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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT

District of Eastern Highlands Report No. KEADWAEI No. of 54/53

Patrol Conducted by JOHN A. GANCI P.O.

Area Patrolled KUP GENSUS SUB-DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans No

Natives 5

Duration - From 9/12/1954 to 18/12/1954

Number of Days 10

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by - District Services 27/8/1953

Medical ... 1/1953

Map Reference KARIMU H. = 1 inch, Army Sheet 17ap Herwith

Objects of Patrol (A) Census Revision

(B) Routine Administration

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

9/1 3 19 55

[Handwritten 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 £.....

Personal file noted

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

KEROWAGI PATROL POST,
Chimbu Sub-district,
East Highlands District.

10.1.55

The Assistant District Officer,
Chimbu Sub-district,
KUNDIAWA.

KEROWAGI PATROL REPORT NO. 1 of 1954/55.

PATROL TO:

KUP CENSUS SUB-DIVISION.

CONDUCTED BY:

John A. Gauci, Patrol Officer.

ACCOMPANIED BY:

Three Members R.P. & N.G.C.
One N.M.O.
One Interpreter.

DURATION:

9.12.54 to 18.12.54

LAST PATROL TO THE AREA:

D.D.S. & N.A.

27.8.53.

P.H.D.

June 1953

MAP REFERENCE:

Karirui 4 miles to 1 inch.
Vide map with CHIMBU
PAR No. 3 of 53/54.
Map herewith.

OBJECTS OF PATROL:

- (1) Census Revision.
- (2) Routine Administration.

APPENDICES:

- (1) Health & Hygiene Report.
- (2) Report on R.P. & N.G.C.
- (3) Absentee Labour Percentages

DIARY:

Thursday 9th December 1954.

Departed KEROWAGI Patrol Post 0930 hrs.
Arrived KUP Rest House 1345 hrs. Afternoon hearing
disputes and in conversation with natives.

Friday 10th December.

Censused KUMGA, TAGUPKULNA and TEMIKUP
clans. Heard disputes.

Saturday 11th December.

Departed KUP Rest House 0915 hrs. Arrived
OMUNGI Rest House 1130 hrs. Censused TUIMAGUP, UMKUP,
KIBAN and IURI clans.

Sunday 12th December.

Departed OMUNGI Rest House 0845 hrs.
Arrived KARIMBAL Rest House 1045 hrs. Censused GOLUGU,
BONUGU and IURI clans. Disputes heard.

Monday 13th December.

Departed KARIMBAL Rest House 0900 hrs.
Arrived MURU Rest House 1030 hrs. Censused DINGAGU clan.
Disputes heard.

Tuesday 14th December.

Departed MURU Rest House 0845 hrs.
Arrived IUAGI Rest House 1000 hrs. Censused BOREKANGUMA,
NAGENKU and KURAUNAGU clans. Disputes heard.

Wednesday 15th December.

Departed IUAGI Rest House 0830 hrs.
Arrived GARUAL Rest House 1035 hrs. Censused BANDI Group
and part ENDUGA clan. Disputes heard.

Thursday 16th December.

Departed GARUAL Rest House 0830 hrs.
Arrived MOROMAMBUNO Rest House 1040 hrs. Censused
AGAUNDOKIRI clan. Disputes heard.

Friday 17th December.

Visited MOROMAMBUNO R.C. Mission Station.
Disputes heard. Compiling Statistics.

Saturday 18th December.

Departed MOROMAMBUNO Rest House 0715 hrs.
Arrived MINGENDE R.C. Mission Station 1000 hrs. Departed
MINGENDE 1210 hrs. Arrived KEROWAGI Patrol Post 1515 hrs.

INTRODUCTION:

Main aims of the Patrol were Census Revision and Routine Administration. The last Patrol to this area was made in August - September 1953 by W.J. Kelly, A/A.D.O. Chimbu Sub-district - vide Chimbu Patrol Report No. 3 of 1953/54. The last P.H.D. visit was in June 1953.

The KUP Census Sub-division lies to the W.S.W. of KEROWAGI Patrol Post - across the valley. The Patrol route is S.W. across the Rivers GA and WAGHI and along the foothills of the high KUBOR range.

The terrain traversed consists of fertile river flats and steep foothills. An outstanding feature is the wide River WAGHI. Other characteristics of the terrain are the many subsistence gardens set into the slopes and the frequent deep and narrow gullies.

Natives inhabiting this area number 8137. They are the KUMAI, IURI, ENDUGA and BANDI groups. Two languages are spoken in this area, namely CHIMBU and KUMAI. The latter is spoken by only the KUMAI Group and extends into the MINJ Sub-district and further up the valley.

These people live off the land and naturally therefore their life centres essentially round their gardens, pigs and fowls. They live in the main in scattered and isolated houses. Some live in very small hamlets.

NATIVE AFFAIRS:

The KUP people have always desired a Patrol Post in their midst and naturally when last October the Post was established at KEROWAGI they appeared rather disappointed. However they quickly resigned themselves to it being at KEROWAGI and they visit here frequently.

The general native affairs situation is satisfactory. A clamorous and colourful welcome awaited the Patrol at each and every Rest House. Food offered us was to say the least plentiful and varied. No trouble at all was experienced in obtaining carriers, rather they volunteered readily.

Relations between the groups could be better, but remembered tales of former strife continue to generate merely a strained friendship. Only time and continued order can erase fully the memory of former enmity.

The population density is high and the tendency is towards it becoming higher still. In the light of these facts the possibility of a future land shortage exists. The writer however heard no complaints in this vein.

Labourers returning from the coast appear to be resettling without trouble. A fair minor proportion of natives questioned do not like coastal labour. The general reason given is that it is too hot on the coast. Some do not wish coastal labour because they are afraid of becoming sick and dying there. Those giving such a reason had invariably lost relatives in this way.

The Tribal boundaries in this area are well defined and agreed upon. Now most land disputes occurring are between the clans and sub-clans within the group. In the main these are settled fairly easily.

The Natives' attitude towards the Administration, as far as can be ascertained is one of voluntary cooperation. Previously much fighting occurred in this area and their cooperation arises essentially from an appreciation of prevailing law and order. Instructions given by previous Patrols have generally been satisfactorily carried out.

Disputes brought to the Patrol were many, however nothing serious was encountered. These concerned trespassing pigs, divorce and debts. Since the establishment of a Patrol post here at KEROWAGI litigation from this area has been dealt with quicker than previously, this is certainly appreciated and by the village officials especially.

A bridge across the WAGHI River for a through road from Kundawa to Minj certainly seems warranted. The road is there and the writer feels that a suitable site can surely be found. If the bridge were built Minj would be some two hours away from Kundawa.

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK.

In the area traversed by the Patrol the soil, altitude and climate favour the growing of Peanuts, Passion Fruit, Coffee and a wide variety of vegetables. The main subsistence crops grown are sweet potato and Sugar Cane. Potatoes, Beans, Cabbages, Tomatoes, Pumpkins, Yam and Taro are also grown but on a much smaller scale.

The terrain is such that most gardens are situated on steep hill slopes. A few gardens seen by the Patrol were terraced roughly along contours with pickets driven into the ground.

Erosion is evident. The native when wishing to drain a plot of ground invariably channels the water the shortest and quickest way down and in the area visited this was very much the rule. The writer warned repeatedly about the dangers of soil erosion and practical illustrations as to how it can be countered were given at all the Rest Houses visited.

Reforestation is going ahead slowly but surely. The bush uncollected is reappearing rapidly. The value of continued reforestation was stressed and pointed out to all.

The cultivation of Coffee is taking hold slowly. There are coffee plots at KUP and ORUPAI, both these are doing well. They are however tended rather haphazardly. The growing of peanuts has taken on well.

In this area pigs and fowls are plentiful. Pigs seen were all native type but the writer was told that a few natives do possess some that have been crossed with European breeds. The Patrol saw quite a few good fowls.

Vegetable seeds were distributed at every Rest House.

MISSIONS.

The area is served in the main by the Catholic Mission of the Divine Word. There are two European Priests, one at KUP and the other at MOROMAHUNO. The Seventh Day Adventist and the Lutheran Missions are also in the area, but these have only sent in a few native teachers.

The Catholic Mission has a number of Catechists at strategic points who endeavour to run schools teaching reading and writing in Pidgin English. Attendance at these schools is low so also is the standard. Both the Fathers run schools which are attended fairly well. The best students at these are eventually sent to MINGENDE there to be trained as Catechist teachers.

Low and irregular attendance at these schools can be very largely attributed to the indifference of parents. They can see no immediate material profit arising from it and consequently they care very little. The value of it was explained by the writer at every rest house.

Missions in this particular area though gaining have not achieved as yet any considerable influence.

EDUCATION.

There is no Government school in the KUP area, but the school at KURDIANA is near enough for any of these natives.

The only educational facilities made use of by these natives are those made available by the local Missions. The writer pointed out to the natives that these facilities are partly paid for by the Administration and that they are entitled and should use them to the fullest extent possible.

In the absence of compulsion the only possibly fruitful approach for Education is at the moment through interesting the parents - the adults. If these could be drawn to the schools by the lure of learning new crafts and methods immediately useful to them in their present circumstance and coupled with no backwork whatsoever but rather practical illustrations exposing the values of literacy, then, their interest awakened, they would see to it that their children do attend.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Tultuls appear to be doing their job well. Head and shoulders above the rest is ENDIMONGO of ERUGA. He is very much liked and extremely respected by everyone. His success can be attributed largely to an objective approach and obvious fairness. He can certainly talk a great deal but does so intelligently.

In general the Tultuls in the area are also doing well. There is no one outstanding amongst them and one and all possess only fair ability.

All village officials cooperated fully with the Patrol and their efforts aided census taking considerably. In the settlement of disputes they were extremely useful and cooperative.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Most roads traversed by the Patrol were good and generally about six feet wide. In some places however they were rather steep. Their maintenance appears to have been carried out regularly.

The road from KUP to MINJ is apparently still in good condition. The natives are still hoping that it will eventually carry traffic.

Bridges encountered by the Patrol were satisfactory. The wide WAGHI River was crossed twice - going and coming back. The two bridges across this river are of the bush rope type, and one feels far from secure when traversing them.

REST HOUSES AND POLICE QUARTERS.

The condition of all the Rest Houses in this area is satisfactory. The ones at IUAGI and GANUAL are very comfortable and appeared to have been regularly maintained.

Police quarters generally lacked maintenance. However accompanying Police had no complaints to make. The writer instructed all village officials to see to it that these received regular maintenance and if some needed rebuilding that it was their duty to carry this out.

CENSUS AND STATISTICS.

Census figures obtained by the Patrol reveal a population increase of 1.3 per cent. Deaths numbered 200 and Births 263. Corresponding figures for the year 1953/54 are 116 and 203.

Census taking was orderly and was achieved without difficulty. The endeavours of the village officials helped considerably.

Figures for male labour potential are (10-16) 632, (16-45) 1697. Last year these figures were (10-16) 406, (16-45) 1631.

John A. Gauci
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(John A. Gauci) Patrol Officer.

YEAR 1964/65

KUP CENSUS SUB-DIVISION

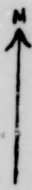
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VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS								MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (excluding absentee)				GRAND TOTAL					
				0-1 Mth.		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Females in Child Birth		IN		OUT		At Work		STUDENTS			MALES		FEMALES			Child	Adults			
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F	
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PAGUPKULNA	10/12	1	1								1				2							7	15	5	16	0	17	2	13	12	29	31	95			
TEMINKUP	"	1	1	1		1		1		2	1	3	4	2		10						7	55	4	23	3	21	15	13	14	62	31	130			
KUMGA	"	4	6	2	2	1				3	3	4	8	1	11		5				2	4	1	12	25	1	12	7	120	1	5	87	76	165	129	464
WATAGUP	11/12	16	8	1	2		1		1	1	6	7	1		9	14	2	14			1		70	143	86	168	8	175	2	5	193	156	223	194	767	
KANKUP	"	2	7		1				1	3		4	1	6								13	45	13	51	1	54	2	46	62	67	57	232			
GOLUGU	12/12	7	7	3		2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1		9	1	8	1		11			29	114	19	102	5	106	2	92	83	150	122	459		
BONUGU	"	3	7		1	2						2	1	3			10			2			23	79	8	84	6	83	2	80	66	102	92	352		
DINGARU	13/12	25	27	2	1	1	2	1		1	5	16	2		16	12		38			1		60	222	34	300	21	287	2	264	229	298	338	1163		
Total KUPAIGROUP		59	64	7	5	5	4	4	4	1	1	4	3	21	28	5	16	67	6	58	1	74	6	250	794	194	856	52	863	2	788	613	1092	894	3642	
GAN'ULME	11/12	1	2	2		1						2	3	2									12	13	1	11	1	10	3	18	10	19	15	62		
PAIKANE	11/12													1	1								2	7	4	1	4	15	8	1	8	5	22			
SIRAN	12/12	8	9	1			1			2	4	2	4	1	8	7	8			1			28	87	16	80	6	85	2	5	111	93	125	103	448	
Total IURI GROUP		9	11	1	2	1	1		1		2	4		4	7	2	11	7	8		1		42	107	17	95	8	99	2	137	104	152	123	532		

YEAR 1954/55

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VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS										MIGRATIONS		ABSENT FROM VILLAGE				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Size of Family	TOTALS (excluding absentee)				GRAND TOTAL												
				0-1 Mth.		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Females in Child Birth	IN		OUT		AT WORK		STUDENTS		MALES		FEMALES		Pregnant	Number of Child-births in Village		Child		Adults									
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			M	F	M	F									
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BOREKANGHAI	14/12	4	8	1			1	1								3			1					5								9	40	5	34	4	34	2	43	30	46	42	166
NANGENKU	"	3	9		1		1						1		4	6				3	4	6	8	1	4	21						46	99	17	115	5	110	2	110	77	123	137	473
KURAWAJAU	"	16	12	4	2	2	2	3	2						2					2	8		22			32				5		79	200	38	221	22	219	2	289	221	275	241	1083
TOTAL ENDUGA GROUP		23	29	5	3	2	4	4	2			1	2		12	15				8	12	6	31	1	4	58				5		134	339	60	370	31	363	2	442	328	442	1722	
AGAUNDOKAI	16/12	9	12										1		5	4				5	9	3	10			31				3		54	162	26	145	13	154	2	178	130	200	187	729
ENDUGA	15/12	3	2										1		2	4				6	3		5			2						16	22	8	20	3	21	2	31	24	38	26	121
SUMBAI	"	16	26	3	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1		4	8				10	22	2	19	6		43				17		96	273	72	245	26	271	2	363	327	320	315	1391
TOTAL BANDI GROUP		28	40	3	4	2	2	2	1	2	2	1			11	16				21	34	5	34	6		76				20		206	457	106	410	42	446	2	572	481	538	528	2241
GRAND TOTAL		119	146	16	14	9	11	4	7	3	5	7	3	4	6	13				49	110	19	134	15	4	216				82		632	1623	377	1732	133	1771	2	1939	1210	2250	2505	8137



SCALE 1m = 1 INCH

MAP OF KUP CENSUS AREA

TO ACCOMPANY PATROL REPORT
KEROWAGI NO 1 OF 24/55

TO NONDUGU
VIA MORUMA
(OLD ROAD)

MINO
SUB DISTRICT

NOR RIVER

KUP

ONUNGI

KARAMBAL

KUMAI
GROUP

ENDUGA
GROUP

MURU

IURGI

KUBOR RANGES

RANGES

BANDI
GROUP

MORHAMBUNO

MORHAMBUNO

RIVER

TO NONDUGU
VIA KEROWAGI
(NEW ROAD)

AWAGI

(NEW ROAD)

KEROWAGI
R.P.

KURUMUGL

KORO RIVER

KEROWAGI BY PASS

WARANI RIVER

RIVER

MIN GEND

NO BRIDGE HERE

- ▲ AIRSTRIP
- REST HOUSE
- ▲ MISSION STATION
- VEHICULAR ROAD
- ... PATROL ROUTE
- - - TRIBAL BOUNDARY

JOHN A. GAUCI P.O.

30/2-222

Sub-district Office,
Chimbu Sub-District,
KUNDIAMA, E.H.D.

5th February, 1955.

The District Commissioner,
District Headquarters,
Eastern Highlands,
GOROKA.

KEROWAGI PATROL REPORT NO.1 of 1954/55.

Attached are four copies of a report of a patrol to the Kup area of the Kerowagi Patrol Post area by Mr. J. Gauci, P.O..

The report was entirely routine and calls for no special comment.

W. J. Holly
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(W. J. Holly)
a/Asst Dist Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



36/16/55 ✓

District Headquarters, No 30/4/6 - 2543.
Eastern Highlands District,
GOROKA.

The Director,
Department of District Services
and Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

8th March, 1955.

PATROL REPORT - KEROWAGI. No. 1 of 1954/1955.
KUP Census Sub-Division.

I attach original and two copies of this Report, together with covering comments by the Assistant District Officer, Chimbu. The map will be found in the original report.

The Kerowagi/Kundiawa areas are probably the most heavily populated districts in the whole of the Territory, and the question of a present and future land shortage has been mentioned in several previous reports. I believe that over-population will be the major problem in the Kundiawa Sub-District within a matter of years. Some groups are already aware of the danger and they will probably give us every co-operation in the agricultural experiments which we should now be making to provide a future solution to the question. As this is a major question, I merely refer to it here; it will be fully covered in separate correspondence.

The last paragraph on Page 2 gives conclusions which agree with my own findings. The death of one labourer whilst employed on the coast means not merely the loss of one labour unit, but the loss of at least fifteen to twenty potential recruits. The labourer may die following an accident whilst on Sunday leave or because of some reason beyond the control of the employer, but as far as his relatives are concerned, he died simply because he went to the coast. I believe that this fact cannot be stressed too much to employers.

The problem of soil erosion (see Page 3) can be tackled together with the problems of over-population and shifting agriculture, as it seriously affects one and it is a common facet of the other.

I am at present trying to get pigs of a Southern breed for distribution to our new Posts at LUFA, OKAPA and KEROWAGI. These should make a material improvement in the stock around these areas.

The Mission section mentions the low and irregular attendance of pupils at the Mission schools, and the Education section suggests that possibly the best way to overcome this would be to interest the parents in education, as they would then compel their children to attend schools. Whilst I agree with this, it is even more necessary that schools provide a certain standard of education. Otherwise, as at present is the case, with Mission schools, the parents are quick to realise that schooling is of little use and prefer their children to work in the gardens.

Mr. Gauci has submitted an informative Report.

Ian F. G. Downs
(IAN F. G. DOWNS),
District Commissioner.

30-16-258

24th March, 1955.

The District Commissioner,
Eastern Highlands District,
G O R O K A.

PATROL REPORT - KEROWAGI NO. 1 OF 1954/55.

Mr. Cauci's Report has been received.

As this was a routine patrol, I have nothing further to add to your remarks contained in your covering letter.

Items of interest to other Departments have been passed to those concerned.

A.A.R.
(A.A. Roberts),

Director, D.D.S. & N.A.

PIA
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