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PATROL REPORTS SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT 1961/62.

LAKE KUTUBU SUB DISTRICT

<u>REPORT NO.</u>	<u>PATROL CONDUCTED BY</u>	<u>AREA PATROLLED</u>
LAKE KUTUBU 1 61/62	H.J. Howard P.O.	Lower Tari, Renaria, Wage Valley, Kutubu - Mendil of C.
LAKE KUTUBU 2 61/62	P. Thomas C.P.O.	Foi'i and Fasu C.D.
LAKE KUTUBU 3 61/62	P.J. Thomas C.P.O.	Portion of the Foi'i C.D.
LAKE KUTUBU 4 61/62	F.J. Howard P.O.	Lower Tari and Auga C.D. Upper Wage Valley.
LAKE KUTUBU 5 61/62	M.W. Brownridge P.O.	Foi'i and Fasu C.D.
LAKE KUTUBU 6 61/62	M.W. Brownridge P.O.	Auga C.D. and part of the Lower Tari.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of... Southern Highlands ..... Report No. Kut ..... 1/61-62 .....

Patrol Conducted by..... Mr. P.J. Howard, Patrol Officer .....

Area Patrolled Lower Tari, Benaria, Wage Valley, Hutubu - Mendi L of G.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... 2 ..... Mr. P.J. Thomas, C.P.O.

Police ..... 8 ..... Carriers ..... 40

Natives..... P.H.D. .... 1 ..... Interpreters ... 2

Duration—From 28./...6./1961 to 24./...17/1961.

Number of Days..... 92 ..... (Man Days ..... 119 ..)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany..... No .....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services July...../1960 Lower Tari,  
Medical ... October 60 Wage Valley.  
Nil...../19.....

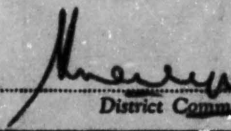
Map Reference..... Sketch map attached .....

Objects of Patrol (1) Census Revision Lower Tari, (2) Selection and  
appointment of village officials, (3) Consolidation of Administration  
Director of Native Affairs, Infuence, (4) Routine Administration.

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

29/12/1961

  
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund ... .. £.....

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

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67-15-29

16th February, 1962.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MORU.

LAKH KUTIBI PATROL POST NO. 1 OF 1961/62

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of the above report together with your covering memorandum 67-3-9 of the 27th December, 1961, to the Assistant District Officer, MORU.

2. An arduous patrol done well and Mr Howard is to be complimented for the manner in which he carried it out. I am glad to see how well the noise at MORU hamlet was handled and that Mr C.P.O. Thomas was right to the fore in breaking it up. It is very seldom the Police fail to act in the manner remarked upon by Mr Howard, and they too are to be commended.

3. Your comments with reference to the appointment of Village Officials are appropriate.

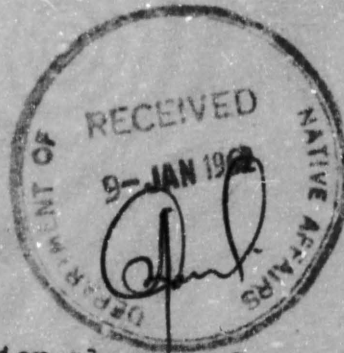
4. Both Officers and Patrol personnel have done a good job with the spanning of the Mubi River by a wire suspension bridge - quite an achievement which should have considerable value.

5. Once again, a good report of a job well done.

J.K.M.  
(J. K. McCarthy)  
Director

c.c. Mr F.J. Howard,  
A.S.C.P.A.,  
MORU, H.S.A.V.

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c.c. The Director,  
Dept. of Native Affairs,  
KONELOBU.

For your information please. Copy of the report and  
and extra copy of the census figures are attached. The map  
has been forwarded under cover of a separate memorandum with  
a request for sun print copies.

*[Signature]*  
(K.W. Dyer)  
District Officer.

Maps forwarded on the 10/1/62.

Paul

KWD:AL

67-3-9

District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

27th December, 1961.

Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office,  
M E N D I.

LAKE KUTUBU PATROL NO. 1 OF 1961/62.

Thank you for Mr. Howard's report on his patrolling activities in the Lake Kutubu and adjoining areas received without your comments due to your own absence on patrol.

Mr. Howard has done some solid painstaking work under generally very difficult and trying conditions and is to be commended on the improved native situation throughout the Lower Tari and Wage River areas which is due in no small measure to his field work over the past year or so.

I am particularly pleased to note that the escaped prisoner KAGEP was successfully apprehended and that the large scale fighting in the Wage so common a year or so ago appears to have waned.

The Lower Tari and Benaria census divisions form part of the Tari Sub-District and the work done from Lake Kutubu has been most helpful and appreciated. After the follow up patrol envisaged by Mr. Howard and which has already been commenced I hope that Tari will be in a position to fully handle this area leaving the Lake Kutubu officers more time to concentrate on the Mubi area and towards NIPA. Before Mr. Howard leaves for ASOPA next year I particularly want him to discuss with you and myself the Sub-District boundary between Tari and Kutubu and the administrative boundary between Kutubu and Nipa.

I would have preferred the village officials selected on probation for the Lower Tari area to have been recommended and appointed. Probationary appointments can lead to some confusion and I see no reason why they should not be appointed and subsequently dismissed if not satisfactory. In respect of the Wage area I would like to see officials appointed as soon as possible. Within the District generally the areas lagging behind are usually those where appointments of officials have been unduly delayed. I believe some local authority must be appointed as soon as we are reasonably sure of making a wise choice and are in a position to lend the official our guidance and support.

When next the Wage area is visited I believe it would be advantageous to have patrols from both NIPA and LAKE KUTUBU meeting in the area and now that Lake Kutubu comes within your jurisdiction this should quite easily be arranged.

A copy of the report is being forwarded by me to the A.D.O. Tari for his information. Claims for camping allowance duly funded are returned herewith for payment.

c.c. Assistant District Officer,  
T A R I.

Copy of the report herewith for your information.

*KWD*  
(K.W. Dyer)  
District Officer.

*KWD*  
(K.W. Dyer)  
District Officer.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
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No.

REPORT

LAKE KUTUBU No. 1 of 1961/62

Conducted by:

F.J. Howard, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled:

Lower Tari, High Census Divisions,  
and the WAGE River Valley area,  
Lake Kutubu - Mandi L of S.

Patrol Personnel:

Europeans

Mr. T. Watson, (D.M.A. Clerk - Minj)

Mr. P.J. Thomas, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Natives

R.P.A.N.G.C. .... 8 Members (Average)

P.H.D. .... 1 Member.

Interpreters .... 2 Persons.

Carriers .... 40 Constant.

Duration

28th June, 1961 Until 25th November,  
1961, broken periods - In all some 92  
Patrol days, and 119 Man days.

Objects

- (1) Completion Census check - Lower Tari Census Division.
- (2) Selection and appointment of Village Officials - Lower Tari.
- (3) Consolidation of Administration Influence.
- (4) Routine Administration.

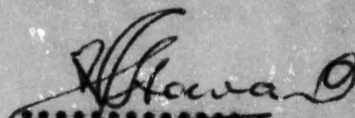
Map Attached

Sketch map attached for sunprinting.

Attached

(A) Report on Members of Police (B)  
Report on Member P.H.D. (C) Census  
Figures (D) Sketch Map.

4th December, 1961.

  
.....  
F.J. Howard  
Patrol Officer

PATROL DIARY

Wednesday 23th June 1961

Station - TUGIBU,

The Patrol departed Lake Kutubu Patrol Post, at 1415 hrs, with all the patrol equipment to establish camp on the banks of the TUGIBU Ck, at the mouth of the Lake Kutubu - Tari road. Camp established by 1645 hrs. Heavy rain commenced at 1700 hrs, and continued all night.

Rations issued to Patrol personnell.

Thursday 29th June

TUGIBU to Camp No.4

Camp broken at 0715 hrs this morning, and the patrol set out over a very wet and greasy track. The carriers performed quite poorly, which is standard routine for Kutubu carriers on a first day. No.4 Camp reached at 1450 hrs amid torrential rain which lasted again all evening. A wet and miserable camp established by 1730 hrs. Rice and sage issued.

Friday 30th June

Camp No.4 - PAU4A

Camp broken and the patrol departed at 0800 hrs, for PAU-A over a far better road than yesterday. The AI'IU River was reached at 1030 hrs, and an hour was spent here bridging the swollen torrent. The patrol safely across by 1215 hrs and camp was established at PAU-A during the fine afternoon. Notification sent out to the villagers during the afternoon to the effect that a census check would be held the following morning. Sufficient quantities of native food purchased during the afternoon and issued during the evening.

Saturday 1st July

PAU-A

Census commenced this morning at 1000 hrs and continued through until 1450 hrs, with the usual talks and instructions given before the census. After the census, it was noted that some 5 persons had died from the current influenza epidemic, sufficient native foods were issued to the Police and carrier line during the afternoon.

Sunday 2nd July

PAU-A

This day was observed at PAU-A. A wild pig was shot during the afternoon by Police hunting parties. Ample native food purchased and issued during the evening. 11?

Monday 3rd July

PAU-A x KONDARI RIVER x HOMA

The patrol moved off at 0830 hrs, this morning over a greasy track towards the hamlet of HOMA, via TIBAKA hamlet of the PAU-A people. Departed TIBAKA at 1000 hrs and crossed the AI'IU River and commenced climbing up the barrier range of the DAUGU Mountains, after crossing this range the patrol descended steeply to the flat camping area on the banks of the KONDARI River. Here the patrol found the villagers assembled and sufficient native food was purchased during the wet and miserable afternoon. Intermittent rain squalls lasted well into the night.

Tuesday 4th July

HOMA to WEBUNDAR

The patrol moved off at 0830 hrs this morning towards WEBUNDAR Hamlet, following the KONDARI River downstream. The O.I.C. and a party of Police remained at HOMA and conducted the census which commenced at 0900 hrs. The check continued on until 1200 hrs, with a fair attendance only, many persons were found to be absent in the BENARIA River Valley area, where these people have their secondary gardens. One malnourished child sent to Lake Kutubu for further treatment.

The Police party moved off at 1215 hrs, for WEBUNDAR arriving at 1315 hrs over a poor track. Here the inhabitants of the lower KONDARI River hamlets were found assembled for census. Due however to the impending heavy rain, native foods only were purchased and the census will be held tomorrow.

Wednesday 5th July

WEBUNDAR

Census conducted this morning at 1100 hrs, and continued until 1330 hrs, with the normal talks and treatments. Many were found to have left the area and settled in the WEGE River area. This appears to be due in large part to the recent influenza epidemic which passed through this area.

Ample native food purchased and issued, also one cassowary shot during the afternoon.

Thursday 6th July

WEBUNDAR - PAI

Departed camp this morning at 0615 hrs, and the patrol headed towards the hamlet of PAI in the TAGUNI Valley. After crossing three successive ranges the level approach towards PAI rest house was encountered at 1435 hrs, and the rest house itself was reached at 1450 hrs. Heavy rain commenced falling at 1700 hrs and lasted all evening.

A small number of local men came into camp at 1730 hrs with an equally small amount of native foods, which were purchased. Notification of the impending census check which will be held tomorrow, was sent out this afternoon.

Friday 7th July

PAI - HOI'IA

A census check conducted at 1000 hrs this morning, with a fair attendance only. Two males were found to be absent and will be proceeded against. Census completed at 1300 hrs, with the usual talks and medical treatments given.

The patrol then proceeded towards HOI'IA over a poor track to find a very good rest house constructed there. A good attendance of locals were found awaiting the patrol. Ample quantities of food purchased during the afternoon, and issued to patrol personnel.

Saturday 8th July

HOI'IA

The OIC and a party of police departed camp at 0630 hrs, in an attempt to apprehend census evaders from the census check at PAI yesterday. The errand was successful and the patrol returned to camp at 0845 hrs with the offenders.

Census at HOI'IA was completed at 1300 hrs, with a good attendance, the normal talks and medical treatments were given during the course of the check.

Ample native foods purchased and issued. A number of minor complaints brought to the patrol for arbitration during the afternoon. Standdown 1800 hrs, a night guard mounted.

Sunday 9th July

HOI'IA - TAMBERA

OIC and police, with the patrol, departed HOI'IA at 0900 hrs this morning and arrived at TAMBERA at 1200 hrs over a poor track. The rest house and police barracks were found to be in a stage of advanced disrepair, and lethargy on the part of the inhabitants most apparent. The patrol erected camp under canvas at the rear of the old rest house.

Food purchased during the afternoon, and the people told in no uncertain terms of conditions generally existing in the TAMBERA area, and the patrol dissatisfaction at these conditions. Some time will be spent in these parts remedying this situation.

Monday 10th July

TAMBERA

Work commenced on the new rest house at 0800 hrs, this morning with a fair attendance. The old rest camp was removed and timbers and roofing grass collected for the new structures.

Poor weather prevailed all day with intermittent showers. Medical treatments given during the afternoon. Ample native foods purchased during the day.

Tuesday 11th July

TAMBERA.

Work again commenced on the rest house at 0800 hrs, with a poor attendance, the excuse given was that the BAKARI River had risen and therefore the BAKARI people could not get across. These people eventually arrived in at 1420 hrs and remained until 1700 hrs. The area was cleared today and further timbers and grass collected.

Rain set in at 1700 hrs and lasted until morning. Barely sufficient native foods purchased. Standdown 1800 hrs.

Wednesday 12th July

TAMBERA.

Awoke at 0600 hrs this morning to find that heavy and uninterrupted rain was falling. The rain continued falling steadily until after nightfall. No native foods purchased today and an issue of rice and meat made to the patrol personnel.

Thursday 13th July

TAMBERA.

Rain again this morning until 1100 hrs, Locals in with foodstuffs at 1200 hrs, and work again commenced on the new rest house and police barracks. Police parties went out during the afternoon, with the oic to locate those people who did not arrive for work. Sufficient native foods purchased.

Friday 14th July

TAMBERA.

Rain again this morning until 1015 hrs, when the villagers began assembling once more for work on the rest camp, however torrential rain commenced at 1315 hrs and work was abandoned. Sufficient native foods bought and issued.

Saturday 15th July

TAMBERA - MARIBU

Census was conducted this morning at 0900 hrs, and continued on until 1230 hrs, with the usual talks and medical treatments. An address given to all concerning the general drop in standards apparent between this and our previous visitation. Village Constables and Councillors tentatively selected by the due processes, and these appointments will be substantiated after the persons concerned undergo a course of training at Lake Kutubu. General village road work also allocated during the census, and numerous complaints brought forward and settled.

The patrol moved off at 1330 hrs, for MARIBU, over an extremely poor track, and arrived at 1445 hrs to find a good rest camp under construction by the local villagers. Sufficient foodstuffs purchased during the afternoon.

Sunday 16th July

MARIBU

All assembled for census this morning at 0900 hrs, with the customary lectures and medical checks being made. Census attendance found to be quite good, and general village works were marked out after the census. No complaints were brought forward for settlement.

The patrol will leave here tomorrow on route TARI. Sufficient foodstuffs purchased and issued during the afternoon.

Monday 17th July

MARIBU - AUWATANGI

The Patrol departed MARIBU at 0700 hrs towards AUWATANGI, the flooded BAKARE River was encountered at 0845 hrs and some 45 minutes were spent in crossing. The BENARIA River, in a similar condition was reached at 1145 hrs, and here an hour was spent bridging and crossing the torrent. The grasslands around AUWATANGI were reached at 1430 hrs, and the hamlet itself at 1500 hrs.

The V/C appeared at 1600 hrs, and was sent off to fetch food, some small amounts came in at 1830 hrs. According to the V/C the majority of the population were paying for their sins, to wit, riotous behaviour in the prison at TARI.

A half issue of rice and native foods made.

Tuesday 18th July

AUWATANGI - TARI.

Departed AUWATANGI at 0600 hrs, having sent word ahead to the ADO. of our arrival. The patrol arrived at the HURIA River in driving rain at 1800 hrs, with a very tired lot of carriers, and walked through to TARI Station arriving at 2030 hrs, and reported to the ADO. The patrol equipment was stored and rations issued.

Wednesday 19th Until Saturday 22nd July

TARI Station.

Here the patrol rested and repacked and repaired equipment and rations whilst awaiting the arrival of Mr. CPO. Thomas from Mendi. Mr. Thomas will accompany the patrol back to Lake Kutubu, and he arrived at TARI on 21st July.

Sunday 23rd July

TARI - HURIA River.

The patrol departed with Mr. Thomas accompanying at 0900 hrs to walk to the HURIA River rest house, the river was reached at 1300 hrs, and here camp was established in rather

heavy rain. Sufficient native foods purchased after the rain had finished at 1500 hrs.

Monday 24th July

BENARIA River - DAVIRAVI

Camp broken at 0700 hrs, and the patrol moved off towards the BENARIA River Valley, travelling over a particularly slow and muddy track. The population of the HURI basin finished at 1300 hrs and the patrol commenced walking in dense rain forest. The BENARIA Valley was reached at 1700 hrs. Here camp was established at the hamlet of DAVIRAVI and small quantities of food were purchased towards evening.

A night guard posted, and notification sent out of the impending census check tomorrow. Several cases of malaria amongst the carriers.

Tuesday 25th July

DAVIRAVI

The census of the DAVIRAVI people commenced at 1100 hrs this morning when all had assembled and continued on until 1500 hrs, with the normal patrol practices. An increase in the census figures noted, due mainly to migrations in. Heavy rain commenced at 1715 hrs and continued all night. A night guard posted.

Wednesday 26th July

DAVIRAVI - TAMIDE

Camp broken at 0900 hrs, and the patrol moved down the steep descent towards TAMIDE hamlet and arrived at 1000 hrs after crossing the BENARIA River. Here a good rest house was found built according to previous instructions.

Census commenced at 1100 hrs, and completed at 1600 hrs with a good attendance. Many disputed, some quite old were brought forward for the patrol's judgement. Ample foodstuffs purchased during the afternoon and issued.

A night guard posted.

Thursday 27th July

TAMIDE - TUMBI

Camp broken at 0800 hrs this morning and the patrol set out over a cleared track towards the hamlet of TUMBI. The hamlet reached at 1000 hrs and all inhabitants found to have assembled awaiting the patrol's arrival. The Census check was commenced at 1300 hrs, with adverse weather brewing. After the customary talks and proclamations the settling of disputes began at 1345 hrs. It was during this period that one HANINUGU was taken into custody for stealing.

When the police attempted to arrest him a general riot ensued, with members of the prisoners clan LAU-U attempting to prevent the arrest, and members of the complainants clan HURIBA attempting to brain the prisoner. After some time peace was restored and an additional ten persons were arrested for riotous behaviour.

As most of the assembled population had fled during the scuffle, it was decided to postpone the census taking until tomorrow.

Ample native food purchased before the census, a night guard mounted.

Friday 28th July

TUMBI

Census commenced this day at 1215 hrs, with out incident, a good attendance recorded and many new names added.

Ample foodstuffs purchased and issued. Stand down at 1800 with a night guard.

Saturday 29th July

TUMBI - DINU

Camp broken at 0600 hrs this morning and the patrol moved off towards the hamlet of ENU, arriving at 0900 hrs, to find a good rest camp established. The census check was commenced at 1200 hrs, and lasted until 1500 hrs, with the usual procedures. More than ample food and two small pigs purchased by the patrol during the afternoon. Light rain all evening. Night guard posted.

Sunday 30th July

DINU - Bush Camp.

Departed DINU at 0530 hrs, skirting around the base of Mount KEREVA. Climbed the PAI Range at 1030 hrs and continued to ridge walk until 1130 hrs when the head of the BERNARIA River was crossed. An unprecedented view of KEREVA obtained here.

Vast areas of swampland encountered and the TARI-WAGE road reached at 1200 hrs. The patrol then commenced to follow a track running between Mts. KEREVA and NE, the dividing range was crossed at 1400 hrs, and camp was established in another vast tract of swampland at 1500 hrs. A bitterly cold night experienced here, this is a definite no man's land. An issue of rice and meat made to patrol personnel. No guard.

Monday 31st July

Bush Camp - Bush Camp.

Departed last night's camp site at 0700 hrs, and continued over beautifully undulating swamp land, with mud at times over our knees. A hunting party of WABISE (WAGE Valley) youths encountered at 1200 hrs. Due to a dearth of reliable guides the patrol experienced difficulty in locating the BALINE track, eventually after cutting bush for two hours the road was encountered. The patrol then moved through heavy rain forest until a patch of swamp land was reached at 1515 hrs, and here camp was established in driving rain.

Another freezing night experienced. An issue of rice and meat made to patrol personnel. No night guard.

Tuesday 1st AUGUST

Bush Camp - BALINE.

Camp broken at 0700 hrs, and the patrol began to climb and ridge hop until the final descent towards the hamlet of IBI was made at 1445 hrs. The patrol then followed the WAGE River arriving at the near deserted hamlet of BALINE at 1430 hrs, where camp was established.

Barely sufficient food purchased during the afternoon. Rain fell for most of the night, with a bright moonlit early morning.

Wednesday 2nd AUGUST

BALINE - ABOU

Departed BALINE at 1015 hrs, after a vain attempt to find an escaped prisoner. Again a day of steep ascents and ridge following, arrived at the final descent towards ABOU at 1445 hrs and the hamlet itself was reached at 1530 hrs.

Here reserve rations and one Constable were

found waiting. One constable to be returned to Kutubu with a badly gashed leg. Copious quantities of food and one pig purchased during the afternoon.

Thursday 3rd August

AUGU - KARIP.

Departed AUGU this morning after re-arranging cargo. The cane bridge over the AUGU River was crossed at 1130 hrs, after a 1020 hrs start. The patrol then commenced climbing into the BAW Ranges, over some of the most difficult terrain yet encountered. After cutting numerous minor ranges the patrol began the final descent towards KARIP at 1530 hrs, arriving at 1600 hrs.

Here the patrol was met by a small number of locals, this appears to be another summer camp of the WAGE people. Ample food purchased and a fire power demonstration given during the afternoon.

Friday 4th August

KARIP - HAGOP

Departed KARIP at 0815 hrs and followed a well used road towards the WAGE River. Population encountered at 0930 hrs, and the hamlet of SEJUL was visited at 1025 hrs. The patrol arrived at the hamlet of HAGOP at 1215 hrs, where camp will be established. This is the home of one KASIBU an escaped prisoner from the Lake Kutubu Prison.

Much difficulty was experienced in contacting the local population, and it was not until 1430 hrs, that timbers started arriving in for the tents. Camp established by 1700 hrs and copious quantities of native food were purchased, with sugar cane in great abundance. One YAR tree was also purchased by the Patrol for firewood.

Friendly contact made with the locals and talks were given during the afternoon. No attempt was made to apprehend the wanted KASIBU, as we have insufficient time to force the issue if he cannot be taken by an early morning arrest. Night guard.

Saturday 5th August

HAGOP - JOP

Departed HAGOP at 0815 hrs towards the steep descent that leads to the first of the WAGE River bridges. The bridge encountered at 0915 hrs, repairs and eventual crossing were completed by 1030 hrs. An old bush camp site of a previous NIPA - KUTUBU Patrol was encountered at 1130 hrs. The second bridge encountered at 1330 hrs again after a steep descent. This bridge found to be in very poor condition and repairs effected by 1545 hrs, crossing was completed by 1615 hrs.

After a series of upulations the hamlet of JOP was reached in pouring rain at 1715 hrs. Camp established with the help of the locals and completed by 0830 hrs. Small quantities of native foods purchased, these were issued with a half scale of rice. Night guard posted.

Sunday 6th August

JOP

Heavy continuous rain this morning prevented the patrol from moving to the mouth of the WAGE - MUBI road. The rain lasted all the day long, the patrol rested and re-arranged stores and equipment.

Monday 7th August

JOP - PINJ

Two carriers left camp this morning at 0545 hrs, to have the MUBI people ready canoes at the IOGORE River. The Patrol broke camp at 0800 hrs and walked over a greasy track, until



Monday 7th August (continued)

JOP - PINJ

SUMIA Hamlet was reached at 0915 hrs. Here 45 minutes were spent buying limited supplies of native food, and obtaining the services of guides to take the Patrol through to the MUBI River area.

Departed SUMIA Hamlet at 1000 hrs, and the Patrol commenced climbing into the MASINA Ranges. The crest of the Range in the proximity of Mount Castle was encountered at 1400 hrs. Here it is said that a particularly fine view of Lake Kutubu may be had on a fine day, however as rain was falling nothing was seen.

The rain commenced in earnest at 1500 hrs, and lasted well into the night. A trading camp of the MUBI and WAGE peoples was encountered at 1820 hrs, and here camp was established. A full scale of rice was made to Patrol personnel.

Tuesday 8th August

PINJ - IOGORE River.

The patrol departed PINJ this morning at 0830 hrs, for the IOGORE River, and arrived at 0930 hrs, to find the river in high flood. Here the Patrol will await the arrival of canoes to uplift us to BAUNU Village in the MUBI Valley. A party of two Police departed at 1030 hrs, on a raft to investigate the canoe situation.

A fruitless day was spent on the banks of the IOGORE, waiting for canoes that never came in. Rain again commenced at 1600 hrs, and camp was established by 1700 hrs in a swamp. A final issue of rice made to patrol members.

Wednesday 9th August

IOGORE River - HEGISO

The long awaited canoes arrived in at day break and the patrol carriers commenced lashing them together in pairs. The patrol departed at 0800 hrs and reached the BAUNU River at 1030 hrs, and BAURITAGE Village at 1200 hrs. The patrol departed BAURITAGE at 1230 hrs and arrived at the new camp of HEGISO at 1400 hrs.

The Patrol OIC. walked to the U.F.M. Station at OROKANA during the afternoon to inspect the road work of the MUBI Peoples on route. It was also found that the CSIRO field party had departed for Lake Kutubu yesterday and would now be at the Patrol Post.

Thursday 10th August

HEGISO - LAKE KUTUBU

The patrol departed HEGISO at 0815 hrs, for KESEKE, a canoe place at the end of the lake, and arrived at 1030 hrs, to find Mr. G.Jensen Muir, OIC. Kagua, waiting with the outboard motor. The patrol arrived in some time later by canoe and was stood down at 1420 hrs.

NOTE

Between 10th August and 9th September, 1961, the Patrol OIC. remained at Lake Kutubu Patrol Post, accompanying C.S.I.R.O. field parties on daily excursions, and completing long overdue Correspondence Course Assignments.

Sunday 10th September

Station - Bush Camp.

Departed Lake Kutubu Patrol Post at 1205 hrs and walked to the MUBI River, which was reached at 1320 hrs, and found to be in flood. Here 65 minutes were spent in bridging the torrent, the patrol then moved along the AUGU track, and camp was established at 1435 hrs in heavy rain forest.

An issue of rice made to Patrol carriers and Police.

Monday 11th September

Bush Camp - AUGU

Camp broken at 0700 hrs and the patrol moved off to AUGU over a cleared track, arriving at 1505 hrs. Augu is at present undergoing a severe food shortage due in large measure to black frosts. A small amount of local foodstuffs purchased and supplemented with rice. A cloudy night.

Tuesday 12th September

AUCU - BALIME

The Patrol moved off towards BALIME Hamlet at 0730 hrs, to investigate a recent outbreak of tribal fighting in this area. The hamlet was reached at 1320 hrs over a poor and overgrown track, and the patrol discovered that most of the inhabitants were absent in the vicinity of the WAGE River. Particulars and the names of persons involved in the fighting were gathered from an ageing male during the afternoon. Those concerned in the affair will be contacted by the Patrol on its return from Mendi.

Only sufficient native foodstuffs purchased and issued. A cold wet night. No night guard.

Wednesday 13th September

BALIME - AUGU

The patrol broke camp and departed from BALIME at 0825 hrs, covering the same track as yesterday, arriving at AUGU at 1435 hrs.

Rice and meat issued from Patrol stores to Police and carriers.

Thursday 14th September

AUGU - NIPA Patrol Post.

Departed AUGU at 0600 hrs this morning and crossed the cane bridge over the AUGU River and immediately commenced climbing into the EGENSH Ranges. After climbing this range the patrol began the steep descent into the uninhabited valley of the WAGE River. The cane bridge over the WAGE was crossed by 1005 hrs, and the patrol began climbing once more this time into the TIDA Ranges, until the hamlet of HARALINGA was reached at the head of the range at 1230 hrs.

From this point onwards the terrain is undulating and the country surrounding well populated. The Patrol eventually arrived at NIPA Patrol Post in driving rain at 1700 hrs.

Friday 15th September

NIPA Patrol Post

The patrol stood down at NIPA this day, to re-arrange patrol stores and equipment.

Saturday 16th September

NIPA - TUGUP

The Patrol departed NIPA at 0900 hrs this morning with local guides, our intended destination the LAI River Valley. The NEMBI River was crossed at 1015 hrs by the aid of a timber bridge and the Patrol began climbing into the dividing range between the NEMBI and LAI watersheds. Eventually the LAI River was reached at 1520 hrs, after a long descent, and the patrol followed a spasmodic road system until the LAI River was crossed and the Hamlet of TUGUP was reached at 1630 hrs. Here the patrol camped for the night in a particularly well constructed rest camp.

Ample native food purchased and issued.

Sunday 17th September

TUGUP - MENDI

The Patrol departed TUGUP at 0800 hrs and again walked along a very fair system of inter village tracks, until PINJ Hamlet was reached at 0910 hrs. After leaving PINJ the Patrol commenced climbing into the SOMBILA Ranges, which divide the LAI from the MENDI river network. After a difficult ascent the Patrol began an equally steep descent and arrived at the District Headquarters of MENDI at 1300 hrs, where the OIC. reported to the District Officer, and the Patrol was stood down during the afternoon.

Monday 18th September

MENDI.

Until

The Patrol stood down during this period whilst the OIC. undertook the A.S.O.P.A. Entrance Examination and

Wednesday 27th September

partook of a field break in Mendi.

Thursday 28th September

MENDI - TUGUP.

Departed Mendi at 1225 hrs, following the same route as the patrol had followed during its journey to Mendi. TUGUP Hamlet was reached at 1730 hrs and here camp was established for the night.

More than ample native food purchased.

Friday 29th September

TUGUP

Torrential rains which lasted all day prevented the Patrol moving off towards NIPA this day.

Rice and meat issued to patrol persons.

Saturday 30th September

TUGUP - NIPA

Departed TUGUP this morning at 0730 hrs, in light drizzling rain which lasted all the day long. Again the Patrol followed its previous route and eventually arrived in a NIPA Patrol Post at 1530 hrs. The continuous rain having delayed our progress somewhat.

The Patrol was stood down during the afternoon.

Sunday 1st October

NIPA

Day observed at NIPA.

Monday 2nd October

NIPA

The Patrol remained at NIPA this day and dried stores and equipment, and repacked same.

Tuesday 3rd October

NIPA - ENJUA

The Patrol departed NIPA Patrol Post at 1000hrs bound for ENJUA Hamlet where a Mendi Patrol was supposedly camped. The Methodist Mission station at NIPA was encountered at 1105 hrs, and a visit was made upon the missionary in charge, the Patrol departed at 1155 hrs for ENJUA, travelling over well populated and undulating terrain. ENJUA was reached at 1430 hrs, and here the Patrol discovered that the Mendi Patrol had departed two days previously and were now reputed to be at PUMBERAL Hamlet, a days walk to the South East.

Camp was established at ENJUA and more than ample foodstuffs purchased during the afternoon. A night guard mounted.

Wednesday 4th October

ENJUA - PUMBERAL

Camp broken at 0745 hrs, and the patrol moved off in the direction of PUMBERAL, the patrol moved again through undulating and well populated terrain. PUMBERAL was reached at 1225 hrs, and here the ADO. Mendi, Mr. A. Jeffries and his party were met. The patrol established camp at PUMBERAL.

Ample native foodstuffs purchased and issued.

Thursday 5th October

PUMBERAL - ENJUA

Departed PUMBERAL at 0900 hrs, with Interpreter KONIA, to be escorted back to NIPA to attend the Supreme Court sittings in Mendi. The patrol followed yesterday's route, however due to the Patrol's Senior Constable being laid low with an attack of pneumonia, the Interpreter was sent through to NIPA under a police escort and camp was established at ENJUA at 1600 hrs.

Ample native food purchased, a night guard mounted.

Friday 6th October

ENJUA

As the Patrol's Senior Constable was no better today, the patrol remained at ENJUA and re-arranged equipment and stores.

Again ample food purchased and issued, A night guard mounted.

Saturday 7th October

ENJUA - DIMIA

Departed ENJUA at 0800 hrs this morning, crossing the PWE Creek and the PWE Depression and establishing camp at DIMIA Hamlet at the mouth of the NIPA - WAGE Valley Road, at 1030 hrs. Here the patrol shall remain until Monday in order to visit a ceremonial MOGA payment tomorrow.

Ample food purchased and issued, a night guard mounted.

Sunday 8th October

DIMIA

The patrol visited a MOGA payment at LIL Hamlet this afternoon, after it was rumoured that an escaped prisoner one KAGIBU would be in attendance. No trace was however found of the wanted man, although it was later learned that he had indeed attended, but had flown at the coming of the patrol.

Ample food purchased and a night guard posted.

Monday 9th October

DIMIA - HAGOP.

The Patrol departed DIMIA at 0730 hrs for the WAGE River Valley, over an extremely steep limestone studded track. The bridge over the WAGE River was reached at 1130 hrs, and here an hour was spent in repairing and crossing. The patrol arrived at HAGOP Hamlet at 1400 hrs.

Food was purchased during the afternoon and the people were told that the patrol had come to take KAGIBU into custody. Ample food purchased and issued.

Tuesday 10th October

HAGOP

The Patrol remained in camp all day today in the hope that KAGIBU would give himself up. However all was in vain and no sign was seen of him. Much shouting was heard from the ridge tops surrounding the Patrol camp today, advising the Patrol that they should move on and remain no longer in the area, and that no foods -tuffs would be brought into the Patrol. Those extolling the Patrol's presence from the ridges were informed that the Patrol would remain in the area until KAGIBU or KAGEP was taken into custody.

The discussion ended on this note, and as the people refused to bring food to the Patrol, a party including the OIC. departed camp at 1700 hrs, and scavenged food from a number of large gardens nearby.

A night guard mounted .

Wednesday 11th October

HAGOP

The OIC. and a party of Police, departed camp at 0520 hrs and inspected the Hamlets of HAGOP and the surrounding bush lands, however no sign of KAGEP was seen and the Patrol returned to camp at 1030 hrs. All the local inhabitants appear to have quitted the area, taking with them all their portable belongings

Again at 1300 hrs, the Patrol left camp to inspect a bush camp to the rear of the dividing barrier range of the WAGE Valley. This move also proved fruitless and the party returned empty handed at 1730 hrs.

Food was again scavenged from gardens during the afternoon and issued to Patrol carriers and Police. A full night guard mounted.

Thursday 12th October

HAGOP

The OIC. and a party of Police departed camp this morning at 0545 hrs this morning and again climbed the barrier range at the rear of the patrol camp, to visit more bush camps of the HAGOP peoples. The party returned to camp at 1320 hrs without having located KAGEP.

Food was again scavenged from native gardens during the late afternoon. A night guard mounted.

Friday 13th October

HAGOP

The patrol remained in camp all this day and attempted to contact KAGEP on the far side of the WAGE River, by shouting across to the other bank, which is the main means of communications in this area. Although the Patrol Interpreter kept up a constant barrage, no information as to the whereabouts of KAGEP was forthcoming.

Foodstuffs were again taken from nearby gardens by the OIC. and a party of police and carriers.

Saturday 14th October

HAGOP

Patrol departed camp this morning at 0530 hrs, to visit hamlets on the far side of the WAGE River Valley. These Hamlets were duly inspected until 1130 hrs, however no trace of KAGEP was found. From all local reports it would appear that our bird has flown to the NEMBI River area.

The Patrol returned to camp at 1215 hrs, and again foodstuffs were scavenged during the afternoon, by the OIC. and a party of Police.

No movement of natives seen during the afternoon, so it is presumed that all the residents of HAGOP have gone to dwell on the other bank of the WAGE River.

A night Guard mounted.

Sunday 15th October

HAGOP - SUJUL

The escaped prisoner KAGEP arrived in at camp this morning at 0800 hrs, delivered up by the SUJUL people, in whose lands he had taken refuge yesterday evening. The headman with the delivery party, one TAGBI, expressed the wish that the Administration might soon appoint Village Constables and Councillors in the general area of the WAGE River. He also stated that he appreciated the fact that law and order could not prevail with types such as KAGEP at large. He was heartily thanked for his efforts by the Patrol OIC, and was informed that Village Constables and Councillors would be installed as soon as the area was sufficiently amenable to Administration practises.

The patrol broke camp at 0900 hrs, and moved off towards SUJUL, arriving a patrol carrier laid low by a log injury. Camp was established at SUJUL by 1130 hrs, heavy rain commenced at 1215 hrs and lasted well into the night. No native food was purchased and a full issue of rice and meat was made to patrol carriers and police.

A night guard mounted.

Monday 16th October

SUJUL

The Patrol remained in and around camp all this day, supervising the building of rest houses and the leveling of camp sites at both SUJUL and NAIP. The OIC. and a police party went to NAIP at 1000 hrs and remained until 1450 hrs, marking out a site. The marking of a site at SUJUL commenced at 1530 hrs, and was completed by 1700 hrs.

Medical treatments and informal talks with the locals took up the remainder of the afternoon, and the aims and policies of the Administration were outlined to quite a large crowd which assembled in the patrol camp to sell food during the evening. A night guard mounted.

Tuesday 17th October

SUJUL - KARIP

The patrol departed SUJUL at 0815 hrs, over a cleared track towards the Hamlet of KARIP on the banks of the WAGE River, and arrived inat 0945 hrs.

Camp was constructed in an old garden site, and work was commenced on levelling a rest house site at 1100 hrs and continued through until rain interrupted progress at 1415 hrs. Ample native food purchased and issued.

Wednesday 18th October

KARIP.

Wednesday 18th October

KARIP

The patrol remained in camp all this day, levelling the proposed rest camp site, actual house locations were marked out by 1430 hrs. Heavy rain again commenced in the afternoon at about 1430 hrs and lasted until 1700 hrs.

Limited quantities of foodstuffs purchased, rice also issued to supplement the native foods scale.

Thursday 19th October

KARIP - AUGU

The patrol awoke to a wet and dreary morning, the rain abated somewhat at 1000 hrs, and the Patrol moved off towards AUGU over a cleared track in good condition. Arrived at the bridge over the AUGU River at 1230 hrs, and AUGU Village at 1320 hrs.

Again the patrol found that the food situation was unchanged in the AUGU area, and an issue of rice and meat was made to patrol carriers and police. A cold wet night.

Friday 20th October

AUGU - SHEM

The majority of the patrol carriers and one policeman with a leg injury departed AUGU at 0825 for Lake Kutubu, with the prisoner KAGEP. This move was taken because of the extreme food shortage in the AUGU and Upper Wage areas.

The OIC, and a party of Police and carriers departed AUGU at 0830 hrs, and crossed the AUGU River bridge at 0900 hrs, and commenced climbing into the BOENSH Ranges towards MAGIRINA, the patrol arrived at PELHIDI, a bush camp of the AUGU peoples, after a very rough walk at 1420 hrs, and at SHEM, the main camp of the AUGU's at 1530 hrs.

At SHEM camp was established with the help of a large number of locals and abundant amounts of food were brought in for sale during the afternoon.

Informal talks were had with the people during the afternoon and medical treatments were also given. Fifty three adult males were counted in the camp area during the afternoon. A night guard mounted, a clear moonlit night.

Saturday 21st October

SHEM - WABIRE

Further discussions with the locals this morning, a rest house will be built on this site when the patrol returns from WABIRE. Departed SHEM at 0900 hrs towards WABIRE, where the culprits for the recent tribal fighting at BALIME Hamlet are now dwelling. The Patrol arrived in at 0930, to find a fair number of the WABIRE people waiting the Patrol's arrival.

The locals were all assembled by 1600 hrs, bearing abundant amounts of foodstuffs. All assembled were told of the Administrations dislike of this form of lawlessness, and to prove the point even further, 10 persons were taken into custody for riotous behaviour. Further informal talks and a fire power demonstration occupied the Patrol for the remainder of the afternoon.

Ample food purchased and a night guard posted.

Sunday 22nd October

WABIRE - SHEN

A Court of Native Matters sat at WABIRE Hamlet this morning, and the ten persons apprehended yesterday were tried and convicted before the assembled Villagers. Afterwards the legal processes of the Administration were explained to the people, and marked interest was shown by all. After some general discussion the site for the proposed rest camp was marked out, and the people instructed to have the camp completed before the Patrol's return in 2 months time.

The Patrol departed for WABIRE at 1200 hrs, and arrived at SHEN at 1225 hrs, to find a large number of local males clearing and levelling a site for a rest camp. A task of some magnitude due to the hilly nature of the terrain. Ample food purchased during the afternoon and issued. A night guard mounted.

Monday 23rd October

SHEN.

The Patrol remained at SHEN this day, supervising the clearing of the rest camp site. The house sites were marked out by 1530 hrs, and the local headmen were given instructions as to how the buildings should be erected. Again more than ample native food purchased. A night guard mounted, a clear and brilliant moonlit night.

Tuesday 24th October

SHEN - ADOU

Departed SHEN at 0800 hrs, and passed through the hamlet of PELHINI at 0845 hrs, and continued on towards ADOU over an uncleared and mountainous track. The Patrol arrived ADOU at 1525 hrs, and there camp was made in driving rain. Rice and meat issued to Police and carriers. No night guard mounted.

Wednesday 25th October

ADOU - MUBI River

The Patrol departed ADOU at 0815 hrs, towards Lake Kutuba over a cleared track, reached the MUBI River at 1530 hrs, and followed the river down stream for 55 minutes. The river was found to be in a state of high flood, and camp was established on the near bank of the River and bridging timbers were collected during the afternoon.

Thursday 26th October

MUBI River - Patrol Post.

The bridge building was completed by 0950 hrs this morning, and the Patrol set out down river for Lake Kutuba Patrol Post, arriving at 1105 hrs. The patrol stood down during the afternoon.

Thursday 2nd November - Friday 10th November

MUBI River

and

Sunday 12th November - Wednesday 15th November

and

Thursday 23rd November - Friday 24th November

During this period the Patrol OIC, and a party of Police and local villagers commenced the construction of a permanent wire

cable suspension bridge over the MUBI River. Mr. P.J.Thomas, Cadet Patrol Officer, accompanied the Patrol from 12th - 15th November and 23rd - 24th November, 1961.

END OF PATROL DIARY



### INTRODUCTION

The area visited by the Patrol may be classified into two cultural and linguistic regions, namely the Lower Tari Census Division, commencing at Lake Kutubu Patrol Post and stretching in a north westerly direction to the BENARIA River Valley, and the WAGE Valley area, lying to the north between Lake Kutubu and NIPA Patrol Posts. The former area has had long, although comparatively infrequent contact with Patrols and the latter area has had virtually no contact.

For the sake of greater clarity the two areas will be dealt with separately under the following respective headings.

### NATIVE AFFAIRS.

During the course of the Patrol, the OIC. proceeded from Lake Kutubu to the District headquarters at Mendi, to undertake the A.S.O.P.A. entrance examinations. With the exception of one day's walk, the area traversed by the Patrol falls within the NIPA and MENDI Administrative areas. Because of this no comment shall be made on this portion of the Patrol, except to say that we were favourably received and provided for, at all villages where the Patrol remained overnight on route.

### Lower Tari Census Division.

A census check was held in all villages in this division by the Patrol. Throughout the area the Patrol was well received in all villages, with the exception of LAU-U Hamlet in the BENARIA River Valley, where the Patrol became involved in a fracas with villagers over the custody of a prisoner. I feel personally that the display of violence which resulted was not so much directed against us as against the complainant in the case which the OIC. of the Patrol was adjudicating at the time. The Patrol Diary 27th July, 1961 refers. //

It is believed that a valuable lesson was learned by the villagers present on the subject of attempting to thwart the course of justice. All those persons involved in the incident were imprisoned under the Native Regulation Ordinance for riotous behaviour. A report of the incident is attached.

A vast improvement in the attitude of the peoples of the Lower Tari area was noted between the last visit during July, 1961 and this present visitation. Suitable applicants for the position of Village Constable were selected by the Patrol, however this matter will be dealt with more fully under the appropriate heading. It suffices to say that all villages in the Lower Tari area now have Village Officials with the exception of LAU-U Hamlet in the BENARIA Valley.

The Patrol also set in motion a programme of rest camp construction throughout the area. It should now be possible to proceed from Lake Kutubu to Tari with having to carry tentage of any description. ✓

NATIVE AFFAIRS (Continued)

In all some 19 detainees were imprisoned by the Patrol, however with the exception of the band from the BENARIA, all other misdemeanours were of a minor nature only, such as census evasion and the like.

Despite the incident in the BENARIA Valley I venture to say that the native situation in the Lower Tari area is quit good and is improving. No hesitation was experienced in the bringing forward of disputes by the villagers, for the Patrol's arbitration, and the decisions given in these cases were abided by without comment. In some hamlets the Patrol spent up to two hours arbitrating such disputes.

WAGE Valley Area

As may be noted from the Patrol Diary, some considerable time was spent in apprehending the escaped prisoner KAGEP. The matter of KAGEP's previous fall from favour is fully outlined in Mr. D. Bulter's NIPA Patrol Report No. 1 of 1960/61.

Although this person was apprehended, it would not have been possible without the assistance of the SUJUL people, who eventually brought KAGEP to the Patrol camp.

I noticed a vast improvement in the attitude of these groups, between this visit and the previous visitation with Patrol Officer Pulter of Nipa during September, 1960. Now gone is the arrogant defiance of the Patrol's decrees and the abuse flung down upon us by armed warriors on towering ridge crests. Although the HAGOP people did in no way assist the Patrol to apprehend KAGEP, at least they interfered in no way either, and promptly quitted the area when the Patrol's motives were made known.

It can be expected that little further trouble will eventuate in the vicinity of HAGOP Hamlet from now on, now that the tenacity of purpose of visiting Patrols is realized. At all other hamlets in this region, the Patrol was received well although warily. The peoples of these hamlets quite willingly undertook to construct rest camps at the Hamlets of SUJUL, NAIP and KARIP, and these should be completed by the time the Patrol next visits the area again in some two months time.

During the Patrol a visit was paid to the Hamlets of WABIRE and SHEM, situated on the WAGE River to the north of AUGU Village. Although the actual area had not previously been visited by Patrols, these hamlets appeared to be summer camps of the AUGU people, and hence quite a number of familiar faces were sighted. Again in this area rest camps were marked out at both hamlets.

Throughout the WAGE Valley area much interest was shown in the talks both formal and informal as given by the Patrol. It was repeatedly voiced by the villagers that the Administration should expedite the appointment of Village Officials throughout the area, so that law and order might prevail. However the Patrol pointed out that

### NATIVE AFFAIRS (Continued)

such premature appointments could do more harm than good, and that the people themselves might hasten the appointment of such officials if they refrained from the customary killings and tribal fights, and to abide by the code of conduct as advocated by the Patrol. All those entering into these discussions agreed that this indeed was a better plan of action, and that the future conduct of the groups might be considered as a gauge as to whether or not the time was opportune for the appointment of Village Officials.

No evidence of any tribal fighting was noticed in the WAGE Valley, and the listening posts at AUGU Village confirm this belief. The Patrol preached incessantly in all Villages that these former practices must cease.

I believe that the present satisfactory native situation in the WAGE area, is in no small way due to the influence of Mr. Butler's Nipa Patrol, No. 1 of 1960/61.

### MEDICAL AND HEALTH

Throughout the Lower Tari and WAGE areas the health of the inhabitants was extremely good, and no illnesses of any consequence were seen. Although the ever present sores and minor afflictions were plentiful.

Numberous old war wounds were seen by the Patrol resulting no doubt from the heavy fighting which was once a favoured past time in Wage Valley especially. Many of these wounds were still weeping and shall require the services of a Medical Officer when the area is more amenable to such evacuations.

It is intended that the next Patrol to the AUGU area will establish an Aid Post at AUGU Village. This move would be temporary in nature only, and when the situation lends itself, this Post could well be moved deeper into the WAGE Valley. At present I would not be prepared to see a lone Aid Post Orderly dwelling in this area. The recent increase in the number of A.P.O's at this Post has made this move possible.

### LIVESTOCK and AGRICULTURE

Throughout the areas Patrolled pigs are most plentiful and are well cared for. Dogs were also present in all villages and were of the usual average quality only. No illness was seen in the livestock noticed by the Patrol.

Native foodstuffs throughout the Lower Tari, BETARIA and WAGE areas, were the usual high quality of these grassland peoples, and although not overabundant the Patrol was always supplied with ample native foods.

About the time of the Patrol's trip through to Mendi, a severe series of frosts had affected that area from from AUGU to Nipa Patrol Post. This factor combined with the apparent lack of rain for about one month in this area could well delay the production of sweet potato in some two months time.

However the situation at AUGU is somewhat different, although affected by these above conditions, it would appear that for some years now these people have been

LIVESTOCK and AGRICULTURE (Continued)

replanting old gardens and not bothering to cut new tracts of land for planting. This prodence is now bearing full fruit, the gardens this year in the vicinity of AUGU bore only sweet potatoes the size of ones thumb, and the quantity is also diminishing. Many of the ugu people have purchased complete gardens in the WAGE Valley area. The remainder meanwhile have gone off in all directions to beg, borrow or steal food from friends, relations and anyone else who is willing to give or sell foodstuffs.

The persons present at AUGU at the time of the Patrol's visit were ordered to have new tracts of garden land cut, this situation will be further investigated when a patrol visits the area in some two weeks time.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

At present there are no Village Officials in the WAGE River Valley, nor shall there be for some time to come. There is however a Village Constable, one IBINE at AUGU, on the margins of the WAGE Valley. He is a person of forceful character and is very pro- Administration, he is doing a commendable job on this line of demarkation between groups with much and groups with virtually little contact with Patrols.

Throughout the Lower Tari Consus Division those villages not having Village Officials, were provided with such by this Patrol. All tentative appointments for the position of Village Constable, were sent to Lake Kutubu Patrol Post, to underge some two weeks intensive schooling before taking up appointment. These persons are now acting in a probationary capacity, the next Patrol to this area in some two weeks time shall recommend the appointments to be confirmed, should these officials proved to be satisfactory.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Throughout the area patrolled there are no roads as such. The track from Lake Kutubu to AUGU Village has been cleared and presents a fair walking surface. Road construction is now being undertaken in the BENARIA River Valley, and track clearing is now being undertaken from PAU-A Village to the BENARIA.

The bridges seen by the Patrol were of cane construction only and were in good condition. During the latter part of the Patrol, the OIC. and a party of Police camped on the banks of the MUBI River, at the rear of Lake Kutubu Patrol Post, and there constructed a wire cable suspension bridge over the MUBI River, a span of some 110 feet.

Much time has been wasted in the past by Patrols having to cut timbers to bridge the river, even in times of light rains. The river and terrain in this area is such that in time of high flood it is quite impossible to cross the river. This now opens an all weather route for Patrols to either the Lower Tari or WAGE Valley areas, not

### ROADS AND BRIDGES (Continued)

to mention the unobstructed passage of villagers from these areas visiting the Patrol Post.

Mr. Thomas, Cadet Patrol Officer, also rendered valuable assistance on the bridge between 12th and 24th November.

The suspension bridge was built in accordance with the Manual of Roads and Bridges, as issued by the Public Works Department.

### TOPOGRAPHY

The topography of the terrain covered by the Patrol, falls into the general category of limestone pinnacles and long narrow river valleys, with which this country is generously endowed.

After leaving the BENARIA Valley the Patrol circumnavigated Mount KEREVA, an extinct volcanic cone of some 11, 100 feet, to the north east of TARI Station. Here much picturesque and undulating grassland was traversed, however the majority of this country, bitterly cold after sunset, proved to be apparently bottomless swampland.

The whole of the uninhabited region of this area is covered by rain forest of considerable size.

### CENSUS

A census check was completed throughout the Lower Tari Census Division, and the figures collected are attached under Appendix "D". A comparison between these figures and the figures obtained by the previous census Patrol reveal the following trends. The previous census of this area was undertaken during June, 1960.

The total population for the area now stands at 1658, some 278 more than the previous census. Migrations in, account for this figure, and includes not only local migrations, but the migration of peoples in from the HURI Basin, to exercise usufructuary rights over land in the BENARIA Valley. Persons not previously recorded are also included in these figures. The ratio of migrations in, in relation to migrations out is as follows, 412 : 111.

The number of deaths was found to be greater than the number of births, in the ratio 36:33. 85% of these deaths involved persons of relatively advanced ages. 7 persons were found to be in employment within the district, namely as labourers at this Post.

At all times the people responded well to the census checks, which for a number were their first experience of such proceedings. No census check was undertaken at AUGU Village, due to the scattered location of the population, who to a man are all over the area seeking food.

As yet no census has been taken in the WAGE River Valley area, it is suggested that perhaps the Patrol to this region after next, might attempt a census check of the area.

**CONCLUSION**

The Patrol found a satisfactory situation existing throughout most of the area visited, and a definite change of heart on the part of some groups in the WASH River Valley area. A Patrol shall leave this Post in some two weeks time, to further the progress already made.

**END OF PATROL REPORT**

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Lake Kutuba Patrol Post

4th December, 1961.

REPORT ON INCIDENT AT LAU-U HAMLET - BENARIA VALLEY

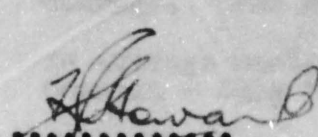
At about 1300 hrs, on 27th July, 1961 at WARIMA Hamlet in the BENARIA Valley the Patrol had assembled all the inhabitants of the sub clans of LAU-U and PAI-ARI for a census check. Some 200 odd persons were present for the check. As was the practice of the Patrol all disputes were called for, so that they might be settled by arbitration before the assembled villagers, before the commencement of the actual census.

At this time a male adult KARIME of DAVIRAVI Hamlet approached the Patrol concerning the theft of three pigs belonging to him, by one HANIMUGU of the LAU-U Clan. The case was proven against HANIMUGU, and he was sentenced to three months imprisonment. When the Patrol Police attempted to take HANIMUGU into custody, some ten members of the LAU-U Clan arose and attempted to prevent the arrest, and also to assault the complainant KARIME.

A general mêlée lasting some five minutes ensued, during the action axes were raised against the Patrol Police and KARIME was assaulted with sticks and fists. Mr. P.Thomas, Cadet Patrol Officer, rendered valuable assistance in the breaking up of the disturbance. When order was restored it was found that none of the patrol members were injured, although the illfated KARIME was somewhat the worst of wear.

✓ All persons taking part in the disturbance were apprehended and sentenced to imprisonment for riotous behaviour. The incident in itself involved only a number of hotheads within the Clan, and was not a general show of hostility towards the Patrol. The remaining members of the Clan took no part in the disturbance, and showed far more interest in seeking means of fleeing the Census taking area.

✓ The Patrol Police and Interpreter acted in an exemplary manner during the action.

  
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F.J. Howard -Patrol Officer

Appendix "A"

REPORT ON MEMBERS OF THE R.P.&M.C.C.  
ACCOMPANYING THE PATROL

<u>Reg. No.</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
6379	Senior Constable	GATSIA	An outstanding N.C.O. Conduct excellent.
6506	Constable	HAIHAVU	A quiet and reserved member, reliable and efficient. Conduct Good.
6703	"	JAU	A good patrol constable cheerful and efficient.
7185	"	JACK	A consistently good Patrol member and an informative bushman.
7697	"	HANE	A quiet person not over intelligent, but reliable Conduct - very good.
8470	"	SIPAU	A cheerful and thoroughly responsible constable. Well developed sense of humour. Conduct excellent.
8690	"	IGO	A reliable average man, Conduct - good.
9394	"	REJUNGA	A most impressive member, definite NCO. Material Conduct - excellent.
9967	"	DUAK	A reliable and painstaking Constable - Conduct V. Good.
10712	" (Trainee)	FABA	A young and inexperienced member of considerable courage. Conduct - Good.
10051	(Bugler)	BAHEKI	An average member only, Conduct - Only fair.

All the necessary entries have been made on the  
abovementioned members Records of Service, and copies of the Form  
R/S 1 have been forwarded to the Commissioner of Police.

*F. J. Howard*  
F. J. Howard  
Officer of Police.





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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. Kut. 2 of 1961/62

Patrol Conducted by Peter Thomas, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Poi'i and Pasu Census Divisions.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Natives Police men - 6, P.H.D. - 1, Carriers - 11.

Duration—From 21/ 9 /1961 to 11 / 11 /1961

Number of Days 452

Did Medical Assistant Accompany No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services April /1961

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

Map Reference Sketch Map attached.

Objects of Patrol As given in the patrol instructions.

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

29/12/1961

*[Signature]*  
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... £.....

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

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67-15-28

KONKODOHU.

16th February, 1962.

District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
HEMIDI.

LAKE KUTUBU PATROL NO. 2 OF 1961/62.

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of the above report forwarded with copy of your 67-3-9 of the 22nd December, 1961 to the Assistant District Officer, Hemidi.

2. Mr. Thomas, a young officer with only a little over 12 months in the field, has got away to a very good start. The report reveals quite clearly that he has applied himself diligently to the job in hand and is rapidly learning how to compile a report which places on record his own observations, the situation encountered and action taken. But, as you have commented, the report tends to be marred by a multiplicity of spelling errors. Reference your remarks about a dictionary, it is to be regarded as a help, never a hindrance.

3. I note that you have taken local action on matters arising out of the patrol.

4. This is Mr. Thomas' first solo patrol and he is to be complimented on this initial effort. I will look forward to further reports over his signature.

*A.K.M.*  
J. K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR

KWD:AL

67-3-9

District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

22nd December, 1961.

Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office,  
MENDI.

LAKE KUTUBU PATROL NO. 2 OF 1961/62.

Thank you for Mr. Thomas's report on his patrol to the FOI'I FASU and KOKOMA Census Divisions of the Lake Kutubu area and Mr. Howards covering comments.

I believe Mr. Thomas has conducted a very thorough patrol and has done extremely well in view of his comparatively short time in the service. There are a number of matters requiring comment as hereunder but in general this is for the further guidance of officers at Kutubu and does not detract from what I consider to be a very commendable effort by Mr. Thomas.

In the first place the report was marred by spelling errors and the following which were repeated a number of times in the report are listed for Mr. Thomas's benefit and I suggest in future he use a dictionary when in doubt:-

disagussions	(discussions)	desease	(disease)
imedietly	(immediately)	conserned	(concerned)
prominant	(prominent)	abbundance	(abundance)
distroyed	(destroyed)	conscienceous	(conscientious)
laborous	(laborious)	indead	(indeed)
suppliment	(supplement)	advise	(noun) (advice)
swarming	(swarming)	choise	(choice)
likelihood	(likelihood)	source	(source)

Rather extensive comments were made by me on the report submitted by the last patrol to the area in my memo 67-3-9 dated 16th June, 1961 to the A.D.O. Krave. I have just learned from Mr. Thomas, who has arrived in for a Xmas field break, that these comments were not apparently passed on to Lake Kutubu. I am accordingly attaching two copies of these comments and the Director's reply for your information and for you to pass on to Lake Kutubu, which station is now in your jurisdiction. I would particularly like the attention of the Kutubu officers directed to para 4 of the Director's reply which states "It is administratively unsound to issue instructions that cannot be enforced. It is even preferable to use advice instead of coercion if this course will accomplish the objective".

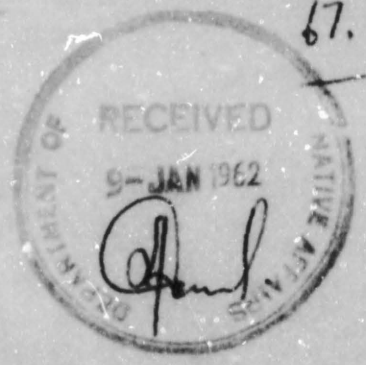
Would you please see that policy matters as per my 67-3-9 of 16/6/61 are in fact carried out. Matters connected with the migration to the Gulf District, the need for a fishing net will be dealt with by separate memorandum by me. My previous remarks re child marriages still apply and I believe this approach should have favourable results. Whether legal action can be taken would I think depend on whether or not the "bride" had reached the age of puberty. I would like the POIC Kutubu to submit to me one or two particular cases which I will submit to the Secretary for Law for a legal opinion.

Claims for camping allowance duly funded are returned herewith for payment.

*KWD*  
(K.W. Dyer)  
District Officer.

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The Director,  
Dept. of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.

For your information please. Copy of the report  
is attached. Matters arising from the report have been dealt  
with at District level.

*K.W. Dyer*  
(K.W. Dyer)  
District Officer.

C/O (a)

map being printed  
today.  
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File 67-1-3

Lake Kutubu Patrol Post,  
Mendi Central Sub District,  
Southern Highlands District.

31st November, 1961.

The Assistant District Officer,  
Mendi Central Sub District,  
MENDI.

PATROL REPORT No. 2 of 1961/62 - LAKE KUTUBU  
FOI'I AND FASU CHIEFS DIVISIONS

Please find enclosed herewith four copies of the above Patrol Report, also four copies of both Camping Out and Boot Allowance, in respect of Mr. Thomas.

It is regretted that the Report has been slightly delayed, however Mr. Thomas has been accompanying me on a patrol to the KUBI River, where his services were required on bridge building between 12th and 24th November.

This is Mr. Thomas's first solo patrol in this Administrative Area, and he has completed a worthwhile and leisurely patrol, the benefits of which are most apparent, in all Mr. Thomas has performed a very creditable job. The Report is neat and concise, and the following points are raised in respect of the Report.

Apparently the practice of marrying child brides is still in evidence, please refer to Lake Kutubu Patrol Report No. 5 of 1960/61 by Mr. B. Robins, C.P.O. Although the patrol voiced its strong disapproval of the practice, I feel that this action alone is insufficient to entirely stamp out these undesirable marriages. Could you advise me in due course Sir, if it is not possible to institute some form of legal action against those involved in these unions.

It is also noted that the entire Villages of TAMADIGI and SAGARADIGI have departed this Administrative Area. Could the Gulf District be informed of these people's movement, so that they may not further shirk their responsibilities.

Again the question of an Agricultural Officer's visit to this area rears its head. To my knowledge in the fourteen years of this Post's existence, we have not been honoured by the visit of an Agricultural field officer. Could representation be made Sir, for an Agricultural Officer to visit this area. As Mr. Thomas mentions the provision of a gill net at this Post, would greatly lessen the present meat issue expenditure here.

It is earnestly hoped that much beneficial information will be obtained from the recent Fisheries Survey of Lake Kutubu, and that some positive action might be taken regarding the stocking of the Lake with a more suitable edible fish.

For your information, please.

*F. J. Howard*  
.....  
F. J. Howard OIC.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 07-1-4

Lake Kutubu Patrol Post,  
Southern Highlands District,  
17:9:61

Mr. P.J. Thomas,  
Cadet Patrol Officer,  
Lake Kutubu Patrol Post.

Patrol Instructions No. 2 - 61/62.

Please prepare to depart on patrol to the Foi'i and Fasu Census Divisions as soon as practicable.

You will be accompanied by a Senior Constable and five Constables of Police. Please notify these members so that they may prepare their patrol equipment.

Take the interpreters Konefabu and Iviawi with you as well as an Aid Post Orderly.

The objects of the patrol will be :-

General Administration.

Under this facet settle any disputes brought to your notice by arbitration. Where the people are willing to accept this arbitration make a note of it in the village book for the guidance of future patrols. Where the people are unwilling to accept the arbitration then record the dispute for the next visit of a Magistrate of Native Matters.

Reiterate the purpose behind the hygiene and health provisions of the Native Regulations Ordinance, and ensure that the people are maintaining their latrines, etc..

Inspect houses and see that none are overcrowded or in poor condition.

Census.

Conduct a census name check in all villages.

Health.

Have the A.P.O. accompanying treat all sick, and if necessary forward any serious cases to the Aid Post at Kutubu or the hospital at Mendi for further treatment.

Village Official.

Please submit a return of Village Constables and ensure that they are doing their work in a satisfactory manner.

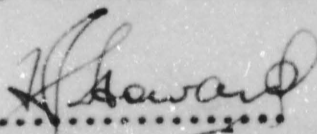
Roads and Bridges.

The first part of your patrol should be spent in supervising the construction of the Keseke - Megeso section of the Wabi road. I will leave this work entirely in your hands but I would draw your attention to the District Instruction relating to road and bridge building.

Encourage the people of the Lower Foi'i and Fasu areas in the construction of intra village walking tracks.

Do not lose any opportunity in talking informally with the people.

The patrol should be unburdened. The best of luck for a successful patrol.

  
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F.J. Howard, O.I.C..



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote

No.

P/R 2 - 61/62

Patrol Report

Lake Kutubu No. 2 - 61/62

Conducted by :- P.J. Thomas, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled :- Foi'i and Fasu Census Divisions of the Mendi Sub-District.

Patrol Personnel :- Europeans ..... Peter J Thomas C.P.O..

Natives	.....	R.P. & N.G.C.	.....	6 members.
		P.H.D.	.....	1 member.
		Carriers	.....	11 persons.

52 days.

Duration :- 21st September to 11th November 1961

Objects of the Patrol :-

- (1) Construction of a section of the Lake Kutubu - Mubi Road.
- (2) Routine Administration throughout the area patrolled.
- (3) Consolidation of Government Influence.
- (4) Ascertain the views of the local people as regards their possible movement nearer to the Lake.

Map Reference :- Sketch map of the area attached.

Attached :-

Appendix 'A'	.....	Report on R.P. & N.G.C.
Appendix 'B'	.....	Report on P.H.D.
Appendix 'C'	.....	Report on Village Constables.
Appendix 'D'	.....	Sketch map of the area.

*P.J. Thomas*  
.....  
P.J. Thomas  
Cadet Patrol Officer.



### Introduction :-

This patrol was conducted in two parts. The first week was employed in the construction of a section of the Lake Kutubu - Mubi road, whilst the remainder consisted of a routine patrol of the Foi'i and Fasu Census Divisions. The Kokoma Census Division was also visited, but because there is only one village in this Census Division at the present time it will be treated as part of the Foi'i Census Division.

The patrol was broken for a short period whilst the writer returned to the Government station at Lake Kutubu to assist a team of fisheries experts, from the Department of Agriculture, Stock, and Fisheries, in conducting a fisheries potential of the lake and surrounding rivers. The results of this work are also incorporated in this report, under 'Stock and Fisheries'.

The area was last patrolled by Mr. B.G. Robins in April of the present year. Mr. Robins conducted a census patrol of the area and this patrol was used as a follow up.

Due to the rugged topography and dense vegetation most of the going was rather difficult. The comparatively hot climate, as regards other parts of the highlands, also did not make the patrolling easy.

No untoward incidents were seen by the patrol, in fact in all places the attitude of the local people was very pleasing.

### Patrol Diary :-

#### Thursday 21st. September ;

Departed Tago at 1920 per outboard powered double canoe, arrived Keseke at 1250 after a rough trip made worse by heavy rain. Walked over a good road for 30 mins. to a bush camp. Camp established and work on road commenced immediately. Word sent by runner for all males of the Mubi area to present themselves for work on the morrow. Due to heavy rain at 1730 work ceased.

Native foods purchased and issued to patrol.  
Patrol stood down at 1800.

#### Friday 22nd. September ;

Most of the local people present at 0630 and work commenced straight away. A good muster of lake people, but not many Mubi people present. All Village Constables of this area sent for and instructed that all able bodied males are to present themselves tomorrow morning. Some very heavy showers of rain during the day, but still a reasonable section of road completed.

Small quantities of native foods purchased.  
Patrol stood down at 1800.

#### Saturday 23rd. September ;

People from most of the Mubi villages and all of the lake villages present. Work continued until 1740 when light rain interrupted proceedings. One minor dispute brought forward during the afternoon and settled by arbitration. Part issue of rations made to patrol to supplement small quantities of native food purchased.  
Patrol stood down at 1800.

#### Sunday 24th. September ;

Observed at camp site. A small section of road marked out by constable and self.

#### Monday 25th. September ;

Work commenced at 0630 in light misty rain. One constable, interpreter, and self walked through to the Hegaso end of the road to inspect progress there. All groups working well and quite a distance of benching completed today. Work ceased at 1750. Native foods purchased and issued. Patrol stood down at 1800.

Tuesday 26th. September :

All villages from the Nubi River and Lake areas present again today. The section of road that had been allocated to the Lake people completed today. Road marked out over several difficult sections, mainly over limestone mountains, and it would appear as if some blasting will have to be done before a vehicular road is completed. One minor dispute settled by arbitration during the evening. Native foods purchased and issued. Patrol stood down at 1800.

Wednesday 27th. September :

Work commenced at 0630. Camp broken at 0900 and patrol departed for Keseke, after instructions had been given to all village officials re. road work, at 1000. Departed Keseke by native canoe and later transferred to outboard powered double canoe, arriving Tago at 1230. Patrol gear sorted and rations issued to patrol personnel. Patrol stood down 1400.

Until this day no word had been received as to the movements of the Fisheries team so it was decided to delay the patrol to await news as to their itinerary. On Thursday 23rd September the Fisheries team arrived at Lake Kutub and from then till Saturday 7th. October the writer was employed helping them with their survey of the lake.

Monday 2nd. October :

Departed from Government station at 1130 per native canoe. After a short trip to Wasami Island, made most unpleasant by very heavy rain, camp had been established by 1445. As soon as rain eased off census name check was commenced, completed by 1630. Discussions held with the local people. Village officials instructed in the building of new school and teachers house. Site cleared and plan marked out. Several very old and sick looking dogs shot after explaining the dangers of sickness carried by such animals to the local people. Ample native foods purchased and issued. Patrol stood down at 1300.

Tuesday 10th. October :

Heavy rain most of the night which continued till well after the patrol was ready to depart. Left Wasami at 0830, getting thoroughly wet before reaching Tugiri at 0940. Self, two policemen, and interpreter remained at Tugiri whilst bulk of patrol gear continued on to Keseke. Census and medical check made of all Tugiri and Yogobo people after village had been inspected. Village clean and tidy. No disputes brought to the notice of the patrol. Departed Tugiri at 1100 per native canoe, arriving Keseke at 1300. Camp had been established by policemen and carriers on a good site. Census name check of the Keseke people commenced at 1400 and completed by 1520. Talks held with the village officials as regards the building of their partly constructed village. Several minor disputes brought forward for settlement. Native foods brought and issued. Patrol stood down at 1800 in pouring rain.

Wednesday 11th October :

Departed Keseke at 0805 and reached Hegaso at 1030 over a good benched road. The road has progressed very well in the last few days and has only one small section to be completed. Bush houses had been prepared by the local people as the rest house, some distance from the present village site, is surrounded by water. Census check made... all found to satisfactory. The usual minor courts brought forward for arbitration. One case of assault brought to the notice of the patrol and two males taken into custody. Talks with village officials until 1745. Native foods purchased. Patrol stood down at 1800.

Thursday 12th. October ;

Departed Hegaso at 0745 on route to Baurutage, main patrol gear having been dispatched to Heribo. Census and medical check made of all people at Baurutage. Villagers instructed in the construction of their new village and rest house. Site cleared and marked out for police barracks and rest house on opposite bank of the river. Departed Baurutage at 1230 per native canoe. Arrived Heribu at 1315 and commenced census check immediately village had been inspected. People instructed to build a new long house as soon as possible as the present one is in a shocking state. Several minor disputes brought forward. Witnessed the payment of MOP shells that had been owing to this group as bride payment. Ample native foods brought. Patrol stood down at 1800.

Friday 13th. October ;

Departed Heribu at 0800 for Ipigi village arrived at Orokana mission station at 1030. Discussions with Mr. Donaldson of the U.F.M.. Walked on to Ipigi, arriving there at 1100. Village inspected and found to very good, clean and tidy. Census name check completed by 1400 and the rest of the day, and well into the night, spent hearing marriage and other trivial disputes. Received report that a native of the Waage Valley area who was wanted regarding an alleged murder was at the next village. Departed with police, arriving at Dogabari after a half hour walk. The wanted man apprehended without any difficulty and taken into custody. Returned to Ipigi. Native foods purchased and issued. Patrol stood down at 1800.

Saturday 14th. October ;

Witnessed the handing over of several marriage and death payments before setting out for Dogabari at 0805. Visited U.F.M. on the way past Orokana and arrived at Dogabari at 0910. Village inspected and found to be clean and tidy. New women's houses being constructed. Census name check made during the afternoon. Many minor disputes brought forward for arbitration, all settled to the satisfaction of those concerned. Native foods purchased and issued. Patrol stood down at 1800.

Sunday 15th. October ;

The day observed at camp.

Monday 16th. October ;

Departed Dogabari at 0745 and walked over a good track to Herabi'iu, arriving there at 0900. Camp established and village inspected. People lined for census check which was conducted immediately. Several child brides brought to the notice of the patrol.... people told of the possible consequences and effects that this would have on their village life, such as lack of wives for the young males. Village clean and tidy, but not many gardens seen. People instructed to prepare large garden areas

on a site marked out by the patrol.  
Ample native foods purchased and issued to patrol.  
Patrol stood down at 1800.

Tuesday 17th. October ;

Departed Harabai'iu at 0745 and arrived at Ionesi at 0910 after crossing the Wage and Kogosa Rivers. Good track all the way but some delay waiting for canoes to cross the rivers. Village inspected, clean but very old. People say that they will rebuild in the near future. Census check taken. Again at this village there was several child brides but the Village Constable seems to realize the probable outcome and I don't think that there will be any more. Ample foods purchased.  
Patrol stood down at 1800.

Wednesday 18th. October ;

Departed Ionesi at 0715 and walked via Harabai'iu and Dogabari to Eragahugu, arriving there at 1015. Camp established in very good rest house and police barracks. Village inspected and found to be in good order. Census check made and numerous minor disputes settled throughout the afternoon. Informal talks held with village officials during the evening. Heavy rain during the late afternoon. Native foods purchased and issued.  
Patrol stood down at 1800.

Thursday 19th. October ;

Departed Eragahugu at 0800 and proceeded over a good track to Pinaga/Dannai'iu, reaching there at 0905. Camp established in rest house and police barracks. Both villages inspected; in reasonable order. Census of the following groups checked.... Pinaga, Gedagaipu, Dannai'iu, and Tunuhugu in that order. Some 600 people seen in all. Many disputes brought forward during the afternoon for settlement by arbitration. Talks held with village officials and other prominent men until late into the night. Officials seem a very good group of men. Ample native foods bought.  
Patrol stood down at 1800.

Friday 20th. October ;

Camp broken at 0730 and patrol departed immediately for Kafa. After crossing three very large limestone ranges, made worse by thousands of leaches, patrol arrived at Kafa at 1230.... last of the carriers arriving in at 1330. Camp established in rest house and village inspected. Camp surroundings very good, V.C. is keeping the people working. Native foods purchased and issued.  
Patrol stood down at 1800 after a hard days walk.

Saturday 21st. October ;

Census check commenced at 0800. All people from Kafa and Agiainu present. People given instructions to start work on a new village site further up the hill from the present site. Villagers and patrol carriers set to work clearing site and preparing timber. Position for houses set out as well as gardens. Several minor complaints settled during the afternoon.  
Native foods purchased.  
Patrol stood down at 1800.

Sunday 22nd. October :

Observed at Kafa. Constable in from Kutuba with trade and rations at 1200. During the afternoon several canoes were lashed together so that the patrol's gear could be shifted to the other side of the fast flowing Mubi River on the morrow. Several of the patrol personnel have been badly affected by leach bites and medical attention given throughout the afternoon.

Native foods purchased and issued.  
Patrol stood down at 1800.

Monday 23rd. October :

Departed Kafa at 0700 and the Mubi River successfully crossed by 0730. Continued over rough bush track, crossing one large limestone mountain, finally descending to the Soro River. Sorotage reached at 1150. Old police barracks were swept away in the last floods and the local people had constructed a new building. Rest house not in very good condition. Village inspected and several sick dogs destroyed. People told of the danger of such animals spreading disease. Census check made during the afternoon. Several disputes brought forward. Ample native foods bought and issued.  
Patrol stood down at 1800.

Tuesday 24th. October :

Broke camp at 0730 and departed per native canoe for Oto, arriving there 0930. Although the distance is not far the fast flowing Mubi River makes the journey rather laborous. Camp established and village inspected. The village a credit to the people... very clean and neat. Census checked and the people given a talk on the aims and functions of the administration. Several disputes heard, all being settled with the writer acting as arbitrator. This village has had quite a bit of contact with the coast; fowls running about, coconut trees.

Native food bought.  
Patrol stood down at 1800.

Wednesday 25th. October :

Camp struck at 0730. Proceeded down the Mubi River to Kobe, visiting Sorotage on the way to see how work on new lavatories was progressing... all satisfactory. Arrived at Kobe at 1030 and established camp in rest house and police barrack.. Village inspected and found to be in good order. Census name check taken during the afternoon. Talks held with local people. Aid post in charge of A.P.O. Hebabave inspected and found to be in excellent order. These people seem to appreciate the efforts of the A.P.O. and are helping him to build gardens and houses.

Native foods purchased and issued. Fish caught and issued.  
Patrol stood down at 1800.

Thursday 26th. October :

Departed Kobe at 0800 per native canoe and paddled down stream for a half an hour to Kekanou. Census checked and a new councillor elected by the people to replace the old one who recently died. These people have given up the idea they expressed to the last patrol re moving closer to Kobe. They now intend to move downstream and have already started to construct houses and gardens. Medical check made by N.W.O., health of these people quite good.

Departed Kekanou at 1100 for Kandoba arriving there at 1135. Village inspected, houses found to be filthy and lavatories in a shocking condition. People set to work cleaning the place after census had been checked.

Under the patrols supervision the whole village site was cleaned and several new womens retiring houses built. Several disputes settled.

Native foods purchased and issued.  
Patrol stood down at 1800.

Friday 27th, October :

Camp broken at 0730 and several bride price disputes settled before the patrol set off for Kara at 0815. Canoeed downstream for an hour, arriving at Kara at 0915. Camp established in a good rest house and police barracks. Camp site clean and tidy, houses neat. People assembled and given a talk on the aims and methods of the administration. Instructions to rebuild several lavatories given. Census checked. Departed for Beaver Falls at 1230. Canoeed of a short distance and then continued over a rough bush track for an hour. The falls a wonderful sight. Returned to Kara. Native foods purchased. Camp visited by many V.C.s during the evening. Patrol stood down at 1800.

Saturday 28th, October :

Departed Kara at 0730 and canoeed upstream for an hour and a half to Kandebu. Here all patrol personall and gear proceeded over a reasonable track to Koba, arriving there at 1100. Canoes, having been paddled up the river, arrived at 1250. Camp established and talks with a multitude of V.C.s for the rest of the day. Foods purchased and issued. Patrol stood down at 1800.

Sunday 29th, October :

Camp broken at 0600. Departed Koba at 0700 and travelled up the Nubi River for an hour, and hence up the Kaibu River. Progress very slow due to the fast flowing, log strewn river. Arrived Tamadigi at 1330 to find that all of the Tamadigi people have migrated out of their village and are now living in the Kowa area of the Gulf District. They have moved out lock, stock, and barrel and have given their village over to the people who formerly lived at Soro. These people state that they wish to stay here and are going to repair the old houses and construct new buildings. Census of the Soro people conducted during the afternoon. Several minor disputes settled. Native food bought. Patrol stood down at 1800.

Monday 30th, October :

Departed Tamadigi at 0730, crossed the Kaibu river by 0800 and set off over a very rough track through limestone country. Arrived at Sagaradigi at 1200 to find this village also deserted. Rest house and police barracks in a shocking condition. These people have also gone to the Kowa area of the Gulf District. Bush houses constructed by carriers and policemen. Rations issued to all patrol personall. Patrol stood down at 1800.

Tuesday 31st, October :

Camp struck at 0700 and patrol departed at 0730 for Anuwabi. After a solid walk through sage swamp and over limestone ranges destination reached at 1000. Village inspected after camp had been inspected, found to be reasonable. People in the midst of a rebuilding programme but work is not progressing very fast. Gardens inspected, not very good but this

is understandable as the area is swarming with death adders. The people advised to clear an area around the village so that some degree of protection could be obtained. One very lively reptile seen in the roof of the rest house and after some considerable excitement it was shot. All policemen and carriers given razor blades and pieces of string to carry from next on. Census checked, again some people have moved out to the Kewa area of the Gulf District. Native foods purchased and issued. Patrol stood down at 1800.

Wednesday 1st, November 1

Departed Anuwabi at 0730, and walked over reasonable tracks for 40 mins., arriving at Manu at 0810. Camp established and village inspected, found to be in good shape, clean and tidy. People instructed to build another lavatory for the women. Census name check taken during the afternoon. The rest of the day spent hearing minor disputes. Evening spent in informal talks with the people. Ample native foods obtained and issued. Patrol stood down at 1800.

Thursday 2nd, November 1

Camp struck at 0730, departing Manu at 0800. Walked over good tracks, arriving Ai'iu at 0900. Camp established and village inspected. Not clean at all, so all villagers set to work cleaning up the surrounds. New women's retiring house and lavatory started. Several men given a stern reprimand for failing to work on Moro airstrip.... they had gone off to a 'Sing-sing' when everyone else had gone to work. Census checked during the afternoon. Many disputes brought forward for settlement, these went on until well into the night. Native foods brought and issued. Patrol stood down at 1800.

Friday 3rd, November 1

Departed Ai'iu at 0730 for Hedinia. Arrived there at 0800 after a short walk over good tracks. Heavy rain commenced at 0745 and continued spasmodically for the rest of the day. Village inspected after camp had been established. Many houses were littered with rubbish as local people set to work cleaning up. Aid post in charge of A.P.O. Kaipu inspected found to be in very good order. Large gardens under way at the moment and also a new house, for visiting relatives of the sick, is being constructed. Census checked during the afternoon. Minor disputes heard during the afternoon. Native foods purchased and issued to all patrol personnel. Patrol stood down at 1800.

Saturday 4th, November 1

Departed Hedinia at 0730 and after a muddy walk through sage swamp the patrol arrived at Sonagadigi at 0805. Camp established at village and place inspected. Males lavatory found to be unsatisfactory so the village people set to work a new one immediately. Census name check conducted during the afternoon, all found to be satisfactory. The remainder of the day spent hearing minor complaints. Native foods purchased. Patrol stood down at 1800.

Sunday 5th, November 1

One minor dispute heard before the patrol departed at 0800. An hours walk over very swampy country brought us to Hebei'iu at 0900. After camp had been established the village was inspected. Although the houses were very old

the surroundings were clean and tidy. The garden cleared and planted by the last patrol is a complete failure.. either due to the poor soil or lack of attention, or a combination of both. Another area of land was cleared on the other side of the village to see if any better results could be obtained. Census name check taken during the afternoon. Several disputes brought forward. The remainder of the day observed.  
Native food purchased.  
Patrol stood down at 1800.

Monday 6th. November :

Departed Hebai'iu at 0740 and walked the short distance to Auwabal'iu ( or Obogo ) arriving there at 0805. Camp established in a good rest house and police barracks. The usual village inspection made. These people are in the midst of a rebuilding programme... so far only the womens houses have been completed. People lined and given a thorough medical check, although no census check could be made as the village book has been taken to the station at Kutubu. One man taken into custody for adultery with the village constables wife whilst he was on patrol. Again here there were several child brides... people told of the possible results. The usual minor disputes brought forward. Native foods purchased and issued.  
Patrol stood down at 1800; in pouring rain.

Tuesday 7th. November :

Camp struck at 0730 and the patrol departed for Iorogabal'iu at 0800, arriving there at 0830. Camp established in rest house and police barracks. Before long the writer noticed a rather putrid smell throughout the village. On investigation the body of the former V.C. was found on a platform where he had been left to rot! Village people lined and told of the likelihood of disease being spread if this practice continued. The body removed to a place some considerable distance from the village. These people were told that if this practice was seen again then court action would be taken under the N.R.O.'s. Camp inspected and found to be very good. Large garden areas have been cleared near the village. People lined and a census name check taken. One Kei provisionally appointed as village constable to replace the former. Several disputes presented to the patrol for arbitration.  
Native foods and a native pig purchased.  
Patrol stood down at 1800.

Wednesday 8th. November :

Departed Iorogabal'iu at 0730 and travelled over shocking limestone country, reaching Popato bush camp at 1105. Senior Constable and last of carriers in at 1230. Rest house very poor. Rest house, used only by passing patrols, repaired and houses for policemen and carriers built. Rations issued to all patrol personnel.  
Patrol stood down at 1800.

Thursday 9th. November :

Camp struck at 0730 and patrol departed Popato bush camp at 0745. A solid walk of five and a half hours over broken limestone country ( either sink holes or pinnacles of needle sharp stone ) brought us to kaipu at 1315. Last of the carriers with S/C Hewako in at 1445. Camp established in very heavy rain. Census name check taken at 1700 when rain ceased. Village inspected, found to be very clean and most tidy. Several bride price settlements made, payments witnessed by the patrol. A good garden has been started near the rear of the rest house.



Native foods purchased in abundance.  
Patrol stood down 1830.

Friday 10th, November :

Self, interpreter, two policemen, and native medical orderly departed kaipu for Sisibia at 0745. Policemen, carriers, prisoners, and local people given instructions to construct more gardens whilst I am away. Arrived Sisibia at 0845 and people lined for census check immediately. All villagers from both Sisibia and Kewodipi present. These people intend to commence rebuilding in the very near future. Gardens around the village are very good. New rest house and police barracks are also to be built. Several minor disputes brought forward for arbitration. Departed Sisibia at 1230 for Kaipu, arriving there at 1400. The rest of the day spent hearing minor disputes. Native foods purchased. Patrol stood down at 1800.

Saturday 11th, November : ( Remembrance Day )

Patrol departed Kaipu at 0700. Three hours walk over rough country brought us to Soro at 1000. Here the patrol rested awaiting the arrival of Mr F.J. Howard, Officer in Charge Lake Kutubu. At 1100 a short service was held to remember the fallen. Patrol carriers, prisoners, and Policemen given a talk on the meaning of the day. Mr. Howard arrived Soro at 1130 and the patrol departed for the Soro River at 1200. Proceeded to Lake Kutubu station per native canoe and outboard powered double canoe in pouring rain. Rations issued to prisoners, carriers, and policemen. Completed by 1400 and the patrol stood down at 1415.

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End of Patrol Diary.

.....*P.J. Thomas*  
P.J. Thomas,  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

Native Affairs :-

General.

This patrol visited the Fof'i, Kokoma, and Fagu Census Divisions. In order to give a better coverage in this report each Census Division will be dealt with separately.

The migratory movement mentioned by Mr Robins in his report No. 5 / 60-61, still seems to in practice. In nearly all villages there were some cases of migration, in most cases only to the next village or one very close.

There are several new villages being constructed to replace old ones. In several cases very little progress had been made since the last patrol and people were living in very old houses. These villages were told to work full time on the construction of new houses in the weeks that they were not working on the road system.

At all camp sites the local people were given a talk on the aims and methods of the Administration. The Village Officials, both the constables and councillors, were given special attention. Several Village Constables accompanied the patrol throughout to get a better idea of how the patrol was conducted and how the people of the other census divisions lived.

Fof'i Census Division :

This area can be divided into three natural geographical parts... Lake Kutubu, Upper Mubi, and Lower Mubi.

Lake Kutubu.

This area has had a considerable amount of contact and is subject to intensive administration. These people are continually bring native foods into the government stations at Tago and they see a great deal of the administration.

There has been no change in the village set up or native situation in this area since the last patrol. The new village of Kekeke has not yet been completed and the people were instructed to have the main part of the village completed before the next patrol.

On the island of Wassai a new school and teachers house were marked out and the people instructed in the building.

The Lake people were very co-operative and helped the patrol in every way possible.

Upper Mubi.

This area covers the villages from Nagaso in the north to Marabai'iu in the south along the Mubi River. There are some eleven villages in all.

These people also have close contact with the government. They are regular suppliers of native food for the government station and they are working on roads, which are continually being supervised, in their area.

The U.F.N. mission station at Orakana also gives the people excellent contact with Europeans.

The people of this area are very keen to build roads so that they will have easy access to the patrol post on the lake and also so that patrols will be able to visit their villages more frequently.

There are several new villages under construction and the people are generally making good progress with these.

There is a need for rest houses in several of the villages of this area. The next patrol through the area could possibly supervise the construction of the rest houses and police barracks.

Mr. Robins in his report of the last patrol through this area made mention of the unfortunate practice of mature men marrying very young and immature girls. This practice was still rife at the time of the patrol. In every case the young brides expressed the view that they did not wish to be married to the male and that their fathers had forced them into the marriage. The fathers of the girls had no hesitation in admitting that they were responsible for the marriages. The husbands admitted that in most cases that the marriage was only for prestige. In every village the people were told that the administration strongly discouraged the practice. A talk on the possible medical consequences of such marriages was also given. The Native Medical Orderly accompanying the patrol also told the people what could happen to young girls in childbirth. The problem of finding brides for the young men of the villages in later years was also brought to their notice. In most cases the family of the girl and the husband realized how foolish their actions had been and they decided to annul the marriage immediately. The patrol witnessed the returning of many bride payments. All of the village elders, in every village, assured me that this unfortunate practice would not continue.

There were many minor disputes brought forward for arbitration by the writer. These were mainly bride price payments, death compensation, and old outstanding debts. In all cases it was only necessary for the writer to get all of the parties concerned to come together and talk the matter over in my presence. The universal distribution of such minor complaints lays the basis of the basic economy of these people. From the youngest child to the oldest man or woman everyone is in debt to someone else. In most cases any payments made were witnessed by the patrol and a notation made in the village book for guidance to the next or other following patrols.

The people generally presented a very favourable situation.

#### Lower Nubi.

These people are rather more isolated from the government station than any others visited by this patrol. There are three very large limestone mountain ranges separating the Upper Nubi from the Lower Nubi and this makes contact between both areas difficult. However the people of the Lower Nubi have had some considerable contact with the people of the Kikori coast. Throughout the area there are several coco-nut palms and in nearly every village one can see quite a number of fowls.

The problem of child brides was again found in this area. The same procedure was adopted again and the results were the same. The village officials and elders assured the patrol that the practice would stop immediately.

In one village, Oto, the Village Constable explained to the patrol that he was worried about the increasing numbers of young men of the village who were walking through to the coast to find work. It was explained to all males that the government wanted some males to go to the coast to work and see the way of life of coastal people, but it was also necessary for some males to stay in the village. The young men claimed that the Village Constable was upset over nothing as they realized that it was not practicable for all males to go away at the one time and had already decided to allocate who could go. This explanation seemed satisfactory.

The general situation throughout the area was very good.

Kokona Census Division :-

This census division now consists of only one village of very few people, Ionesi. This village could be possibly included with the Foi'i Census Division in the next census.

The people of this area are quite unlike the rest of the people in the region covered by the patrol. They are very closely allied to the Waga River people than they are to the Foi'i people. They have very prolific garden areas, producing abundance of sweet potato, taro, and greens. The gardens are very well fenced for protection from pigs and are very well cared for. The life of these people seems to revolve around their garden rather than their village as is the case in the rest of the Foi'i.

People are still migrating down from the Waga area into the Ionesi village. The Foi'i speakers of the village have, with the exception of the Village Constable, all moved out to other villages in the Nubi Area.

Contact with this village has not been as great as most other villages in the Foi'i yet the people are quite settled and they gave the patrol a good welcome.

Several men from Ionesi were taken into custody for assaults which had occurred some time before in the Waga River area, ( this being their reason for moving into the Kutubu area.)

Fasu Census Division :-

The people of this census division have had considerable contact with the administration, both by patrols and whilst they are working on the More Airstrip. The general native situation is very pleasing.

The villages of Tanadigi ( see diary 29;10; ) and Sagaradigi ( diary 30;10; ) were both found to be deserted of their original inhabitants. Tanadigi had been taken over by the Soro people. The Tanadigi and Sagaradigi people, according to native reports, had all moved into the Keva area of the Gulf District. The reason given for the move by the other people of the area is that the Tanadigi and Sagaradigi people had been told by the last patrol to rebuild their houses and generally clean up the village sites, and rather than do this they moved out 'lock, stock, and barrel.' Another explanation put forward is that these people had become tired of coming into the More airstrip to work and thought that if they shifted out of the administrative area of the patrol post at Kutubu then they would be able to carry on their natural lives of sitting around in the village all day doing nothing. Apparently the language of the people of the Keva area is only slightly different from that of the Fasu and these people have many close contacts in the area.

The Keva area, according to reports of Fasu native people, is patrolled quite regularly from the Gulf District. It may be possible for the next patrol in the area to check on the Tanadigi and Sagaradigi people.

Very little effort has been made by the Fasu people to improve their way of life. They seem to be content to plod along as they have always done without seeking better standards. The villages of Kaipu and Sisibia have planted large gardens and are making a little effort. Mr Robins suggested that a possible solution to this problem would be some form of centralization. All villages throughout the Fasu area were asked to give their views on a possible

mass movement of all Fagu people to the lake at Kutuba. The advantages of the move as well as the problems involved were explained to the people. Most of the Fagu area is either pinnacle limestone ranges or sage swamp. Gardens are very poor, where they exist at all, and there is no possibilities for roads connecting the villages. In every case the large majority of the population was in complete agreement.... they would be most willing to shift if the government would assist them. It was explained to the people that at the moment the idea was not official and that it could possibly be years before anything eventuated. They were instructed not to just sit down and think about the idea, but to prepare large gardens at their village sites in order to have an ample supply of food for the intermediate period.

The problem of child brides was not as noticeable in this census division but it was still present. The same method of tackling the problem was again tried and appeared to work successfully. Several brides were returned to their parents and the bride payments returned. Village elders assured the patrol that no more marriages of child brides would take place.

#### Medical and Health :-

The health of the people in the area patrolled is not good. Infant mortality seems to be rather high... possibly caused by young brides who are completely inadequate to care for babies. Malaria is still very prevalent throughout the area and the lack of adequate supplies of anti-malarial drugs somewhat hampered the patrol in its combatting this disease. Other common complaints seen and attended to by the N.M.C. accompanying the patrol were, colds, sores, ulcers, burns, and sores. Sores is very common throughout the area especially in the Lower Fof'i and Fagu areas.

There are aid posts manned by A.P.O.'s at Kobe in the Lower Fof'i and Medina in the Fagu. Both of these posts were inspected and found to be in excellent condition. The A.P.O.'s in both villages appear to be conscientious and are doing a very good job. The local natives are helping in the building of infirmaries and gardens.

Hygiene throughout the area patrolled was very pleasing. With few exceptions all villages were clean and tidy and good latrines had been constructed.

People in the Upper Nubi area are fortunate to have the mission in their area. The mission is doing some very valuable medical work and they should be complemented on their painstaking efforts.

#### Roads and Bridges :-

The first week of this patrol was spent in the supervision of the construction of bench, which will be the foundation for a vehicular road, from the road-head at Kaseke to the road-head at Hagesa. The country covered by this bench did not lend itself to easy construction of a road and a great deal of labour and effort had to be put into the work.

All able bodied males from the lake region and the Upper Nubi area were called upon in the construction of the road. All these people co-operated to the fullest with the patrol as they realize the road will be for their own benefit.

There are only several small sections to be completed before a road some nine feet wide will be

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in existence from the Keseke end of the lake to Ionesi, the furthest village in the Upper Foi'i.

The village people have been instructed in the construction of intra village walking tracks throughout the Lower Foi'i and Fasu area. The topography through that area does not lend itself to the construction of roads and in some cases even walking tracks will be difficult to construct.

As yet there has been no major bridge construction in this area. At present the only bridges existing are of a very temporary nature as these people are largely reliant on canoes for transportation over water, even the smallest stream. In the near future several bridges could possibly be built over small rivers on the Hegese - Keseke section of the road. There is ample good solid timber in close proximity to the bridge sites and very little difficulty should be experienced.

The most decisive factor in this area as regards road and bridge building is the willingness of the local people to push the roads through. It is very gratifying indeed.

#### Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries :-

It was again noticed, as it has been by every patrol in the past, that these are most anxious for expert advice regarding agriculture. These people are most interested in the possibilities of planting coffee and were continually asking the patrol when they would be able to obtain seed and advice. The patrol explained to the people that it was a matter for the Agricultural officer to help them in this field and that representation would be made to him for assistance.

The patrol encouraged the planting of gardens and assisted as far as possible in the choice of sites. Only in one area were gardens really prolific, that being near Ionesi. It was explained to the people that gardens would benefit them in both supplying food for themselves and a small income as vegetables and greens can always be sold to the missions or the government.

The only livestock seen by the patrol were the usual native pigs and a herd of goats. The goats are owned by the mission at Orokana and as yet no native person has purchased any. The native pigs were usually very well cared for, possibly because they are a form of wealth rather than a source of meat.

This patrol was broken for a short time so that the writer could assist a team from D.A.S.F. Fisheries Section conduct a fisheries potential survey of Lake Kutubu. This survey produced some interesting facts which it is hoped will bring a possible source of income to the lake people as well as supplying them with valuable protein. Using 'Gill nets', 'Drum nets', and hand lines about sixteen different types of fish were caught, varying in size from about one inch in length to some two pounds in weight. In one night some seventeen quite large fish were caught in the 'gill net' alone. This seems to suggest that if a suitable net were supplied to the post at Kutubu then reasonable quantities of fish could be supplied for the station people so saving a considerable amount of money in the purchase of tinned meat and fish. The fisheries team recommended that if possible a three inch by one hundred yard 'gill net' be obtained.

This survey also proved that the popular theory that Lake Kutubu is bottomless is only a story. The deepest point found in the lake after a systematic check of depths was found to be thirty four fathoms.

#### Missions :-

There has been no change in mission activity in this area since the last patrol through the area. The U.F.M. have stations at both Inu ( on the lake ) and at Orokana in the

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Upper Mubi area. At both Inu and Orokana the mission does very valuable work in the sphere of medicine especially in infant welfare. The station at Orokana also runs a small school. Both places provide employment for several of the local native villages in there area.

Housing :-

Housing throughout the area is, compared with other highland areas, very good. At several villages the people were advised to rebuild as soon as possible. In most cases the people keep their houses very clean and tidy.

Census :-

As this was not a census patrol no figures were compiled. However in every village the people were lined and the names were called. Any births, deaths, marriages, pregnancies, migrations, or absenteeism was noted for the benefit of the next patrol through the area. The people have a good idea of what is required of them when the census is being checked. The Village Constables were, in every case, of great assistance.

Village Officials :-

The village officials in all villages were of ever assistance to the patrol.

A separate detailed list of all Village Constables is attached as an appendix to this report.

In several villages new councillors were elected by the local people. The duties of the councillors were explained to them as well as their responsibilities to the people.

A new Village Constable, or rather candidate for the position, was selected at Indg Iorogabai'in village to replace the previous V.C. who had recently died. Village Constables Record of Service for the above applicant is attached.

Conclusion :-

This patrol was of a routine nature only. It achieved its aims without incident. The people of this area are most pro-government and gave their utmost help to the patrol at all times. There was no difficulty in obtaining carriers or canoes at any time.

Apart from the shocking terrain this is an enjoyable <sup>AREA</sup> patrol in.

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Appendix 'A'.

Report on Members of the R.P. & N.C.C. accompanying the patrol.

No. 2244	S/C. Hewako	A native of the area, knows the place like the back of his hand, conduct excellent.
7448	I/C. Kinai	A good N.C.O., energetic and thorough, conduct excellent.
7186	C. Jack	A very good bush policeman, an excellent shot, kept the patrol amused, conduct excellent.
7697	C. Kane	Quiet and level headed, always willing to do more than his share of the work, conduct very good.
10051	C. Baheki	Young and irresponsible at times, with more experience he should make an average policeman only, conduct satisfactory.
10548	C/Tr. Kenuri	A very impressive policeman, has a good future ahead of him in the force, possible N.C.O. material, conduct excellent.

The squad of policemen performed very creditably for the whole period of the patrol. It was a pleasure to work with such a fine group of men.

The above remarks have been entered on form R.S. 1 and have been forwarded to the Commissioner of Police, Konedobu.

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Cadet Patrol Officer.



Appendix 'B'

Report of members of P.H.D. who accompanied the patrol.

A.P.O. Kusuna

This member accompanied the patrol for its duration. He appears to have an excellent understanding of his work, showing great care and much painstaking effort at all times.

Shortage of supplies possibly hampered his efforts at times and his work under the conditions was of a very high standard.

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Appendix 'C'.

Report on Village Officials in the area covered by the patrol.

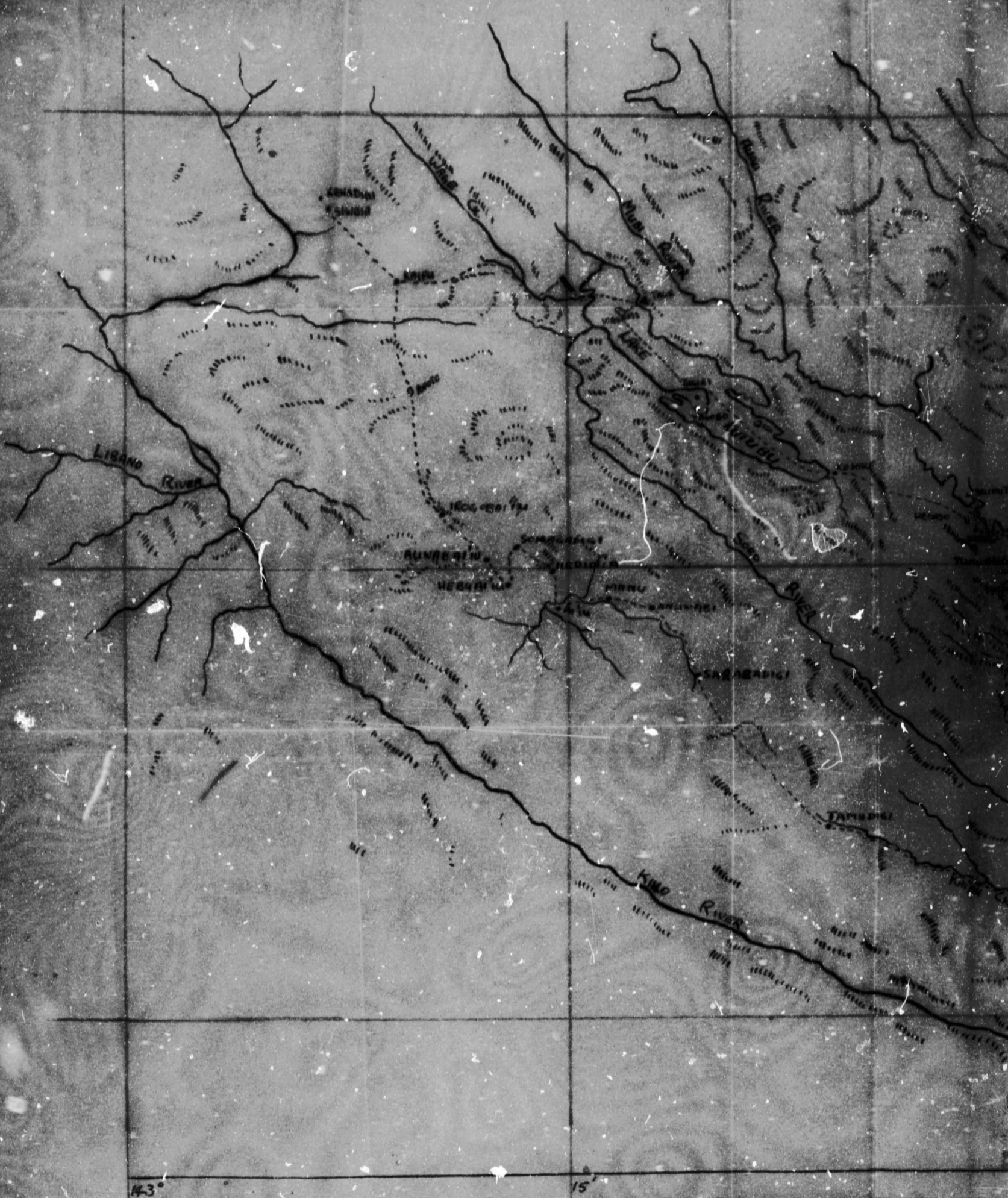
<u>Constable.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Putufore	Wasani	Not as effective as he should be, lazy.
Fasugabi	Keseko	An average type of V.C.
Wabe	Tugiri	The most efficient official in the proximity of the lake.
Iritore	Hegase	Inclined to loaf along if he possibly can.
Hare	Bauratage	Sick at the time the patrol was present, but appears to be reasonable.
Masahemu	Heribu	Fair only, could improve.
Ibu	Ipigi	Young and very active, a great assistance to the patrol.
Susahai	Dogabari	Does not impress, accompanied the patrol to get a better idea of the administrations aims and methods.
Erere	Harabi'iu	Not liked by the village people, hence they have little respect for him.
Haginamuka	Imesi	Very pro administration, active, most suited for the job.
Veraritabo	Braguhugu	Satisfactory, not over supplied with brains but willing.
Ebaro	Piniga	Very good, right with the admin. all the way, very active.
Dannai'iu	Gerapeda	Good, with Ebaro from Piniga he has the people in the area under his control.
Heda	Kafa	Works very hard, but lacks the support of the local people.
Herobo	Sorotage	Very average, not over active.
Deka	Oto	Conscientious and bright.
Hine	Kobe	A good V.C., energetic.
Warago	Kandoba	Not very good has spent most of the last six months in the bush not thinking about the village or his people.
Marunabu	Kekenou	Average type of Village Constable. Not over active but manages to get his job done.
Gesaro	Kara	Has the support of the village people, is doing a good job.

Appendix 'C' Continued.

<u>Constable.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Fagu	Sero	A bit timid, but pro administration. With more contact he should be very good.
Hadi	Anuvabi	Quite good, but could use a bit more effort.
Nato	Manu	An average example of V.C..
Amenahu	Ai'Iu	Does not appear to think much of his position, he preferred to go to a 'sing-sing' rather than accompany his people to the airstrip when their turn for work came due.
Hauvaka	Hedinia	In jail at the time of the patrol for assault.
Vai'ia	Sonagadigi	Conscientious, willing, very good.
Arisa	Hobai'Iu	A reasonable constable, not over active though.
Arisa	Auvabai'Iu	Apart from being a liar he seems to be reasonable.
Kei	Iorogabai'Iu	Probationally appointed due to the death of prior V.C.. Can speak both Motu and Figa, should be quite good.
Ewai	Kaipu	Very good, most pro administration and active.
Puvara	Sisibia	He has the backing of the local people and is doing a good job.

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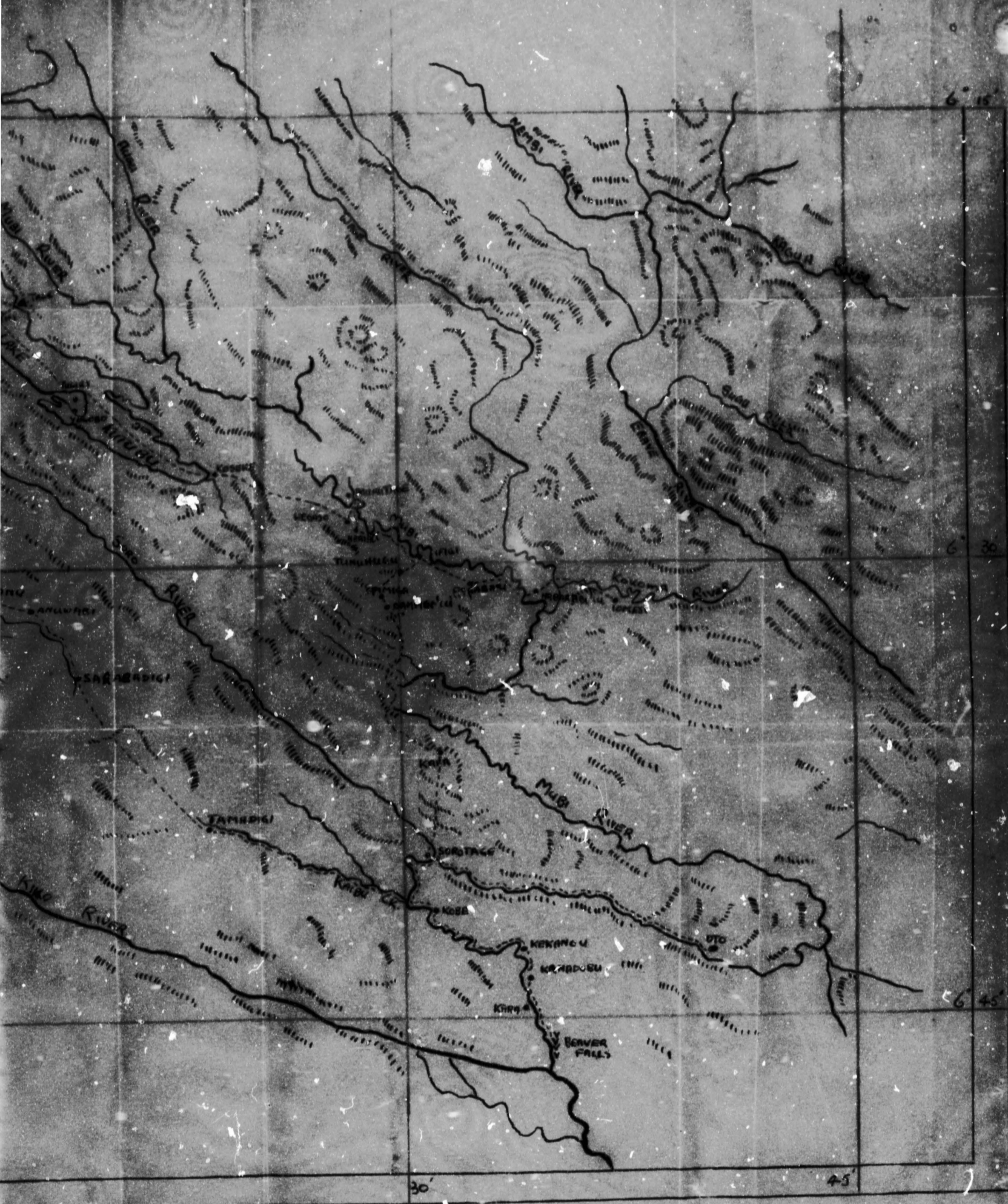




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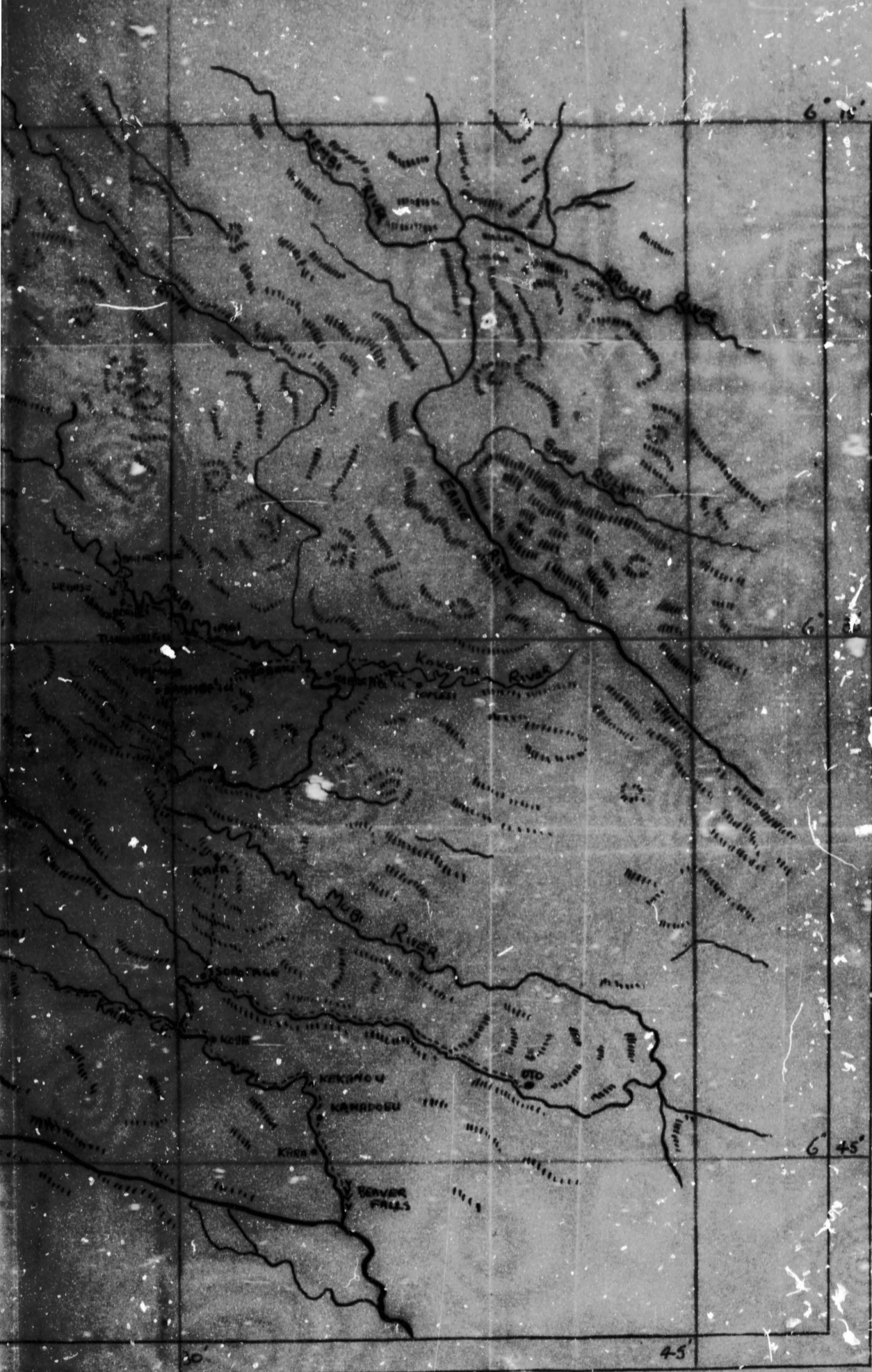
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of.....Southern Highlands..... Report No.....Kat 3 / 61-62

Patrol Conducted by.....P.J.Thomas, C.P.O.....

Area Patrolled.....Portion of the Faisi Census Division.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....Nil.....

Natives.....4.....

Duration—From 12/12/1961 to 20/12/1961..

Number of Days.....9.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany.....No.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..October/1961.

Medical .... August/1958.

Map Reference.....Sketch map att. Patrol Report No. 2 / 61-62.....

Objects of Patrol.....Construction of bridges; Completion of a section of the  
.....Lake Kutubu a Mubi road; Routine Administration.....

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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*[Signature]*  
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... £.....

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Ref. 67-15-43

Department of Native Affairs,  
Headquarters.  
KONE DOBU.

1st March, 1962.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MEVDI.

PATROL NO. 3 of 1961/62

I acknowledge with thanks, receipt of :-

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\* Patrol Report No. 3 of 1961/62

covering patrol by Red. Thomas, G.P.O.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
Acting Director.

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District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
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7th February, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,  
District Office,  
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LOCKYERDIE PATROL NO. 1 OF 1961/62.

Receipt is acknowledged of the above report submitted by Mr. Thomas.

If specific consent is necessary, Mr. Thomas continues to do good work and appears to have the co-operation of the native people.

The report appears to have been unduly delayed and I would again bring to your attention the need to have reports submitted to me promptly. Where there is good reason for the delay (which would be rare) you should note this on your comments. If you are about yourself reports should be submitted promptly without comment.

State for camping allowance duly funded is retained herewith for payment.

*[Signature]*  
District Officer.

c.c. The Director,  
Dept. of Native Affairs,  
KONZDOBU.

For your information please. Copy of the report is attached.

*[Signature]*  
(K.W. Dyer)  
District Officer.

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Sub District Office,  
MEUDI.

8th. February 1962.

District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MEUDI.

KUTUBU PATROL REPORT No. 3 of 61/62.

Forwarded herewith with attached claim  
for Camping Allowance.

This Report is of a purely routine  
patrol which calls for little comment.

Obviously Mr. Thomas has worked very hard  
and in turn has had the people diligently employed. Work of this  
nature permits an officer to get to know his people and a great  
amount of confidence can be engendered.

A useful piece of patrolling by a young  
officer.

cc KUTUBU.

  
ALAN J. JEFFERIES. A.D.O.



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Patrol Report No.3 of 1961-62

Conducted by: P.J.Thomas, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled : Portion of the Foi'i Census Division.

Patrol Personnel :

Europeans	P.J.Thomas, C.P.O..	
Natives	R.P.& N.G.C.	2
	Interpreter	1
	Medical Tr.	1

Duration : Tuesday 12th December 1961  
to  
Wednesday 20th December 1961.  
( 9 days.)

Objects : Construction of bridges on the Mubi road.  
Completion of a section of the above road.  
Routine administration.

Map referance : Map attached to Patrol Report No. 2 / 61-62.

Attached : Report on members R.P.& N.G.C. (Appendix A.)

P.J.Thomas,  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

PATROL DIARY.

Tuesday 12th December.

Departed Lake Kutubu Patrol Post at 1100 with Mr Howard O.I.C.. Proceeded to Kesake village per outboard powered canoe. Walked over newly constructed road for one hour and established camp. Village Constables sent for and instructed that all able bodied males were to present themselves for work on the morrow.  
Native foods purchased and issued.

Wednesday 13th December.

Work commenced at 0630. Workers split into two groups, one collecting timber and the other working on the road. Work ceased at 1730.  
Native foods issued.

Thursday 14th December.

Again the workers split into two groups. Road work progressing at a steady rate. Timber for the bridges brought in during the afternoon. Work ceased at 1630 due to heavy rain.  
Native foods purchased and issued.

Friday 15th December.

First of the bridges commenced this morning. Road nearing completion. Most of the labour employed on the bridge work. Rain at 1730. Work ceased.  
Native foods issued.

Saturday 16th December.

Work commenced at 0645. One bridge completed today. Road finished with the exception of one small section. Timber cut for bridge planking. Work ceased at 1730.  
Native foods purchased and issued.

Sunday 17th December.

Observed at camp site.

Monday 18th December.

Second of the bridges commenced by one party this morning whilst the remainder of the workers prepared more planking. During the afternoon all labour used to pull several large logs down from the top of the nearby ridge. Work ceased at 1730. Light rain commenced immediately.  
Native foods purchased and issued.

Tuesday 19th December.

Work commenced at 0630. A good muster of Mubi native men. Second of the two bridges completed with the exception of the decking during late afternoon. Heavy rain at 1645.  
Native foods issued.

Wednesday 20th December.

Workers gathered at 0645. Work allocated. Decking of the bridges commenced. Small section of the road remarked. People given instruction for the remaining road-work. Camp broken at 0930 and the patrol departed for Keseke village at 1000. Transferred patrol personnel and stores to native canoes at Keseke village and moved off down the lake. Met by outboard powered double canoe after an hours paddling. Proceeded to station. Patrol stood down at 1400 after rations had been issued.

END OF PATROL DIARY.

#### Introduction.

This patrol was manned to supervise the construction of several bridges and a small section of the Lake Kutubu - Mubi River road. It was purely routine.

#### Native Affairs.

The native situation in the area has not changed since the last patrol was in the region. Patrol Report No. 2 of 1961-62 covers the situation.

Several minor disputes were settled by arbitration. One male native was apprehended and taken by the patrol to the station at Lake Kutubu where he was convicted in the Court of Native Matters by the O.I.C..

#### Medical and Health.

The comments in Patrol Report No. 2 of 1961-62 still apply. A probationary medical orderly accompanied the patrol and gave treatment to minor ailments.

#### Roads and Bridges.

This patrol was mainly concerned with the construction of two bridges over small rivers, and the completion of a section of the Lake Kutubu - Mubi road.

The Lake Kutubu - Mubi road has been under construction for some time and is at the moment nearing completion to motor-cycle standard. There are several more bridges which will have to be built, one of them will be some sixty feet wide, before any motor-cycle could use the road.

The road runs from the edge of the lake at Keseke village over rough limestone country to the Mubi river and hence along the river valley to Iomesi village, the last village in the area. It passes through the mission station at Opokana, which has at present a European population of 6 persons.

Prior to the road being constructed the walk from Hegisp village on the Mubi river to Keseke village on the lake took some three hours. Over leach infested, rough limestone country it was most unpleasant. Now the same walk takes less than two hours, and a leach is hardly ever seen.

Two bridges were completed and the timber

was prepared for a third. It is hoped that another patrol can go into the area in the near future and complete the construction of this bridge.

The section of road which had not been routed was also completed.

At the moment most of the road is only about six foot wide, but it can be widened if the need ever rises.

Patrol Reports Nos. 3 / 60-61 and 2 / 61-62 give details of the construction of the road.

#### Agriculture.

Nothing need be said beyond that stated in patrol report 2 / 61-62. The people were encouraged to bring sweet potato and greens to the patrol where they were purchased.

#### Village Officials.

All village officials co-operated to the fullest extent with the patrol. No complaints were received about any of the Village Constables or Councillors.

#### Conclusion.

The patrol was received well by the local people. The people seem to realize that the road is for their own benefit and are most willing to work. The native situation is most satisfactory.

*P. J. Thomas*  
P. J. Thomas,  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX ' A '.

Report on members of R.P. & N.G.C..

7448	I/C Kinai	A very efficient N.C.O.. A willing worker, conduct excellent.
7920	C. Kaiaripa	Quiet, but seems to be a good bushman. Conduct excellent.

*F.J. Thomas*  
F.J. Thomas,  
Cadet Patrol Officer.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of **SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS** Report No. **KUTUBU No. 4 of 1961/62**

Patrol Conducted by **F.J.Howard, Patrol Officer.**

Area Patrolled **LOWER TARI and AUGU Census Divisions, UPPER WAGE VALLEY.**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **P J.THOMAS, Cadet Patrol Officer.**

**Police ..... 9 Interpreters ... 2**

**Natives..... P.H.D. .... 1 Carriers ..... 50/**

Duration—From **23./12./1961** to **28/1/1962**

Number of Days **37 days ( Man days 49 )**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **NO.**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **Nov./1961**

Medical **Nil.**/...../19.....

Map Reference **Sketch Map Attached.**

Objects of Patrol **(1) Consolidation of Administration Influence (2)**

**Routine Administration (3) Rendevous Combined Patrols WAGE VALLEY.**

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT Moresby.

Forwarded, please.

*Q 2 / 1962*

*[Signature]*  
District Commissioner *elbi*

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... £.....

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

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28th February, 1962.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MESEDI

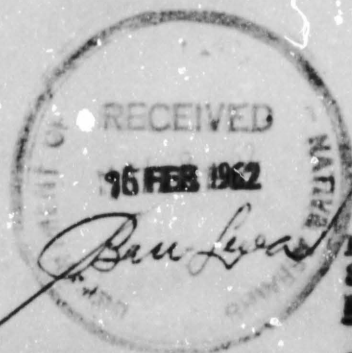
PATROL REPORT No. 4/61-62  
FUTUBU

Indications are that the people patrolled are definitely reacting favourably to your excellent patrol policy. It is indeed pleasant to read that they voluntarily produced the four escapes, and that they do not hesitate to bring up disputes for arbitration. In this way satisfactory public relations are fostered with mutual benefit to all concerned.

Geographically and linguistically it may have been better to include the TAMBERA groups in the TARI Sub District as there is or was a fair population between your proposed boundary and these people whilst there were only a few people to the South East as far as PAI. However my information is rather dated and under previous conditions many changes could have taken place in just a few years. TAMBERA and PAI were traditional enemies a decade ago.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR

67-15-40 ✓



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District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

9th February, 1962.

A. D. O. MENDI.  
The Director,  
Dept. of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.

LAKE KUTUBU PATROL NO. 4 OF 1961/62.

Thank you for Mr. Howard's report on his recent patrol to the Lower Tari Census Division and your covering comments thereon.

Mr. Howard has done very sound work in the Lower Tari and Benaria areas and as a result the native situation appears quite satisfactory. Apparently the SHEN and WABIRE groups were not involved in the recent trouble on the WAGE River and the situation there is satisfactory.

The BENARIA area will in future be the responsibility of the ADO Tari. I understand that the BENARIA valley is a well defined geographic region and there is no difficulty in defining a Sub-District boundary from Mt. Kereka along the Southern ridges of the BENARIA valley to the TAPARI River. This would place TAMBUKA as the next Northern village in the Lake Kutubu area. This of course does not preclude patrols to the Lower Tari area visiting the BENARIA and vice versa should this be desirable.

Another sound patrol from Mr. Howard and a valuable experience for Mr. Thomas. Mr. Thomas's claim for camping allowance is returned herewith for payment. Mr. Howard's claim will be forwarded to Sub-Treasury Mt. Hagen and a cheque forward to his Southern address.

*K. W. Dyer*  
(K. W. Dyer)  
District Officer.

c.c. The Director,  
Dept. of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.

For your information please. Copy of a report is attached.

*K. W. Dyer*  
(K. W. Dyer)  
District Officer.

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Sub District Office,  
MENDI.

6th. February 1962.

District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

LAKE KUTUBU PATROL REPORT No. 4 of 61/62.

Forwarded herewith with attached Claims for Camping Allowance, the latter duly corrected. Mr. Howard is now en-route to Sydney thus he is unable to retype the Claim and sign as Claimant etc. It is requested therefore they be accepted with their corrections.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

It seems that consolidation of influence in the Lower Tari area is progressing at a satisfactory rate, this is evident by the number of complaints brought forward for settlement.

Again in the BEXARIA the fact that four excursions were delivered to the patrol indicates that the people are aware of a firm control.

With regard to Rest Houses, I consider that if the new buildings are 'replacements' then supervision of erection is un-necessary. Detailed instructions should be sufficient. The O.I/C KUTUBU has been advised to this effect.

I am pleased to note that Population Registers are being held by the Village Officials.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The construction of walking tracks will facilitate the movement of future patrols. The O.I/C KUTUBU has been instructed to make the necessary recommendations to enable the District Commissioner to exercise his powers under Section 8 of the Roads Maintenance Ordinance 1953.

COMBINED WAGE PATROL.

Both Mr. Howard and Mr. Thomas proved of great value during this patrol. Cadet Patrol Officer Thomas in particular acquitted himself well considering his limited experience.

CONCLUSION.

A useful patrol conducted by a competent officer.

cc. KUTUBU.

  
ALAN C. J. HARRIS. A.D.O.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote  
No.

**PATROL REPORT**

**LAKE KUTUBU No. 4 of 1961/62**

**Conducted by:** F.J.Howard, Patrol Officer.

**Area Patrolled:** LOWER TARI and AUGU Census Divisions,  
and portion of the Upper WAGE Valley  
area.

**Patrol Personnel:** **Europeans**  
F.J.Howard, Patrol Officer.  
P.J.Thomas, Cadet Patrol Officer,  
(17-1-62 to 28-1-62)

**Natives**  
R.P.A.N.G.C. .... 9 members  
P.H.D. .... 1 member.  
Interpreters ..... 2 members.  
Carriers ..... 50 persons  
(permanent)

**Duration.** 23rd December, 1961 until 28th  
January, 1962. In all 37 Days.

**Objects.** (1) Consolidation of Administration  
Influence.  
(2) Routine Administration.  
(3) Duration the later portion of the  
Patrol to rendezvous with combined  
Patrols in the Upper Wage Valley  
Area.

**Map.** Sketch map attached.

**Attached**  
Appendix A Report on Patrol Police.  
Appendix B Report on Member P.H.D.  
Appendix C Sketch Map.

3rd January  
1962.

*F.J. Howard*  
.....  
F.J.Howard  
Patrol Officer

PATROL DIARY

Saturday 23rd December

Patrol Post - MUBI River

Departed Lake Kutubu Patrol Post at 1400 hrs, for the MUBI River, arriving at 1505 hrs, over a fair but muddy track.

Here camp was established in a rest Camp near the newly constructed suspension bridge over the MUBI River.

Rice and fish issued to Patrol personnel during the afternoon. Heavy rains during the evening.

Sunday 24th December

MUBI River.

The day was spent on the banks of the MUBI river awaiting carriers from PAUGWARE Hamlet to appear, due to the flooded state of the MUBI River these persons arrived in at 1500 hrs, after many attempts to bridge the river further up stream.

Rice and meat issued to Police and Carriers during the afternoon.

Monday 25th December

MUBI River - PAUGWARE

The Patrol departed camp at 0800 hrs, and commenced following the MUBI along its banks, over quite flat terrain which afforded the Patrol very pleasant walking. The hamlet of PAUGWARE reached at 1505 hrs amid drizzling rain, here camp was erected by 1630 hrs.

Small quantities of native foodstuffs purchased during the afternoon and this with rice was issued to Police and carriers during the afternoon. An overcast evening.

Tuesday 26th December

PAUGWARE

A site was cleared today and timbers collected in preparation for the building of a bridge over the MUBI River at this hamlet. Local villagers worked with the patrol Police and carriers upon this task.

Heavy rains at 1520 hrs concluded work for the day. Small quantities of native foodstuffs purchased during the afternoon.

Wednesday 27th December

PAUGWARE

The day was spent again working on the bridge. A party in from Lake Kutubu at 1400 hrs with extra supplies of wire. Heavy rains commenced at 1350 hrs and lasted well into the night.

Rice and fish issued to Patrol personnel.

Thursday 28th December

PAUGWARE

The Patrol worked on the bridge again this day, driving rain at 1535 hrs disrupted work for the day.

Friday 29th December

PAUGWARE

Another day spent on bridge construction, work finished at 1610 hrs. Villagers told of the intended census name check to be held tomorrow.

Rice and meat issued to patrol members during the afternoon.

Saturday 30th December

PAUGWARE

A census name check conducted this morning with a good attendance, medical treatments were also given. All completed by 1130 hrs, when work again commenced on the bridge. Work interrupted by heavy rain at 1310 hrs however the rain abated at 1400 hrs and the bridge was completed by night fall. The patrol will leave this hamlet tomorrow for PAU-A.

Sunday 31st December

PAUGWARE - PAU-A

The Patrol departed at 0805 hrs for PAU-A with the assistance of KONDARI and PAUGWARE carriers. The Patrol crossed the newly completed bridge by 0900 hrs and continued on its way to PAU-A over a quite mountainous track. The hamlet of PAU-A reached at 1400 hrs. here the Patrol found a good rest camp erected.

Informal discussions held with the local Villagers during the afternoon. Ample native foods purchased and issued during the afternoon. A clear cold starry night.

Monday 1st January

PAU-A - KONDARI

A census name check held here this morning at 0900 hrs, also medical treatments and the settling of disputes which proved to be numerous although of a minor nature.

The Patrol departed with the aid of PAU-A and KONDARI carriers at 1330 hrs, and arrived at the KONDARI River at 1500 hrs, over a partially cleared track. A good rest camp and a new cane bridge over the KONDARI River were found to be newly built at this hamlet.

Heavy rain commenced at 1530 hrs and lasted until 1720 hrs. During the afternoon more than ample native foods were purchased and issued.

Tuesday 2nd December

KONDARI - HOMA

A census name check held at KONDARI this morning at 0900 hrs, medical treatments were given also formal talks, numerous minor disputes were settled by the Patrol OIC. at the conclusion of the census. The Patrol departed for HOMA at 1300 hrs, with the assistance of local carriers, and arrived at 1420 hrs in slight rain.

Ample foodstuffs purchased during the afternoon, The evening was spent in informal talks between the OIC. and local villagers.

Wednesday 3rd January

HOMA - Bush Camp.

D parted HOMA at 1235 hrs this afternoon after completing the usual census and medical duties. The Patrol began following the KONDARI River upstream towards the BENARIA River Valley. Old and extensive garden were encountered at 1430 hrs, and camp was established on the banks of the KONDARI River in drenching rain at 1530 hrs.

Rice and meat issued to Police and Carriers, A wet and cold evening.

Thursday 4th January

Bush Camp = TUMBI

Camp broken at 0630 hrs and the Patrol commenced climbing into the TIMBU Mountains, and descending into the BENARIA Valley at 1330 hrs, excepting the initial climb the track proved to be suprisingly level.

The TUMBI Rest camp reached at 1405 hrs and here camp was established during the afternoon. During todays walk the OIC, sustained an injury to the knee, by falling down a pig trap concealed by the side of the track.

Sufficient native food purchased during the afternoon and issued.

Friday 5th January

TUMBI.

The Patrol remained in camp all this day whilst the OIC. rested up. Negotiations made with local villagers during the afternoon, concerning the whereabouts of four escaped prisoners who quitted the Lake Kutubu Corrective Institute during November, 1961.

During the afternoon these wanted persons were brought to the Patrol camp by the villagers and delivered up to the Patrol. Ample food purchased and issued during the afternoon.

Saturday 6th January

TUMBI

A name check conducted here this morning with a good attendance, as the OIC is still unable to walk the Patrol will remain here today. A site for a new rest camp located by Police this afternoon.

A Village Constable selected at this hamlet this afternoon, and he will return with the Patrol to Lake Kutubu for further training.

Ample foodstuffs purchased during the afternoon.

Sunday 7th January

TUMBI

The Patrol departed TUMBI at 0900 hrs with the OIC. hobbling along, bound for DIMU Hamlet, at the head of the Benaria Valley. The hamlet was reached at 1100 hrs and here the Patrol found a good rest camp constructed and the villagers assembled.

Medical treatments and informal talks occupied most of the afternoon. Ample foodstuffs purchased and issued. Heavy rain commenced at 1820 hrs and lasted into the night.

Monday 3th January

DIMU - DAVIRAVI

Census commenced at 0800 hrs this morning with a good attendance. Medical treatments, formal talks and instructions



also given. A number of minor disputes heard after the census check.

These duties completed by 1230 hrs, when the Patrol moved off towards DAVIRAVI Hamlet, following the course of the BENARIA River. Arrived in at 1500 hrs, to find another reasonable re. camp constructed, and a start made on road clearing.

Informal talks and medical treatments during the Afternoon. Ample native food and one pig purchased and issued.

Tuesday 9th January

DAVIRAVI - TAMIDE

A Census name check was conducted at 0815 hrs with formal talks and instructions, also a medical check was made. The hearing of minor complaints took some 2 hrs to complete. The Patrol departed at 1230 hrs for TAMIDE Hamlet arriving at 1310 hrs. Here camp was established and more than ample foodstuffs were purchased from the local villagers during the afternoon, and issued to the patrol members.

Wednesday 10th January

TAMIDE - TAMBERA

Again a census name check was held this morning with the usual associated functions, a large number of minor complaints were also heard after the check. All these duties were completed by 1125 hrs, when the Patrol set out for TAMBERA, arriving at 1550 hrs. Here the villagers were found assembled and awaiting the Patrol's arrival. Sufficient food purchased and issued. News sent out regarding the intended census name check tomorrow.

Thursday 11th January

TAMBERA - MARIBU

The Villagers were all assembled by 0800 hrs this morning when the actual check began. The normal ancillary functions were also performed. Some two hours were spent after the census again hearing minor disputes and in the settlement of these. The Patrol was able to depart at 1325 hrs for MARIBU over a cleared track, and arrived in at 1430 hrs to find all the people assembled.

Ample native food purchased during the afternoon and one large wild pig was shot by the Patrol Police earlier in the day. The Patrol ate well this day.

Friday 12th January

MARIBU - HOI'IA

All persons were assembled at MARIBU by 0830 hrs today for a census name check, etc. All these tasks were completed by 1130 hrs when the Patrol set out for HOI'IA Hamlet arriving in a 1400 hrs, to find the villagers assembled with food.

Ample food purchased and issued to Patrol personnel.

Saturday 13th January

HOI'IA - PAI.

Census commenced at 0800 hrs with many disputes to be settled after the check. Medical treatments, talks and instructions were also given. All these duties discharged by 1225 hrs, when the patrol set out for PAI ARRIVING there at 1300 hrs, to find the villagers assembled for a census check. This was carried out immediately and all tasks were completed by 1530 hrs.

The purchase of foodstuffs and informal talks took up the remainder of the afternoon.

January  
Sunday 14th

PAI - PAU-A

Departed PAI this morning at 0700 hrs, with the aid of PAI and HOI'IA Carriers, and arrived eventually at the KONDARI River hamlets at 1430 hrs, after crossing three successive mountain ranges. At 1500 hrs the Patrol set out for PAU-A arriving in at 1610 hrs amid driving rain. Camp established here and small quantities of native foods were bought during the afternoon, this and rice was issued to Patrol personnel.

Monday 15th January

PAU-A - PAUGWARE

Departed PAU-A at 0815 hrs for PAUGWARE over a muddy track, arriving in at 1330 hrs. The Patrol crossed a new cane suspension bridge over the AI'IU River on route.

Small quantities of native foodstuffs purchased, these with a supplementary issue of rice, were issued to the Patrol's police and carriers.

Tuesday 16th January

PAUGWARE - Station.

The Patrol departed PAUGWARE this morning at 0800 hrs for Lake Kutubu Patrol Post, and followed the MUBI River downstream for some five hours, walking along the level banks. The wire suspension bridge on the MUBI encountered at 1310 hrs and the Patrol Post at 1430 hrs.

The Patrol's stores and equipment were returned this afternoon and the Patrol stood down at 1545 hrs.

The Patrol OIC. spoke with the District Officer this afternoon per Radio, and a Patrol shall depart Lake Kutubu tomorrow for an area along the WAGE River, where a Patrol from NIPA Patrol Post had recently been attacked.

Wednesday 17th January

Station - KOBAGA Creek.

The Patrol re-organized this morning and refitted and departed Lake Kutubu at 1030 hrs. After following the MUBI River upstream for an hour the patrol commenced climbing into the ranges leading to AUGU and the WAGE area.

Camp was established on the banks of the KOBAGA creek at 1730 hrs. Rice and meat issued to carriers and police.

Thursday 18th January

KOBAGA Creek - AUGU

Heavy rain this morning prevented the Patrol's early departure. The rains finally abated at 0800 hrs and the Patrol moved off towards AUGU. The HARABE River was reached at 1030 hrs, and here some 3 hours were spent in bridging and crossing the swollen torrent.

Arrived at AUGU Village at 1500 hrs, and after crossing the cane bridge over the AUGU River, camp was established in a garden area on the far bank. A small quantity of native foods were purchased, these were supplemented with rice and meat and were issued to patrol members.

Friday 19th January

AUGU - SHEB.

Departed AUGU at 0600 hrs this morning for SHEB

on the WAGE River. The Patrol travelled over a track well cleared in parts and arrived at SHEB at 1430 hrs, here camp was made during the afternoon. The rest camp at SHEB, marked out by a previous Patrol here is still under construction.

Ample foodstuffs purchased and issued. The afternoon was spent in informal discussions with the people concerning the present whereabouts of the HENEP Clan who were involved in the recent attack on the NIPA Patrol.

A night guard mounted.

Saturday 20th January

SHEB

A Patrol departed camp this morning at 0800 hrs and followed the KENE Creek to its junction with the WAGE River. After reaching this point the Patrol retraced its steps to the Patrol camp and thence to the hamlet of WABIRE arriving at 1330 hrs.

The Patrol departed at at 1400 hrs after questioning the local people, the Patrol crossed the KENE Creek and commenced climbing the KIMBA Range, eventually following the crest of the range down towards the WAGE River, when a point was reached opposite the Patrol camp at CHEB a descent was made. Arrived SHEB at 1905 hrs.

Little population was seen today. The Patrol surmises that the inhabitants along the northern side of the KENE Creek have fled to the vast areas of forest along the north western extremity of this range network.

Ample foodstuffs were purchased at the Patrol Camp during the afternoon. A night guard mounted.

Sunday 21st January

CHEB - UBAM

A message was received at 0945 hrs this morning from Mr. ADO. Jeffries, to the effect that the Patrol should move off and rendezvous with the combined NIPA - MENDI - KAGUA and TARI Patrols. Camp was broken and the the Patrol was on the move by 1015 hrs, crossed the KENE Creek and the KIMBA Range. The combined camp site was reached at 1630 hrs and the Patrol OIC. reported to Mr. A. Jeffries ADO.

Monday 22nd January Until 24th January 1962

HENEP Clan Land.

During this period the Patrol combined with with the Mendi, Tari, Nipa and Kagua Patrol. For a record of activities during this period please consult Mendi Patrol Report No. of 1961/62.

Thursday 25th January

HENEP - SHEB.

The Kutubu Patrol departed the combined Patrols Camp at 1005 hrs and commenced moving in the direction of SHEB, again following the TIMBA Range along until a descent was made opposite the Patrol's destination at SHEB. The KENE Creek was crossed at 1320 hrs and the Patrol began to climb very steeply towards the Hamlet of SHEB. Arriving at 1415 hrs.

Here camp was established on our old camp site and ample food was purchased during the afternoon. A night guard mounted.

Friday 26th January

SHEB. & WABIRE

This day was spent at the at the hamlets of SHEB and WABIRE, advising the local villagers on the task of constructing rest houses. The Patrol personnel worked with the locals and much progress was made on the buildings.

No opportunity was lost in entering into informal discussions with our helpers upon such varied subjects, as Administration policy to the coming eclipse of the sun.

Ample food purchased during the afternoon and one pig. A night guard mounted.

Saturday 27th January

SHEB - HARABE River

The Patrol moved off at first light this morning bound for home, over the track covered by the Patrol moving into this area. The AUGU River was encountered at 1335 hrs, and the Patrol crossed the AUGU River by means of a new cane bridge, built in accordance with the Patrol's instructions. The hamlet of AUGU was reached at 1415 hrs and here some 30 minutes were spent in informal talks with the Villagers.

The Patrol Moved off at 1445 hrs and the HARABE River was crossed by 1630 hrs and camp was made on the far bank. A full ration of Rice and meat issued to Carriers and Police.

Sunday 28th January

HARABE River - Lake Kutubu  
Patrol Post.

The Patrol was under way by 0815 hrs this morning, bound for Lake Kutubu Patrol Post, over a cleared and descending track. Arrived at the MUBI River bridge at 1330 hrs and the Patrol Post at 1440 hrs.

Stores and equipment were returned to the store during the afternoon. Stand down at 1600 hrs.

End of Patrol Diary

INTRODUCTION

In the six months Patrol has been in force all aspects of the Patrol's visit to the Census Division. On the 7th January, 1962 the Patrol departed for the area to be covered which comprised the area of the Patrol's 4th Sector, Nhapu, Khamu and the vicinity of the 10th Sector, Nhapu.

A small portion of the Patrol's area was covered by the M.A. (Mines) Assistant District Officer and the Patrol's 10th Sector, Nhapu, Khamu and the vicinity of the 10th Sector, Nhapu.

Mr. P. J. Thomas, Chief of Patrol 10th Sector, accompanied the Patrol from the 1st to the 28th January, 1962.

REATIVE AFFAIRS

Throughout this Patrol in the Lower Taria area the Patrol was favourably received in all hamlets in the area.

In comparison between this Patrol and the last Patrol to this region, between June and November, 1961, the number of complaints brought forward for the Patrol's attention is considerably increased.

No objection was exercised whatsoever in having the Patrol mediate in these local and tribal disputes, and at all times the Patrol's decisions were accepted without dispute.

These complaints concerned mainly the non-payment of bridge payments and other such monetary matters dear to the heart of each and every HURL.

While in the BENARIA River Valley area, four persons who had escaped from the Laiti Khamu Convict Camp during November, 1961, were delivered up to the Patrol by the inhabitants of the hamlets concerned. One of the headmen of TUMBI Hamlet expressed to the Patrol the opinion that he heartily agreed with the Administration's concept of law and order, and that no lasting lesson could be taught to his people if escaped prisoners remained at large. He was commended by the Patrol for his thoughts and actions.

In all hamlets in the BENARIA Valley the villagers are collecting timbers and building materials, so that the next Patrol may supervise the erection of new rest camps in this area, which will be due for replacement by that time.

During the Patrol new Village Population Registers were made out in all the Hamlets in the Census Division, and these are being held by the local village Officials in each hamlet.

*Handwritten note:* 10th Sector

NATIVE AFFAIRS (Continued)

In all I venture to say that the native situation in the Lower Tari Census Division is quite satisfactory.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

The health of the people seen throughout the area is good and only minor infections and sores were treated.

The new Aid Post is now in the process ~~SEE~~ of construction. The next Patrol to this area should be able to install the Aid Post Orderly who is to serve in this area.

Livestock and AGRICULTURE

Although the garden products bought and seen by the Patrol were of good quality, there is at present no over abundance of foodstuffs throughout the Lower Tari Census Division. This situation is the normal "time hungry" in the area, and shall be relieved by the pandanus season in approximately one months time.

All livestock seen by the Patrol was in good condition and without disease.

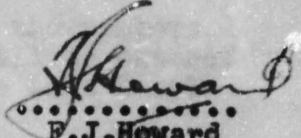
ROADS AND BRIDGES

The cutting of local walking tracks is progressing satisfactorily in the Lower Tari area. A walking track is also being cleared by the AUGU and SHEB peoples between their respective hamlets.

A new cane bridge has recently been constructed over the AUGU River at AUGU Hamlet, and was built under the Patrol's instructions.

CONCLUSION

The general Native Situation in the Lower Tari Census Division is quite satisfactory and is improving. It is hoped that with further field work in this area this state of affairs may be even further advanced.

  
F.J. Howard  
Patrol Officer Gr.1.

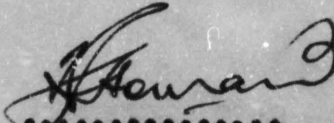
APPENDIX "A"

REPORT ON MEMBERS R.P.&N.G.C.  
ACCOMPANYING THE PATROL

<u>Reg. No.</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
6379	Senior Constable	GATSIA	This N.C.O. again rendered service of a high nature throughout the Patrol. Conduct - Excellent
6815	Constable 1/c.	AJWA	An experienced N.C.O. inclined to be lazy and needs supervision. Conduct - Good.
7744	Constable 1/C	KINAI	An enthusiastic and hard working member. Conduct - Very Good.
7186	Constable	JACK	Again a consistently high standard of work during the Patrol. Conduct - Very Good.
7697	Constable	MANE	A reserved person without much drive or initiative. Conduct - Good.
7920	Constable v	KAIARIPA	A good allround Constable of cheerful disposition. Conduct - Good.
8470	Constable	SIPAU	An above average Constable and a good rifle shot. Conduct - very good.
9962	Constable	DUAK	A reliable and painstaking Constable. Conduct - Very Good.
10548	Constable Trainee.	KEMURI	An impressive member, has the makings of an above average Constable with experience. Conduct - Excellent.

The above comments will be placed on the members respective Records of Service, and the remarks shall be entered on R/S Forms + 1 when this Report is despatched to Lake Kutubu Patrol Post for processing.

Officer of Police.

  
.....  
F.J.Howard

APPENDIX "E"

REPORT ON MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
ACCOMPANYING THE PATROL

Aid Post Orderly

PINA/IOWA

This member accompanied the Patrol throughout. He proved himself to be a painstaking, cheerful and enthusiastic orderly. He does however require supervision from time to time. He appears to have a sound knowledge of the duties required of him.

*Howard*  
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F.J. Howard  
Patrol Officer Gr. 1.





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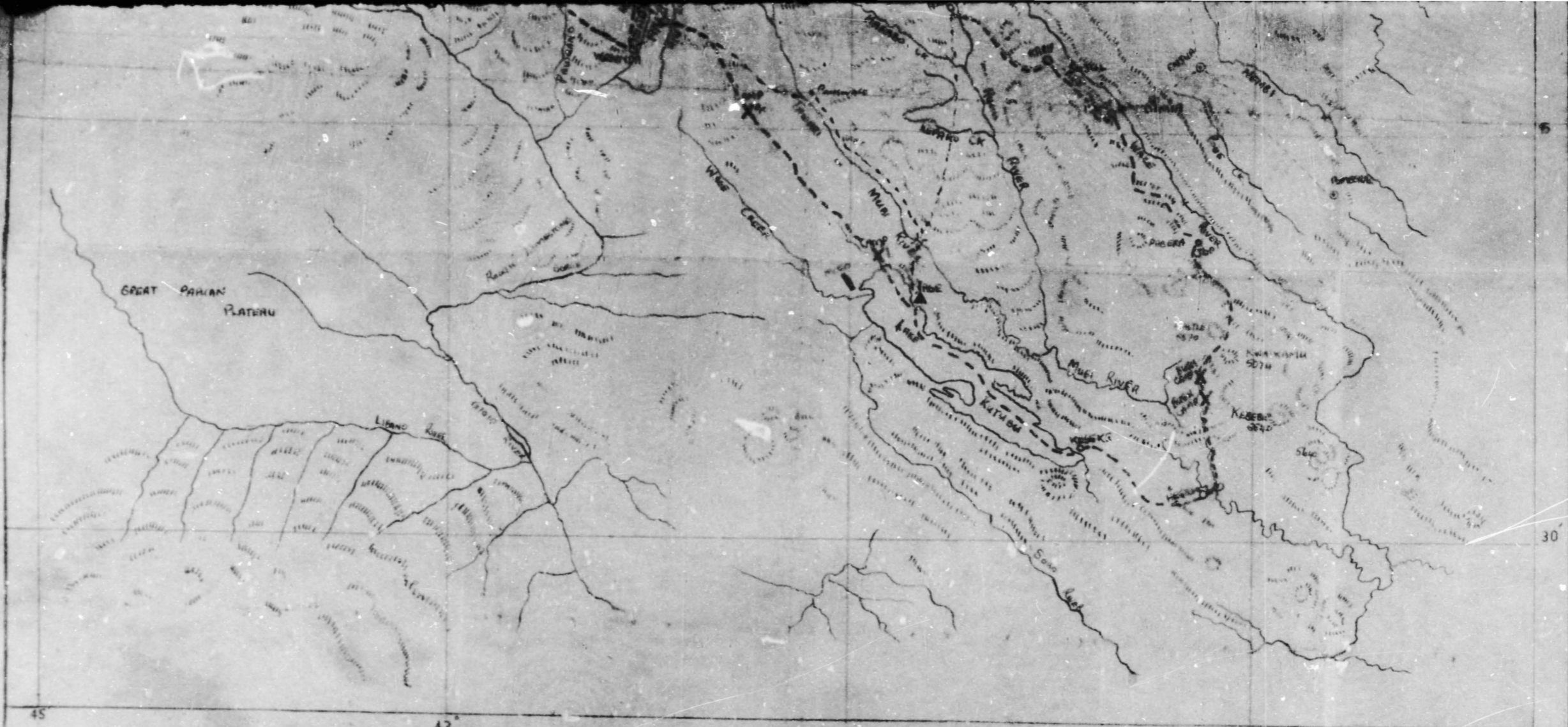
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PJT. 8/61.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. LAKE KUTUBU No. 5 of 1961/62.

Patrol Conducted by M.W. BROWNIDGE, PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled FQI'I and PASU CENSUS DIVISIONS.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives B.P.A.N.G.C. 5 members, P.H.D. 2, INTERPRETER, I, CARRIERS, C.

Duration—From I / 4 / 19 62 to I / 5 / 19 62

Number of Days 21 DAYS.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services II / 19 61

Medical 8 / 19 61

Map Reference SEE LAKE KUTUBU REPORT No. 2 of 1961/62.

Objects of Patrol I. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION. 2. CONSOLIDATION OF ADMINISTRATION INFLUENCE. 3. FAMILIARISE MYSELF WITH THE LAKE KUTUBU AREA AND PEOPLES.

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

30 / 5 / 1962

*[Signature]*  
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation	....	£.....
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KOMOLOBU.

19th June, 1962.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
H.M.S.I.

PATROL REPORT NO. 5-61/62 - LAKE KURUBU

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

See if you can't resolve the differences in the two maps referred to in your comment to the Assistant District Officer, and let us have the result.

We can't expect any dramatic change in the people's subsistence gardening techniques at this stage. Has anything been done to satisfy the terms of your direction on land holdings?


I shall look forward to seeing Mr Jefferies' report on his visit to the Kutubu area and any recommendations he may make.

It may not appear that the results are those expected in the area but the constant patrolling must have some effect on the people's attitudes and activities. Are schools conducted for the instruction of Village Constables?

Before any move is made to encourage these people in migration see that suitable land is available to them and ensure that there is no dispute over title to it. They will certainly suffer hardship in any resettlement schemes where they have not ready access to their traditional sage.

Let me have more on resettlement on the subject file after Mr Jefferies' visit.

A good Patrol Report.

  
(W.R. DISHON)  
Director.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

KWD:vHG

*In Reply  
Please Quote*

No. 67-3-9.

District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

28th May, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,  
MENDI.

LAKE KUTUBU PATROL NO.5 OF 1961/62.

Thank you for Mr. Brownridge's report on the above patrol and your covering comments.

The map compiled by the previous patrol to the area (No.2 of 1961/62) was sun-printed and following the current report as against this map is quite confusing. There also appear to be some inaccuracies. For example the diary entry of 3rd April mentioned a visit to SONAGADIGI - I think possibly the villages SISIBIA and KEWODIGI were meant as SONAGADIGI is many hours walk to the South and was visited on the 10th April. Diary entry 7th April mentions "UBUKO" - perhaps this refers to AUWABAI'IO. Diary entry 19th mentions "OTO" apparently between KOBE and SOROTAGE whereas the map shows OTO as approximately 12 miles East of SOROTAGE on the MUBI River. There are other inconsistencies. The point I wish to make is that in reports where mention is made of a village it should refer to proper village units which are listed in the Village ~~History~~ Directory. Where camps, areas of land or hamlets are mentioned this should be made clear in the report. Spelling of village and river names should be consistent and in accordance with the Village Directory and the current District Map.

For several years now officers have been endeavouring to encourage increased gardening activities among these people to provide a more varied diet. It would seem from the report that not a great deal of success has been attained but further encouragement has been given. On the next patrol to this area I would like more detailed information on the success of increased gardening activities and any apparent reasons for lack of progress.

I am pleased to note that health is generally good and this seems to be an improvement on the situation hitherto.

... Detailed comments on migration, child marriages and other matters were given in my comments on Lake Kutubu Patrol No.5 of 1960/61 and for your information I attach hereto copies of this memorandum and the policy therein is to be carried out.

In June 1961 in the above memo. I stated "....Accordingly I would like the Officer in charge at Lake Kutubu to prepare a detailed report specifically on this matter of centralisation stating his case and giving all other relevant matters such as land holdings, clan or tribal groupings, clan boundaries, people's views and aspirations and how the group will benefit etc." In respect of any proposed migration I still require this report. The demand for migration must come from the people themselves, matters of land holdings and where they are going to settle must be thoroughly investigated and there must be some clear conception of

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what the people intend or hope to do. The proposed area for re-settlement should be visited and investigated by the P.O.I.C., Lake Kutuba. If these people really desire to move (and they could benefit considerably by doing so) would you please see that an investigation and report along the lines previously sought is submitted as soon as possible.

Claim for camping allowance has been passed to Treasury Mt. Hagen for payment by cheque. A claim on behalf of the interpreter (and other administration servants) should have been submitted with the report.



*K.W. Dyer*  
(K.W. Dyer)  
District Officer.

c.c.  
The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.

... For your information please. A copy of the report is attached.

*K.W. Dyer*  
(K.W. Dyer)  
District Officer.

~~RESERVED DISTRICT OFFICER.~~



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

ACJ:BT.

*In Reply  
Please Quote*

No. 67-2-1.

Sub District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

21st May, 1962.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

LAKE KUTUBU PATROL REPORT NO 5 of 1961/62.

Forwarded herewith abovementioned Report with attached Claims for Camping Allowance.

I am disappointed that no map was submitted but I note an up to date map is being compiled.

With regard to the proposed migration of the eight Fasu villages. If the proposed migration area YARGIFU is owned by the Fasu villages in question I see no valid reason why they should not migrate. On the other hand if the land has to be purchased many problems are posed.

Again, from my experience in the Western, Gulf and Sopik sago eating areas, I can foresee considerable difficulty in encouraging swamp dwellers or part swamp dwellers to actively take up subsistence farming. Before making any firm recommendations I should like to interview the Fasu leaders during my next visit to KUTUBU.

Medical and Health.


I presume the references to "good health" throughout the area applies to a lack of cuts, sores and infectious. I understand the T.B. rate is authoritatively believed to be high.

Agriculture.

I should like to see a Agricultural patrol visit these people, expert advice is obviously needed.

Conclusion.

A lengthy patrol, well conducted however I consider the Report could have contained more detail on possible avenues of economic activity.

  
(A.C. JEFFERIES)  
Assistant District Officer.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote

**PATROL REPORT**

No.

**LAKE KUTUBU No.5 of 1961/62.**

**Conducted by:**

M.W.Brownridge, Patrol Officer.

**Area Patrolled:**

Foi'i and Fasu Census Divisions.  
Upper and Lower Mabi River areas.

**Patrol Personnel:**

**Europeans.**

M.W.Brownridge. Patrol Officer.

**Natives.**

R.P.M.G.C. .... 3 members.

P.H.D. .... 1 member.

Interpreters..... 1 member.

Carriers. .... 5 persons.

**Duration:**

1st April 1962, until the 1st May  
1962. In all 31 days.

**Objects:**

1. Consolidation of Administration Influence.
2. Routine Administration.
3. Familiarise myself with the area and the ways of life of Lake Kutabu area people.

**Map:**

Refer Kutabu Patrol Report No 2  
of 1961/62.

An up to date map is being  
compiled at the present time, but  
is as yet not completed.

**Attached:**

Appendix A. Report on Police.

Appendix B. Report on member P.H.D.

*M.W. Brownridge*  
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M.W.Brownridge  
Patrol Officer.

7th May 1962.

PATROL DIARY.

1st April, Sunday. Patrol gear and personell to Mere A/Strip. During the afternoon inspection of the maintenance work being done on the strip. Heavy rain fell most of the afternoon.

2nd April, Monday.

Departed Mere at 10.15 for Kaipu - arriving there at 12.15. Track quite good except for the many leeches. Village inspection and name check carried out. Village clean and tidy. Very heavy rain fell most of the night. Food purchased.

3rd April, Tuesday.

Self and police party to Senagadigi this day where a village inspection and name check carried out. Walking time 3 hours return. One dispute brought forward and settled by the patrol. Returned Kaipu late afternoon. Food purchased.

4th April, Wednesday.

Departed Kaipu 7.20 for Popato Bush Camp. Track on of the worst I have ever been on - through rough limestone country and sink holes; many filled with water. Due to the recent heavy rains, a large area of bush 3 hours walk out from Kaipu under deep water. By the time the patrol got either round or through the water it was late in the afternoon and heavy rain was falling. Decided to make camp in a small clearing known as Wagasima, after being told that Popato Bush Camp was still 3 to 4 hours walk away. Rations issued, wet and unpleasant day had by all.

5th April, Thursday.

From Wagasima to Popato in 3 hours, over much the same country as travelled over yesterday. After a rest, waiting for the last of the carrier line, departed for Ioregoab'iu. Walking through steep limestone and over a badly overgrown track finally reached destination at 5.30 and camp established in Best house and good Police barracks. Village Officials introduced themselves and were told of the intended name check in the morning and village inspection. Food purchased and issued to patrol personell. Walking time Popato - Ioregoab'iu 6 hours.

6th April, Friday.

Name check made and village inspection carried out. Medical work done by the A.P.O. Discussions held with the people on their intended move to an area known as Yargifu, and hours walk due South of the Lake. People stated that they wished to shift to this area. In view of this, they were told that it would be a good thing. Regular visits would then be possible by the Administration and greater help given them in economic development. For details see Native Affairs.

Couple of disputes settled by the patrol.

7th April, Saturday.

From former camp to Ubuko this morning over a level but very wet trek in  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours. Rest house and Police barracks badly in need of repair and so camp established under canvas. Village area not as clean as it could be and population set to work cleaning 't up. A pig-proof fence ordered built round the village area and this was completed late afternoon. General air of 'apathy' in this village. Condition of the village area brought about a discussion as to 'why'. Reason given by the people that they, as do all villages in this area, wish to shift to the Yargifa area. No comment will be made here but see Native Affairs. Name check carried out and medical work done by the A.P.O. Food purchased.

8th April, Sunday.

Day spent in the village talking with the people. Patrol 'sat in on' the settlement of several disputes. Rain fell for most of the afternoon.

9th April, Monday.

From Ubuko to Hebai'iu this morning over a good track in just on  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour; where camp established in a good Rest house and Police barracks. General discussions held with the people and during the afternoon name check made and village inspection carried out. Self compiling an area map during the evening. Very heavy rain all night.

10th April, Tuesday.

Arrived Sonagadigi from Hebai'iu in just over  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours walk over a log strewn track. General discussions held and name check, inspection carried out during the afternoon. This village is built, as are all those seen so far, fair in the middle of a Sage swamp - which does not lend itself to any economic development at all. One has a feeling of being 'fenced in'. Small amount of food purchased by the patrol.

11th April, Wednesday.

From Sonagadigi to Hedinia in  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour. There is an Aid-post here and this was inspected by the patrol. In good condition and A.P.O. Kaipu appears to be doing a good job. Name check and village inspection carried out during the afternoon. Several disputes were brought forward for settlement. People encouraged to settle them themselves because of their nature - patrol present during the course of proceedings. Food purchased and issued. Here, for the first time, sweet potato offered for sale. No rain.

12th April, Thursday.

To the village of Mann this day via the village of Ai'iu, where name check and village inspection carried out. Patrol made itself available in the settlement of troubles - numerous brought forward. Thence to Mann. Walking times. Hedinia to Ai'iu in  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour; Ai'iu to Mann 1 hour. The Village Constable Nati of Mann, hauled over the coals for lack of interest in his work. He appears to spend most of his time ambling round the country-side, caring little about affairs in his own village. Sent off to the Patrol Post Kutubu with a child of his suffering from malnutrition, also given mail for posting. A comment here. On arrival back at Kutubu on the 1st May, it was learnt that Nati never arrived. Action

will be taken against him under section II5 (2) of the Native Regulations Ordinance, as amended to date, as soon as he comes to light. Village inspection carried out, as was a name check. New Village Councillor was appointed by the patrol. A beautiful view of the Bosavi Mountains area from this village. Food purchased; no rain.

13th April, Friday.

From the village of Manu to Anuwabi in  $\frac{1}{2}$  of an hour over a very rough track; where name check and village inspection made. Several disputes brought forward and settled by the patrol. This village is situated in a very small clearing - about 2 acres in area - surrounded by thick bush. Very few gardens worked by the people as a result. Very small quantity of food purchased, quality not good.

14th April, Saturday.

Departed Anuwabi on route Tamadigi this day. Arrived at the new deserted village of Saragadigi in  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours. From here to Tamadigi in 4 hours over a fairly rough track - sink holes and numerous leeches. Walking time 6 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours. Carrier time 8. This village is built on the bank of the Kaipu Creek - inhabited by the former peoples of Soro and Saragadigi. Most of the former inhabitants of Tamadigi have moved out to the Kawa area of the Gulf. Diary of Katubu Patrol No. 2 of 1961/62 - 29th October refers. Village clean and tidy, credit to the people. Ample food of good quality available here. Heavy rain.

15th April, Sunday.

Name check made of these people and medical work carried out by the A.P.O. Arbitrated in several disputed - and general discussions held with the people. Food again purchased, including fish.

16th April, Monday.

Per native canoes from Tamadigi to Kobe in  $3\frac{1}{2}$  hours. Camp established in good Rest camp. During the afternoon name check and village inspection made. Aid-post inspected and once again found to be in good condition. Here too the A.P.O. is doing sterling work. Ample food purchased. No disputes brought forward for settlement.

17th April, Tuesday.

Departed Kobe early a.m. per canoes on route the village of Kara. Stopped off at the villages of Kekenou and Kantebe on the way - where lengthy discussions held with the peoples concerned. The attitudes of these people are good and they make much use of the Aid-post in their area. Arrived Kara late afternoon in very heavy rain. Food purchased.

18th April, Wednesday.

Name check and village inspection made of this village. Several minor disputes settled by the patrol. Departed here at 12.00 for Kobe - arrived after 4 hours on the Mubi River.

19th April, Thursday.

Departed Kobe on route Oto, same distance up the Mubi River. The level of the river some few feet above that of yesterday which made the going tough. Arrived Oto after 4 hours on the River. Village very clean and tidy. Medical work by the A.P.O. and self conducted name check and held informal discussions with the people. Food purchased. Rain.

20th April, Friday.

By canoe from Oto to Sorotage this day - time 1 hour. Camp established and census name check made. Once again informal discussions were held with the people of this village on a variety of topics. These people, has have been all other peoples visited, encouraged to work gardens in order to provide adequate food supplies and at the same time it will make some contribution to improving their general health. Stated they would. Some native food purchased. Rain most of the afternoon.

21st April, Saturday.

By canoe to the head of the Sorotage - Kafa road, this taking  $\frac{1}{2}$  of an hour; thence overland to the village of Kafa some 5 hours walk away. The track is through very rough limestone country infested with thousands of leeches, all which make the walk an extremely unpleasant one. Camp established in good Rest house and Police barracks. Food purchased.

22nd April, Sunday.

Census name check held and inspection made of the village area. During the afternoon viewed progress on the new village site some 5 minutes walk away on higher ground. One dispute was heard and settled and good quality and variety of native food purchased. All patrol personell treated for infected leech bites during the afternoon. Rain.

23rd April, Monday.

Patrol from Kafa to Dammai'iu this day in just on 6 hours hard walk. Three very large limestone ranges have to be crossed and this together with leeches again makes the walk a hard one. The village found not to be particularly clean and the population sent off to clean the village area up - also construct a pig-proof round the village. On first impressica it is noticeable that this village unit is greatly overcrowded and the houses are far too close together. Discussions will be held in the morning on this subject. Ample food purchased. Rain once again.

24th April, Tuesday.

Discussions held with the peoples of Dammai'iu and Pimaga with regard to the housing position here. These were rather lengthy and eventually they did admit that the village had inadequate housing they would move the village to a point some 10 minutes walk away on a clear area of kunai. All these people who had anything to say on the subject were given a hearing. It was also suggested that they work gardens. They appeared to realise the benefits of these two suggestions; and stated that they would commence work in the morning - after being told that if they really did want to improve their lot then there was no time like the present to start. Site inspected and improved; food purchased. Carriers in from Kutubu with rations.

25th April, Wednesday.

Peoples of Dammai'iu commenced work on a new village site this day. General discussions held with the people throughout the day. Visited the village of Kenagaipu this afternoon. People instructed clean up the village area and also to construct a pig-proof fence round the village area. Several disputes were brought forward and duly settled. Returned Dammai'iu late afternoon.

26th April. Thursday.

Visited the villages of Tunuhuga, Herebo and Hegise this day. All told what is required of them under the health provisions of the Native Regulations Ordinance - and they are expected to abide by these provisions. All encouraged to work gardens. People told that they will be visited again within a few days. Medical work done by the A.P.O. in these villages. Several disputes settled. Rain.

27th April. Friday.

From Dammai'in to the village of Degabari this day. Camp established in new Rest house and census name check made. Treatments given by A.P.O. People ordered build 4 new latrines. Couple of minor disputes brought forward and settled. Ample native food purchased. People advised to work gardens in an attempt to improve health conditions.

28th April. Saturday.

Early a.m. patrol gear sent off to the village of Ipigi. Self and police party to the village of Harabi'in - walking time 1½ hours. Name check made and several disputes settled. Inspection of village made and treatments given by A.P.O. Departed here at 12.00 on route the village of Iomesi, arrived 1 hour later after successfully crossing the Wage and Kokoma Rivers. Village people assembled awaiting our arrival. Disputes settled and general discussions held with the people. This village unit is composed of peoples from the Wage River area, Brave Kagua and Kutubu. They have large worked gardens, and their health appears to be about the best in this area, no doubt because of this. Returned Ipigi late in the afternoon, in very heavy rain.

29th April. Sunday.

Village inspection and name check this day, general discussions held with the people; no troubles brought forward. Late afternoon patrol to the village of Heribu. Walking time 2 hours over a made road. Food purchased. Once again heavy rain.

30th April. Monday.

Patrol gear to the village of Keseke on the eastern end of the Lake. Self spent the day viewing work being done on the road, and the marking of several new sections. Informal talks held with all people contacted. Arrived Keseke late afternoon.

1st May. Tuesday.

Census name check early a.m. These people are subject to regular visits from the Patrol Post, and are well organised. Several treatments given by A.P.O. Large amount of native food purchased and sent on ahead to the station. Departed Keseke early afternoon for the station, travelling via the villages of Tugiri, Yogohe and Wasemi. Several matters discussed with the peoples of these villages, mainly the need at the station for regular supplies of natives foods. Arrived Lake Kutubu Patrol Post late in the afternoon. Patrol stood down 1600 hours.

END OF PATROL DIARY

*M.W. Brownridge*  
M.W. Brownridge.

INTRODUCTION.

This Patrol gave me a good chance to familiarise myself with the customs and way of life of the peoples of Fasu and Poi'i Census Divisions. It also provided an opportunity to discuss informally with the people of the Fasu Census Division their intended migration to the Yargifu area near the Lake. When the Patrol Map is submitted it will clearly show this area. This aspect of the patrol work is discussed under Native Affairs.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

During the time that the patrol was in the field it was well received by all peoples. A number of disputes were brought forward to the Patrol for settlement; mainly concerned with monetary matters. I did not hesitate to arbitrate in these matters but at the same time those concerned in them were encouraged to try and settle them themselves; then if they could not come to an agreeable decision between themselves I would help out.

Disputes concerning assaults etc are extremely rare in this area, and generally speaking these people are a great crowd to work among.

The problem of Child Marriages in the Mabi River Area appears to be on the decline. The people of this area were told to see that it remains so.

With the exception of the Village Constable of Manu Village ( see Patrol Diary 12th April ) all Village Officials appear to know what is required of them and are doing a good job. The Village Constable of Tamadigi, one Lubarke, accompanied the Patrol for some 15 days the idea being to train him further in his duties. There was a noticeable improvement during this time in his attitude towards his position and I expect him to be of valuable assistance to following Patrols.

The intended migration of 8 Villages of the Fasu Census Division will now be dealt with. A list of the villages concerned, their Village Constable and population will be given.

<u>NAME OF VILLAGE.</u>	<u>VILLAGE OFFICIAL.</u>	<u>POPULATION.</u>
Iorogobai'iu	Kei	145
Ubuko	Ariso	45
Hebai'iu	"	44
Sonagidigi	Waiya	70
Hedinia	Harwaga	46
Ai'iu	Amenahui	50
Manu	Mati	37
Anuwabi	Partera	50
	Total.	<u>487</u>

These people inhabit a rugged limestone area 2 days walk South of the Lake Kutubu Patrol Post. The area is alive with snakes and leeches. The staple food of these people is Sago. Because of their way of life and the nature of the country in this area there is little chance of them preparing and working gardens of any size.

These people have expressed the desire for some years now to migrate to an area known as Yargifu, It hours walk from the South side of the Lake. This area of ground will lend itself to the establishment of gardens; and it is hoped in the future to cash cropping.

From discussions held with these people on the subject they appear to be awaiting Official Approval only. If this is forthcoming the desire to move as soon as is possible. There are of course a very small number of elderly people in each of these villages who are not too happy about the move, they state, that they were born here and wish to die here'.

However I think that the interests of the vast majority of the people should be considered first. They are now at the stage of showing some interest in economic development and realize that the area in which they live at present will not lend itself to this development. Economic development must come and eventually will come to this area of the country; and I feel every effort on the part of the Administration should be made to ensure that it will come about. I therefore request that Official Approval be given the intended migration of these Farm People.

I am sure that this is not just 'talk'. There is a genuine desire among the younger generation of this area to commence cash cropping and I am sure that if Official Approval is given the people will move.

If they do migrate Administration of the area will most certainly be made easier, and definite steps will then be possible among the people in the field of Economic Development.

#### MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

The Health of the peoples of the Poi'i and Fasm Census Divisions is fair. There is an Aid-Post at Hedunia in the Fasm Census Division, and also one at Kope in the Poi'i area. Both Aid-Post Orderlies in charge of these posts are doing an excellent job and are to be congratulated. Their work is somewhat hampered to a certain extent by the lack of medical supplies.

The peoples of the areas realize the benefits of these Aid-Posts and use them regularly.

Health in the Mabi River Area and on the Lake is good.

#### LIVESTOCK AND AGRICULTURE.

European vegetable seeds were handed out by this patrol and the people encouraged to plant and care for them. The staple food of these people is Sage and because of this they do not build large gardens, if at all. All peoples contacted were encouraged to work gardens in an effort to improve health conditions.

Nearly all villages have several Citrus Fruit Trees and further plantings were encouraged. A very small number of Coffee Trees were noticed in the Mabi River area, having been handed out by the U.F.M. at Orokane. Where possible instructions in their care was given.

People told that there was always a ready



market at the Lake Kutuba Patrol Post for all varieties of native food and European. It is hoped that a regular supply will be forthcoming in the very near future.

CONCLUSION.

The general Native Situation in the Fai'i, Fann and Mabi River areas is good. In all, a pleasant time had by all members of this Patrol.

*M.V. Brownridge*

~~M.V. Brownridge~~  
Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX "A".

REPORT ON MEMBERS OF THE R.P. & N.G.C.

ACCOMPANYING THE PATROL.

<u>Reg. No.</u>	<u>Rank.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
3442	Sgt.	WARRUS	This member first Patrol from Lake Kutaba. Good worker and proved himself worthy of his recent promotion.
7920	Constable.	KAIARIPA	Good worker and he is a very pleasant chap. At all times conduct good.
9394	Constable	HEUNGA	Conduct good, good worker Pleasant character.
9967	Constable	DUAK	Reliable type of person. Conduct and work good.
10712	Constable Trainee.	FABA	Very reliable type of person. Can be trusted to always do a good job. His conduct above average.

The above comments will be placed on the members respective Records of Service, and the remarks shall be entered on R/S Forms I and forwarded to the Commissioner of Police.

  
M.W. Brownridge.  
Officer, R.P. & N.G.C.

APPENDIX "B".

REPORT ON MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
ACCOMPANYING THE PATROL.

Aid Post Orderly

KAIPI/HOGONAMOTU

This member was with the patrol for 15 days. During which time he did good work. He has a sound knowledge of the duties required of him.

Aid Post Orderly

HEBEBAWI/YUGARBAI

This member accompanied the patrol for 15 days. His work was of high standard at all times.

*M. V. Brewaridge*  
M. V. Brewaridge  
Patrol Officer, P.O.I.C.  
Lake Estab.

**STORES TAKEN ON PATROL**

ITEM	Amount Taken on Patrol	HOW ISSUED					Amount Returned to Store
		Issues to Police	Issues to Carriers	Payment of Carriers	Purchase of Food	Hire of Canoes	
<b>CASH EXPENDITURE.</b>							
				<b>CARRIERS.</b>		<b>£18/12/0</b>	
				<b>CAMPING ALLOWANCE</b>		<b>£15/15/0</b>	
<b>V.S.C. EXPENDITURE.</b>							
				<b>TRADE AND RATIONS.</b>		<b>£20/0/0</b>	
				<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>		<b><u>£54/7/0</u></b>	



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of.....**SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS**..... Report No.....**LAKE KUTUBU NO. 6 of 61/62.**

Patrol Conducted by.....**M.W. BROWNRIDGE, PATROL OFFICER.**.....

Area Patrolled.....**AUGU CENSUS DIVISION and part of the LOWER TARI.**.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....**PAPUAN MEDICAL ASSISTANT.**.....

Natives.....**6 members of the R.P.&N.G.S. 1 Interpreter. 40 Carriers.**.....

Duration—From **30** / **5** / **19 62** to **10** / **6** / **19 62**...

Number of Days.....**12 DAYS**.....**11 CAMPED OUT.**.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany.....**YES.**.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services.....**28** / **1** / **19 62.**

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

Map Reference.....**SKETCH MAP ATTACHED.**.....

Objects of Patrol.....**CONDUCT CENSUS OF THE AUGU GROUP.**.....

**ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.**

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ / **19**

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ..... £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund ..... £.....

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

67-15-79

Ref.

Department of Native Affairs,  
Headquarters.  
KONE DOBU.

14th August,

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Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

6/1961-62 - LAKE KUTUBU

PATROL NO.

I acknowledge with thanks, receipt of :-

\*/ ~~Patrol Report No. 6/1961-62~~

\*/ Patrol Report No.

H.W. Brownidge - Patrol Officer.

covering patrol by .....

W. McCarthy)  
Acting Director.

\* Delete as necessary.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MIAMI.

3rd July 1962.



Assistant District Officer,  
MIAMI.

MIAMI FUTURE PATROL No. 6 of 1961/62.

Thank you for Mr. Brownridge's report on his recent patrol to the AUBU Census Division and your covering comments.

One purpose of this patrol was to be at hand in the event of any further trouble in the Waga River area (from Nipa). As such it could have been of great value - fortunately it was not needed. Apart from this it does not appear to have accomplished a great deal. There appears to be an urgent need to list villages and define census division boundaries. The Lower Tari census is not due until this financial year (62/63) whereas other Census Divisions are overdue and as discussed with you I cannot understand why they were not completed earlier. This matter, I note, is in hand.

LOS WUWAJ

The main immediate tasks at hand are therefore:-

1. Get census up to date.
2. Make submissions re census division boundaries and administrative area boundaries with a view to recommendations to be passed to the Director. Much tidying up appears to be necessary in the Nubna area though I had been given to understand the Census Divisions were fully completed and static. All staff should note that changes can only be made on the approval of the Director. The following particular matters need attention in whatever recommendations are put forward:-  
(a) Position of Nubna Census Division currently showing 6 villages but said to be non-existent (b) Position re Waga Census Division - probably better placed under Nipa (c) Possible amalgamation Lower Tari and Auga? (d) Boundary between Nubna and Nipa; Nubna and Tari.
3. Submissions, if any, concerning migration proposals, arising from previous reports.

Claims for coping allowance are held pending receipt of funds.

(L.W. Dyer)

District Officer.

→ Director, DNA, KONEDOBU

A single copy of the report forwarded herewith.

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ACJ:BT.

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Sub District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MEHDI.

29th June, 1962

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MEHDI.

KUTUBU PATROL NO 6 of 1961/62.

Above-mentioned Report and attached Claims for Camping Allowance forwarded herewith.

Although I sympathise with the patrol personnel and their influenza I am disappointed that the object of the patrol was not achieved, i.e. census compilation.

For reasons unknown to me Mr Brownridge failed to compile a Census during his last patrol although it was due. I have now instructed him to conduct an immediate census of his entire administrative area.

Native Affairs.

Mr Brownridge states at para 7 that "When one reaches the hamlet of PAUVA the first thing that becomes apparent is that this area once supported a far larger population. However he has failed to produce facts to support this statement, he has been requested to do so.

Medical and Health.

Again, under this heading Mr Brownridge has made a statement without supporting argument, i.e. .... "Because of the susceptibility of these people to illness". He has been instructed to elaborate on this statement.

Apart from the foregoing the patrol achieved a useful purpose by being in the area adjacent to the Wage.

(A.C. JEFFERIES)

Assistant District Officer.

C.C.  
Officer in Charge,  
Patrol Post,  
LAKA KUTUBU.



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Patrol Post Lake Kutaba.  
MENDI Sub-district,  
Southern Highlands District.

29th May 1962.

MR. M. W. ...ridge.  
Patrol Officer,  
LAKE KUTUBU.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - LAKE KUTUBU PATROL No. 6 of 61/62.

Please prepare to move out on patrol to the AUGU Census Division on Wednesday 30th May 1962.

The object of your patrol will be to compile an initial census of the AUGU Group and any other nearby groups that are located within the KUTUBU administrative area. In this regard you are referred to the District Officers memo 67 - 3 - 9 of the 9th February 1962 (copy on your file 67 - 2 - 3 paragraph 3. Please note that the BENARIA is NOT Mendi Sub-district and that TAMBERA is your next Northern Village.

I suggest you confine your patrol activities to the west of the ENGLISH Range.

Messrs., Lucas and Dunn from Nipa are now patrolling the WAGE area which was the scene of an attack on a Nipa patrol last January. You may possibly rendezvous with these two officers next Friday or Saturday, that will depend on your joint positions.

However I do not wish you to rendezvous unless it is unavoidable. The WAGE people were greatly disturbed last patrol and were certainly frightened. Mr Lucas has made excellent contact to date - a daily radio schedule is maintained between his patrol and S. District H.Q. - and he is fearful that a large concentration of police etc in the area may prejudice his present gains in the area.

Mr Lister Tom the Medical Assistant will accompany you.

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A.C. Jefferies.  
Assistant District Officer.

PATROL REPORT

LAKE KUYUNU No. 2 of 1931/32.

Conducted by:

M.W. Brownridge. Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled.

Angu Census Division.  
Part of the Lower Tari.

Patrol Personnel.

PERSONNEL.

M.W. Brownridge. Patrol Officer.  
Mr. Master Tom. Papuan Medical  
Assistant.

Natives.

R.P. & N.S.G. ... 6 members.  
P.M.D. ... 1 member.  
Interpreters ... 1 member.  
Carriers. ... 40 members.

Duration.

30/5/32 until the 19/6/32.  
12 days; 11 camped out.

Object.

1. Compile census of Angu people and other nearby groups.
2. Routine Administration.

Map.

Map Attached.

Attached.

Appendix A. Report on Police.  
Appendix B. Map of area.  
Appendix C. Camping Allowance  
claims.

*M.W. Brownridge*  
M.W. Brownridge.  
Patrol Officer.

18th June 32.

PATROL DIARY.30th May, Wednesday.

Departed the station in very heavy rain at 10.30 am for the Auga Census Division. Arrived at the Mabi River Bridge at 11.35, was still raining and in view of this decided to make camp. Rations issued to patrol personnel, and during the afternoon some repair work carried out on the bridge.

31st May, Thursday.

Left the Mabi River Bridge at 07.15 on route Auga. Travelled along a very level track following the Mabi River upstream for about an hour, then turned North and commenced the climb to the Auga area. Arrived KOPAKO CK., at 10.25 and waited here for the last of the carriers who arrived at 11.30. Raining by this stage, and in view of the distance yet to be travelled decided to make camp. Once again rations had to be issued to patrol personnel.

1st June, Friday.

From KOPAKO CK., to Auga Rest house in just over 5 hours, last of the carriers in 1 hour later. Camp was established and food was purchased from the locals. Informal discussions were held with the locals during the afternoon, and a head count showed that there were some 35 people in camp during the afternoon, until heavy rain sent them home at 4.30 pm. These people are entirely different from the people of the Lake area and Fasu Census Divisions, in language dress and customs and are closely related to the Muli native of the Tari area. It was learnt from the locals that the Nipa Patrol at present in the Wage River area was at the hamlet of Haralinja several days previously. I estimate that this now puts the patrol some three days walk S.E.

2nd June, Saturday.

Census conducted this morning. A total of 144 names were recorded in a Village Book - Register. Treatments were given by the medical assistant. He was hindered somewhat by lack of medical supplies. The people advised the patrol that they expect a number - no indication was given of the number nor were they able to give me one - of relatives from the WAGE River area to settle here in the near future.

Food was purchased during the afternoon and word was sent to the hamlets of ENARI and PAUWANE of the patrols intended census taking.

3rd June, Sunday.

The day spent at Auga. The locals here have built their own church under the guidance of the U.F. Mission at Lake Kutubu, and during the morning they conducted their own service; 90% of the people attended. Food was purchased. Medical supplies received this day from the station - ex Mendi.

4th June, Monday.

Over a steep log stream track to the hamlet of EWARI in 3 hours. Numerous small creeks are crossed on route. Camp was established and food purchased. During the afternoon 46 names were entered in a new Village Register. Medical work carried out. Rain most of the afternoon prevented informal discussions being held with the people. Large aircraft heard overhead at 8.00 pm heading N.W.

5th June, Tuesday.

Using several EWARI males as guides departed the hamlet of EWARI at 7.00 on route PAUGWANE hamlet on the Mubi River. This was finally reached after some 7 hours hard walking. Camp was established in heavy rain. People told of the census in the morning.

6th June, Wednesday.

Most of the carriers and police suffering from colds. Census conducted here this day - 47 names were recorded and medical treatments were given where necessary. Several minor disputes were settled and the results were entered in the Village Register. The councillor of this hamlet asked the patrol if a Village Constable could be appointed to this area. He was told that the population did not warrant the appointment of a Village Constable and that the V.C. at PAU'A has been instructed to serve this area. He was told to keep up his good work. Rain again fell most of the afternoon.

7th June, Thursday.

Senior Constable GATZIA and 3 carriers suffering from influenza sent back to the station early am. Departed here at 7.00 on route PAU'A and arrived some 6 hours later. The track was fair only, however it was evident that the local PAUGWANE and PAU'A people have done some recent work on the track, weeding etc. People found already assembled with food for sale; this was purchased. It was intended to conduct a census revision of these people but inclement weather prevented this. During the afternoon several more of the patrol personnel went down with influenza, the O.I.C. included. Medical Assistant kept busy.

8th June, Friday.

Attempted to conduct a census name check here this morning but was found that the majority of the males of the group were at the present time on a trading expedition to the "WAGE AREA", they had left on the trip before the patrol left the station. Most of the patrol personnel down with this illness and because of this the camp site made 'out of bounds' to the locals in an effort to spread this prevent the spread of the illness. Very little food purchased.

9th June, Saturday.

Self not feeling the best as are most of the patrol members. In view of the fact that the illness still appears to be confined only to the patrol and in an effort to prevent the spread of it among

these people it was decided to return to the station. I believe that influenza would spread rapidly among these people and we do not have the medicines to treat a large number of people. Returned PAUGHAN this day in very heavy rain. Rations issued to all.

10th Sunday.

No apparent improvement in the condition of the sick and so continued on to the station. The track follows the Nahi River over level ground - the walking time was 11 hours, the normal walking time is 8 hours. Patrol stood down and medical treatments given to all.

END OF PATROL DIARY.

*M. P. Franklin*  
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M. P. Franklin,  
Patrol Officer.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The AUGU Census Division comprises one group of people only and it is from them that the area gets its name. These people inhabit an area some two days walk North of the Lake Kutuba Patrol Post; in the AUGU River Valley.

The former AUGU Village Register had been mislaid and so a new Register was compiled - one hundred and forty four names were recorded in it and it was handed into the care of the Village Constable IBANE. The previous figure for AUGU was 106; as is recorded in the Village Directory 1960.

EWARI, a hamlet some 3 hours walk from AUGU was also censused. Previously their names only had been recorded in the Village Register for PAUGWARE; they were therefore considered as being part of the Lower TARI Census Division. In view of the fact that they are some 3 to 4 hours walk nearer to Augu than to Paugware, I think that they should be considered as part of the AUGU Census Division. Names recorded here totalled 46. A new Village Register was compiled and handed into the care of the Village Councillor.

The hamlet of PAUGWARE is situated on the banks of the AUBI River and is some 10 to 11 hours walk from the Lake Kutuba Patrol Post over a fairly good track. Here 47 names were recorded. This hamlet forms the boundary for the Lower TARI Census Division.

I had intended to conduct a census of all groups in the Lower TARI Census Division that are controlled from this station, that is all groups as far West from AUGU as the hamlet of TAMHERA. This was not possible however because of illness; it is hoped that the census name check can be conducted within the next 6 weeks if possible.

The general native situation as was observed by me appeared good. One's first impression of these people is that they are not as 'strong willed' as their cousins in the TARI area. This is possibly due to the smaller concentration of numbers in this area, the point being; less people less arguments as a result.

When one reaches the hamlet of PAU'A on the AI'IU River the first thing that becomes apparent is that this area once supported a far larger population than it does at the present time. The people were questioned on this point to discover whether or not this was the case or whether because of the nature and fertility of the soil, it was necessary for them to work many gardens at the one time. I was told by the people that over the last 10 to 15 years there has been a slow exodus of people from this area to both the Benaria and Wage River areas. as a direct result of the declining fertility of the soil. There was no indication at the time of the patrol that the soil at present being cultivated was not of good quality. All food purchased was of good average quality, although not plentiful. However there is a normal food shortage at this time of the year.

Village Constable IBANE of the AUGU group asked the patrol when would the Aid-post be established in his area. He was told that the candidate for the job, one MASE, was still undergoing training

at the native hospital in MENDI and as soon as I know more on the subject he would be advised. These people are at the present collecting timber for the erection of an Aid-post, and have been doing so for some time now.

MEDICAL and HEALTH.

The general health of the small number of people that were seen by the patrol appeared good. The Medical Assistant who accompanied will be submitting his own report. Malaria is not uncommon in this area, but is not widespread and does not have the effect on the general health of the people as it does in the FOI'I and FANU areas.

It is my opinion that the illness suffered by the patrol personnel was picked up in the AUCU area, although there did not appear to be many cases of influenza - if it was this - present.

Because of the susceptibility of the these people to illness and for fear of starting an influenza epidemic among the peoples of the LOWER TARI area it was decided to return to the station. Sufficient quantities of medicines to treat a large outbreak were not available to the patrol.

The Village Constable at PAU'A was instructed to report to the OIG Lake Kutuba of any outbreaks of colds or flu in his area. As yet nothing has been heard, however an Aid-post orderly is to be sent into the area to check up, and I hope to return to the area in about 6 weeks time.

LIVELIHOOD and AGRICULTURE.

Unlike the Kutubans, these people are gardeners and cultivate their lands in the same manner as do the people of the TARI area. Large quantities of native food were not brought into the patrol for sale, but as this is the 'normal time hungry' nothing else could be expected. That purchased was of good quality.

Most of the meat that is consumed by these people is provided by the pig - dear to the heart of all these people; small quantities are provided by various bush animals, rats etc.

Dogs appear to be kept by all, but they are by no means healthy looking specimens; they are used for hunting.

CONCLUSION.

Because of illness, the patrol was not able to complete the task which it hoped to do, however it is hoped that the full census of this area can be conducted in the near future - without incident.

*M. W. Newbridge*  
 M.W. Newbridge.  
 Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX "A".REPORT ON MEMBERS OF THE R.F. & N.S.C.  
WHO ACCOMPANIED THE PATROL.

<u>Reg. No.</u>	<u>Rank.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
6379	s/c.	GATSIYA.	Conduct excellent, but did not appear to have the full cooperation of his detachment. I feel the arrival of a Sgt at this station has something to do with the situation. Good character.
6475	G/I. Class	WATCHINGA.	This man's first patrol from Lake Kutuba. A very good N.S.C. Conduct good and well liked by all.
6703	Constable.	JAN.	Of good character and good patrol type. Conduct of high standard.
7753	Constable	JARADA.	Hard worker and good patrol type. Conduct at all times good.
8474	Constable	SIPAV.	Above average and of pleasant character. His conduct was at all times good. Good rifle shot.
10712	T/Constable	FARA	Will make a very good Constable. Conduct was at all times good. Well developed sense of humor. Good rifle shot.

The above comments have been entered on the members respective Records of Service and Form I and forwarded to the Commissioner of Police.

*M. V. Bronbridge*  
M.V. Bronbridge.  
Officer R.F. & N.S.C.



STORES TAKEN ON PATROL

ITEM	Amount Taken on Patrol	HOW ISSUED					Amount Returned to Store
		Issues to Police	Issues to Carriers	Payment of Carriers	Purchase of Food	Hire of Cances	
<i>Expenditure.</i>							
	<i>Camping allowance.</i>					<i>25 - 15 - 6</i>	
	<i>Interpreter</i>					<i>" - 0</i>	
	<i>Patrol Rations</i>					<i>21 - 11 - 6</i>	
	<i>Payment of Carriers - Kade.</i>					<i>25 - 0 - 0</i>	
						<i>Total. 25 - 18 - 0</i>	