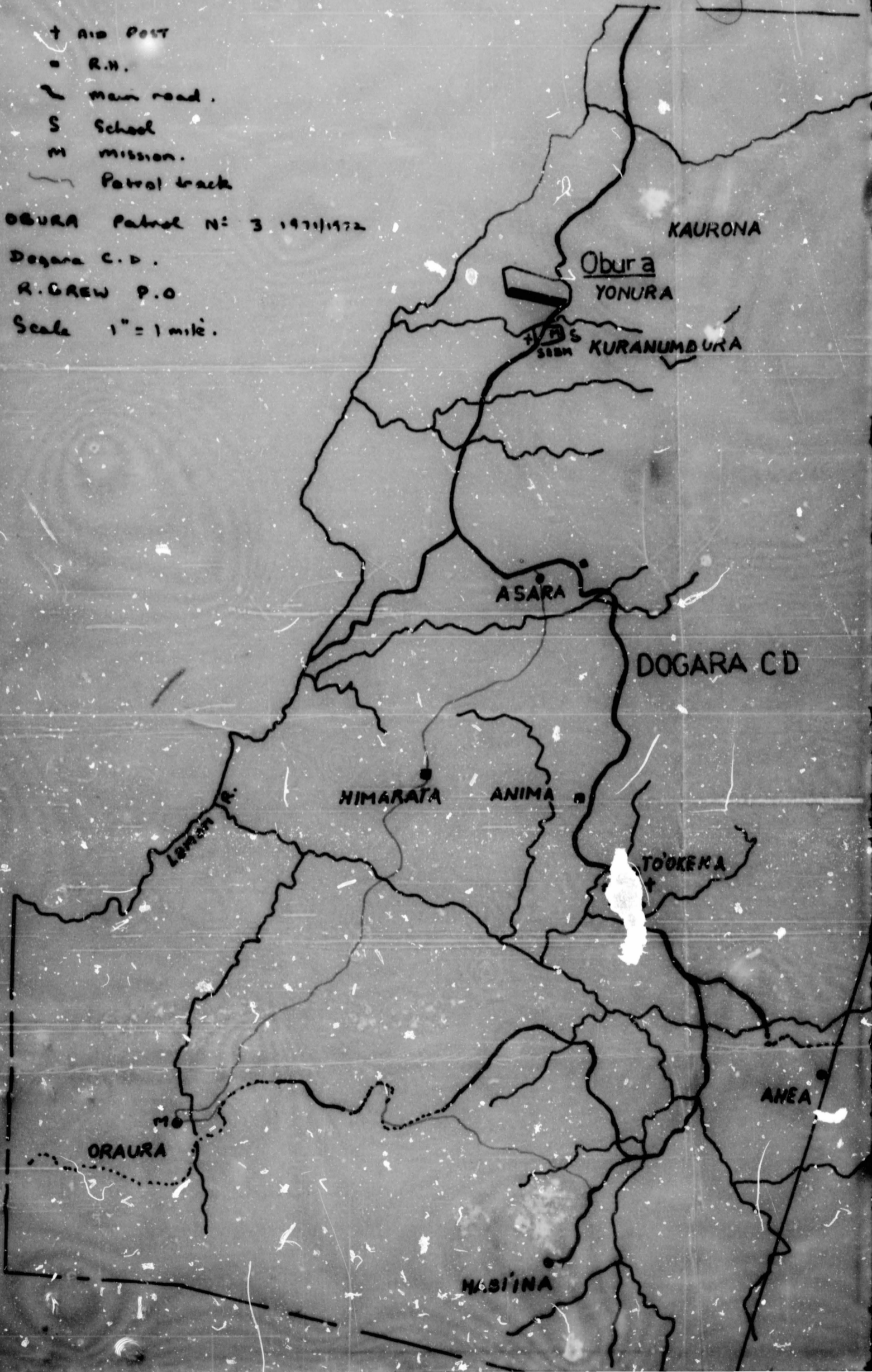
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OBURA Patrol N: 3 1971/1972

Dogara C.D.

R. GREW P.O.

Scale 1" = 1 mile.



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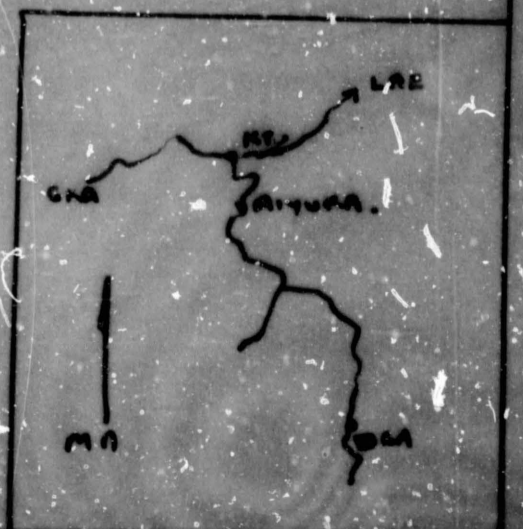
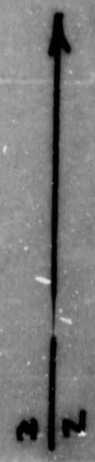
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... OBURA NO. 4 OF 1971/72

Subdistrict..... IJURA CENSUS DIVISION - KATHAMBU SUB-DISTRICT

District..... EASTERN HIGHLANDS

Type of Patrol..... CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL AT BIREORI & LAND INVESTIGATION

Patrol Conducted by..... T.M. WATH (A.P.O.)

Area Patrolled } IJURA CENSUS DIVISION
(Council and/or)
Census Division/s.)

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

TWO MEMBERS R.P.N.G.C.

Duration of Patrol—from 6/12 /71 to 14/12 /71 - 15/12/71 to 18/12/71

No. of Days..... 13 DAYS

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: 26/9/71 - OBURA NO. 3 - 71/72

Date..... Duration 12 DAYS

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL AT BIREORI
LAND INVESTIGATIONS FOR NEW SCHOOL AND AID POST AT
KONTORA
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 2934

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

22/3/1972

District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... OBURA NO. 4 OF 1971/72

Subdistrict..... ITURA CENSUS DIVISION - KAIMANU SUB-DISTRICT

District..... EASTERN HIGHLANDS

Type of Patrol..... CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL AT BIBEORI & LAND INVESTIGATION

Patrol Conducted by..... T.M. WATH (A.P.O.)

Area Patrolled
(Council and/or
Census Division/s.) } ITURA CENSUS DIVISION

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

TWO MEMBERS R.P.N.G.C.

Duration of Patrol—from 6/12/71 to 14/12/71 - 15/12/71 to 18/12/71

No. of Days..... 13 DAYS

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: 28/9/71 - OBURA NO. 3 - 21/72

Date..... Duration..... 19 DAYS

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL AT BIBEORI
LAND INVESTIGATIONS FOR NEW SCHOOL AND AID POST AT
KONISOLA
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 2924

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

22/ 3 /1972

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District Commissioner.

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Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
GONOKA, Eastern Highlands District.

11th April, 1972.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KOBELOBU.

OBURA PATROLS NOS. 1 AND 4 OF 1971/72
AND
OKAPA PATROLS NOS. 5 AND 8 OF 1971/72.

I refer to your several memoranda as listed hereunder:
67-13-55 of the 24th March, 1972, 67-13-53 of the 27th March,
67-13-58 of the 29th March, 1972, 67-13-57 of the 28th March.

I would like to offer my sincere regrets and apologies for the very late submission of the patrol reports mentioned above. I am fully aware that the value of a patrol report diminishes to almost vanishing point if the report is months overdue in submission.

I will not enter into any excuses for the delays, which have basically stemmed from the fact that I have operated for a very considerable time without a Deputy District Commissioner.

I intend to see that your instructions in regard to patrol reports are rigidly adhered to in the future, and I hope it will not be necessary for you to again comment on such unpardonable delays on reports from this District.

(S.P. BIRLAIR)
A/c. District Commissioner

Poor Copy of
the Original

JAW/JK

P.O. Box 2396 - KONEBORU

67-13-57

28th March, 1972

The District Commissioner
Eastern Highlands District
GOROKA.

OBURA PATROL NO. 1 of 1971/72

ITURA CENSUS DIVISION

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by MR. T.M. WALSH, A.P.O. to the ITURA Census Divisions, together with covering comments from yourself and the A.D.C. KAINANTU.

Mr. Walsh states that 'Political Education discussions were not emphasised on this patrol', which is contra to his patrol instructions. Please draw Mr. Walsh's attention to this omission and ensure that he understands that every opportunity must be seized upon to disseminate political education information, including patrols of the type he has just conducted.

I am surprised to read that news of the violence at KAWAINA No. 1 was first received at OBURA (one days walk away) 15 days after it occurred. I do not agree that Police patrols are the only answer; obviously what is required is a step-up in patrolling of the area, more than just the two visits there so far this year. The advantage of having an officer in the area is that situations can be recognised and resolved on the spot before they degenerate into violence. Would you please give me a brief up-dated report on the area as it is at present.

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2.

Police are to be used only for Police duties, not as mentioned in paragraph 4 of Appendix 'A'.

The patrol was only a short one, but it is encouraging to see that Mr. Walsh has included material in his report not only pertaining to the objectives he had to carry out. Unfortunately, like the report on OBURA patrol No. 1-71/72, it has been far too long since the patrol was completed to when I finally received the report.

It is acknowledged with interest that the report submitted by Mr. Walsh, Assistant Patrol Officer, together with your comments.

The patrol appeared successful in completing its objectives and the report is adequate for a patrol of this relatively short duration. It is apparent from the report that traditional objectives are still in the mind, they are the primary considerations and (T.W. ELLIS) Secretary

Paragraph 13 is an error, however, it would be that there is a legitimate system of discipline and control, such as it now is, and the responsibility by the large words describe the situation and not have developed in the first place.

I suggest that if you have any further comments on the enclosed paragraphs, please let me know.

Very truly yours,
Assistant Patrol Officer

Enclosure

Very truly yours,
T.W. ELLIS

Assistant Patrol Officer

Enclosure

Very truly yours,
T.W. ELLIS

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Division of District Administration,
P.O. Box 880 - GOROKA.

22nd March, 1972.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KAINANTU.

REPORT OBURA PATROL NO.4 OF 1971/1972

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of the above report submitted by Mr. T. Walsh, Assistant Patrol Officer together with your comments.

The patrol appeared successful in completing its objectives and the report is adequate for a patrol of such relatively short duration. It is apparent from the report the traditional big men are still in the ascendancy over the younger councillors and much development in many areas has yet to take place.

Paragraph 13 is of some interest. It could be had there been a legitimate system of disputes settlement such as is now the subject of enquiry by the Village Courts Committee the situation may not have developed as in fact it did.

I suggest that if you have not already done so you discuss paragraph 14 with the Officer-in-charge Police, Kainantu.

(J.P. Sinclair)
Ag/District Commissioner

MINUTE TO /

Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KOROROBU.

Attached please find the original and one copy of the above report together with copies of instructions and comments from the Assistant District Commissioner. Original of the patrol map is also attached. The report was compiled under the former style of report compilation.

J.P. Sinclair
(J.P. Sinclair)
Ag/District Commissioner

67-2-6
PATROL REPORT 4-71/72

RJH:DM

Sub-District Office,
KAINANTU. E.H.D.

3rd February, 1972.

Mr. T. Walsh,
KAINANTU.

OBURA PATROL NO. 4 - 71/72

1. Thank you for your report recently submitted. Bracketed numbers refer to your paragraph numbers.

(5-6) That there is a gap between Obura "big men" and the Councillors is probably due to the fact that the Council is just not seen as answering any needs of the people. In addition that the elders are still so powerful and are helpful means that they do not feel threatened by the Council. In Kappantu it is starting to become the reverse. The amount of help received by a Council from the people in the Ward is directly proportional to the usefulness of the project felt by the people. It would appear that the school touched on a need seen by the community as being essential to their well being. I believe that with many Councils we must explain again and again their functions and encourage at all times discussion of problems which affect village people.

(11) P.H/D. are at last recognising the lack of health facilities and should be able to man all Obura Aid Posts in the future.

(15-18) The Development Bank and D.A.S.F. between them have recommended loans for 6 cattle projects in the Obura area.

2. When writing reports in future concentrate on attitudes rather than facts. Read some reports submitted by Messrs. Pile and Buising.

(R.C. Hill)

Assistant District Commissioner.

Minute to:

District Commissioner,
GORCKA.

1. Copies of report are forwarded. The land investigations will be yours shortly.

(R.C. Hill)

Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Patrol Officer,
OBURA.

1. One copy of the report for your records please.

(R.C. Hill)
A.D.C.

67-2-6

RCH:DM

Sub-District Office,
KAINANTU. E.H.D.

3rd December, 1971.

Mr. T. Walsh,
KAINANTU.

OBURA PATROL NO. 4 - 71/72.

1. Please depart for Obura on Sunday 4th December where I want you to overnight and discuss your Patrol with Mr. Brew.

2. Whilst in the Iturua Census Division you will be required to :-

- (a) Build the school and school teachers house at Bibeori.
- (b) Investigate land for alienation at both Bibeori for the school and Kouboro for an Aid Post.
- (c) Political Education is to touch on the mechanics of voting, electorates etc.
- (d) Routine Administration in the settlement of disputes etc.

3. Return to the station by 18th or 19th of December. If the school buildings are not finished you will be required to return after Christmas. All buildings must be finished by 15th December. Draw an advance from Kainantu.

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R.
(R.C. Hill)

Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. District Commissioner,
District Office,
S. B. C. E. E.H.D.

c.c. Patrol Officer,
Patrol Post,
OBURA.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KAINANTU. E.H.D.

OBURA PATROL NO. 4 - 1971/72 - ITURA
CENSUS DIVISION (CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL
OF BIBEORI)

INTRODUCTION

1. In accordance with written instructions received from the Assistant District Commissioner, Kainantu, Obura Patrol No. 4 1971/72 commenced on 5/12/71. The prime objective of the Patrol was to construct a school at Bibeori. Other aims were as set out on copies of the patrol instructions attached hereto.
2. The patrol was accompanied by two members of the R.P.N.G.C. On the 14th of December the Patrol returned to Kainantu for one night to obtain building materials.

GEOGRAPHY

Census

3. The Itura Division is situated in the Obura Patrol area on the Western side of the Lamari River. The Division is bordered by the other two Census Divisions of Obura, (Dogara and Fiara) the Auyana Census Division of Okapa to the West and the Tairora Census Division to the North. The Itura is a rugged area. From the Lamari River (4-5000') it rises to montane forest areas at 6 to 7,000 feet. The majority of the population lives on ridges just below the forest line. There are 13 census units with a total population of 3,000 scattered through the Division.

GENERAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

4. The Itura Census Division is isolated. There are no roads and the economic development in the area is practically nil. Consequently social and political development is slow. The main agent of change is the Lamari Local Government Council.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

5. The Lamari Local Government Council is very small both in its annual income and the number of people it covers, and it has only been operating since 1967. Interest in the Council Meetings has been very poor in the past and the Council system as it seems, been viewed with suspicion by the Itura taxpayer. The attitude towards the Council is reflected in the peoples choice of councillors. The Councillors in the Itura Census Division are remarkable for their lack of influence amongst the people. During the construction of the school at Bibeori the Councillors gave very little assistance, and were always difficult to find. Directions and requests were made to the village elders who showed plenty of drive and enthusiasm. Without their help the school would not have been completed so quickly.
6. The people have shown little confidence as yet in the Council system, but over the past year or so they have seen some direct benefits coming back from their Council. Coffee machines have been purchased with some help from the Council, a water pipe-line has been set up at Kombara village, and now a Government Primary School has been built (admittedly on a self-help basis) at Bibeori. Now the people should be able to view the Council as a body in which they have some say, and which brings benefits to their own community.

(6)

POLITICAL EDUCATION

7. Political Education discussions were not emphasised on this patrol. Formal talks were held at Bibeori on the 11th December, 1971, and at Kombora on 13th December, 1971, while people were gathered for land purchase investigations. The talks covered the mechanics of voting. The groups showed little interest except when examples were used to illustrate the multi-voting system. Although the patrol was only involved in discussions on voting procedures etc. the response was poor.

MISSIONS

8. The most active mission in the area is the S.D.A. Mission which has a school at Bibeori for about 15 pupils. Four pupils graduated this year and will go onto another S.D.A. School in the Gadsup Census Division. If the Government School at Bibeori is a success, the Pastor believes his school may be moved to Kawaina No. 1.

9. The Swiss Evangelical Brotherhood Mission conducts regular medical patrols through the Census Division.

10. The Lutheran Mission has some contacts in the area.

HEALTH

11. There is one unmanned Aid Post in the Census Division at Kombora. The Post was inspected by the Patrol and appears to be well kept, with good buildings and excellent gardens. A fresh water pipe line has been installed by the Council. In view of the good facilities and the 2,000 people in the Kombora area an Aid Post Orderly should be stationed here as soon as possible.

12. Health conditions appeared to be poor in all villages except Bibeori and Baira No. 2. Pigs live in the houses in all other villages. The Lamari Local Government Council has no rule about keeping pigs out of houses or the village, but there is a rule about village hygiene which could be used. In the interests of health the Council should enforce the rule especially at Atakara, Numbaira and Baira No. 1.

LAW AND ORDER

13. There have been two outbreaks of tribal fighting in the Itura over the past year, both involved Kawaina No. 1. On the 23rd of October, 1971 an outbreak occurred between Kawaina No. 1 and Meiauna villages. One man was killed in fighting that occurred over a number of days. The fight was not reported to Obura Station until 7th November, 1971, fifteen days after the initial fighting broke out (ref. Distroff 37-7-3 dated 21/11/71). Villagers from Kombora claim that the trouble was reported to Obura before the serious fighting broke out, but the matter was not settled. Subsequently fighting between the two lines erupted and the ex Councillor Sorura was killed. People spoken to by the patrol said that the fighting and death could have been avoided if the Government had acted promptly. This is the general view held by the people in the Southern half of the Itura Census Division. It seems likely that more and more tribal fighting will be used to settle future disputes.

14. Bad communications between the Obura Station and the Southern Itura Census Division may be a factor in the low standard of law and order here. More regular Police patrols to the area would help the situation.

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ECONOMIC SITUATION

15. Coffee is the only cash crop in the Itura Census Division. According to a 1970 coffee census there are 55,000 trees producing approximately 1lb. of coffee per year at say 12¢ per pound. This would yield \$6,600.00 per year. Other sources of income are from outside labour, the sale of vegetables and carrying of cargo for patrols.

16. The bird of paradise has virtually disappeared from the extensive areas of bush, and other game seems to be in very short supply.

17. Fish farming is very popular. Two schemes were visited at Bibeori and Bairo No. 1 where up to eight ponds containing hundred of golden carp were being farmed.

18. The prospect for further economic development is not good. The Itura is very rugged and isolated. If a road was built into the Division, it would be a difficult road to navigate even in a four wheel-drive vehicle, and the economic gains would not be sufficient to warrant the upkeep of the road.

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

19. Please refer Appendix A.

CONCLUSION

20. The objectives of the patrol were achieved. A school house and teachers residence were constructed.

ATTACHMENTS

Appendix "A" School Construction.

Land Investigation Reports - WA'AURA - BIBEORI SCHOOL
DUASASARA - KOMBORA AID POST

Patrol Expenses Claim.
Camping Allowance Claim
Patrol Instructions.

T.M. Walsh
T.M. WALSH
A/PATROL OFFICER.

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

1. SITE

A site was chosen for the school that is accessible to people living in all areas surrounding Bibeori. There is some animosity between the Bira people and the Bibeori Group, and the site was chosen so that the Bira people had access. The area is situated below Bibeori on land named Wa'aura. The School house and the Teacher's residence are on two hills which overlook a flat area suitable for playgrounds. There are good areas available for gardens and a coffee plot containing 50 trees is included in the proposed lease. A bamboo pipeline has been constructed to bring fresh water down to the teacher's residence.

2. SCHOOL HOUSE

The Bibeori, Atakara groups constructed the school house. The ground was levelled and the posts were properly sunken and squared. The building is approximately 30 feet x 40 feet.

3. TEACHERS RESIDENCE

This building has a raised floor, two bedrooms, an office, washroom and living area. A verandah runs the length of one wall. A cook house was still being constructed when the patrol left.

4. GENERAL

The people took a day or two to work up enthusiasm over the project. But once they started they were keen to finish the work. Some rivalry developed between the lines building the school house and those building the teacher's residence. Much of the "technical knowhow" was provided by Corporal Akiyako No. 1271 who has built many similar constructions before.

5. The Lamari Local Government Council has a vote of \$200 or more for this project and it is suggested that the following equipment be purchased.

1. Blackboard and required school equipment.
2. Sawn timber for cupboards inside the house.
3. Mattresses.
4. A washing bowl or tub.
5. A fuel stove and 4 sheets of roofing iron.

PATROL DIARY

5/12/71

1430 departed Kainantu for Obura to construct school and teachers house at Bibeori on Obura Patrol No. 4 - 71/72. Arrived Obura 1630 and held discussions with Mr. Brew O.I.C., Obura until 2000. Slept Obura.

6/12/71

0745 to 0945 arranged equipment and carriers and asked Mr. Brew and Council Officer to purchase some 6", 4" and 2" nails as soon as possible and have them sent out to Bibeori. Departed Station by car at 1000 and left the Lamari River at 1100. Arrived Bibeori at 1430 hrs. Set up camp and held discussions with Councillors on the proposed school site. Slept Bibeori rest house.

7/12/71

0800 gathered councillor and elders from Bibeori, Baira, Numbaira and Attakarro to find a suitable site for the school. Inspected 3, one of which was ideally suited and which was accessible from Baira and villages to the west of Bibeori. If the school was elsewhere the Bibeori people could discourage Baira people from attending the school because of a long standing feud between them. Called all people to commence clearing the land and pulling timber. A good response was received. It was noticeable that apart from the Local S.D.A. Missionary (a Kamano) and the old Luluai the people were not willing to participate in any discussions. Slept Bibeori rest house.

8/12/71

0800 with all the executives of the ground I surveyed and cleared the boundary of the school. 1300 counted trees in the lease and organised the levelling of ground for the school house and teachers house. Timber was still being gathered. Slept Bibeori rest house.

9/12/71

0800 continued gathering timber. Sent 2 messengers (5) to Kainantu to pick up nails and a cross saw. Placed piles in the teachers house, and posts in the school house. Slept Bibeori rest house.

10/12/71

0800 continued gathering timber, and cutting and placing of posts for school house. Constructed door frames and window frames. Received verbal report back from Obura that there were no nails. Enough timber was gathered to construct both houses. Slept Bibeori rest house.

11/12/71

0830 further work was not possible without 6" nails to erect the building frames. Sent three messengers to see if the nails had arrived and if so bring them back. Called all the landowning groups to the rest house and completed the lease documents. Since nearly all the population was gathered, I used the opportunity to give political education talks. Discussed the importance of the elections and the way to vote using examples. Attention was good while employing examples and there were few questions. The response seemed poor. Slept Bibeori rest house.

12/12/71

Received verbal message from O.I.C. Obura that there were no nails (6") and that I should have to wait until after Christmas until nails could be obtained. Decided to return to Obura after completing investigation land report of the Kombora Aid Post and try and get some nails myself. Slept Bibeori rest house.

13/12/71

0730 departed for Kombora with Councillors from Bibeori, Baira No. and 2 to investigate the purchase of land at the Aid Post. Arrived Kombora at 1100 and asked the land owners to gather. Surveyed the Aid Post until 1200 and then completed the investigation papers with the owners. Again used the opportunity to give the people talks on voting procedures for the coming elections. Departed Kombora at 1350 and arrived Bibeori at 1630. Slept Bibeori rest house.

14/12/71

0730 departed Bibeori and arrived Lamari River 0940. A car was waiting and departed for Obura at 1000. The O.I.C. Obura was on patrol and no one knew anything about nails, and as the car was going to Kainantu I proceeded hence, arriving 1230. Obtained some 6" and 4" nails from P.W.D. and slept Kainantu.

15/12/71

0745 to 0930 awaited transport and departed for Obura arriving 1100. Departed for the Lamari at 1130 and left after having trouble finding carriers at 1300. Arrived Bibeori 1600. Held informal discussions with E.D.A. Missionary. Slept Bibeori rest house.

16/12/71

0700 called all lines to gather kunai and bush rope, further clear the ground and construct the roof of the school house and the walls and floor of the residence. All were completed at 1700. About 200 or more people were working on the project. Slept Bibeori rest house.

17/12/71

0700 the Attakara, Numbaira, Bibeori group commenced the completing of the school house roof. By 1400 the roof was completed. Others were gathering bamboo and working blinds for the walls. Discussed with the headmen of Bibeori the construction of a pipe to bring water from a nearby creek to the teachers residence. This work was commenced with enthusiasm. The Baira groups completed the roof structure on the teachers residence and started working the kunai roof. Others collected bamboo and started working the blinds. Slept Bibeori rest house.

18/12/71

0730 found carriers difficult to get. Left for Obura and arrived 1300 hrs. Held discussions with O.I.C. Brew regarding spending of funds on the school. Some Bibeori men accompanying the patrol to the station wanted to take back some sawn timber for the doors. Mr. Brew was arranging this and the supply of a stove, teaching equipment and basic furnishings for the house. 1500 departed Obura for Kainantu, arriving 1630.






Patrol Ends.

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PATROL MAP

OBURA PATROL NO. 4 1971/72.

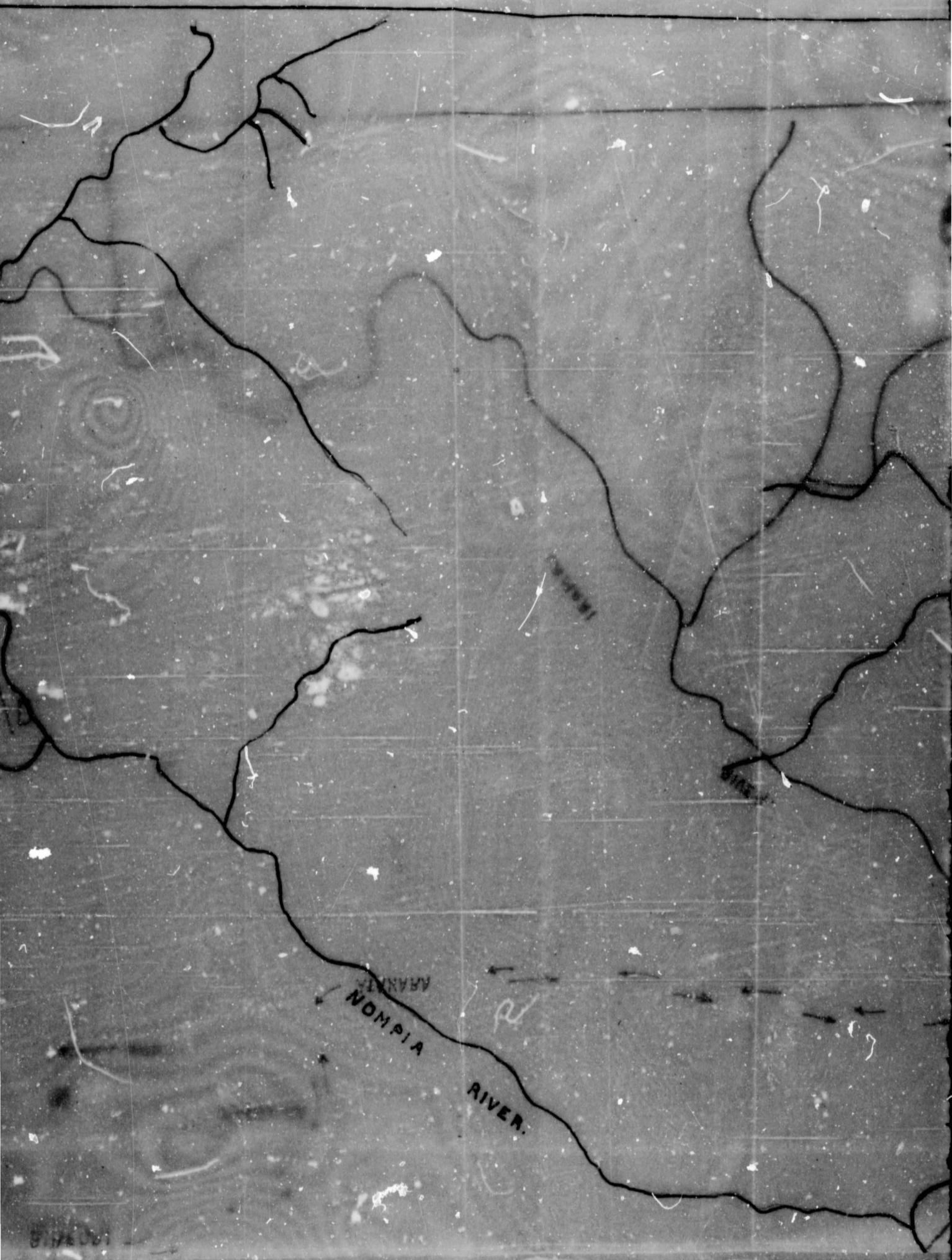
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-  River.
-  School Site
-  Patrol Route.
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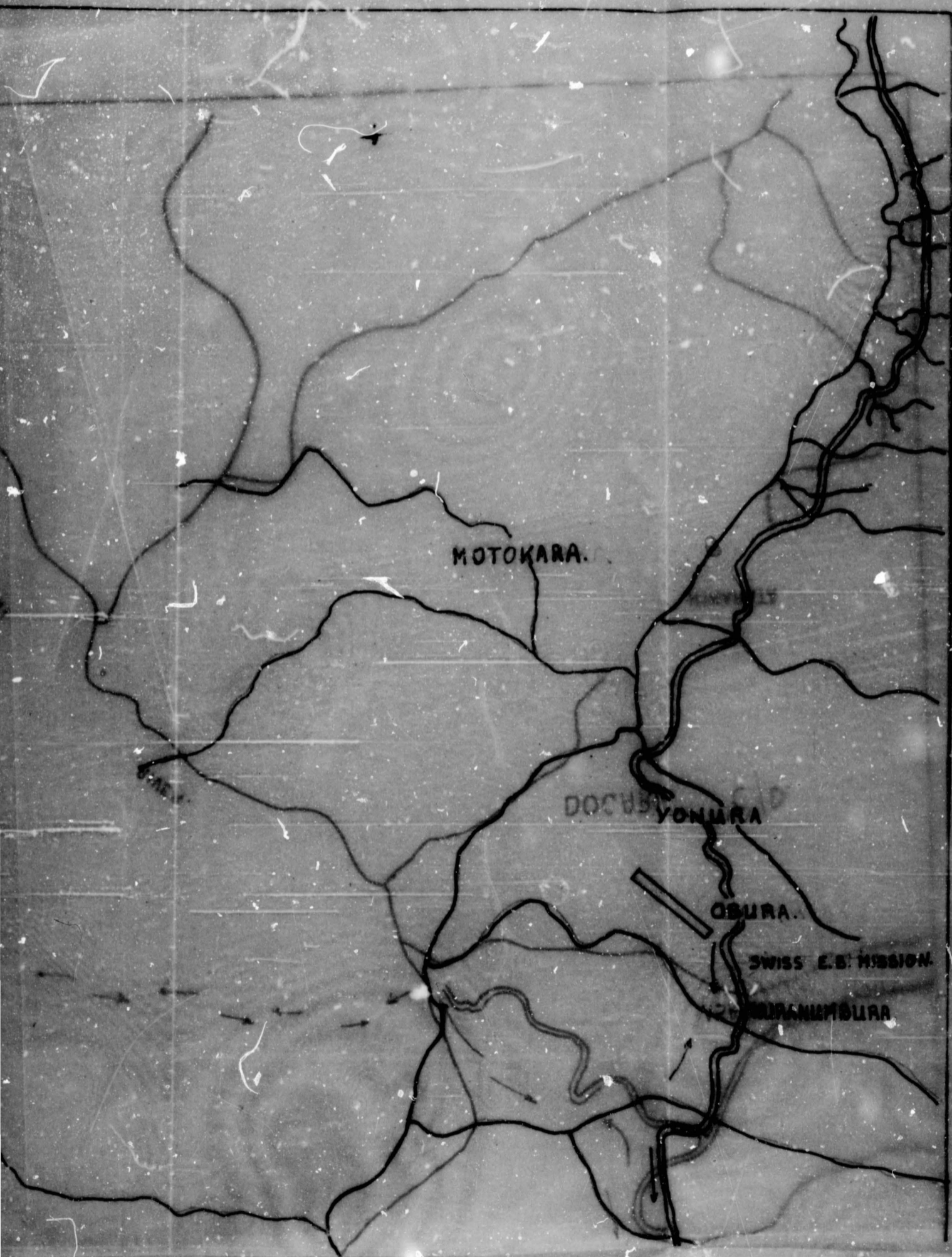
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KOMBORA

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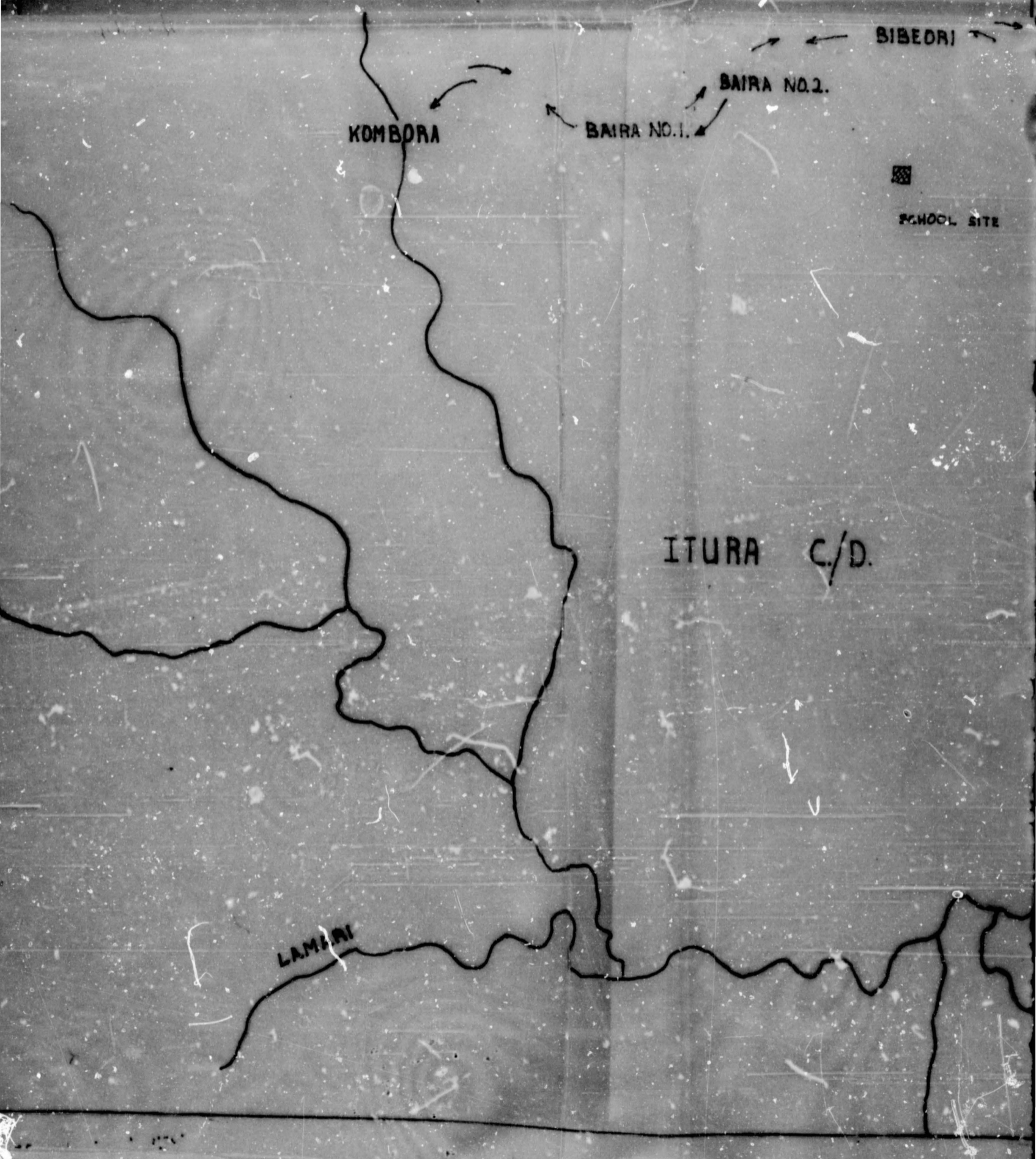
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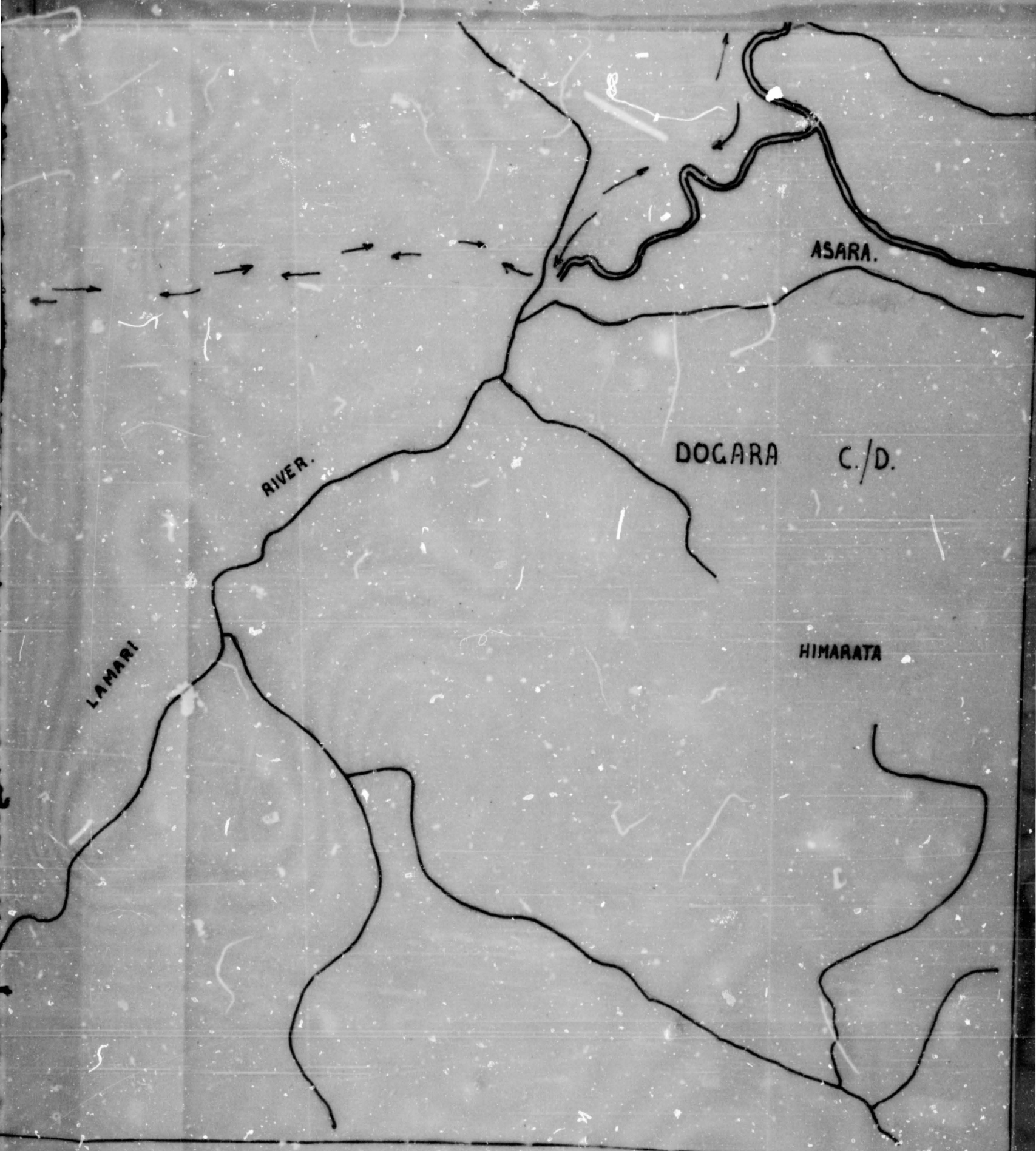
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ATAKARA

RIVER II.

LAMARI



(Front of Jacket Colour Blue)

PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER: 5 of 1971/72

DISTRICT: Eastern Highlands

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: J.J. Brew

AREA PATROLLED: OBURA, OBURU

DURATION OF PATROL: 21 to 26/1/72

LAST D.D.A. PATROL: 3 and 4 of 71/72

LAST O.L.G. PATROL: no. 1 of 71/72

MAP REFERENCE: Council AREA

OBJECTS OF PATROL:

STATION: OBURA

SUB-DISTRICT: KAINANTU

DESIGNATION: Patrol Officer

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: 2 members RPNCO

NUMBER OF DAYS: Nineteen

TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA: 7,905

COUNCIL AREA: LAMAKI

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTORATE: OBURA

- (1) Conduct Tax-payers' meetings
- (2) Pre-election publicity

The District Commissioner
Eastern Highlands District,

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, FOLIOS TO , ()
- PATROL INSTRUCTIONS, (X)
- THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS, (X)
- AREA STUDY, ()
- UPDATING OF AREA STUDY, ()
- SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 - , ()
- PATROL MAP, ()

DATE: 14/4/1972

Assistant District Commissioner

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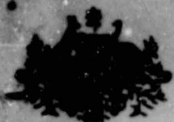
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(J.P. Sinclair)

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

DATE: 27/4/1972



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14th, February 1972.

The Assistant District Commissioner
Sub District Office
KAINANTU

OBURA PATROL REPORT N.6

Herewith for your perusal the abovenumbered patrol report.
It has been prepared in accordance with the latest headquarters
circular, there are no items that I consider need be brought to
the notice of those in headquarters, therefore there are no special
reports.

Yours.

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Patrol Officer In Charge



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17th April, 1972.

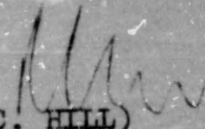
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Eastern Highlands District,
GOROKA.

OBURA PATROL NO. 5 OF 1971/72.

Attached copies of the above report refer.

This is the last "old style" report you will receive from this Sub-District.

Little comment is required. The Lamari Tax Rate is now \$3-00 except for one ward which is \$2-00. Onamanta is now the member for Obura Electorate.


(R.C. HILL)

Assistant District Commissioner

c.c. The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KOMEDONU. PAPUA

OBURA PATROL No. 6 of 1972/1973 DOGARA, ITURUA, PIORA CENSUS DIVISIONS
SITUATION REPORT:

INTRODUCTION;

1. The patrol was undertaken primarily to publicize the coming House of Assembly Elections, and also to complete some Council projects and to conduct taxpayers meetings where applicable - the Piora area not being within the Lamari Local Government Council area.
2. Some four days was spent at the first rest house, at Bibeeri, working on the school house and the teachers house at Bibeeri. The school house was about 90% completed when I arrived, and the teachers house merely a framework with the roof on, I continued with the patrol after four days and sent word to the Local Government Council Clerk, who came up and completed the job whilst I finished the patrol.
3. All three Census Division were covered by the patrol, except for the portion of the Dogara Census Division near Obura station, these groups will meet at the patrol post for talks after the Council meeting.

A. POLITICAL;

House Of Assembly And Members:

4. Due to the impending election of a local man to the House of Assembly for the first time, there is a fair amount of interest in the forthcoming elections. This does not mean to say that the area is jumping with excitement and politics, at no stage during the patrol was there any questioning about the work of members, or of the various procedures involved in the election. Of the four persons contesting the election, it appears that only two of them have made anything like a thorough canvassing of all villages, the other two, from Marawaka, had only visited two or three villages in the Iturua. The people will take the entire thing as it comes to them. As previously stated, there are four candidates, two from Obura and two from Marawaka, as there is not a great difference in the voting populations, it would appear that preference votes will count a lot. During the patrol it became clear that many groups have 'marked' two candidates only, if this trend carries over to Marawaka then it may affect the outcome of the election somewhat.
5. People generally have little interest in the House of Assembly, or its powers and functions. They are pleased that a new electorate has been created for them, as they consider, at least the Obura people do, that the two previous European Open members, Messrs Holloway and Casey respectively, did little or nothing for them, and so they will now try a one skin. As in most areas the people expect to see and to talk to their representative fairly regularly, a difficult task in such rugged and isolated country as the OBURA/MARAWAKA areas, perhaps an indigenous member will have an advantage over an expatriate in this regard, however it remains to be seen.

6. There is little motivation to give the people interest in the House or its functions. There are no political movements, no problems of land alienation or severe economic crises which would tend to group the people together, and make them seek an outlet for their grievances. The idea of National Government and National Representative bears no relation to the present parochial nature of the people's life, and such institutions are thought of more in terms of government, along with Police, D.D.D etc. It is thought of rather as 'the' House of Assembly than as 'our' House of Assembly.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COUNCILLORS:

7. The Lamari Local Government Council is established in the Dogara and Itutrua Census Divisions, and has been operating there for the past five years or so. Mr. W. BARTLETT A.D.O, conducted a Local Govt. survey of the entire WONENARA Sab District late last year, and included the PIORA in his patrol. He did not recommend the inclusion of the Piora into the Council at this stage, his report has been endorsed by both the Assistant District Commissioner at KAINANTU, and the District Local Government Officer at ~~THE~~ GOROKA.

8. During that portion of the patrol spent in the Piora, the people, especially from PINATA1 to MOBUTA, were against being incorporated into the Council until such time as they have some sort of income from which to pay tax to the Council.

9. The Council is well accepted throughout the Dogara/Iturura areas. Both have a moderate income from coffee, and with the relatively low tax rate, the Council does not place any great financial burden on them. Also, they do not expect too much back from the Council. This means that there is no great resentment against the Council and its policies as yet, it is still possible to get people to work for nothing to complete their self help ~~xxx~~ portion of projects, although it is getting more difficult to get people to work for a reasonable amount on ~~xx~~ rural development roads, particularly those closer to Obura station.

10. Councillors are generally well respected, some less so than others. This is more a result of each Councillors personality and faults than a reflection of anti council attitudes. Some of the Councillors tend to think that their position is a more authoritarian one than it actually is, as a result of some confusion of the traditional Lulual Tultul Big man set up. They then try to exercise more authority than they have by traditional rules and create resentment, thus decreasing their authority. Generally speaking however there is no real trouble between the Councillors and people, and most of them get their jobs done when they put their minds to it.

11. There is little or no understanding of the workings of the system of Local Government, nor of the statutory powers and functions of Councillors, neither by the people in general nor the Councillors themselves. This is something that can only occur over a period of time along with the gradual expansion of the Council. Hopefully the people's understanding and knowledge should expand with the Council, this is especially to be desired with regard to the Councillors. This is a possibility only so long as the growth of the Council can be restrained, and not allowed to surge ahead so quickly, as has been the case with most Councils in the district, so that the people have no idea what it is doing and why, and the Council becomes entirely dependant on its staff to function, and a great gap occurs between it (the Council), and the people.

12. During the patrol taxpayers meetings were held and the general opinion seemed to be in favour of an increase of .50c. in the tax rate, thus increasing it to \$2-50 per adult male. Taxpayers meetings were conducted around Obura station by the Council Clerk and here the ~~the~~ people were in favour of an increase to \$3-00. The area BAIRA/BIBEORI favoured \$2-50, KOMBORO MEI'AUNA KAWAINA \$2-00, and the OGURATABA group wish to retain ~~the~~ their \$1-00 rate. HABI'INA TO'OKENA AHEA ANIMA were also in favour of \$2-50 per head. The difference of opinion in the villages seemed to be with the younger men favouring the increase, and the older men preferring to retain last year's tax rate.

13. The people of KOMBORO/KAWAINA/MEI'AUNA were a little upset over the change of site of the now BIBEORI school, which was originally marked for KOMBORO, but altered by a vote of the Council during a meeting. It was explained that the already difficult access problem would be further complicated by having the school at Komboro, and that the alteration was freely debated. They are also concerned over the lack of progress in getting a road into their area, and would like to keep the tax rate down until some evidence of progress is visible.

B. SOCIAL:

Health;

14. The general health of the people in the Dogara/ Iturua areas is good. Dogara because of the two Swiss Evangelical Brotherhood Mission Aid Posts, and the Iturua because of the Aid Post at Komboro, which was only recently closed. Although the aid post at Komboro has been closed for some months, a 'retired' orderly from Bairano.1 is now undergoing a one months refresher training course at Kainantu, and will be posted to Komboro on the completion of his period on training

15. The Piera has two aid posts, one at Kenkonbila and one at Mebuta, both of which have been closed for well over six months due to shortage of staff. Mebuta has just been re-opened by a man from Obura, who was an ex aid post orderly who has been re-trained and posted there. The Medical Officer at Kainantu has asked for funds to be made available from the Department of Public Health to send a young man from the Piera area to Mount Hagen for training as an A.P.O, so that he may eventually staff the presently closed Konkonbila aid post.

16. At present the Council is only marginally concerned with the Health services, by providing financial assistance to the S.B.B.M aid posts, and getting buildings built. Perhaps in the near future the Council will consider asking to be moved from its present stage 0 level to a level providing greater financial assistance and building grants. This will necessarily depend on the Council finances.

Law And Order;

17. The Law is generally respected by the people, who are a comparatively quiet lot, with only occasional eruptions into violence. Wherever a quarrel begins, then people will resort to fighting with whatever weapons they can lay their hands on, without any thought to the consequences. Their attitude being, 'Well I have paid this back, so now I can go to gaol'. There has been a lot of trouble of late, one man from MEI'AUNA was killed, and also another from YONJURA. One of these fights was over a girl, and the other over a pig dispute settlement. At present things are quiet enough, and there have been no instances of further flare ups as yet.

18. There was only one Local Court convened during the patrol an adultery charge against a man and a woman from BairaNo1 and Atakara. Several disputes over pigs and marital problems were settled by arbitration.

Education;

19. There are now three schools in the area, two in the Degara which are operated by the S.B.B.M at Obura and To'Okena, and a newly built government 'T' school at Bibeori in the Iturua.

20. The teacher for the Bibeori school has not as yet arrived as the Obura station radio is out of commission, and the car as well. It has not been practicable to advise education that the house etc, is ready. The Council Clerk will however be going in next Friday to advise.

21. The general attitude to the mission schools is quite good, with high attendance, and plenty of support from the adults, for cleaning the school grounds. It still remains to be seen how much support and for how long the people will give to the Bibeori school, there is no reason why the teacher should not get as much assistance as the mission. To date the people have been willing to come and do the work required, and it is hoped that this enthusiasm will prevail until the school is well established.

22. OBURA PRIMARY 'T'.

No. pupils	STD. 1		2		3		4		5		6	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
-	-		25	9	-	-	28	11	17	6	-	-

Total of 70 boys and 26 girls.

23. TO'OKENA PRIMARY 'T'.

No. pupils	STD. 1		2		23		24		25		6	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F

Total of boys and girls.

24.

MISSIONS:

24. There are only two missions in the area, the Swiss Evangelical Brotherhood Mission, and the Seventh Day Adventist Mission. The S.E.B.M is situated at OBURA and TO'OKENA, and its area of influence is the Dogara Census Division. The Seven Days are centered in the Iturua. There are no missions operating in the Piora, although the Swiss mission intends to eventually move in, more or less as the road progresses. There is an S.I.L fellow and his family at MOBUTA.

25. Neither of the two missions has any great deal of influence over the people, only having been established for about ten years or less in both cases. The S.E.B.M particularly is concentrating on the younger generation through its school children. Two local evangelists have recently been posted to villages within the ~~district~~ area, one to Oraura and another to Habi'Ina. The man at Habi'Ina is soon to return for another year at bible training school before being posted back to his village. These evangelists represent a new phase in the development of the Swiss Mission, who have to date operated from their stations only. Through the agency of these men, who have a considerable effect on the local population, the influence of the mission will most likely increase greatly in those villages.

26. The S.DA mission has indigenous evangelists at BAIRA, KAWAINA and MEI'AUNA, there are no european or australian staff in the area. The mission activities are controlled from Omaura and also Okapa, where the mission originally infiltrated from. Although they could hardly be said to have a great deal of influence over the bulk of the people, the Seven Days do have a bit of a following, and seem fairly well respected by the people. They operate mainly evangelical services, but also small pidgin bible classes, and at Mei'Auna, the evangelist runs a small aid post.

OBURA PATROL REPORT No. 6 of 1972/1973 DOGARA ITURUA AND PIORA GENSUS

DIVISIONS:

PATROL DIARY:

- DAY 1. 8/1/72 - Preparations for and departing on patrol to BAIRA No.1. Walke& Lanari r. to BIBEORI R.H. (2½hrs) Discussions Cr. and people. R.H in good order. Slept night Bibeori.
- " 2. 9/1/72 - Sunday spent working on completing school house and teachers house. Slept Bibeori.
 - " 3. 10/1/72 - Further work on teachers house. Talks with messrs Miller and Forova Dept.educ. on inspection. 1 Local Court hearing (adultery). Slept Bibeori.
 - " 4. 11/1/72 - Inspection school site with Mr. Miller and Mr. Forova, discussions re same. Taxpayers meting. People generally favour \$3-00, although older men a little dubious. H. of A. pre election propaganda. Further work on school. Slept Bibeori.
 - " 5. 12/1/72 - To KOMBORO R.H. (2hrs) Setting up camp. R.H o.k, H. of A. pre election talk, taxpayers meeting. People wish to retain \$2-00 rate due to council changing venue of school and lack of progress on road. Slept KOMBORO.
 - * 6. 13/1/72 - To KAWAINA R.H. (1hr.) Setting up camp, H. of A. pre election talk, taxpayers meeting. People opted for \$2-00 for same reasons as above. Part investigation reported harrassment of Bi'Api'Arata people by some men from Mei'auna. Slept KAWAINA R.H. O.K.
 - " 7. 14/1/72 - To MEI'AUNA R.H. (3hrs). Setting up camp, arranging to give talks on the morrow, R.H O.K. Slept MEI'AUNA.
 - " 8. 15/1/72 - H. of A. pre election talk, taxpayers meeting-\$2-00 is preferred. Further talks re reported trouble, Police will follow up as men involved are away. Slept MEI'AUNA.
 - " 9. 16/1/72 - To OGURATABA R.H. (3½hrs). Setting up camp, R.H small but reasonable. H. of A. pre election talk, taxpayers meeting. Only 5 adult men and about 11 womwn present. Older men prefer \$1-00 to be retained, younger men like \$2-00. Slept OGURATABA.
 - " 10. 17/1/72 - To OWENIA R.H. (3½hrs). Setting up camp, R.H in poor condition, to be repaired. Interpreter ill, H. of A. pre election talk given. General talks re road etc. Slept OWENIA.
 - " 11. 18/1/72 - To TAINORABA R.H. (2½hrs). Setting up camp, R.H o.k, H. of A. and general talks. Native disputes - marital. Slept TAINORABA.
 - " 12. 19/1/72 - To MOBUTA R.H. (2½hrs). Setting up camp, R.E O.K. General and H. of A. pre election talks. Village and aid post inspection. Slept MOBUTA.

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PATROL DIARY:

- DAY 13. 20/1/72 - To OWENIA R.H. (5hrs). Native complaints at TAINORABA enroute, marital, H. of A. pre election talk at AMORMABA enroute. Slept OWENIA.
- 14. 21/1/72 - To PINATA No.1 R.H.(4hrs).H.of A. pre election talk enroute at WAISARA, setting up camp and H. of A. pre election talk at PINATA. Native disputes - pig. R.H O.K Police house to be rebuilt. Slept PINATA.
 - 15. 22/1/72 - To KONKONBILA R?H (4hrs).H.of A, pre election talk at PINATA No.2 enroute.Setting up camp and general talks KONKONBILA? R.H good, slept KONKONBILA.
 - 16. 23/1/72 - Sunday -H.of a. and general talks at KONKONBILA. Slept KONKONBILA.
 - 17. 24/1/72 - To ORAURA R.H. (2hrs).Setting up camp, R.H O.K, general and H. of A. pre election talk. Taxpayers meeting. \$2-00 generally favoured with \$2-50 and \$3-00 being proposed but not heartily supported. Slept ORAURA.
 - 18. 25/1/72 - To HABI'INA R.H. (2hrs)Setting up camp, R.H O.K. Native complaints - woman trouble. Due bad weather talks will be held tomorrow.Slept HABI'INA.
 - 19. 26/1/72 - ~~TAXINE~~ H. of A. pre election talk. Taxpayers meeting, \$2-00 and \$2-50 equally favoured. To AHEA R.H.(2hrs) R.H small but fair. Slept AHEA.
 - 20. 27/1/72 = H. of A. pre election talks at AHEA and TO'OKENA. Also taxpayers meetings at both R.H's. \$2-00 and \$2-50 is favoured, the difference being between older and the younger people. Returned to Obura station.

END OF PATROL -----c

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C.TRENDS IN ECONOMIC STRUCTURE:

General Rural Development;

27. For some time the only cash crop, and indeed the only economic enterprise in the Dogara and Iturua Census Divisions has been coffee. Both of these Census Divisions have a fair number of trees planted and earn a moderate income from them

28. The Piara has no economic development at all, and there is no future for such development until the road gets well under way. It is intended to mark the route for the road in March, when the annual census revision is being undertaken.

29. During a recent visit by a representative of the Papua New Guinea Development Bank, and the Rural Development Officer from Kainantu, six loans were conditionally arranged for people in the Dogara area. At present the Agricultural Assistants at Obura are assisting the people with setting up two cattle projects, one at ANima and one at To'Okena, and a piggery type project has been mooted for Anea. Details of the loans etc. are to be arranged when the owners have completed the fencing.

30. These are the first projects of their kind to be undertaken in the area, which has been an economic backwater for some time. The appearance of these projects should encourage the people greatly, and if they are successful, then one may hope that they will be the forerunners of many more.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

30. Due to having spent a little longer than estimated on the earlier portion of the patrol, and then having to conduct taxpayers meeting etc, to To'Okena, I decided to waive the survey of the road from Oraura to Konkonbila until March, when the Piara Census Revision is due. It will then be possible to extend the survey further into the region and give the people further down something to do.

31. Whilst at Bibeori I discussed the possibility of putting a timber construction bridge over the Lamari river, and the people there agreed that they would work on such a project. I explained that there was not much hope of any funds being made available for a permanent bridge in the foreseeable future.

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R. BREW PATROL OFFICER

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15th May, 1972.

The Secretary
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU

OBURA PATROL NO. 7 OF 1971/72.

7F.3.

Your 67-1-3-91 of the 5th May, 1972 refers.

Attached herewith please find two copies of Mr. Brew's Patrol Report.

Forwarded for your information please.

J.P. Sinclair
(J.P. SINCLAIR)
District Commissioner.

Enclosures.

PATROL REPORT NO. 7

SECTION... OBUWA PATROL POST..... OFFICER COMPILING... R. BREW. P.O.....
 DISTRICT... EASTERN HIGHLANDS..... SUB-DISTRICT... KAIANANTU.....
 SUB DIVISION... DOGABA/ITURUA/RIORA L.G. COUNCIL.... LAMARA.....

recording of routine information not of a situation report nature, action
 possible at Sub-District or District level, and of value to succeeding
 officers. No copy is required at Headquarters).

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REPORT ON HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTION PATROL.

1. The one and only purpose of the patrol was to carry out the recording of votes for the House of Assembly elections for the Obura Open electorate. A total of 2638 people voted in the election from the Obura section of the electorate, this would appear to give a percentage vote of around 60 to 70 per cent.
2. There were no problems encountered among the various polling places, and generally the polling was conducted in a satisfactory manner, although there were some observations made that could be taken note of for future elections which will be discussed further on. At the completion of voting from the Obura side, myself and the ballot papers were transported by helicopter to Marawaka where the counting was to take place. This began on the Saturday night the 11th of March, and the result at the finish of the first scrutiny is: UNDAF 1122, ONAMAUTA 1875, KAKURIMAKA 1592, WESLEY 1182, Informal 19. We are presently awaiting the arrival of absentee votes before continuing with the count. The final result should be known at the end of the fourteen day period allowed for these votes to come in.

CONDUCT OF THE POLLING:

3. As previously stated there ~~was~~ were no troubles during the actual polling, however one incident of a sort did occur with an official scrutineer of Mr. Holowei's at Bibeori. When the electoral patrol arrived at the Bibeori rest house there were two men there who were in fact Mr. Holowei's scrutineers, they evidently showed their cards to one of the other electoral officials with the party, but not to me. There was some understanding over the rather crowded accommodation in the House Police, and the two scrutineers for Mr. Holowei apparently got the impression that they were told to leave, and that they could not go around with the patrol. Neither of them came and saw me, but left. I have spoken with the persons concerned and am satisfied that the incident was caused by misunderstanding between both groups, and that there was no deliberate attempt by the officials working with me to chase them away. Another person claiming to represent Mr. Holowei met the patrol at Kawaima and was told by myself that he could accompany the patrol but that I was not going to pay for his food and that members of the patrol would have priority of accommodation where it was limited. He said that he did not have any money, he had spent what he had been given to buy a puppy, and so left. He did not show a scrutineers card to me.
4. Another man joined the patrol at To'Okena with a letter from Mr. Holowei and accompanied the patrol to the last polling place at Nobuka.

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NOTES ON NEW BALLOT PAPERS ETC†

5. The new photo ballot papers were used for the first time and did seem to be a help to the younger members of the voting public. The older persons, and especially the women, could not distinguish one candidate from the other, and many people did not even bother to look at the pictures. They were quite content to leave the marking to the electoral official concerned. Despite giving talks to the assembled peoples, there was always confusion amongst a fair proportion of the populace about the two seats. All had a preference for the Obara electorate, but many had no idea of who to vote for in the Regional seat, or in fact that they had to vote, several persons declined to vote at all for the Regional seat, because they did not know any of the candidates, and had not seen them.

6. The preferential system is barely even known of much less understood by the people, very few indeed voted past second preference, though this may possibly have been the result of some smart campaigning by one or more of the candidates. In view of the lack of understanding of this ridiculous system by the people, and the delays it causes in counting etc, I fail to see why the country does not change over to first past the post, a system more tuned to the current political sense of the territory than the imported system now in vogue.

7. I note that Mr. Kaumi has some proposals to simplify the system for next time around, such as abolishing absentee voting, and placing the onus on people to register their names, and thus eliminating Sect. 130(1) votes. These proposals should make things much easier at polling time, but it will entail more work from field staff to advise people of the new rules, and taking down their names. The proposal appears to have the inherent danger of creating an urban dominated vote, if not fully and clearly explained to people, and the failure of the rural population to respond to various education programmes before indicates some possible problems.

CONCLUSION;

8. Overall the patrol went well, with no untoward incidents, it was well received at all rest houses, and enough food was made available despite this being the lean time of year for gardens. The staff from Kainantu and Goroka, Mr. Andrew Anrein from Law Dept. Goroka, and Mr. Maninifa Yofera T.P.O of Kainantu, performed their tasks well and with no complaints. I do think that an extra polling clerk could have been provided for the Obara team, as there are a couple of centres with several hundred voters, and as they all come at once, things can be fairly hectic. Some difficulty was experienced with interpreters, as only two were available, and as we did the more remote areas where pidgin was less and less common, the interpreter was nearly run off his feet. Apart from these minor observations however all was well.

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Patrol Officer

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P.O. Box 2396,
KONEDOBU.

67-13-91

5th May, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Eastern Highlands District,
GOROKA.

PATROL NO. 7 - 1971/72.

Reference your minute of the 27th April.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of notification of the above patrol of the OBURA Administrative Area, as submitted by Mr. R. Brew, Patrol Officer.

Your 67-14-2 of 27th April to the Assistant District Commissioner, Kainantu, is noted. Information on the recent Elections are of interest, so would you please forward me 2 copies of the relevant parts of Mr. Brew's Patrol Report.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.



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67-13-91

PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER: 7 OBJECTS OF PATROL: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTION.

DISTRICT: EASTERN HIGHLANDS

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: R. BREW P.O. STATION: OBURA PATROL POST

DESIGNATION: PATROL OFFICER SUB-DISTRICT: KAINANTU

AREA PATROLLED: OBURA ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: M. YONERA T.P.O. A. ANNREIN PUBLIC SERVANT?

DURATION OF PATROL: 18 days AREA NUMBER OF DAYS: 21/2/72 to 9/3/72

LAST D.D.A. PATROL: TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA: approx. 7000

LAST O.L.G. PATROL: COUNCIL AREA: LAMARI L.G.C.

MAP REFERENCE: FOURMIL KARIMUI HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTORATE: OBURA OPEN

The District Commissioner,
District,

Gonaka

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL. FOLIOS TO 41/42 (✓)
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- SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 - , ()
- PATROL MAP ()

DATE: 18/4/1972

Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua.

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- AREA STUDY ()
- UPDATING OF AREA STUDY ()
- SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 - , ()
- Copy. my memorandum. 67-14-2. of. 27/4/72.
- addressed. to. Assistant. District. Commissioner
- DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS' ASSESSMENT OF
- PATROL & REPORT ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

AVERAGE

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

DATE: 27/4 /1972.

Ag/ District Commissioner.

.....(*J.P. Sinclair*).....

Division of District Administration,
Eastern Highlands District,
67-14-2 P.O. Box 880 - GOROKA .
27th April, 1972.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-district Office,
KAIRAITU.

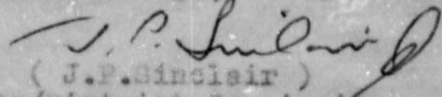
REPORT OBURA PATROL NO. 7 OF 1971/1972

Receipt is acknowledged of the above report covering polling in the House of Assembly Elections in the OBURA administrative area, submitted by Mr R.J. Brew, Patrol Officer.

Once again Mr Brew appears incapable of understanding the latest circular on compilation of patrol reports. This is the second report from OBURA which contains no situation reports and consequently no significant documentation for forwarding to Headquarters. If nothing else, a general assessment on the attitude of the people patrolled stating they appear contented with their lot (if that is the case) would be required. I find it difficult to understand there was not some item of information, useful to Headquarters which was apparent to Mr Brew during the course of the patrol.

The routine section of the report deals solely with the conduct of the elections and as such indicates polling was efficiently carried out.

I re-iterate it is essential you clearly indicate to all patrolling officers in your written instructions what topics are to be covered by specific situation reports. This applies also in the case of the Officer-in-charge, OBURA.


(J.P. Sinclair)
Ag/District Commissioner

c.c. Secretary,
Dept. Of The Administrator,
KOMODOBU

Officer-in-Charge,
OBURA.

PATROL REPORT

Report number: **8of 1971/72**
 District: **Eastern Highlands**
 Patrol conducted by: **T.J. Buising**
 Area patrolled: **Iturua Census Division**
 Duration of patrol: **26/6/72 - 1/7/72**
 Last D.D.A. patrol: _____
 Last O.L.G. patrol: _____
 Map reference: **Milinch Okapa**

Discussions with Councillors
 Objective of patrol: **Land Investigation**
 Station: **Obura**
 Subdistrict: **Kainantu**
 Designation: **Patrol Officer**
 Personnel accompanying: **3 R.P.N.G.C. Interpreter**
 Number of days: **6 days**
 Total population of area: **2934**
 Council area: **Lamari L.G.C.**
 House of Assembly Electorate: **Marawaka-Obura**

The District Commissioner,

District,
Goroka

DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

31 JUL 1972
 DISTRICT OFFICE GOROKA
 EASTERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT
 PAPUA NEW GUINEA

In respect of this patrol, I attach	
Field Officers Journal Folios 10 To	(✓)
Patrol Instructions,	()
The Report and my comments,	(✓)
Area study,	()
Updating of area study,	()
Situation Reports No's 1-7,	(✓)
Patrol map,	()

DATE *25, 7/72*

[Signature]
 Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
 Department of the Administrator,
 Division of District Administration,
 KONEDOBUN, Papua New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol, I attach	
Area study,	()
Updating of area study,	()
Situation Report No's. 1-2	()
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District Headquarters assessment of
 Patrol & Report.....

Above average
 Average
 Below average

Date: *9/8/72*

[Signature]
 District Commissioner

JAW:MD

DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

P.O. Box 2396,
KORORUA.

67-13-147

13th September, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Eastern Highlands District,
GOROKA.

OBURA PATROL NO.8 - 1971/72.

Reference your minute 67-14-2 of the 9th August, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 1 and 2 arising out of the above patrol of the ITURUA Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments, as submitted by Mr. T.J. BUISING, Patrol Officer.

(S.J. PEARSALL)
a/Secretary.

(S. B. SIMON)
District Commissioner



DAG 67-13-147
CC 67-13-26

DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

Telegram: DISCOM
Telephone
Our Reference: 67-3-1
If calling ask for
Mr.

17 AUG 1972
KONEDOBU

No. in Reply
Please Quote

Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
GOROKA, E.H.D.

11th August, 1972.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

ATTENDANCE BY COUNCILLORS LAMARI L.G.C.
MEETINGS

Attached herewith please find a copy of memorandum
LG42-6-10 undated received from the District Local Government
Officer, Goroka.

This document is pertinent to Situation Report No.1
of Obura Patrol Report No. 8 of 1971/72 and Obura Patrol No.3
of 1971/72.

Forwarded for your information, please.

J. P. Sinclair
(J. P. SINCLAIR)
District Commissioner

attach:

DISLOC
LG42-6-10

Office of Local Government,
P.O. Box 246,
GOROKA.
Eastern Highlands District.

District Commissioner,
Eastern Highlands District,
GOROKA.

LAMARI L.G.C. MEETING - 7TH JUNE

Your 67-3-2 of the 26th July, 1972 refers.

2. Whilst the absence of Iturua Census Division Councillors from the meeting may be attributable in some measure to their being offended over lack of interest in their school opening. I fear that the real reasons for their reluctance to attend meetings are far more complex. One possibility is that the Council's meagre financial resources and its inability to accede to requests by Councillors for assistance with projects requested by the people may have a lot to do with it.

3. I intend to visit Obura during the first week in September, when the next Council meeting is due, and will discuss this possibility and any other reasons which may be put forward with such Councillors who may be present or contacted at the time. A report on the results will be forwarded as soon as possible thereafter.

A.F. Wadsworth
(A.F. WADSWORTH)
District Local Government Officer.

67-13-147(6)



DISCOM
67-14-2

Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
COROKA, Eastern Highlands District.

9th August, 1972.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KAINAFU.

REPORT OBURA PATROL NO.8 OF 1971/72

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of the above report submitted by Mr. T. Buising, Patrol Officer, on a patrol to the ITURUA Division.

It is to be hoped Mr. Buising's activities will have the effect of improving attendance at the meetings of the IANARI Local Government Council. Bi-monthly meetings I agree would be more suited to this small Council which does not have a great deal of business to attend to at its meetings. Your proposals for pre-meeting consultations by field officers of this department should increase awareness of the Council and hopefully will lead to more positive Council activities in the area.

I will refer Mr. Buising's Situation Report No. 2 to the Co-Ordinating Committee.

Another good report from Mr. Buising.

J. P. Sinclair
(J. P. SINCLAIR)
District Commissioner

cc: Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

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SITUATION REPORT No. 1-PR 8-71/72

Station OBURA Officer Compiling T.J. BUISING P.O.

District EASTERN HIGHLANDS Subdistrict KAINANTU

Census Division ITURUA L.G. Council LAMARI

Subject: LOCAL GOVERNMENT

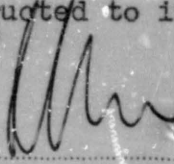
Subdistrict Office Assessment Assistant District Commissioner

Date Received

20/7/72

The idea of pre-meeting visits appeals as a way to involve villagers. I also consider that holding meetings at different centres will help the acceptance of the Council.

Action Taken: Patrol Officer, Obura will be instructed to implement the visits and change of venue for meetings.

Sgd.  (R.C. Hill)

Date 25/7/72

District Office GOROKA

Assessment District Commissioner

Date Received 31st July 1972

The revised schedule of meetings for the LAMARI LGC should do much to improve attendance at meetings. Pre-meeting discussions in the villages by field officers of this department should also increase awareness of the council's activities. The lack of interest of both residents and councillors of the LAMARI LGC have been noted in previous patrol reports from OBURA this current year.

Action Taken: Nil possible at present at this level.

J. P. Sinclair

Sgd..... (J.P. Sinclair).....

Date..... 9th August, 1972.

Headquarters

Date Received

Forwarded..... Section

Project Officer.....

Date.....

SITUATION REPORT No.

Station..... OBURA Officer Compiling..... T.J. BUISING
 District..... EASTERN HIGHLANDS Subdistrict..... KAINANTU
 Census Division..... ITURUA L.G. Council..... LAMARI

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(Use Reverse side if necessary)

Govt. Print.—1792/40,000.—5.72.

Subject:..... LOCAL GOVERNMENT - ITURUA CENSUS DIVISION

The Lamari Council was formed in 1967 and at present covers the Dogara and Iturua Census Divisions with a combined population of approximately 6000. There are twenty-five councillors or one from each village.

Such a degree of representation is ideal compared with that in the Kainantu Council. The Lamari Council has in fact, many of the advantages the lack of which at Kainantu have created such a gulf between village and council. It is small and a fairly unsophisticated organization, lacks the burden of a large number of administrative and developmental programmes and problems, all villages can still be individually represented without the numbers at council meetings becoming so large that individual councillors are engulfed in an anonymous mass.

However the Lamari Council, if more suited for encouraging political participation than the cumbersome Kainantu Council, has problems of a different nature. The area lacks the good road system enjoyed by Kainantu and some councillors have to walk up to a day and a half to attend meetings at Obura. Poor communications have severely hampered economic development and thus restricted council revenue. The Lamari Council has never and is unlikely for many years to play the major administrative and developmental role that the council plays at Kainantu. A more pressing problem is the small attendances at council meetings especially from the Iturua. This has a number of reasons ranging from pique at the disinterest shown in the opening of the Bibeori school by Obura Station, fear arising from inter-village disputes to , as one councillor said, many councillors being 'big-heads'.

Considering the degree of sophistication of the Iturua much of the proceedings at council meetings probably means very little to those attending. At a recent meeting the only issue to raise any interest was who was going to get a coffee machine. Not even the relatively sophisticated Agarabi people have any interest

Sgd: *T. J. Busing*Date: 10/7/72

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in Council estimates, or other details of the councils administration. Unfortunately the formality of council meetings rapidly becomes little more than a learned ritual. Councillors are not so much daring to ignore council meetings from any opposition to either the Administration or the Council as finding it hardly worth their while to attend. That the Lamari Council is so small means that the amount of business at a meeting is usually very little anyway.

Two new measures have been introduced for the new financial year. Meetings have been reduced to six a year and meetings are to be held at Bibeori and To'okena as well as Obura which is not particularly centrally located with respect to the bulk of the council villages. Neither is likely to affect the running of the council and ~~it will~~ they will make it easier for councillors to attend meetings.

Whether councillors attend meetings or not is unlikely to increase the understanding of the council and its functions at village level. With meetings two months apart it should be possible to institute a system of pre-meeting visits to most of the villages within the council especially those closest to the next meeting place to discuss village problems with respect to the council. Such visits would in fact be tantamount to the introduction of an informal ward committee system and would provide an excellent opportunity to gauge village problems and concerns, gauge reactions to council programmes, develop participation outside the formalities of an unfamiliar system and allow village opinion to be more closely reflected in the proceedings at council meetings. No doubt a number of those attending such informal meetings could be persuaded to attend and observe council meetings.

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SITUATION REPORT No. 2-PR 8-71/72

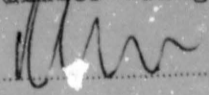
Station OBURA Officer Compiling T.J. BUISING P.O.
 District EASTERN HIGHLANDS Subdistrict KAINANTU
 Census Division ITURUA L.G. Council LAMARI
 Subject: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Subdistrict Office Assessment Assistant District Commissioner

Date Received
20/7/72

NIL

Action Taken: Submissions have been made to have the Lamari Bridge included in the Capital Works Programme. And also the Rural Development Programme. *Also* most certainly a timber bridge can be constructed

Sgd.  (R.C. HILL)

Date 21/7/72

District Office GOROKA

Assessment District Commissioner

Date Received

31st July, 1972.

This report has been referred to the District Co-ordinating Committee.

Action Taken: Other than indicated above, nil.

J. P. Sinclair
(J.P. Sinclair)

Sgd.....

Date..... 9th August, 1972.

Headquarters

Date Received

Forwarded..... Section

Project Officer.....

Date.....

SITUATION REPORT No. 2

Station.....OBURA.....Officer Compiling T.J. BUISING
 District.....EASTERN HIGHLANDS.....Subdistrict.....KAINANTU
 Census Division.....ITURUA.....L.G. Council.....LAMARI

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Govt. Print.--1792/40,000.--5.72.

Subject:.....ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.....

The Iturua Census Division, like the rest of the sub-district relies mainly on coffee for whatever limited cash income the people get. In 1970 there were 53,220 mature trees in the area.

Unlike the Kainantu area there is sufficient fertile land for the people not to feel any shortage and a symptom of this is the lack of any of the long standing disputes that plague Kainantu. By a conservative estimate over 90% of the land is unused, most being kunai covered slopes between the forested ridge tops and the Lamari River. Shortage of land will not adversely affect development but what is limiting such development is the lack of road access to any part of the census division. Even in the Dogara which is served by a road of sorts the distance from Kainantu and the roughness of this road has caused a drop in coffee prices below even the low amounts paid around Kainantu.

The Iturua has no road at all. The present road ends at the Lamari River and coffee must be carried from half to one and a half days to be sold.

The greatest spur to economic development available is the bridging of the Lamari, and the building of the road to Kawaina. Considerable work has already been done on stretches of this road but until there is a vehicular bridge across the Lamari further work is a waste of the peoples time. Thus the main barrier to development is the Lamari River.

Sgd:.....*Buising*.....Date:.....*10/9/72*.....