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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number ERAVE NO. 1 68/69

Subdistrict KAGUA

District Southern Highlands

Type of Patrol Council Election

Patrol Conducted by R.K. Ridgway, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled TSIMBERIGI and MAROROGO Villages
 (Council and/or ERAVE Council Area
 Census Division(s.) FORE/TSIMBERIGI Census Divisions.

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

MR. KONGA RUI Local Gov't Assistant. SGT. GARAP

PAGLIPARI AMBILINAI Interpreter Constable WAPIKUMBAN/

KURUVIA LOMA Interpreter

Duration of Patrol—from 3/9/68 To 5/9/68

No. of Days 3 days - 2 nights.

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: ERAVE Patrol No. 7 67/68.

Date 7th June, 1968 Duration 4 days.

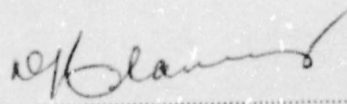
Objects of Patrol (Briefly) L.G. Council By-Election, road inspection, general Administration.

Total Population of Area Patrolled One Thousand.

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

6/3/1969


 District Commissioner.

67-15-60

17th March, 1969.

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

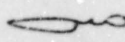
PATROL NO. ERAVE 1/68-69.

Your reference 67-3-8 of 5th March,
1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of
Special Report by Mr. R.K. Ridgway, Patrol Officer,
to Part of FORE/TSIMBERIGI Census Division.

I agree that the report contains inter-
esting information. However, it is not submitted
in the format as required by my circular 67-1-0
dated 21st June, 1968.

Would you please draw the attention of your
officers to this requirement.


(T.W. ELLIS)
Director.

c.c.
Mr. R.K. Ridgway,
Patrol Officer,
Patrol Post,
ERAVE.
Southern Highlands District.

Please note that political education must be a
continuing process in all situations.



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Mr.



Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

5th March, 1969.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT - BEAVE NO. 1 OF 1968/69

Please find attached a report of a patrol to the FORE/TSIMBERIGI Census Division of Kagua Sub-District, Southern Highlands District, submitted by Mr. R. K. Ridgway, Patrol Officer. Comments by the A.D.C. Mr. N. Cavanagh are enclosed.

There is nothing unusual in the MAROROGO people returning to the their land at KOIARI - groups such as these are constantly forming, breaking and reforming. The dispute obviously was not serious as they do not seem to be in much of a hurry to leave for home.

Decentralization will make administration somewhat more difficult, but should not be blocked in any way at the moment. I am intrigued that Mr. Ridgway thinks this splitting effect on the society stems from the success of the Demarcation Committee delineating clan boundaries. I would like to know a bit more about the whole story. In any event it makes pleasant reading to learn of an achieving Demarcation Committee.

A good interesting report.

with lawyer

(D. J. CLANCY)
District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office,
KAGUA.

5th November, 1968.

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

Erave Patrol No. 1 of 68/69

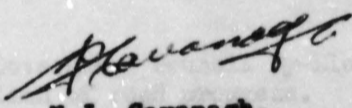
Attached please find three copies of the above Patrol Report submitted by Mr. Ridgway. This patrol was of a short duration with the main object of carrying out the By-election for one word of the Erave Council.

Mr. Ridgway has submitted a comprehensive report on this short patrol and I have little to add.

para 11. Chillii growing in the Erave will provide at least one source of money to people interested and D.A.S.F. is purchasing the produce at 19c per lb.

para 16. The O.I.C. Erave will be requested to carry out an investigation into this block of land on the next patrol to the area.

para 22. No claim for camping allowance was received. It will be forwarded from Erave.


N.J. Cavanagh,
Assistant District Commissioner.

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PATROL POST,
ERAVE,
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT.

29th September, 1968.

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

ERAVE PATROL REPORT No.1 68/69.

Patrol Conducted By : R.K.Ridgway, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled : TSIMBERIGI and MAROROGO village areas in
the FORE/TSIMBERIGI Census Division.

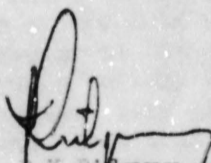
Personnel Accompanying the Patrol: Interpreters - PAGLIPARI AMBILINAI
- KURUVIA LOMA
Police - Sgt.GARAP
- Const. WAPIKUMBAN
Local Government Assistant - Mr.KONGA RUI

Duration of Patrol : 3/9/68 to 5/9/68 - 3 days, 2 nights.

Last Patrol to the Area : ERAVE Patrol No.7 67/68, June 1968.

Objects of the Patrol : Local Government Council By-Election Ward 3.
Inspection of road progress.
General Administration.

Map reference : Attached.


R.K.Ridgway
Patrol Officer.

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INTRODUCTION.

1. The main aim of the Patrol, was to proceed to MAROROGO Village in the FURE/TSIMBERIGI Census Division, and carry out a Local Government By-Election for that ward, to replace a Councillor who was dismissed from the Council, when the ERAVE Council refused to grant him leave for the period he spent in a Corrective Institution.
2. Road work is continuing between ERAVE Station and MAROROGO Village, and road progress was inspected and advice given where necessary, which was another aim of the Patrol.

DIARY.

3. Tuesday 3/9/68 0900-1330 Walked from ERAVE to TSIMBERIGI, over Patrol track, inspecting road progress en-route. 30 minutes rest at TSIMBERIGI. 1400-1600 Walked from TSIMBERIGI to MAROROGO Rest House. Camp set up.
- Wednesday 4/9/68 Waited for people to assemble until 0930, when explanation of Election given and election carried out until 1400. 1400-1500 Discussions with villagers. 1500-1730 Broke camp and walked to TSIMBERIGI, inspecting road progress en-route. Camp set up. 1800-1830 Native complaints.
- Thursday 5/9/68 Broke camp, cargo assembled until 0900, when walked to road construction site, arriving 1000. 1030-1400 Walked to ERAVE Station. Patrol stood down.

NATIVE SITUATION.

4. Reception of the Patrol was normal, taking into consideration that the villagers at TSIMBERIGI and MAROROGO had no notification of the Patrol's visit, until it arrived, due to some confusion over the date the Elections were to be held.
5. This surprise visit uncovered several interesting facts regarding attitudes to road work. On arrival of the Patrol at TSIMBERIGI, it was noted that a good percentage of the population were working on the road, however, the people from WORU Census Unit, had commenced work on a separate section in the TSIMBERIGI area, instead of assisting the TSIMBERIGI people as was usual. On investigation, it appears that because of a difference of opinion between the two villages as to what time the road labourers should finish in the afternoon, the WORU people would not work under the TSIMBERIGI Councillor. The Councillor was obviously in the right, and the WORU people were instructed to work with the TSIMBERIGI people. The fact that the WORU people did at least continue on the construction of the road, is to their credit, and may indicate their interest in the road link to ERAVE.
6. Unfortunately, the visit to MAROROGO was not as pleasing as far as roads were concerned. None of the three Census Units in the area were working on the road, and when a woman tending her garden was asked about the situation, she indicated that the Councillors themselves had declared a holiday from road work. This matter was taken up with the Councillors, who appeared very put out at being discovered, and quite rightly so, and they were informed that this type of situation would not be tolerated, and that the Council would discuss this at its next meeting.

7. The usual problem of waiting for carriers to assemble at MAROROGO was encountered, thus delaying the departure of the Patrol. TSIMBERIGI is improving in this regard, largely due to the Councillor's efforts, it is assumed.

8. As is typical of all villages in the FORE/TSIMBERIGI and SAMBERIGI Census Divisions, many people are not resident in their own Clan areas, and have not been since before Administration influence. One such Clan at MAROROGO, with land at KOIARI Village near ERAVE Station, because of disagreements over gardening land with the MAROROGO land owners, gave notification to the Patrol that they wished to return to the Station vicinity, and resettle. This group involved eighteen men and their families. This will be a gradual process of migration, as it will take time for them to complete new houses and gardens, and it is not expected that it will be recorded in this year's Census figures. This migration will be of benefit to the Station, as it will increase the casual labour potential.

9. The only complaints brought to the Patrol, was a land dispute between MAROROGO and TSIMBERIGI, which will be dealt with under the heading LAND. As mentioned in Patrol Report No. 7 67/68, the Demarcation Committee has been active in this area, and all boundaries have been marked to mutual agreement, except for one area. It appears that the process of Demarcation is welcomed by the villagers in the area, and they naturally take it seriously. It is however, starting to cause a desire to return to each Clans own land, which may cause a decentralisation of the population in the area, who at present live in what almost could be described as villages, i.e. groups of hamlets close together. Until now, these people have lived reasonably harmoniously together, using each others land, which caused no problems as there is no shortage of arable land. However, if agricultural economic development is to be encouraged, then this decentralisation will be beneficial to the extent that crops will be planted on the farmer's own land, at the cost of many small hamlets instead of villages, as was the situation before Administration control.

10. The villagers of TIRI, in the KERABI Census Division, were doing their two weeks labour on the ERAVE to TSIMBERIGI section of road, when the Patrol visited the area. A reasonable amount of people were present, and they were given encouragement. The Village Constable reported that all was well in his area.

AGRICULTURE.

11. The Councillors of TSIMBERIGI and MAROROGO have planted test crops of chillies in their respective villages, and these were inspected, and appear to be doing very well. These plants were taken as seedlings from the seed bed at ERAVE, in May this year, and are now bearing. These plots are not extensive, having been planted by the Councillors just to give an indication of the suitability of this crop throughout the ERAVE area. People in both villages were informed of the satisfactory results of the tests, and encouraged to plant this crop, but were warned that they could not expect to get rich just from this crop, but it would provide a source of income for those who were interested.

12. It is hoped that the Agricultural Assistant recently posted to ERAVE, will be available in the near future for extension work with chillies. Although definite encouragement has been given towards the planting of this crop, it has been made clear that only those seriously wishing to plant will be assisted, to avoid a similar situation that exists with coffee in this area, i.e. planted but not cared for.

13. The coffee at TSIMBERIGI is also now being cared for, by the Councillor, and he has started on his first bag of beans. It is hoped that he has finally got the message that the beans have to be dried properly to be marketable.

CATTLE.

14. When returning to the Station, the proposed cattle project area at KOIARI was inspected. It has a suitable water supply, is beside the road, and appears to have sufficient room for extension. The Councillor of KOIARI will be running the project, if approved.

LAND.

15. As mentioned previously, a land dispute between the TIBURUBEGE Clan, at present resident at MAROROGO, and the SABARABAGE Clan, resident at TSIMBERIGI, over land known as, YATA, WALABA and TUKALU. As this land has been brought to the notice of Patrols for several years, and causes much bad feeling in the area, it is thought that the sooner depositions are taken for a Lands Commission hearing, the better. It is hoped that the Census Patrol to the area next month will be able to cope with this. The dispute was noted in the TSIMBERIGI Village book, and a rough diagram of the boundaries of the disputed area was also drawn.

16. The villagers of MAROROGO were asked again if they would consider selling the land in the valley running west from that village to the SAWMILI area, if it was considered suitable for alienation. They were quite happy with the prospect. As has been mentioned in previous correspondence, an estimated area of at least one thousand acres of arable land was recommended several years ago for alienation, after it had been inspected by a Department of Agriculture representative.

ELECTION.

17. The By-Election to fill the seat vacated by KENDEI-WAGA of Ward 3 of the ERAVE Local Government Council, was held on the 4th of September at MAROROGO. There was a good attendance, and 263 people voted out of a Roll of Electors total of 438. According to the last Census figures, there were 108 people from this Ward absent from the village, but considering that these are almost a year old, it is possibly more than that, so that the possible voters would have been less than sixty more than the number that actually voted.

18. There were only two candidates for the Election, the deposed KENDEI stood again, and a dark horse WERALDI-NANDISUA, who won the election at 181 votes, to KENDEI's 82.

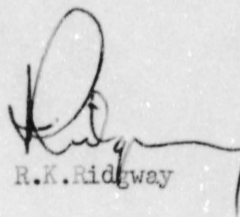
19. It was noticed that the votes for KENDEI were very few from his own Clan, and were mostly from the other Clans voting, which would indicate that the Council judged the feeling of the people correctly, when it refused to grant him leave of absence during his term of imprisonment, and thus automatically vacating his seat.

20. It also appeared that it was a very fair election, since no blocks were noticed, each individual voting according to his inclination.

CONCLUSION.

21. The Patrol was able to carry out its aims satisfactorily. The delay in the submission of this report is regretted, but as only seven days this month were spent on the Station, at the time of writing, other duties have interfered.

22. Attached please find camping allowance claims.



R.K. Ridgway

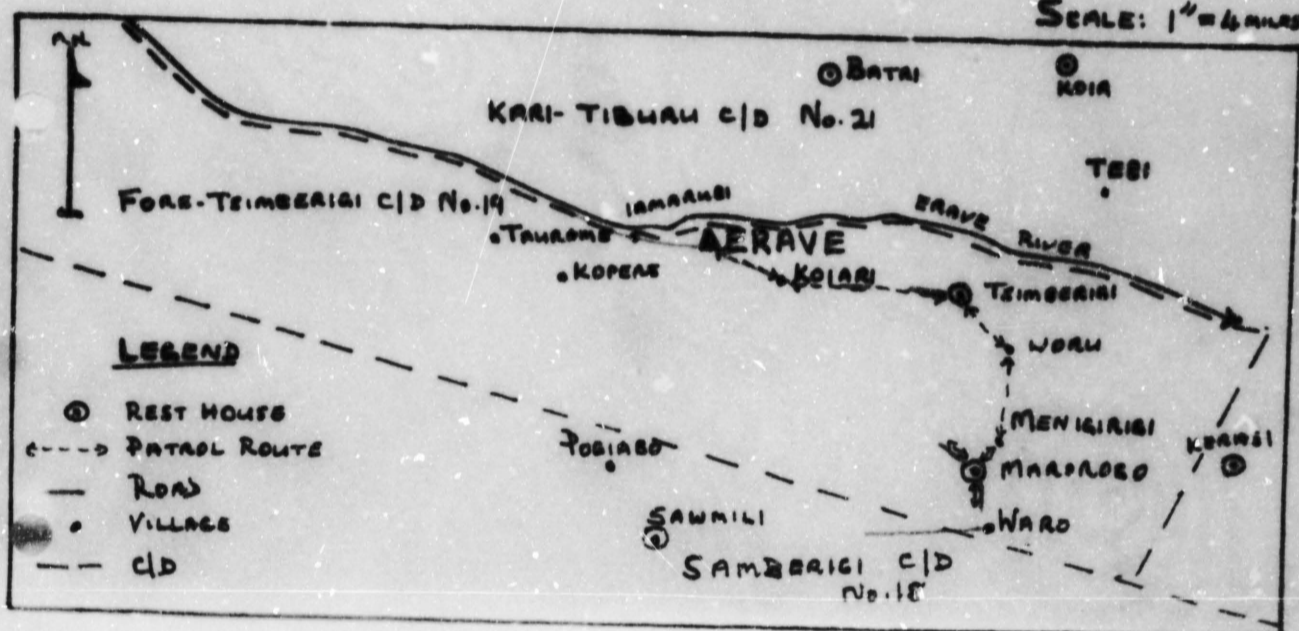
Patrol Officer

29/9/68.

ERAVE PATROL No. 1 15/69

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SCALE: 1" = 4 MILES





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number... ERAVE No. 3. 68/69

Subdistrict... KAGUA

District... Southern Highlands

Type of Patrol... Road

Patrol Conducted by... B.K. Ridgway, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled
(Council and/or
Census Division/s.) ... SAMBERIGI Census Division, KERABI Census
Division (SOPESE Village), ERAVE/KIKORI
road route as far as the SIPIO River.

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

Interpreter... PAGLIPARI AMBILINAI ... Constable POPORO

Constable 1/c UAMA ... Constable MARI

Duration of Patrol—from 14/9/68 To 26/9/68

No. of Days... 13 days = 12 nights

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area : MENDI Patrol FEBRUARY 1968

Date... Duration... 2 Months

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) Check Helicopter Pads on road route, and general Administration.

Total Population of Area Patrolled... 1500

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

6, 3, 1969

District Commissioner.

67-15-64

18th March, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENZI.

PATROL NO. ERAVE 3/69-69

Your reference 67-3-3 of 6th March, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by MR.R.K. RIDGWAY, Patrol Officer to Sanbarigi and part of KERABI Census Divisions.

A routine patrol adequately commented upon.


(T.W. ELLIS)
DIRECTOR.

cc:
Mr. R.K. Ridgway,
Patrol Officer,
ERAVE PATROL POST
S.H.D.

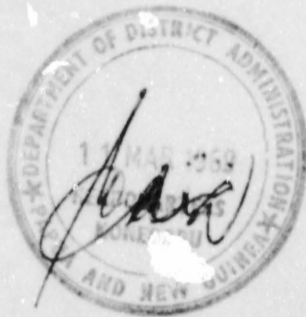
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Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

6th March, 1969.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT - ERAVE NO. 3 OF 68/69

...
...
Herewith a report of a patrol to the Sipio River
submitted by Mr. R. K. Ridgway. Comments by the A.D.C.
Kagua, Mr. N. Cavanagh are also attached.

The primary object of the patrol was to determine
whether the helipads between Erave and Kikori were satis-
factory for use by the U.N.D.P. engineers. They were.

The "alleged disturbance" at Samberigi was
investigated by Mr. Ridgway and it was fortunately a figment
of a disturbed mind.

Chillis grow well at Erave and the price to the
grower is 19c. per pound.

A good patrol.

(Signature)
(D. J. CLANCY)
District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office,
KAGUA.

5th November, 1968.

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

Erave Patrol Report No. 3 of 68/69

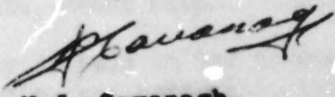
Attached please find three copies of the above Patrol Report submitted by Mr. R.K. Ridgway together with claim for camping allowance.

The main object of the patrol, which was to clear and reconstruct the helicopter pads on the Erave/Kikori road route to enable members of the U.N.D.P. Survey to inspect the route was successfully completed.

Mr. Ridgway has submitted a comprehensive report on this patrol which was of a special nature.

It is pleasing to note that the Council Agricultural Rule appears to be having the desired effect at least in this area, (para. 16 and 19). Chilli production appears favourable and this could supply some income to this area.

As usual Mr. Ridgway appears to have carried out a good patrol and maintains his keen interest in the area.


N.J. Cavanagh,
Assistant District Commissioner.

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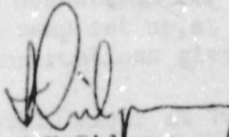
1. The patrol was conducted in the area north of Mount Murray, in the KIKORI road route, as far as the SIPIO River. It was necessary to have the patrol conducted in the area north of the proposed road, as far as the SIPIO River.

Patrol Post,
ERAVE,
Southern Highlands District.
12th October, 1968.

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

ERAVE PATROL REPORT No. 3 68/69

- Patrol Conducted By : R.K. Ridgway, Patrol Officer.
- Area Patrolled : SAMBERIGI Census Division, part KERABI Census Division (SOPESE), Highlands/KIKORI road route as far as the SIPIO River.
- Personnel Accompanying the Patrol : Interpreter FAGLIPARI AMBILINAI
Constable 1/c UAMA
Constable POPORO
Constable MARI
- Duration of Patrol : 14/9/68 to 26/9/68. 13 days - 12 nights.
- Last Patrol to the area : SAMBERIGI C/D - Patrol No. 2 67/68, October 1967.
SOPESE - Patrol No. 3 67/68, February, 1968.
KIKORI road route, MENDI Patrol, FEBRUARY, 1968.
- Objects of the Patrol : To check helicopter pads on the proposed ERAVE KIKORI road section, and general Administration.
- Map reference : Attached.


R.K. Ridgway
Patrol Officer.

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INTRODUCTION.

1. Patrol No. 2 68/69 was broken in order to proceed to the area east and south of Mount Murray, to clear and reconstruct helicopter pads along the ERAVE/KIENORI road route, as far as the SIPIO river, just above its junction with the SIDE River. It was necessary to have the pads cleared and marked prior to the 26th of September, to enable members of the United Nations Transport Survey team to conduct an inspection of the proposed route, by helicopter, on that date.

2. The opportunity was taken to visit SOPESE Village of the KERABI Census Division, and also to Patrol the SAMBERIGI Census Division when returning to the Station. In view of a recent murder at SAMBERIGI, and a later disturbance, it was thought necessary to camp in the area, to ensure that the native situation was settled.

DIARY.

3. Saturday. 14/9/68 0900 Gear departed station. 0930 Self departed Station by motorbike for KOIARI road head. Walked from KOIARI to TSIMBERIGI, via road construction site, arriving 1330. Inspection of road progress. 1400-1600 Walked from TSIMBERIGI to MAROROGO carriers changed. 1615-1715 Walked from MAROROGO to IANGURI. Camp set up. 1830-2000 Local Courts. 2100-2300 Local Courts and continuation of SAMBERIGI murder investigation.
- Sunday. 15/9/68 Gear Assembled, waited for carriers until 0900, when walked to SAGEMANE helicopter pad, arriving 1330. Bush camp set up in rain. Work on pad hampered by heavy rain.
- Monday. 16/9/68 Heavy rain, awaiting arrival of SOPESE carriers. Rain eased at 1000, work commenced on reconstruction of helipads, and clearing bush, until 1400.
- Tuesday. 17/9/68 Still waiting for SOPESE carriers, heavy rain all day, unable to proceed. Sopesse carriers arrived late afternoon.
- Wednesday. 18/9/68 Gear assembled, departed SAGEMANE at 1000, and walked South-East over the KASIRIGI ridge, and followed the KASIRIGI River down stream to the camp site, arriving 1400. Camp set up.
- Thursday. 19/9/68 0915 Broke camp and followed the KASIRIGI River downstream until the junction with the SEWIA Creek. Followed the SEWIA Creek upstream to its watershed, and then followed it downstream on the South side of the ridge, until its junction with the ASI River. Followed the ASI River downstream for one hour, and reached the ASI helipad. Bush camp set up, at 1330, in heavy rain as usual. Pad inspected, and instructions given.
- Friday. 20/9/68 Broke camp and departed for SIPIO River at 1000, leaving two Police at ASI to complete pad. Walked east through bush to the SESE creek, followed it downstream until joined the ASI creek AGAIN. Followed the ASI downstream, until it becomes submerged, then followed the dry creek bed until the flooded SIPIO River was reached. Followed the SIPIO downstream, until helipad reached at TOKAIN, at 1300. Camp set up in rain. Rain eased at 1600, and bush cleared until 1700.
- Saturday. 21/9/68 Heavy rain in morning, broke camp at 1000, and followed same route back to ASI helipad, arriving 1300. Camp set up. Inspection of ASI pad.

- Sunday. 22/9/68 Heavy morning rain, broke camp at 1000, and followed same route back to KASIRIGI camp, arriving 1500. Camp set up.
- Monday. 23/9/68 1000 Walked from KASIRIGI to SOPESE, arriving 1500, via BOPLALI, a deserted hamlet. Camp set up. 1600-1700 Village inspection, and discussion with various natives.
- Tuesday. 24/9/68 0900-1200 Walked from SOPESE to SAGEMANE pad, pad marked, and 1230 to 1700 walked from SAGEMANE to IANGURI. 1800 to 2100 Local Courts and native complaints.
- Wednesday. 25/9/68 Local Courts, one hour. Waited for carriers and rain to ease as usual. 1100-1400 Walked from IANGURI to SAMBERIGI Mission, discussions with Missionaries re recent disturbance. Camped FAWARI.
- Thursday. 26/9/68 SISIKA River flooded, Patrol delayed until 1200 hours when self and one Policemen crossed and proceeded to KOPERE, leaving rest of Patrol to cross when flood eased. Arrived KOPERE at 1630, and found AMBIILI creek also flooded. Two hours spent finding safe route across, and arrived Station at 1830. Patrol stood down.

NATIVE SITUATION.

4. The Patrol arrived at IANGURI Village and found only three men and a few women left in the three hamlets. Investigation proved that the rest of the inhabitants were either out hunting in the bush from one to two days walk away, or were at the old hamlet of SOGORE, tending pigs and gardens. It was later found that several men with shotguns were as far away as the SIPIIC River. It appears that this is the normal state of affairs, and apart from a few who had requested time off from road work to gather sago leaves to roof a house, the others have just been continually neglecting road work.
5. This mass migration from the village also inconvenienced the Patrol, as carriers from MAROROGO had to be recruited to enable the Patrol to proceed to the first helipad at SAGEMANE, and then the Patrol had to rely on recruiting sufficient carriers from SOPESE village, which delayed the Patrol for several days.
6. When the Patrol returned to IANGURI, the Roads Maintenance Ordinance was invoked, and thirteen people were convicted. It was thought such action was necessary, as the attitude of the IANGURI people towards roadwork, is having an unsettling effect on the other villages who are doing their fair share of work.
7. It would also appear that the clans who originated at SOGORE, but at the time of Administration influence were encouraged to settle in the IANGURI area because of the isolated location of SOGORE, are tending once again to build permanent residences at SOGORE.
8. It was found that the SOPESE people who accompanied the Patrol into the GULF were very co-operative and helpful. Due to no prior warning of the Patrol, they had no supplies of food, and it was necessary for them to make sago as the Patrol progressed, but which did not effect their willingness to assist. To avoid a similar situation in future, the Village Constable of SOPESE has been requested to arrange stores of sago to be placed at KASIRIGI, ASI and SIPIIC, as it is believed that processed and stored properly, sago can still be edible for a year.
9. It was noticed that very few people were actually in the village of SOPESE at the arrival of the Patrol, and in spite of sweet potato gardens, the villagers still follow a semi-nomadic life, making sago and hunting. It is believed that now that the animosity between SOPESE and SIRIGI villages has cooled somewhat, part of the SOPESE inhabitants are returning to their original land between the two villages, where the Patrol usually camps when visiting the area.
10. SOPESE Village was still in a primitive condition, with several

large traditional men's houses, surrounded by small shacks for the women and children. Sufficient latrines have been built, but pigs continued to be quartered in both men's and Women's houses. The Village Constable, was instructed that pig houses were to be built, before the arrival of the Census Patrol, late this year.

11. The Village Constable of SOPESE gave great assistance to the Patrol, and although no complaints were brought to the notice of the Patrol, appears to be one of the best Village Constables in this area.

12. An opportunity was taken of explaining the role of Local Government, and they were encouraged to join the ERAVE Council. During the previous Area Study of the KERABI Census Division, these people were not willing to join the Council at that stage. The villagers did not appear to be very interested in Local Government, possibly not liking the tax part of it, and if they are included in the ERAVE Council in the near future, it is strongly recommended that they have a lower tax rate. Their only form of economic development at present, is the sale of Cassowaries to the Council, and to individuals.

13. As is usual, the SOPESE people were more interested in a shotgun, than in the Council, and it was even stated that as the rest of the Council area had shotguns before they had a Council, they wanted shotguns first.

14. Because of a recent alleged disturbance at SAMBERIGI in connection with a recent murder, the Patrol proceeded to that area on its way to the Station. The report on this disturbance has been forwarded as separate memoranda. Members of both the LUHALIPU and SIKITA Clans were interviewed, and all appears to be settled, according to native custom, with compensation having been paid.

15. The villagers in this area appear to have been active in the few weeks prior to the visit of the Patrol, as I have never seen the Patrol track and Rest Houses so clean. Gifts of fruit were given to the Patrol, which is very unusual for this area.

16. There appears to be a new interest in the production of coffee, as all plots seen at PAWARI were well looked after. It is suggested that a recent Council Agricultural Rule may have a bearing on this new attitude, as this state of affairs has been noted in other areas of ERAVE as well.

17. As usual, it was difficult to get sufficient carriers at PAWARI, people having been reported going bush early in the morning. Councillor HANGENAMBO of PAWARI was most helpful in recruiting what carriers he could, but as is usual also, Councillor AMBO was not seen, and is not usually seen when there is work to be done.

18. In summary, the situation in the area Patrolled is far from satisfactory, although some improvements were noted.

AGRICULTURE.

19. As has been mentioned above, the coffee plots at PAWARI and SAU are being well cared for, and appear to be dried properly. Several bags of coffee were seen, but these belonged to the one man in the area who has continually shown an interest in this business.

20. Chillies were prospering in the trial plots planted at PAWARI, by the Councillors. Councillor HANGENAMBO had dried some, but was shown what standard was required.

21. On a recent visit to Moresby, Councillor HANGENAMBO bought various vegetable seeds, which he planted, and have really grown well. These included lettuce, carrots, parsnip, cabbages and turnips.

22. It was noticed that rice was growing at the SAGEMANE camp, presumably some left from the survey Patrol early this year. This could be considered satisfactory for an alternate crop for subsistence, and if the road to MIKORI eventuates, it could prove a suitable crop on which to feed labour.

LAND.

23. Unfortunately, due to continual rain and bad weather for the whole of the Patrol, visibility was impaired and the length of valleys and land areas were difficult to judge. There was however, no population between IANGURI and SOPESE, and although old gardening areas and deserted houses were seen all the way to the SIPIO River, the only inhabitants are hunters or sago makers from the IANGURI and SOPESE areas.

24. If a road were to open up this area, there would be enormous tracts of land for resettlement, varying in altitude from 2,000 to 5,000 feet A.S.L. The area south of the SIPIO River appeared to be a large and suitable valley for development.

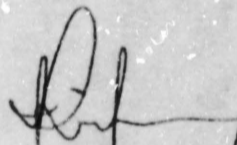
25. No really large timber was seen by the Patrol, but most of the area was bush covered.

HELICOPTER PADS.

26. The main aim of the Patrol was clear the existing helipads, to enable their use by the 26th September. The Patrol found the pads in reasonable condition, however, they were in need of reclearing and slight rebuilding. The pads were marked with white cloth crosses as instructed.

CONCLUSION.

27. The Patrol carried out its aims satisfactorily,



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- LEGEND**
- CENSUS DIVISION
 - SUB-DISTRICT
 - - - DISTRICT BORDER
 - VILLAGE
 - ⊙ REST HOUSE
 - - - - - PATROL ROUTE
 - X CAMP
 - RIVER
 - »»»» RIDGE
 - ||||| RANGE
 - ROAD
- SCALE 1" = 4 MILES

