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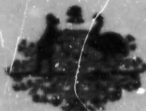
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Eastern Highlands Report No. *Porgera No 3-63/64*

Patrol Conducted by D. M. REID Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Porgera / Paleia Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL  
4 Members of H.P.N.G.C.  
1 Interpreter  
Natives 25 Carriers

Duration—From 16 / 1 / 1964 to 22 / 1 / 19 64

Number of Days 6

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / / 19

Medical / / 19

Map Reference Kabug Fournil Strat. Series (Army)

Objects of Patrol 1. To investigate the alleged murder of Taronga native KEREPAIYS - AIAGO. 2. To interview witnesses relevant to the case, and bring them to Porgera to DEPOSE.

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

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



67-11-11

6th March, 1964

District Officer,  
Western Highlands District,  
PORT MORSBY.


**MORNING REPORT 2-3-64 - MURDER**

Receipt of the above mentioned report,  
together with your comments, is acknowledged with  
thanks.

I am pleased to note that the Assistant  
District Officer, Lae, has instructed Mr. Hall  
in report writing.

I feel that Mr. Hall will do a good job  
at Lae as his record at Wapoga was very good.

The report calls for no further comment  
except that Mr. Hall has been most diligent in his  
work.

  
J. E. McCarthy,  
DISTRICT OFFICER.



67-14-11

MEZ/JV

MEZ.449



Department of Native Affairs,  
Western Highlands District,  
MOHAI HAGEN.

9th February, 1964.

~~Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office,  
LALAGE.~~

PATROL REPORT - FURBERA FR 1/61-64.

Receipt of Mr. Reid's report is acknowledged.

The report calls for little comment. I spoke to Mr. Reid at FURBERA on the day of his departure. From the report, he has obviously carried out the task given him in a competent manner.

I agree with your instructions concerning the content of matters other than those ordinarily contained in a Patrol Report.

As you have been informed, I propose to post Mr. J.A. Hicks to the FURBERA as soon as I can obtain his release from the Director. My present instructions are to send him to the Hapik District until the return of Mr. Leaver, Patrol Officer, who is posted to that District. Therefore, it appears that Mr. Hicks will not be available until the end of March. In the meantime, Mr. Reid should continue with the electoral preparations and I will post Mr. Van to FURBERA on his return from leave to assist with the polling. However, it must be clearly understood that Mr. Van's posting is a temporary one and that he must return to the HAGEN Sub-District for training in Council administration.

*Hubert*  
(S.H. HUBERT).  
District Officer.

C.S.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.



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Sub District Office,  
LALAGAN, W.H.D.

1.2.64.

The District Officer,  
District Office,  
Mount Hagen.

*Recd*  
Patrol Report MTHAGAN No 3-63/64.

Herewith the above numbered Patrol Report. It is understood that Mr. Vass was to prepare his Pergera Reports Nos 1 and 2 in the week he spent in Hagen before proceeding on leave. Could we get copies of these for our files please?

Mr. Reid was sent into the PAI'ELA to carry out a Police investigation into an alleged murder and to establish proof of a body and its identity. To this end the Patrol suitably accomplished its objective.

Some matters which have been drawn to Mr Reid's attention for observing in future reports of similar Patrols are: to refrain from making mention of having taken 'confessions' and also to refrain from casting aspersions on the justice of the Supreme Court. In this case however his observation was simply that of the local people and it is obvious from the average of murder or rape - or both - in the PAI'ELA every two months that witnesses returning from attendance at Higher Court sittings do not get whatever message the Court may have intended across to the people. If and when a permanent Officer is posted to Pergera, and after the Elections, it will be very necessary that much more patrolling be done in this rough and isolated valley. For a time after the Patrol Post was established at Pergera there was a lull in the PAI'ELA crime and retaliatory justice pattern. Now that they have gotten used to the idea that the long arm of the whiteman's law is not so long or strong after all they are reverting to type. I foresee further frequent murders in this area with a possibility of a largescale tribal fight. It is a pity that neither the Catholic or Lutheran Missions have been able to follow through their plans for establishing airstrips on either side of the valley and setting up stations. Europeans and patrols need have no fear of being embarrassed by the PAI'ELA people themselves. The continuing crime is not anti Administration or European. It is a continuation of their traditional type of justice - seeing that we do not seem to be able to measure up to their requirements.

Other remarks under the various headings of the report are self explanatory and need no comment.

Camping Allowance Claim for your signature and approval please.

  
Assistant District Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT:

*Papua No 3/63-64*

PATROL CONDUCTED BY:

D. N. REID C.P.O.

AREA PATROLLED:

PAIRLA VALLEY

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY:

4 Members of R.F.N.G.C.  
1 Interpreter  
20 Carriers

DURATION OF PATROL:

15/1/64 to 22/1/64

6 DAYS.

LAST PATROL TO AREA:

JULY 1963

MAP REFERENCE:

Journal Series 5400 ( Army )

OBJECTS OF PATROL:

1. To investigate the alleged murder of TANGWA native, KEMPAI - ALAO.
2. To interview witnesses relevant to the case, and bring them to Pongara to deliver statements.

*Don Reid*

D. N. REID.  
Cadet Patrol Officer



**INTRODUCTION:**

The patrol was mounted to investigate the alleged murder of a native of TAMBORA in the PAIRLA VALLEY.

On Sunday 14/1/64 a native of KUMORI in the PAIRLA VALLEY delivered a statement before me at KUMORI PATROL POST.

The native, YAY - PAKING confessed to the alleged murder of KUMORI - ANGO of TAMBORA, and informed me that the alleged murder took place on Sunday 12/1/64.

The patrol was instructed to enter the PAIRLA VALLEY and proceed to TAMBORA village where the alleged murder was committed.

Witnesses were to be interviewed and those relevant to the case be brought back to KUMORI there to deliver statements.

The body of the alleged victim, was to be examined and inspected to ascertain the position and number of wounds inflicted.

The patrol, accompanied by the witnesses could then return to Ferguson Patrol Post.



DIARY:

Thursday 16th January 1964

0800 hrs. checking equipment for patrol etc. and giving instructions to station personnel regarding work during my absence.

0930 hrs. arrival of District Officer, A.S.S. Nagan, and Indian Dept Officer by Command. General talks, and instructions regarding patrol.

Patrol departed Ferguson station 1205 hrs, and walked through rain to a Catholic Mission station approx. one hour from first camp site. Spilled carriers until rain stopped, and continued on to camp site PAHWALANA, arriving 1230 hrs. Patrol remained overnight.

Time 4 1/2 hrs.

Friday 17th January 1964

0730 hrs. issued anti malarial tablets to all patrol personnel.

0800 hrs. departed PAHWALANA and walked along extremely muddy track towards camp site KIRARAPUGA.

Carriers spilled three times at various intervals due to the almost constant spreading of the track. Because of recent heavy rainfall, track in very poor condition.

Arrived camp site KIRARAPUGA 1215 hrs. and constructed native material houses. Altitude approx. 9500 ft. A.S.L. - consequently very cold at night. Patrol remained overnight.

Time 4 1/2 hrs.

Saturday 18th January 1964

0800 issued anti malarial tablets to all patrol personnel.

0830 departed KIRARAPUGA and commenced walk to MANDAWAKARE rest house in the PAIKLA Valley.

At summit of FORSBERG/PAIKLA Divide, altitude approx. 10,000 ft. A.S.L.

Steep descent of approx. 4,000 ft to the MANDAWAKARE rest house.

Half way down the range, carriers spilled for half hour. Viewed YAKAMA waterfall approx. 2,000 ft. in height.

Continued descent and arrived MANDAWAKARE 1200 hrs. Patrol remained overnight.

Time 3 1/2 hrs.



Sunday 19 th January 1964

0830 departed MANDAVAKANE  
and began the walk to FARONGA.

1030 hrs arrived at FIFIRANGA  
rest house and spelled carriers for half hour.

1100 hrs continued on towards  
FARONGA, difficult track with many steep climbs and descents  
between FIFIRANGA and FARONGA.

Arrived FARONGA rest house  
1130 hrs.

1530 hrs. talked to the natives  
of the village, and interviewed witnesses.  
Took the names of five witnesses whose respective accounts  
were relevant to the incident.

These five natives to come back  
to Ferguson with the patrol, and deliver statements.

Time 5 hrs

Sunday 20 th January 1964

0845 hrs. Walked to the place  
where the alleged murder was committed. Inspected the  
area, and the areas the various positions of the victim,  
the murderer, and the witness, at the time of the killing.

0950 hrs. inspected the alleged  
body of the victim, and took three photographs for use as  
evidence. The four witnesses present identified the body  
as KHEPHEHE - AYAGO.

0900 rejoined patrol (waiting  
at considerable distance - 2 mile) and ledit to  
FIFIRANGA arriving 1105 hrs. Carriers spelled.

Departed FIFIRANGA 1200 hrs  
and proceeded to MANDAVAKANE rest house arriving 1330 hrs.

1500 hrs talked for an hour  
to natives of KHEPHEHE and FARONGA. Some unrest had arisen  
over the murder, but the situation seemed satisfactorily  
settled at the completion of the talk.

Time 4 1/2 hrs



Tuesday 21st. January 1964

0830 hrs. departed HANAWAKANE  
and began the steep climb to the summit of the YONNERA/  
KAWAIA dividing range.

Patrol spalled for half  
hour on stretch of level ground opposite KAWAIA waterfall.

Continued to climb, and  
reached summit at 1130 hrs.

Patrol. Walked to back  
camp site KIRANAFUSA arriving 1330 hrs.

Made camp in heavy rain.

Time 5 hrs.

Wednesday 22nd. January 1964

0715 departed KIRANAFUSA  
and walked to PAWALAMA camp.

Almost constant downhill  
grade all the way to the camp. Arrived 0930 hrs.

Spalled carriers for  
one hour before continuing on towards Pagers.

Departed 1030 and walked  
through light intermittent rain to Pagers Patrol Post  
arriving 1330 hrs.

1700 hrs. radio contact  
with Isigau.

Time 6 1/2 hrs

PAUSE TERMINATED



NATIVE AFFAIRS:

On the Thursday morning that the patrol began, some difficulty was experienced in obtaining carriers. The apparent reason for this was largely due to the last patrol to go through the PAIELA VALLEY. During this patrol one of the native carriers who had neglected to take the anti-malarial tablets supplied to him, contracted malaria whilst at the lower end of the PAIELA VALLEY. Although he was medically treated at Laigaga and Wabag, he later died as a result of the sickness.

The majority of the Porgeri natives were determined not to venture into the PAIELA again. They believe that the native that died of malaria was actually killed by a sorcerer that lives in the PAIELA VALLEY.

Sufficient carriers were assembled however, and the patrol departed.

On arrival at the first camp site - PAUWALINA, word was given to the local natives to bring food for the carriers. The poor response may have been due to the comparatively late hour of arrival and the constant heavy rain falling.

Whilst walking to the second camp site, the patrol encountered several natives from the PAIELA and the Tul Tul from MANDAWAKARE village. The Tul Tul immediately joined the patrol and escorted it into, and out of, the PAIELA VALLEY.

At MANDAWAKARE the Tul Tul and local natives prepared a large amount of Kau Kau, Yare, and other various foods for the consumption of the Police and carriers.

During the afternoon at Mandawakare, I talked at length with various natives regarding the murder at FARONGA. I was informed that all the natives of FARONGA had dispersed to various other villages, since they were afraid of the people of KOROMBI village. The natives of KOROMBI, afraid of the FARONGA natives retaliating by killing one of their people, had done likewise.

Within the last six months two murders have occurred in the PAIELA. In both cases the victims were natives of FARONGA village, and the murderers were natives of KOROMBI village.

I sent word for the natives of both KOROMBI and FARONGA to walk to the "neutral" place MANDAWAKARE where I would talk to them on Monday and attempt to settle their unrest. On the Monday after I returned to MANDAWAKARE from FARONGA, I talked for an hour to the group of natives gathered. All listened intently and nodded in agreement when I suggested 'burying the hatchet'. Many of the natives expressed their dissatisfaction with the justice of the Supreme Court. In their opinion a murderer was treated far too leniently. They suggested the penalty for murder should be an eye for an eye. i.e. If a native kills another, then the Government should kill the murderer as a just punishment.

In the PAIELA the main native contact for future patrols is the Tul Tul at MANDAWAKARE village. Efficient and helpful.



REST HOUSES:

During the six days the patrol remained overnight at only 2 rest houses. These were MANDAWAKARE and TARONGA.

The rest house at MANDAWAKARE has only recently been built to replace the old one which was in fairly poor condition during the last patrol into the area.

The new rest house at MANDAWAKARE, police house and cook house are in A1 condition.

At TARONGA the locals had almost completed building the new rest house, and only had small jobs of 'touching up' to be done.

During the night heavy rain fell and it was evident by the generally wet condition of the patrol personnel the following morning, that the natives of TARONGA left much to be desired regarding their roofing ability.

Due to dripping water and mice falling from the roof, I was forced to vacate the rest house and seek shelter in the cook house nearby.

The Bossai at TARONGA has received explicit instructions regarding the immediate drastic improvement in his rest house construction.

It is strongly advised that future patrols venturing to TARONGA should equip themselves with a tent - this to be erected inside the rest house as a precautionary measure.

Although the patrol did not stay at PIPIRANGA, I inspected the rest house, and found it to be in a satisfactory condition.

There are no rest houses at camp site KITARAMAPUGA or camp site PAUWALAMA. Previous patrols have erected small bush huts which are reasonably satisfactory and serve their purpose of providing shelter for patrols passing through the area.

The natives of MANDAWAKARE have been instructed to build a rest house at camp site KITARAMAPUGA as soon as possible.



WALKING TRACKS AND BRIDGES:

The walking track from Porgara Patrol Post to camp site KITARAMAPUSA is in a very poor condition. There is however little that can be done to rectify this due to the lack of population in this area.

During the last patrol the natives at MANDAWAKARE were informed of the patrol's dissatisfaction with the condition of the track from KITARAMAPUSA to MANDAWAKARE. They were instructed to improve and lay a better track as soon as possible.

It was pleasing to note that without Government supervision, this has been done. Out logs have been placed for almost a full mile along the old track, and a definite improvement has been made.

The walking track from MANDAWAKARE to TARONGA is in a reasonably good condition although there is much unnecessary climbing and descending. Instructions were given to the local natives to reroute the road and bring about a more even and constant grade.

There are almost no bridges along the track from Porgara to TARONGA through MANDAWAKARE. In breaching water courses there are two choices. Either walk through the water, or chance the solitary slippery log that is sometimes placed for the purpose of crossing.

Natives of MANDAWAKARE and TARONGA have been instructed to build bridges across any water course where difficulty may be experienced in crossing.



CONCLUSION:

On arrival at FARINCA, several witnesses were interviewed, and those with information relevant to the case accompanied the patrol back to Porgera to deliver statements.

On the morning of Monday 20th JANUARY 1964, myself, interpreter WERNS, and two policemen - VARIANIK and KIRUN, accompanied by four of the five witnesses, walked to the place where the victim was buried.

I inspected the area where the murder was committed, and was shown the various positions of the victim, the murderer, and the witness at the time of the killing.

Approximately 100 yds away was the grave of the victim. The body was then exposed and inspected for the number and positions of wounds. Due to the strong smell and part decomposition of the body, it was impossible to raise it and thus perform a more accurate inspection.

It was however determined that the victim was killed by a single axe wound inflicted to the back of the neck, and slightly to the right hand side.

By the position in which the body was lying, it was possible to ascertain that the victims neck was broken.

All four witnesses identified the body as that of KENPATIE - ALAGO .

Although I questioned all witnesses at some length regarding the whereabouts of the murder weapon, all denied any knowledge of its location. However on inspecting the axe of one of these witnesses ( the one actually present at the time of the murder) - discovered stains which I believe to be made by blood.

It has not as yet been confirmed that this axe was the murder weapon.

The patrol, accompanied by the five witnesses returned to Porgera without incident.

*D. M. Reid*  
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D. M. REID.  
Cadet Patrol Officer



R.P.N.S.C.

Appendix A.

Four members of R.P.N.S.C. accompanied the patrol into the FAIRL. All were members of the Ferguson detachment, and were under the supervision of Corporal Wabianik.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Comments</u>
6783	Corpl.	Wabianik	Generally unsatisfactory. Has an extremely weak character, and lacks initiative.
9399	Const. 9th	Karva	Conscientious, willing Constable. Gives only of his best. Potential N.S.C.
6272	Const. 5th	Yann	Cheerful, willing worker. Co-operative constable, and an asset to a patrol.
9366	Const. 5th	Vaiaki	Satisfactory. Shows a little lifeless in his actions, but performed his duties capably.

*Don Hat Reid*

D. H. REID.

Cadet Patrol Officer.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. PORGERA 4-52/64

Patrol Conducted by D.H. REED, Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Faisia Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL  
2 Members H.P.F.N.C.O.  
Natives 1 Interpreter  
20 Carriers

Duration—From 9 / 2 / 19 64 to 12 / 2 / 19 64

Number of Days 1 Day

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services JAN / 19 64

Medical / / 19

Map Reference Journal series WABAG (Army Strat)

Objects of Patrol 1. To investigate the alleged murder of native woman KANYU - ANGM. 2. To interview witnesses relevant to the case and bring them to PORGERA to deliver statements. 3. To investigate the proposed Lutheran mission site at TORNU. 4. Election propaganda.

Director of Native Affairs,  
**PORT MORESBY.**

Forwarded, please.

/ / 19

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

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



(B)

67-14-28

Department of Native Affairs,  
~~MINISTERS~~ PAPUA.

7th September, 1964

District Officer,  
Western Highlands District,  
M.P. 1000.

PATROL REPORT NO. 4-1061/64 - KIMBERLEY

Receipt of the above-mentioned patrol report is acknowledged with thanks.

2. The content of the report is well covered in the accompanying comment. I agree in your paragraph 1.

3. From results it appears that the people have a reasonable political awareness - or at least understand the mechanics of voting.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
MINISTERS



67. 14 28

In Reply Please  
Quote No. WHD 469



Sub-District Office,  
MOUNT HAGEN,  
Western Highlands District,  
15th July, 1964.

The Assistant District Officer,  
LAIAGAN.

FORGERA PATROL REPORT NO. 4 1963/64.

Your 67-1 of 11th May, 1964, refers. There is little to comment upon apart from the following:

1. Considering the isolation of the PAI'ELA and its relatively recent history of contact with the Administration, it is not surprising that the people of this area have as yet little conception of the Rule of Law as understood by us. It is to be anticipated therefore that patrols of the sort undertaken by Mr. Reid will continue to be a feature of administration in the FORGERA area for some years yet. However, the increasing number of homicide cases in which the killers give themselves into custody at FORGERA Patrol Post indicates a growing awareness on the part of the native people of the existence of a system of law and justice besides their own, even if at the moment the two systems exist side by side, and the imported system is found attractive in the circumstances because of its comparative leniency.
2. In view of the foreseeable continuation of the above situation for some time to come, it is most desirable that better communications into the PAI'ELA be established. As there is no prospect at the moment of the Administration moving permanently into the area, I agree with you that the Lutheran Mission should be encouraged to investigate the sites at KONGHEI and KONGA which appear to have better commercial possibilities than the site at YAMAHU which if Mr. Reid's estimates are correct would be restricted to private operations.

*S. M. Foley*  
.....  
(S.M. FOLEY.)  
DISTRICT OFFICER.

↓  
Cc. DWA  
Kameda Sr



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14  
Sub-District Office,  
LALAGAN

11th May, 1964.

The District Officer,  
Western Highlands District,  
MOUNT BAKER.

FORGERA PATROL REPORT NO. 4 1963/64.

Herewith three copies of the above report. Also attached are three copies of a claim for Camping Allowance Contingency submitted for your signature please.

The patrol was instructed to investigate an alleged murder and also to dispense election education propoganda and to investigate a proposed Lutheran Mission airstrip site at YUMARU. Unfortunately as the date of election polling was close at hand only a very short period of time was available to Mr. C.P.O. Reid to complete these tasks before he was required back at Forgera Patrol Post to begin the election polling. However in the time available to him he successfully carried out each of the assignments.

With regard to the murders mentioned in the report it is a significant fact that each of the three murders and one attempted murder in this area have all involved most of the same witnesses and defendants, in some way or other, and all have stemmed from the same incident which occurred early last year. The people concerned in all cases come from two places one FARONGGE and the other TAGOBA - the place YUMARU mentioned in this report is a subsidiary of TAGOBA. The marked unrest mentioned by Mr. Reid indicates that there is still a considerable animosity between the people of these two places despite the fact that full investigation and subsequent Courts ~~action~~ action have been taken in each instance as soon as possible after news has reached the Government Station at Forgera. The PAI'ELA has during the last twelve months averaged almost one patrol per month, for various purposes. All the incidents which occur in the PAI'ELA do so when Europeans have departed. As mentioned in previous reports it is considered that the people of this area take advantage of their isolation to continue their own uncompromising form of justice. As suggested before it is considered that the only way in which this attitude can be overcome is by having Europeans actually living in the PAI'ELA - whether Government or not.

With regard to the latter paragraph the Catholic Church have advised that they were in no hurry to occupy their previously applied for lease near YAMARAN. The Lutheran Mission on the other hand are keen to establish themselves and Mr. Reid carried out a preliminary investigation into their application for an airstrip lease at YUMARU. I think that as a result of his statement that the airstrip site is only 1200 ft. long but that there are two very good possible airstrip sites one at KOROMBI and one KORANGA. The Lutheran Mission should be contacted and these new and better sites be explained to them.



It would appear that Mr. Reig's remarks reference election education were a little pessimistic as the actual election polling was completed with much more obvious understanding of what was required than his remarks would suggest would have been possible.

For your information and further action please.



ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-1  
Patrol Post  
FURGERA  
6th MAY 1964

Assistant District Officer,  
Iagap Sub-district,  
LALASAN

FURGERA PATROL REPORT No 4-52/64

Herewith four copies of the above report.

**PATROL CONDUCTED BY:** D.M. REID, Cadet Patrol Officer.  
**AREA PATROLLED:** PAIOLA Census Division.  
**PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY:** 2 Members R.F. & N.G.C.  
1 Interpreter  
22 Carriers  
**DURATION OF PATROL:** 9/2/64 to 12/2/64  
4 Days.  
**LAST PATROL TO AREA:** January 1964  
**MAP REFERENCE:** Fournil series WABAS ( Army )  
**OBJECTS OF PATROL:**  
1. To investigate the alleged murder of YUMBU native woman NAYU - ANGAN.  
2. To interview witnesses relevant to the case and bring them to Furgera to deliver statements.  
3. To investigate the proposed Lutheran Mission airstrip site at YUMBU.  
4. Election propaganda.

Claims for camping out allowance are attached.

For your information.

*Don Reid*  
.....  
D.M. REID.  
Cadet Patrol Officer



**INTRODUCTION:**

The patrol was mounted primarily to investigate the alleged murder of **MAYU - ANAN**, a native woman of **YUNIARU** in the **Paiela Valley**.

On the 25th of January 1964, the native **YANGAPE - INEERAKI** of **YUNIARU** in the **Paiela Valley** came to **Forgera** and delivered a statement before me.

The patrol was to investigate the alleged murder, and if warranted examine the body for identification purposes. The number and positioning of wounds would also be noted and later used in evidence.

The names of all relevant witnesses could be recalled, and they would accompany the patrol back to **Forgera** there to deliver statements.

**Other objects of the patrol**

were to:-

1. Investigate the proposed Lutheran Mission site at **YUNIARU**.

2. Give a lecture concerning the forthcoming House of Assembly Elections to the natives assembled at **YUNIARU**.

Due to the lack of time, (Elections commencing 15/2/64) it was decided not to visit every **Paiela** settlement selected as a polling centre, but to concentrate the various leaders of these settlements at **YUNIARU**, where they could be given some understanding of the Elections and later transmit the information to the natives in their respective settlements.



DIARY:

Sunday 9th February 1964

0800 hrs Madang strip report. 0830 hrs making general preparations for patrol. Gave instructions to station personnel re work during my absence.

1130 hrs Both my own patrol, and that being led by G.P.O. P. Andrews departed Forgera Patrol Post. 1400 hrs heavy rain falling. Cont. walking through rain and arrived at Hungarep rest house 1500 hrs. Heavy rain prevented further progress. Both patrols remained overnight at Hungarep.

Time 1 1/2 hrs.

Monday 10th February 1964

0700 hrs. inspected a native with a severe axe wound on the back of the neck. Administered first aid treatment and despatched the native to Forgera, with a note requesting an aircraft for a medical emergency.

0715 hrs. sent police const Azman with two headmen of clan Hungarep to arrest the native accused of committing the act. It was discovered that the native had gone to FORGERA.

0900 hrs. assembled carriers and patrol personnel and departed Hungarep. Mr. Andrews patrol remained at Hungarep.

1130 hrs. reached the summit of Forgera/Paiela Dividing Range. Continued into the Paiela Valley and reached camp site TARANULA 1500 hrs. Descended approx 4,000 feet and arrived YUMARU at 1745 hrs. Patrol remained overnight.

Time 8 1/2 hrs.

Tuesday 11th February 1964

0830 hrs. Gave lecture regarding House of Assembly Elections to the group of Natives assembled.

1000 hrs. preliminary investigation of proposed Airstrip site at YUMARU.

1205 hrs. Walked with interpreter HERES, four witnesses, and Constables AMUSA and SUPAKA to the grave of the victim.

1215 hrs. exhumed body and inspected it for wounds inflicted. Noted the number and positions. Witnesses identified body as that of MANYU - ANGAN.

1230 hrs. returned YUMARU.

1245 hrs. Departed YUMARU and walked up the Dividing Range to a camp site TARANULA, arriving 1730 hrs. Patrol remained overnight.

Time 4 1/2 hrs



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Wednesday 12th February 1964

0730 hrs. patrol  
departed camp site YARAMULA and proceeded to  
FORGERA Patrol Post arriving 1330 hrs.

Time 6 hrs

**PATROL TERMINATED**



NATIVE AFFAIRS:

The last patrol into the Paisla was conducted by myself approximately three weeks previously for an identical purpose - to conduct a police investigation into an alleged murder.

Due to the nature of the patrol and its short duration it was impossible to assess the native situation accurately and thereby compile a reasonably comprehensive report.

It was noticeable however that although the YUMARU natives received the patrol well, there appeared to exist a marked unrest in the people. Whether this was due to the recent murder, or the patrol coming to exhume the body, I was unable to tell owing to the hurried nature of the patrol.

In the past twelve months approximately 9 patrols have walked through the Paisla Valley, and at all times have been received well.

The natives in this isolated area have benefited from the recent frequent patrols, and appear pleased that the Government is now taking more of an interest in their valley. Generally the Administration influence is being felt by these people although murders in the Paisla are by no means infrequent.

It is reasonable to assume that the people of this area prefer the justice of their ancestors to that of the white man.

The YUMARU murder that the patrol investigated was motivated by an alleged act of adultery on the part of the victim MARYU - ANJAN. Her husband evidently preferred the justice of his ancestors to that which he would receive in the Court for Native Affairs at Porgera Patrol Post.

On the morning of Tuesday 11th February 1964, I lectured the group of natives assembled regarding the forthcoming House of Assembly Elections. At the end of the lecture I questioned them on what they had just been told. It was immediately apparent that although the topic had been condensed and simplified as much as possible, it was beyond their comprehension. They were interested however, and after a further half hour a few began to understand the bare principles involved.

I informed them that the Election patrol would enter the Paisla Valley on the 17th February 1964 and gave them the names of the polling places.



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FORGERA PATROL No 4-63/64

WALKING TRACKS AND BRIDGES:

The walking track from FORGERA Patrol Post to YUMARU in the Paiela Valley is in a very poor condition.

Although the natives living in settlements near this track have been instructed repeatedly to repair and redirect the route in order to prevent unnecessary climbing, it is most apparent that no work has been done ~~in~~ this regard.

On many occasions the patrol was forced to walk through knee deep mud and for extended periods through running water stream beds.

Of the many water courses crossed, only three were bridged. Two of these bridges were within ten minutes walking time of YUMARU in the Paiela Valley, and the other across the Forgera River below WONGAREP. Each of these was constructed of long thin logs tied together with vines. The two bridges near YUMARU represent a hazard due to their rotted and decaying condition.

The headmen at Yumaru have been requested to organize the building and repair of bridges across every large watercourse on the Paiela side of the Range.

They have also been requested to remove any and all obstacles along and in the vicinity of the track from the top of the Range to Yumaru. This work to be completed before the patrol conducting the Elections in the Paiela passes through the area on approx. the 17th February 64. An inspection will be made and improvements noted.



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PORGERA PATROL No 4-63/64

REST HOUSES:

During the four days the patrol remained overnight at only two rest houses. These were at MUNGAREP and YUMARU.

The rest house at MUNGAREP has only recently been constructed to replace the previous rest house which was in a poor condition. The new rest house is a great improvement however the Pitpit and grass roofing in its newly laid condition is not completely waterproof in some places. Instructions have been given to rectify this.

The rest house at YUMARU has also only recently been built to replace the old one which was situated at TAGORA. The new rest house has a roof of Pandanus leaves and general constrn. is good.

On Tuesday 11th February 1964 the patrol remained overnight at the camp site KARAMELA located near the summit of the Dividing Range between Porgera and The Paitia Valleys. Small native material houses have been built on this site and these adequately serve their purpose of providing shelter to passing patrols.



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FORGERA PATROL No 4-53/64

AGRICULTURE:

The mode of land Agriculture at YUMARU in the Patela Valley follows that common through the Western Highlands District being Subsistence Agriculture, with Sweet Potatoes being the basic food crop cultivated.

The Sweet Potatoes brought in large quantity to the patrol, was found to be of average size and no peculiarity to that grown around Ladagan or Forgera was noticed.

A small amount of corn was brought to the patrol and no sign of disease was observed. The corn was of reasonably good quality and the cobs had an average length of 8 inches.

Some sugar cane is also grown with the average thickness of the cane approx. 1 inch to 1 1/2 inches.

Many Banana trees were seen growing in the immediate vicinity of YUMARU but only a few had developed fruit. Bunches are about 2 feet in length and contain approx. 30 bananas. The fruit produced is a native banana averaging 5 inches in length and 2 inches in thickness. When ripe the meat of the banana has a marked orange coloration.



PORGERA PATROL No 4-63/64

CONCLUSION:

At YUMARU several witnesses were interviewed, and those with information relevant to the case accompanied the patrol back to PORGERA to deliver statements.

On the morning of Tuesday 11th February 1964, myself, interpreter HERES and two constables - AMUSA and SUPAKA, accompanied by four witnesses walked to the place where the victim was buried.

The body was exposed and inspected for the number and positions of wounds sustained. By this time the victim had been dead and buried for approximately three weeks. Consequently the body was in the advanced stages of decomposition.

I was able to determine however that the victim had died as a result of spear and axe wounds.

I observed that spear wounds in excess of a dozen had been sustained in the abdominal and chest areas. The left side of the head bore a wound extending from above the temple to below the cheek bone. Bone structure on the left side of the face was non-existent between these two points. It appeared that the wound may have been inflicted by an axe blow.

All four witnesses identified the body as that of MANYU - ANGAN.

The site of the murder was inspected and it is situated along the YUMARU PORGERA walking track approx. half way up the Porgera/Paiela Dividing Range on the Paiela side.

The axe used in the murder has not been brought forward. The spear is at Porgera Patrol Post.

Whilst at YUMARU I did a preliminary investigation of the proposed Lutheran Mission airstrip site. At best the maximum runway length obtainable could only amount to 400 yds (1200 feet) and the approaches are such that any attempt at a landing on this site would be extremely hazardous.

It is my strong suggestion that owing to the above, the Lutheran Mission abandon their intention of establishing an airstrip at YUMARU and seek a more promising site.

Two very good possible airstrip sites are at KOROMBI village and KOMANGA village in the Paiela Valley.

On the morning of Monday 10th February 1964 a native was treated by the patrol for a deep wound in the neck inflicted by an axe. The native accused is being held at Porgera for attempted murder.

Election talks were given to the natives assembled at YUMARU. ( See under Native Affairs) The patrol returned to Porgera without incident.

*Don Matt Reid*

D.M. REID.

Cadet Patrol Officer



APPENDIX A.

FORGERA PATROL No 4-63/64

REPORT R.P.& H.G.C.

Two members of the FORGERA detachment accompanied the patrol to YURARD in the Paicla Valley.

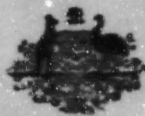
<u>Number:</u>	<u>RANK:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>COMMENTS:</u>
8630	Con. 5th.	AKUEA	Extremely competent experienced patrol constable. Uses his initiative and has a good command over both carriers and natives contacted. At all times worked well.
10643	Con. 2nd.	SUPAKA	Good capable constable. Worked well, and performed his duties satisfactorily.

*Don Matt Rice*

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D. M. RICE.

Officer R.P.& H.G.C.





The Director,  
Dept. of Native Affairs  
PORT MORESBY

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE  
4 JULY 1964  
LAIGANI I.C.D.

# PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN DISTRICTS Report No. PORTMOR 105 of 1962/64

Patrol Conducted by Sgt. S. J. [unclear] Patrol Officer - Grade 4

Area Patrolled Laigani - Tolaga

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 2 members R.P.A. N.G.O. 30 carriers

Duration—From 10 / 2 / 19 64 to 13 / 5 / 19 64

Number of Days 3

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services March, 1964 D. Rain (part)  
D. T. [unclear]

Medical Nil / 19

Map Reference 1:250,000 Series

Objects of Patrol  
1. Establishing contact with Sub-District head quarters  
2. Discussions re D.O. matters revalant to area 3. Carrying of  
equipment to the area to the area

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ / 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
District Commissioner

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



67-14-26

24th July, 1964.

The District Officer,  
Western Highlands District,  
MR. HASEL.

PATROL REPORT NO. 6-63/64 - FORGARA:

Receipt of the above-mentioned Patrol Report  
is acknowledged with thanks.

I heartily concur in the remarks contained in  
the final paragraph of your letter to the A.R.C.  
Lalagan.

The report itself is first class and gives a  
good description of the people.

It is heartening to see well organized develop-  
ment taking place.

See what you can do about getting Agriculture  
to purchase a boar from Mr. Leahy to service the  
sows at Forgara.

  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.



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Department of Native Affairs,  
Western Highlands District,  
BOUNT HAGEN.

29th June, 1964.

Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office,  
LAIAGAN.

PATROL REPORT FORGERA  
No. 6. 1963/1964

Thank you for Mr. J.R. Hicks' report.

Since receiving the report I have had the opportunity of inspecting the Forgera Patrol Post and discussing the report with you at Laiagan.

To summarise those discussions :

- (1) Mr. Hicks to undertake detailed patrol of PAIOLA as soon as practicable.
- (2) New - Sepik Border patrol should be programmed after Paiola and I would like to see Mr. Read accompany Mr. Hicks.
- (3) Goldfield road to have priority over other works.
- (4) No construction on Forgera - Legaip Divide crossing until surveyed route agreed to by this office.
- (5) Present Paiola labour to be repatriated with forthcoming patrol.

Mr. Hicks is to be complimented on a good description of the present position in the Forgera. Lack of population and difficult terrain will always make Forgera an administrative problem. However, with officers of the enthusiasm and calibre of Messrs. Hicks and Read, we can accomplish such.

*S.M. Foley*  
(S.M. FOLEY)  
District Officer



S.O.  
Department of Native Affairs,  
BOUNT HAGEN.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Sub District Office,  
LALAGAN,  
Leggip Sub District.

5th June 1964

DISTRICT OFFICE  
10 JUN 1964  
MT. HAGEN, W.H.D.

The District Officer,  
District Office,  
MOUNT HAGEN.

PORGERA PATROL REPORT No 6 of 1963/64.

Forwarded herewith are two copies of the above  
numbered report, prepared by Mr P/O Hicks.

During my last inspection of PORGERA I told Mr. Hicks  
to come through to LALAGAN to familiarise himself with  
Sub District files. This he has done, during the walk in  
and out he familiarised himself with the two routes for  
possible roads to link LALAGAN and PORGERA. The route which  
will be developed in the first instance is that via SUTURAGA,  
TURNEBAN, and TIBININI. Mr. Freutlein will shortly be commencing  
work on the last stages of the motor road link to TIBININI.

The comprehensiveness of Mr. Hicks report shows his  
definite enthusiasm for the several projects which will  
occupy him for the remainder of his term.

The several carpenters whom I have sent to PORGERA  
in the last week will greatly speed up the building programme -  
in particular the erection of the permanent Gaol building.

The completion of the goldfields road will greatly  
improve the supervision of the Native mining industry and  
allow for much easier access to the population centres of  
YUYAN and the Upper KAIHU area. It will also be the start of  
a PORGERA-PAI'ELA motor road.

The necessity of concentrated patrolling in the  
PAI'ELA is fully appreciated by Mr. Hicks and most of his  
Patrol effort will be in the PAI'ELA area. The continuing employ-  
ment at PORGERA of large groups of young PAI'ELA men will be  
the most beneficial factor in culture-contacting the PAI'ELA  
people, until the Missions now awaiting leases in the PAI'ELA  
can establish themselves in the valley. It is hoped that they  
will in the early stages of their entry establish an airstrip.

Can some suitable young fruit trees be obtained by  
the District Agricultural Officer for experimental planting  
on PORGERA station?

Mr. Hicks' lengthy report shows a considerable  
enthusiasm for his new position.

For your information and further action please

  
District Officer.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Date of Post,  
25th May, 1964

Assistant District Officer,  
Legal Sub-District,  
IAWAM

POWDER PATROL REPORT No 6 of 1963/64

Enclosed here (3) copies of the above report.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: J. R. ...  
 AREA PATROLLED: Ferguson - Ialagau - ...  
 PATROL ENCOUNTERED BY: ...  
 LAST PATROL IN AREA: ...  
 DURATION: ...  
 OBJECTS OF PATROL:
 

1. Identification of Sub-District ...
2. ...
3. ...
4. Possible routes Ferguson/Ialagau area.

... for copying allowances are attached.  
For your information.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
...  
...-in-charge



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BERGERS PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 1957/58

INTRODUCTION

Not long having passed out of the Base Camp phase of administration, the Bergers Patrol Post owes its existence to the development in recent years of a native mining industry in a general rich portion of the Bergers Valley. The sparse population in its dispersed settlements and communities makes only an estimated cover thus far, giving little justification for the Post being in its present position in consideration of more adventurously located areas of the Ingal Sub-District for uniform administration, but the extent and partly unrealized as yet potential of the indigenous mining activities make an administrative centre in the Bergers Valley a necessity.

Having taken over the position of Officer-in-Charge of the Bergers Patrol Post on 1st March 1957, the purpose of this report was merely to acquaint myself with Sub-District headquarters and to discuss various matters pertaining to the area with the Assistant District Officer and representatives of other departments. By walking through the Ingal area on to Garamba and the possible routes for a road linking the two centres, in addition bulky equipment necessary for various works at Bergers was carried back.

Still in its infancy, the Bergers Patrol Post requires much to be done before administration settles into the routine of the established Post, and being the first permanent officer I feel that a very interesting and satisfying term lies before me.

My visit to the area will serve as a record of my activities since arrival and of those intended for the future, together with my impressions to date of the area.



REPORT OF PATROL

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October 1964

Together with Police and carriers reported various patrol  
at 10:30 hours from West Hill and east side of Canyon  
Valley area, including the area between Canyon  
Road and Canyon Road. Patrol was on duty from 10:30  
to 11:00 A.M. arriving 10:30 hours. Remaining  
duty.

October 1964

Departed at 10:30 hours from West Hill and east side of Canyon  
Valley area, including the area between Canyon  
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At Laguna. Patrol of area with District Officer  
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Sunday 17th

Departed camp 0630 hours. Through thick timber along muddy trail re-ascending to grassed plateau at 1700 hours. Across grasslands to 1750 at Assistant District Office. Hottel's old camp site arriving 1700 hours. Camp made. Washing night.

10 hrs. 30 mins

Monday 18th

Departed camp 0630 hours. Through grasslands to headwaters of Fern River. Ascended through thick timber over muddy track to Pains Co., entered into Rogers Valley arriving Patrol Post 1030 hours.

10 hrs.

TUESDAY



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WESTERN DISTRICT REPORT No. 6 of 1961/62

NATIVE AFFAIRS

- Political Development
- Economic Development
- Social Development
- Law and Order
- Station Work
- Isilagan/Burgara Road
- Patrol Programs
- Maps

NATIVE AFFAIRS - POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

The people within the area administered by the Burgara Patrol Post range from the illiterate but wealthy handful of goldminers to the as yet uncontacted groups along the Sepik border. Although wealthy the goldminers have very little semblance of sophistication and to date I have only encountered four who I feel will definitely emerge as leaders of their peoples within the next decade. The people of the Burgara Valley themselves are under sufficient influence to allow development to be channelled along definite lines once an opportunity presents itself. The people of the Paitia Valley are much too pre-occupied with tribal feuds and killings to allow for plans any more definite than consolidation of administration influence and permanency as yet. (refer Native Affairs - Law and Order) The peoples towards the Sepik border, broadly referred to as the Rewa, have as yet been left untouched by administration influence except, as Patrol Reports indicate, for initial contact patrols around the edges of the area.

In consideration of the prospects for more concrete means of political advancement, such as the Local Government Council, the Burgara Valley represents the only probable community for which an institution within the foreseeable future. The economic stability required is undoubtedly present, but as a drawback factor appears to be that the monetary gains realized from the mining industry fall into the hands of a few resulting in their material wealth and consequently power, being far in excess of the majority who are still confined to traditional modes of existence. Employment in the service of the fortunate few does represent a way of more equitable distribution of goods & services, but



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scale, the numbers that can be profitably utilized are limited. Undertaking on a commercial scale by either Rio Tinto or Bulolo Gold Breeding would inevitably result in there being sufficient revenues of employment to both raise and more equally distribute the per capita income. (refer Native Affairs - Economic Development)

It is my intention that by the end of the year when the whole area has been patrolled that a fairly accurate assessment of the money entering the Territory will have been made. I have started to keep figures and records of the monetary value of the mining industry together with associated services and deposits and withdrawals and with the combining of a Mines Office in the Patrol Officer's establishment the Office will be able to have better appreciation of the extent of the mining industry and its products. (refer Native Affairs - Statistics, Mines Office) In Patrol Officer's notes will also be made on the various apparent leaders within the community for the assistance of any official conducting a Local Government Survey in the later days.

In the future consideration will be given where it is deemed appropriate to the appointment of sub-official Village Officers and their duties and consolidation of the Territory present.

Concerning the laws, the reactions of the people, the recognition of traditional leaders and the attempt to which they are forthcoming will have to be considered in the light before any final specific measures are undertaken in the administration intended can be made.



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REPORT ON THE BURGERS VALLEY

It has been said that the natives of the Burgers Valley had considerable development before they had law and order. That gold existed in the area was first realized during the early Highland exploratory patrols of Taylor and Black, Hides, and the Leaky Brothers, but no real attempt at the deposits and the area passed into oblivion as far as Western commercial venture was concerned.

Various patrol officers stationed at Leagas were charged with law enforcement over the past few years resulting in the strange situation of natives all over the "uncontrolled" possessing bank books with sizable accounts in them. Transactions were arranged, handled and controlled by the various officers. Various Patrol Reports held indicate that mining only progressed when time allowed itself from the more serious business of fighting and hence the emergence of the Burgers Base Camp, closed for varying periods by Leagas officers with the result that restrictions on the area have been lifted and there is solidarity in the industry that was lacking prior to the establishment of the Base Camp. However, as mentioned previously in this Report, this industry is beneficial to a fortunate few and to the rest of the Burgers Valley natives life appears to be little changed except that sporadic killings have now been curtailed. (c.f. Bulala Valley mentioned later).

With the return to the area on a private system of Mr. Taylor, European interests have been renewed. Mr. J. Seerson, from Durban as is Mr. Taylor, also has a substantial interest in development. Mr. Seerson recently returned to Porters and is currently on his lease in the area referred to as the "Goldfield". Mr. Taylor has not been here since I took over, but I am greatly looking forward to visiting the man whose work as a patrol officer I have so much respected.

Following the renewed activities of Messrs. Taylor and Seerson, companies of international recognition have shown interests in the Burgers goldfield. These are Rio Tinto of America and the long established Territory First of Bulala Gold Dredging (S.A.B.). Earlier this year both companies ceased activities in their initial assessment of the potential of the field and at the present all concerned are awaiting the outcome of what the result will be. Opinions vary from one extreme to the other but in my official capacity as Officer-in-Charge I have not been informed either way.

Another company, Apollo Investments Ltd. of Jamaica, had a "geologist" and a "director" on the goldfield till three weeks ago. However, there is much doubt in my mind as to whether this is a bogus organization after possible easy money quickly or is in reality all its two representatives claim. After pressing for an Exclusive Prospecting Lease



over a given area, they suddenly boarded a plane out of  
Kogara and nothing is known of what their present intentions  
concerning the area are.

If full scale development by either of the first  
two mentioned companies is contemplated, the scope for  
development in the Foyers Valley thus becomes unlimited  
and its effects must inevitably be felt in the Foyers  
Valley and Sowa area. However, until something definite  
emerges such extreme concepts will have to remain as nothing  
more.

To most of the people in the immediate vicinity of  
the station, the only source of income is from sale of sweet  
potato to the station. The amount realized from this in  
relation to the population is very small, and governmental  
works such as the airstrip and roads are not to the extent  
that people could derive a permanent income from this form  
of employment.

Labour recruiting for coastal plantations represents  
a means not only of bringing outside money into the area  
but also of broadening the outlook and comprehension of  
those who participate, but as other lightland areas appear  
to have priority on this system the prospects of the Foyers  
plantations are limited.

As to the prospects and intentions for cash cropping  
refer Agriculture.

Present indications as to economic development in  
the Foyers area are all. At present some 100 men are  
from this area on the station being utilized on the  
various projects outlined later. As units of labour they are  
generally inefficient due to their lack of familiarity with  
the various phases of an organized workforce, but progress  
is slowly but surely being made and the attitude of the people  
towards economic prospects for good remuneration in the  
future between the people as a whole is the government officer.  
They are proving most eager and enthusiastic about the various  
tasks and the general air appears to be that this is a  
glorified holiday. They are being supplied with rations  
as when they feel that they have been out of their area  
long enough a monetary payment will be made. (Refer Future  
Affairs - Lab and Order, Foyers)

The people of the Sowa region will have to go through  
the stages of contact, adjustment, and assimilation of influence  
before anything definite in the field of economic development  
can be envisaged.



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WATER AFFAIRS - SOCIAL RECREATION

As to the negligible degree to which the majority of the people of the area have departed from their traditional mode of life, this field has moving specific points which should be covered.

However, a start must at least have been made in that three weeks ago the construction of a Battery Club on the station at Sargera was commenced. This is being done with the prime purpose of raising the morale of the Sargera Police detachment and other civilian personnel in order that some sort of spirit for the station may be created. At the moment Sargera has nothing to recommend it as a club for members of the Constabulary to be sent to, and although I am a firm believer in that both members of the Constabulary and government officers should go where posted without question I also feel that where possible it is the responsibility of the Officer-in-Charge to attempt to supply such amenities within reason which can serve the difference between co-operation and full support on the one hand and discontent and ineffectiveness on the other.

It is hoped that a recreation centre with a Club and its associated amenities will be the nucleus of further social development spreading from the station to the outskirts of the village. It will be a long time before the status of women is such that constructive strides in this field could be implemented. Upon the establishment of the Club and the acquisition of the clubhouse, a library scheme will be initiated for, it is felt that a library scheme will not only interest station personnel but a few of the native women who come amongst them their contact with social training has been limited. Sporting equipment has been purchased and Mr. Bell, Cadet Control Officer, and myself have been making a point of supervising some form of organized sport on the station on Sunday afternoons.

In conjunction with the Club a Flying-Field is at present being constructed and it is hoped that with the participation of local people that regular weekend sporting fixtures can be arranged. At the moment they are either given every encouragement to join in on Sunday afternoons and in particular to take part in the regular sporting and shooting after school is to equal to a good fight any day.

It is hoped that by next year other life at Sargera has settled into the normal routine noted in other stations that soccer, cricket or basketball matches could be arranged against other neighbouring centres such as Kelugan and Kibing, but as circumstances will be out of the question, this will possibly be dependent upon the likelihood of Sargera to be taken by a Jap raid. (Refer Native Affairs - Station Notes, Native Club)



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NAIVE AFFAIRS - LAKE SUPERIOR

The people of the Porcupine Valley do not warrant such ill-treatment in this section. As mentioned previously, with the establishment of a Game Camp at Porcupine to consolidate the native mining industry, tribal fighting and pay-back have ceased and since my arrival at Porcupine the latter having to some extent been converted into a peaceful village. It is with some surprise that I have heard of a killing which took place after which the people themselves were blamed by the station.

Stealing at the Post itself is far more than I've encountered on any station before. Police investigations inevitably fail to bring any evidence to light. It is hoped that it is only a matter of time before a warrant is issued.

Concerning the Police I make reference to the memorandum of Patrol Officer Vase, ST-1 dated 12th March, 1904, to the Assistant District Officer Leggett, copy to the District Officer, concerning arrest and killings prevalent in this area. Mr. Vase's comments support those of previous officers entering the area. His points made by Mr. Vase are that the government should take more of an interest in the people and supply them with something constructive to keep them otherwise occupied than fighting. Both these could have been largely met in having the present land group on the station. Although for every ill-balled ball on the station there are still ten in the Dulais Valley, their apparent leaders are with those at Porcupine and in all respects the reports of ill-treatment are due to my action. As mentioned previously, the relationship between the workers and the administration is excellent and in fact there have been no indications that the quality of employment is wearing thin. During the outbreak of labor via a few national movements were experienced which fifty of them went down with the capitalist and if any had contracted pneumonia and subsequently died a major setback in relations would have resulted. The workers are being returned by the government and at the completion of the projects on which they are engaged will receive a monetary payment, costs being against Product workers supplied by the District Commissioner.

It had been my intention to patrol into the Dulais commencing the first week of June, but as the location could clash with the intended visit of the Minister of Territories to Porcupine, as the patrol programme has been amended accordingly. The present intention is to patrol into the Dulais commencing the last week of June. (refer Native Affairs - Patrol Programme)

Concerning the laws, the application of law and order to this area will for some time be confined to, during the course of patrols, explanations as to government purposes and principles. Continued patrolling in this area to support statements made will become an absolute necessity.



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At present a prison dormitory and associated buildings are in the process of construction at Poryere. It is felt that the present system of an existence not much different to that of a labour line does not lend itself to the concept amongst the people that being sentenced to a corrective institution constitutes a social stigma and loss of privileges. Also where a Court orders a detainee to be sent to hard labour a point is being made that work on the station which comes within this category is delegated to the prisoners thus detracting from the belief that a prison sentence constitutes work and lodging from the administration in exchange for sitting gaol.

Court and Corrective Institution Record books were recently received and records commenced. If upon the completion of the prison and a six month period indicates that the number of detainees is a fairly high constant, application will be made for the appointment of Warders to alleviate the demands upon the Constabulary when a patrol programme is fully under way.



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NATIVE AFFAIRS - STATION WORK

As mentioned previously, Pongera has much work to be done before it gains recognition as a established Patrol Post. A Works programme has been made up and priorities accorded to the various projects. The loan of three carpenters from Isigau has greatly accelerated the rate and quality of the work being done and the retention at Pongera for at least another three months is felt desirable.

The following brief notes under each heading outline what is being done.

1. NATIVE HOUSES CONSTRUCTION

Refer Native Affairs - Social Development.

This is being constructed on the grassed area to the east of the Police Barracks and on completion will be a building of 20' x 20' with a corrugated iron roof. A setback was experienced but was due to the roof collapsing injuring a member of the Constabulary. Luckily the extent of his injuries was not serious, but it appears it was only a temporary setback as he was not injured and injured. The fault may be due to the quality of the workmanship. The work was done by a local man who was qualified and a student supervisor investigated.

The floor, ceiling, walls and roof of native materials. Plans have been prepared and were finished and will be forwarded to the Resident District Officer, Honiara, for his perusal.

Upon the completion of the building a meeting will be held by all those interested and a Constitution drawn up.

2. PLAYERS FIELD

Refer Native Affairs - Social Development.

This will be an integral part of a fully functioning Native Peoples Club. Due to the lack of level ground at Pongera an area joining the western side of the airstrip is currently being cleared and levelled. When this has been completed drains will be placed and the area levelled, top dressed with river sand and grass planted.



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3. BRISON

This is being constructed to the north of the Police Barracks. A 57' x 18' dormitory is planned for, partitions allow separation of the sexes. Clearing and levelling of the site has now been completed. Drivings is proving a problem but permanent well placed drains and further clearing will eventually minimize the difficulty. Apart from the main block will be a wash-room and apart apart from this again a toilet block.

I will not be able to release the contractors to commence the buildings until the drainage is completed, an estimated three weeks.

Plans have been drawn up and when finished will be forwarded to the Assistant District Officer, Lagos, for his perusal.

4. AUSTRIAN

In the past month 340 lengths of curved sardens setting have been laid into 37 inch-bone drains on the strip. Fourteen of these are in the steepest part and the others advantageously placed to arrest water action on the remainder. There is one more drain to go in, but this will not be done until the area it is intended to serve has been suitably levelled. The lack of a roller to consolidate the surface since it has been levelled is proving a hindrance to progress and has been the subject of some fruitless correspondence from Sub-District Office, Lagos and this office. As I cannot see the roller materializing in the near future, work will shortly be re-commenced on the levelling of the low areas of the strip, but I cannot envisage myself being satisfied with the job that will be done. Foreign strip has a bit of a reputation amongst pilots now without having the disadvantages of a series of half-attempts pretending to bring it up to standard. I have contemplated constructing a roller out of a forty-four gallon drum filled with gravel, but consider this unsatisfactory for the task to be done.

Observations made during storms and after continual heavy rain indicate that the drains are doing the work required of them. It has been pleasing to hear pilots' comments on the firmness of the surface after rainfalls in excess of 150 points. This is a decided improvement when it is remembered that not long ago 30 points was the indicator for closing the strip.

With the opening of the drains, observations indicate that water falling on the surface does not gain sufficient momentum before entering a drain to cause sheet erosion and it is my intention that the areas between the drains will be top-dressed with river sand dispersed with grass cuttings. Although as mentioned I do not envisage such loss of dressing, a roller would nevertheless again be a decided advantage.



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A new hand-saw has been obtained to replace the present defective one.

No immediate plans are being entertained for lengthening the strip. There is far too much work of a higher priority to be done at Bengara before elaborations of existing facilities can be contemplated.

D. COLLECTING ROAD

This is to be a vehicular road connecting the station with the site of the native village. It is the west, a direct distance of some four miles but a line of road would be about 10 miles.

The route has been gone over by Mr. ... and the task assessed. Markers were being placed this week and it is intended to have some three hundred persons, including the Police, commence work in five days time. The 1st June. Equipment in the form of shovels and is being ... as can be seen from the money allocated has been used for the purchase of tools and with the arrival of work is remaining in Benga, sufficient equipment can be made to ensure positive results.

The grade from the work of measurement is calculated as being the time required for this project.

The desirability of such a road is that due to the various interests in the future and present utilization of the strip, both from officials of the administration and private enterprise, a rapid and comparatively easy method of getting Europeans to the actual centre of activities is essential. At present many paragraphs do not get beyond the airstrip due to either the difficulty in walking across the terrain or other pressing commitments do not allow the time that would be required.

That a reasonable road capable of being negotiated by hand power should greatly assist mining as an indigenous economic enterprise and perhaps encourage some national activity from European private enterprise.

E. C.I.C.'s RESIDENCE

The bulk of work is concentrating a residence to replace the native material building which had fallen into disrepair and eventually been burnt down. Mr. ... by arrival, and although not completed as yet, is still the best and most comfortable quarters I have occupied since joining the service.

With the arrival in the past week of two native plumbers, boats, gutting and an internal water system will shortly be completed, thus eliminating the necessity of having water carried from the ... completion of the plumb activities, the carpenter's bill is being ... their tasks and then painting will commence. The exterior walls of both main blocks will be done in lime wash.

The Mining Officer in Benga, Mr. ... always enjoyed excellent relations with Bengara officers



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and having the record of the data become available, over the possibilities of installing a system which will supply each room with electric light. It is expected following a trial run on the premises, the generator as of the next visit will have been replaced by a motor.

After the facilities mentioned above are installed a few more will be added to all rooms excellent, comfortable quarters.

2. PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS

Four men of the staff have been assigned to the project. They are: Mr. J. S. Storer, Mr. J. S. Storer, Mr. J. S. Storer, Mr. J. S. Storer. They are all assigned to the project of construction. They are all assigned to the project of construction. They are all assigned to the project of construction.

The residential quarters are a matter for attention in the near future but as yet no interest has been shown indicating interest in the project. It is believed that the work will be done in the near future.

A building which was earlier transferred has been obtained and all necessary work will be done in the near future.

3. OTHER MATTERS

It was agreed during the last meeting that the project should be completed by the end of the year. It was agreed during the last meeting that the project should be completed by the end of the year. It was agreed during the last meeting that the project should be completed by the end of the year.

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4. SUMMARY OF CURRENT MATTERS

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10. STATION PLAN

Upon the completion of repairs of the buildings and public utilities peculiar to established stations a complete station plan will be laid using the current workbooks mentioned previously as data points. One of the many projects at present in various stages of development, the submission of this plan to Sub-District and District Headquarters is not expected before Christmas.

11. STORE

The present store at Bogoras is inadequate for orderly storing of rations, hardware, tools etc. and when time becomes available, a larger permanent store will be erected. The District Commissioner, Western Highlands, has approved a corrugated iron roof for this project and the matter will be followed up in the next financial year.

12. GENERAL

Upon commencing the projects outlined above, an acute shortage of suitable bush-saw timber was evident. Since then pit-saw teams have been organized and in the last three weeks a constant rate of production has been maintained.

The posting of Mr. B. Reid, Senior Patrol Officer, to Bogoras from Lalagen, has been a decisive factor in maintaining progress on the numerous projects, and whatever success these eventually enjoy will be due in a small part to his capabilities, and without whose able assistance myself as Officer-in-Charge would have a far heavier task.

The present working system is that both Mr. Reid and myself spend the mornings in outside supervision and in the afternoon Mr. Reid continues in this capacity and I attend to office work, courts and other matters connected with the functioning of the station. As the first permanent Officer-in-Charge I have considered it desirable that the office be brought to a reasonable degree of efficiency as soon as possible, and this task is taking longer than I expected and it will be an estimated ~~four~~ two weeks before office duties can be reduced to specify attention to correspondence in order to keep the routine work up to date thus allowing myself more time for outside duties, in particular patrolling.

The recent establishment of a New Office at Bogoras has meant the Officer-in-Charge now has direct control of funds concerned with his station as opposed to the tedious method of control and account through Lalagen which inevitably frustrated the Officer-in-Charge and placed a burden on the Assistant District Officer.



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NATIVE AFFAIRS - LALIGAN/FORGERS ROAD

The route taken into Laligan was to the north of Mount Palan and thence over the Maip Range into the Lagay Valley. The return route was across the plateau between Laligan and Forgers entering the Forgers Valley south of Mount Palan.

In consideration of the two routes as a prospective motor road connecting the two centres I am more in favour of the route over the Maip Range. Either route is not going to be easy, but the disadvantages to the Maip route appear to be less than the other. I am not yet familiar with the fascinating concept of road peculiar to the Highlands so my estimates of the cost and time may be in error to what actually results.

The route over Maip has the advantage of passing through far more population than was evident in the area covered on the return journey. This could be a positive factor in determining labour supply and the centres to which the road will ultimately serve. Contouring the road over the range will require deliberation on the part of the Officer concerned, in all probability open, but once reasonable grounds exist to Mariraga in the Lagay Valley from which a vehicle can now communicate Laligan. From Forgers to Tipanai at the base of Maip or the Forgers side it should not be difficult to maintain constant grades. A considerable amount of road building material was seen along the route.

The route to the south of Pias would meet with difficulty when it came to obtaining labour and adequate food supplies for them. A lack of suitable road building material was also evident. The actual length of road which would have to be constructed to have the road reach Laligan would be in excess of that distance which could be covered to come out at Mariraga. In addition there are some difficult ridges which would have to be negotiated which, although not as prolonged as Maip, nevertheless suggest that the adaptability is given preference to the latter.

The Maip route is heavily timbered all the way with a number of small rivers and streams which will have to be crossed. Much of the route across the plateau is a relatively flat grassland with some holes. Although a road across the plateau might be infinitely more easy but lots of surface material would inevitably result in the road becoming an unmanageable bog.

A further possibility is routing the road around the base of the Maip Range down into the Forgers Valley and to the base of Pias thence around into the Lagay Valley. As I have not seen the area of Pias and the Forgers Valley I cannot say whether it is a possibility. It is a very attractive route but the greater length of road which would be required to be constructed.



It is estimated that, even in the best of circumstances, of  
nearly 50,000 tons, an average of five hundred persons  
would be the number that could be continuously engaged in  
work on this side of the Bay side. The amount of work  
at present being undertaken would have to be limited.

The plans are intended to be completed by the  
middle of the present winter and by estimate it is  
not to be completed before Christmas 1947.

RAILWAY ARRIVALS - MAIL

Available stock of mail is estimated to be approximately  
by borrowing from inland on this side. A large amount of  
other mail pertaining to the Bay side. Copies of these  
will be sent and population centres and other features called  
in from controls on that side. It is estimated that a  
reasonable amount of mail and other material will be  
administered by Pargana will have been received.



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Although the fact is known that the relation  
 of the land to the field, an essential feature of  
 the work of the station has been to examine the  
 maintenance of the ground on the edge of contact  
 with the water table.

I regret that there has been only one occasion  
 for the station since the visit to the field, but I  
 feel it necessary to say that the water table is  
 level where it occurs but tends to keep it up in the  
 numerous projects at present being undertaken together  
 with other work in order to have to be done sometime and  
 work done as it may be concentrated effort time being  
 needed in the future for many months before the  
 is reached in the field. The fact that  
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 office will be a work.

An additional project in the field is the  
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 Minister for Agriculture. This work is being carried  
 out by the staff of the station and will be  
 completed in the next few months. I am sure  
 that the work being carried out for the field will  
 be of great value and that the work done will be  
 greatly appreciated by the staff.

Summary of progress to date follows:

- June/July - South Valley
- Aug/Sept - West/South Border
- October - South Valley
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- November - East/South Valley
- December - South Valley

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

All matters in this field pertaining to Ferguson are handled through the Medical Officer at Indigo, Dr. [Name].

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This report will be referred to the [Name] at Indigo.



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REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE PROJECT

INTRODUCTION

Potential for economic development in this field is extremely limited. No extensive agricultural research has been done at the area and discussions with Agricultural Officer E. Smith, at Bulawayo, indicate that B.A.S.C. have no immediate intention for extending into the Fergana.

The only area open to a local effort is the distribution of seedlings in this field over the next few years in an attempt to increase the production of European vegetables with substantial foodstuffs. This is particularly important in the requirements of a balanced diet. It is felt that the increasing co-operation of Fergana and two large scale projects have been made. Arrangements have been made with B.A.S.C. for the supply of seeds from the most reliable source, and whatever can be successfully grown in seed beds, large plots of these will then be prepared with the ultimate aim of a continual supply of fresh vegetables to a wider population. This is a stage it is hoped that the seedlings will eventually find their way throughout the valley.

It is also intended that within two years assorted fruit trees will be firmly established at Fergana, although it will be some years before direct benefits from these is gotten.

Recent indications are that the only possible crop which could be of economic importance to Fergana is sweetpotatoes which is still in various stages of experimentation at Bulawayo. However, I would prefer to see this crop firmly established at Bulawayo and the initial trials completed over some time before contemplating its introduction into the Fergana.

I have been entertaining the idea of personally purchasing a stud herd from Mr. R. Leach of Mount Dandenong, and putting it up for service amongst the Fergana cows and claiming the right for better. The advantages are that over a period the local stock would improve and the station would have a supply, even though limited, of fresh meat.



1. Each day you will be 100% at home to bring the situation to the state of a fully established fact.
2. In addition, I am going to be personally involved.
3. Making every possible present attempt for integration.
4. The fact of international cooperation in doing the best we can for the future interests of the world.
5. A look to the future is essential.
6. In my opinion the road to Europe will be the road to the West.
7. Activity of the Office of Health and Agriculture is limited.
8. Retaining will be continued immediately after the Ministry's visit.
9. The presence of Mr. Hill has made the rate of progress possible and his return to England and possibly elsewhere is essential.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
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Appendix 1

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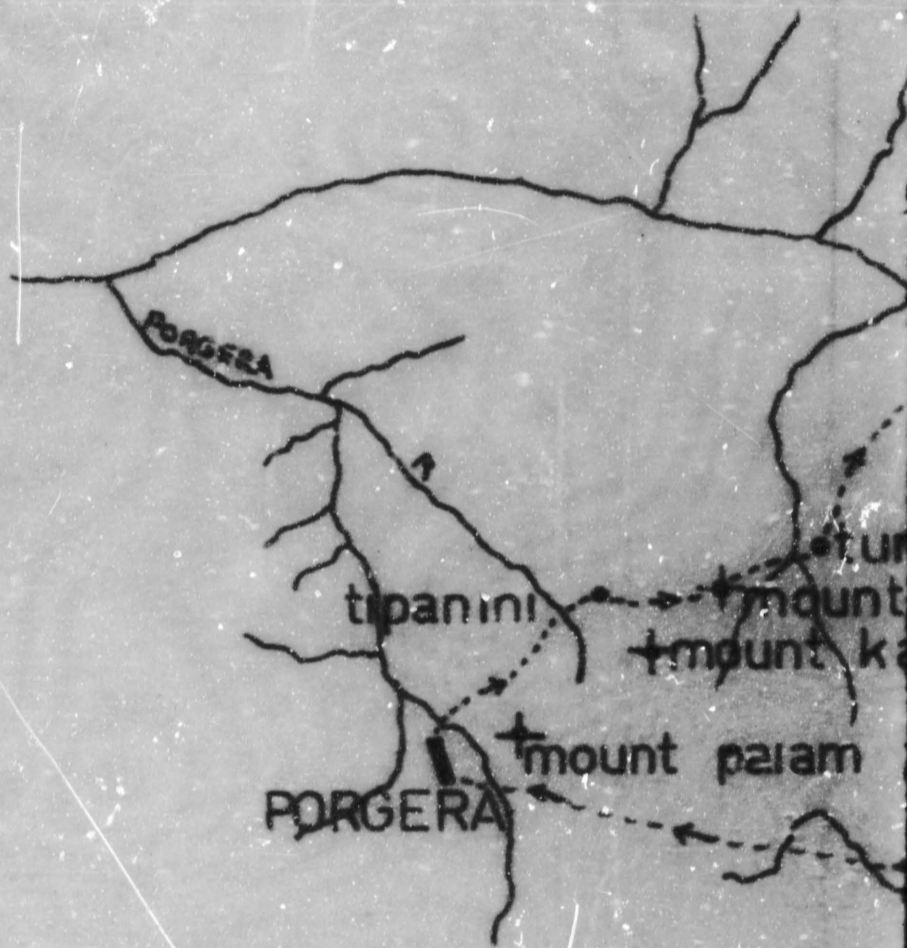
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*[Handwritten Signature]*

Director - R.M.S. U.S.S.



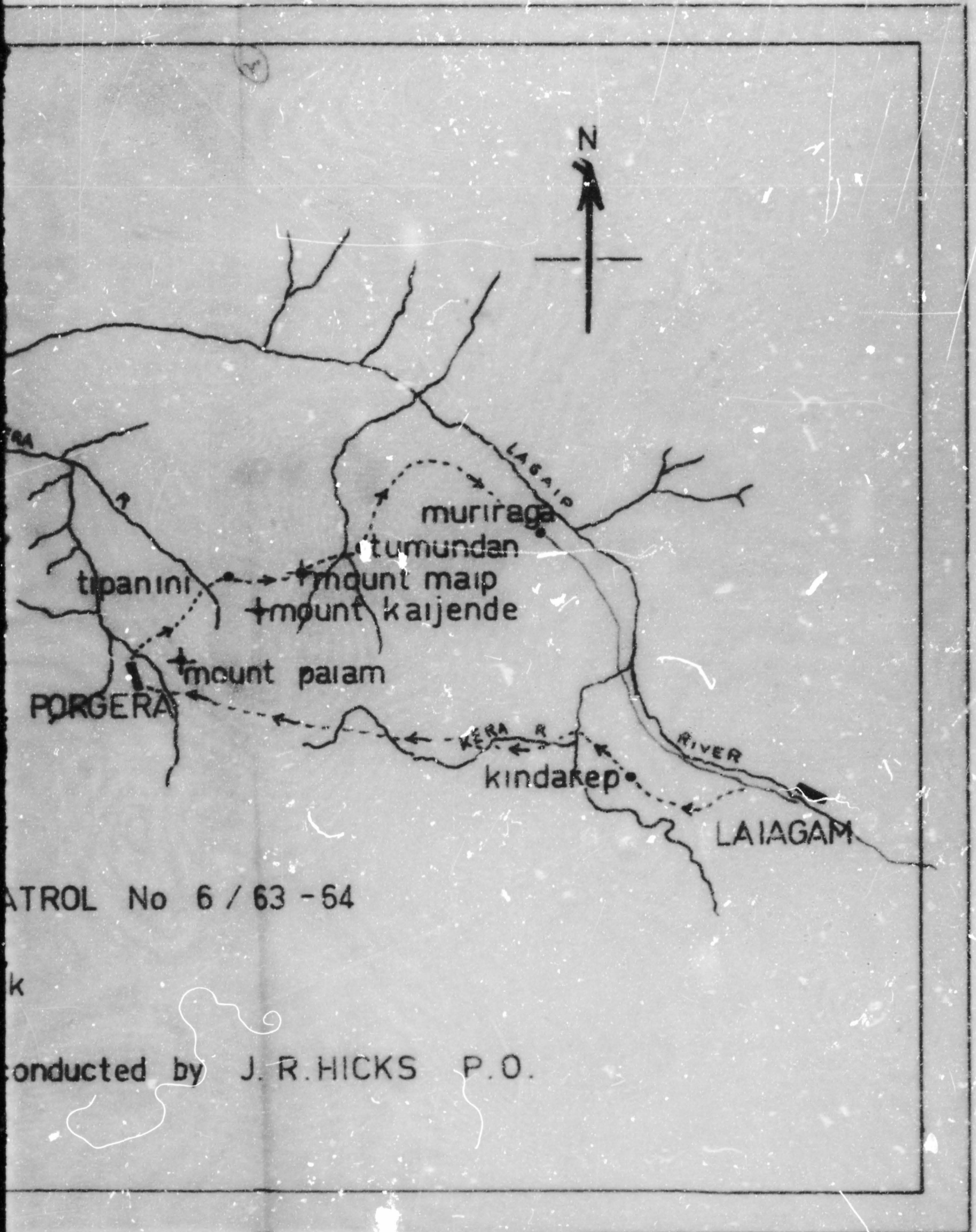
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