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SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1967-1968

ERAVE, KAGUA

Report No.

Officer Conducting
Patrol

Area Patrolled

ERAVE

2-67-68	R.K. Ridgway	Kari-Tiburu, Fore-Samberigi C.D.
4-67-68	R.K. Ridgway	Kari-Tiburu C.D.
6-67-68	R.K. Ridgway	Tsimberigi C.D. part
7-67-68	R.K. Ridgway	Fore/Tsimberigi C.D.

KAGUA

3-67-68	B. Mc L Williams	Eastern & western Sugu
5-67-68	B. McL. Williams	Part western Kagua C.D.
7-67-68	B. McL. Williams	East & West Sugu & Western Kagua C.D.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. ERAVE Ptro. No. 2 of 67/68

Patrol Conducted by E.K. Ridgway, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled KARL-TLEBURI, FOKE-SAMBERIGI, SAMBERIGI Census Divisions

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Health Educator, Interpreter,
Natives 4 R.P. & N.G.C., AG. Assist. (2), 1 Ag. Trainee.

Duration—From 6./9./19.67 to 23./10./19.67 (BROKEN)

Number of Days 35 days - 30 nights

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? YES. Native Medical Assistant David Andrew.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 8./8./1967

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

Map Reference Attached

Objects of Patrol Census revision, House of Assembly and L.G.C. education, road and economic development, encouragement, purchase of land and routine Administration.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

15/12/1968

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

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Telegram
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Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: 67-15-21

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua.

March 29th, 1968

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL NO. GRAVE 2 OF 67/68

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Memorandum
of Patrol/Patrol Report covering patrol by H.K. RIDGWAY P.O.
to KARI-TISOU: FCRE-SAMBERIGI & SAMBERIGI
to Census Divisions.
A good report on a patrol well done.

The remarks on the land purchase may require clarification.
The purchasing officer should be certain that the vendors
are satisfied with the price before executing the document.
If after explanation of land policy, the vendors were still
unsatisfied, the matter should have been referred back to the
Lands Department.

T.W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
Director

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Telegrams.....
Our Reference... 67-3-8
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Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

14th February, 1968.



The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Erave Patrol Report No 2 of 1967/68
KARI-TIBURU, FORE-SAMBERIGI, SAMBERIGI Census
Division - Mr. R.K. RIDGWAY, Patrol Officer.

Attached please find:-

- (a) Original of report and Village Population Register.
 - (b) Copy Officer-in-Charge, Erave 67-2-1 of 4th September, 1967. Patrol Instructions.
 - (c) Copy of Officer-In-Charge, Erave 67-2-1 of 6th November, 1967 comments.
 - (d) Copy of 67-1-4 of 29th November, 1967 Assistant District Commissioner, Kagua comments.
2. Memorandums c and d above more than adequately cover this report.
3. There is no question as to the legality of the Councils taxation action. On the initial tax patrols the people themselves desired to accept taxation responsibility for their absent relatives. This has been a feature of every census Division and the people also added that this applied only to the initial collections.
4. Mr. Ridgway is to be congratulated for his efforts.

D. J. Clancy
(D. J. Clancy)
District Commissioner.



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Our Reference..... 67-1-4

If calling ask for

Mr.....

Department of District Administration.

Sub-District Office,
KAGUA,
Southern Highlands District.

29th November, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT,
Mendi.

ERAVE PATROL REPORT NO. 2. OF 1967/68.

1. Please find attached the abovementioned report together with Mr. Ridgway's journal, claim for camping allowance etc..

2. My comments on the report are as follows:-

General Layout of report:-

- (a) Mr. Ridgway has not numbered his paragraphs which makes analysis of the report somewhat difficult.
- (b) His presentation is somewhat cramped. Spacing between paragraphs makes a report more readable.

Reception of Patrol:-

Indicates the rather unfortunate attitude common among those who "have been to the mambis" in that they think their worldly education complete and they are above the tasks that help to develop the backward areas of this District. I suggest the ERAVE Council might consider a rule relating to maintenance of Rest House similar to the Kagua Rule, dependent on non-disallowance of the Kagua Rule. The Erave peoples do have a tendency to overvalue themselves but I feel that development at Kagua could ultimately prove the instrument that will bring them back to reality and once again bring an attitude of self help.

Villages:-

I consider, if not already in passage, that the Erave Council should consider a Housing and Hygiene Rule(s).

Village Officials:-

A mixed lot as one generally finds in most areas. Mr. Ridgway certainly has given a graphic analysis which should prove a useful reference document in latter reports and to other officers at Erave in the future.

It would pay Mr. Ridgway to seek out the names and faces of traditional headmen, especially those who linger in the background. Knowledge of their existence can be extremely useful in many ways.

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Political Situation:-

Reference para 2 of this section. Does Mr. Ridgway mean that Self Government of the people is thought to be a reversal to the old tribal system of small self sufficient waring communities? I feel that he perhaps could clarify this paragraphs.

This section reveals that Mr. Ridgway carried out a vigorous pre-election education programme, not only propagating but finding out misunderstandings and rectifying same. He is to be commended.

Reference the second last para on page 7, I doubt the legality of the Council's action in this matter. I feel perhaps the District Officer (L.G.) might advise in this matter. I will seek a clarification of the matter from the C.I.C. at Brave.

Reference Mr. Ridgway's comments on the Neville statement (Page 8) on the Road Feasibility engineer's survey. I draw your attention to the last sentence which blandly and in my opinion fully reveals the truth of the matter. It might be stated that this situation was rectified somewhat by discussion between the engineer in charge of the group and the A.D.C. at Kagua. Visits in many cases were more frequent than 3 weekly a & sometimes tided over into the week days. Overall I feel however the matter has resolved itself.

Agriculture:-

Reference the food shortage, I agree with Mr. Ridgway that no assistance is needed. The worst is over in both Kagua and Brave the fault for the shortage being entirely the fault of the people having not planted gardens and having engaged in many large and extravagant singings over the last 12 months. They now realise their folly and are rectifying the situation.

Demands of exorbitant prices for produce damages the development of the fresh foods and fruit as a cottage industry. Any efforts to develop a fruit industry deserves concerted following up and Mr. Ridgway's hard earned statistics should not be allowed to rot on file, but be investigated further. Perhaps details of the actual market outlet (re quantities required) might prove the basis on which the peoples interest might be stimulated towards reasonable prices.

Complaint:-

The matter of child brides from Mungire has been investigated and stringent warnings issued to this shiftless village. Any further incidents will be handed over to the district court.

Rest Houses:-

See reception of patrols.

Health:-

In the Kari-Tiburu the situation in child mortality is grim. I have instructed the O.I.C. at Erave to warn all people in this division of the provision of the Child Welfare Ordinance and akin legislation and all other incidents of child neglect are to be investigated and prosecuted.

I feel that in light of these appalling figures stern action is needed. Obviously the welfare of their children and the presence of health services mean little to these people.

Roads:-

Progress on the Kagua/Erave road is proceeding at a most satisfactory pace.

Labour:-

Self explanatory.

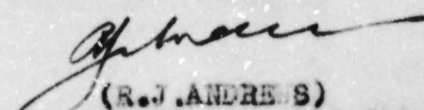
Summary:-

Mr. Ridgway againx has conducted a most useful patrol and one in which action is actually reported as being taken. His summary of persons and events is most interesting and should be most useful reference material for future field work and patrols.

Again his interest in village affairs and native attitudes and his analysis of same is most commendable.

A very good patrol by a keen, interested and enthusiastic young officer.

2. For your information, please.


(R.J. ANDREWS)
Assistant District Commissioner.

c. Assistant District Officer,
ERAVE.



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Patrol Post,
ERAVE.
Southern Highlands District.

6th. November 1967

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

ERAVE PATROL REPORT No. 2 OF 1967/68.

Enclosed herewith please find three copies of the above listed Patrol Report, plus map, Census Statistics for the Kari-Tiburu, Samberigi and Fere-Samberigi Divisions and claims for camping allowance on behalf Mr. Ridgway, Mr. Lema and Mr. Rui Smith.

Mr. Ridgway's Patrol carried out the aims required of it and much of the routine statements appearing in the Patrol Report belie the interest and competency Mr. Ridgway injects into his work.

The stress on economic development is realized, however, this Report makes quite plain how shocking communications and small population mitigate against such development.

Mr. Ridgway's individual assessments of Councillors and Villages throughout the area, and his insistence and lack of generalization are to be commended. He has in this way gained a knowledge of the area that will be of great assistance upon his return to Erave.

For your information and forwarding, please.

John S. Hicks
John. S. Hicks

Officer-in-Charge

John S. Hicks
John. S. Hicks
Officer-in-Charge.



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Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference 67-2-1

If calling ask for

Mr.

Patrol Post,
ERAVE.
Southern Highlands District.

4th. September 1967

Mr. R. Ridgway,
Patrol Officer,
ERAVE.

ERAVE PATROL NUMBER 2 OF 1967/8.

Please prepare to depart on Patrol to the KARI-TIBURU Census Division on the 12th. September 1967. Your Patrol will continue from the KARI-TIBURU Division into the FORE/SAMBERIGI and SAMBERIGI Divisions and will be approximately four weeks in duration. Should you feel matters at any one village require your continued attention for longer than planned, please alter the length of your Patrol accordingly.

The objects of your Patrol will be as follows:-

1. Census Revision of the three Census Divisions, SAMBERIGI, FORE/SAMBERIGI and KARI-TIBURU.
2. Further explanations on forthcoming House of Assembly Election and Political Discussions as laid down in recent Circulars from Headquarters and Discom, Mendi.
3. Discussions re forthcoming collection of Local Government Tax; the need and use for such monies.
4. Continued encouragement of road work on Erave/Kagua Road and need for Samberigi and Fore/Samberigi people to assist with this construction.
5. Routine Administration.
6. Purchase of Land at U.F.M. Mission Samberigi should money be forthcoming prior to your departure on Patrol.

Interpreter KURUVIA-LOMA will accompany your Patrol along with the following members of the R.P&N.G.C.

- Const KAROAK.
- Const POPORO.
- Const MOROPA.
- Const KOIMA.

Local Government Assistant KONGA RUI will be collecting Local Government Tax in the area during the period of your Patrol. Please give him any assistance you deem necessary bearing in mind the objects of Local Government to divorce tax collection from the Administration.

A copy of these instructions should accompany your Patrol Report which is to be submitted four days following your return from Patrol.

For your information and consideration, please.

John S. Hicks
John S. Hicks

Officer-in-Charge.

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Patrol Post,
ERAVE,
KAGUA Sub-District,
Southern Highlands District.

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

ERAVE PATROL NO. 2 of 67/68

Patrol conducted by : R.K.Ridgway, Patrol Officer.

Area patrolled : KARI-TIBURU, FURE-SAMBERIGI and SAMBERIGI Census Divisions.

Persons accompanying the patrol : NMA David Andrew. (part only)
Health Educator SAPSI (")
Ag. Assistants David and Edward (")
1 Agricultural Trainee (")
Interpreter KURUVIA-LOMA
Constable KAROAK
Constable KOIMA
Constable MOROPA (part only)
Constable POPORO (")

Duration of patrol : 6/9 to 7/9, 11/9 to 15/9, 19/9 to 3/10, 16/10 to 28/10.
35 days - 30 nights (broken)

Last patrol to the area : Erave Patrol No.1 67/68
19/7 to 8/8 (L.G.C. Elections)

Objects of patrol : Census revision of three Census Divisions. House of Assembly and Local Government Council Education. Encouragement of roads and economic development. Purchase of land KANGIPULU and Routine Administration.

Map reference : Attached.

INTRODUCTION

In view of the trend to encourage joint patrols by various Departments, the opportunity was taken to have P.H.D. and D.A.S.F. representatives accompany the patrol, since the patrol was to cover three of the four Census Divisions in the ERAVE Administrative Area, i.e. KARI-TIBURU, FORE-SAMBERIGI and SAMBERIGI Census Divisions. Due to unforeseen circumstances which necessitated my being sent to man KAGUA Station for a week, the patrol was broken, and the other Departmental representatives accompanied the Local Government Tax Collection Patrol through the FORE-SAMBERIGI and SAMBERIGI Census Divisions.

The area covered consists of typical topography and vegetation found in the Territory between 3000 and 7000 feet ASL, with high rocky ridges running east-west separating long river valleys. The area is not densely populated compared to Highland standards, is in the ERAVE Local Government Council, and has little economic development.

The patrol attempted and, I believe, carried out the Patrol Instructions.

DIARY

Wednesday
6/9/67 0800-0900 Preparation of Census materials and discussions with ADO re propaganda. 0900 Proceeded to Council House and waited for villagers to arrive. 0930-1100 Talk and explanations re House of Assembly, Local Government Council, roads, economic development, health and hygiene. 1100-1300 Census of KOPEKE Village. 1300-1530 Census of IMARUBI Village. Returned to station.

Thursday
7/9/67 0800-0900 Waiting for villagers to assemble. 0900-1000 usual talk given. 1000-1300 Census of KOTARI Village.

MONDAY
11/9/67 0700-0800 Organisation of cargo and carriers. 0800 Police and cargo departed station. 0835 Self departed station by motorcycle. 0845 Walked from IMARUBI road head to bridge over ERAVE River. 0855-0900 - 0945 Walked from bridge to start of road construction. Followed road until 1000, when carriers and Police continued up Patrol Track, and self followed proposed road route until 1045 when lone house in bush found. 1100-1200 Walked up ridge to crest along road route, cutting fresh undergrowth. 1200-1245 Walked downhill to meet patrol track again. 1300-1615 Walked over patrol track to TIRIBI Rest House. 1630-1730 Walked to GORU Rest House over track. 1730-1900 Discussions with Councillor and exV.C.s.

Tuesday
12/9/67 0900-0945 Usual talk given. 0945-1330 Census of GORU and WAIMA villages. 1430-1530 Garden and village inspection of GORU. 1530-1830 Census figure tabulated.

Wednesday
13/9/67 0815-0855 Walked from GORU to TIRIBI R.H. Carriers paid, camp set up. 0930-1100 Usual Talk given. 1100-1300 Census of TIRIBI. 1300-1400 Discussions with various natives, inspection of coffee.

Thursday
14/9/67 0900-1100 Inspection of houses and gardens. 1100-1200 General discussions with villagers. 1330-1430 Native complaints and disputes.

Friday
15/9/67 0800-0930 Walked from TIRIBI to SUGU River. Carriers changed. 0940-1040 Walked from SUGU River to MUNGIRI R.H. over vehicular road. 1040-1130 Marriage dispute settled. 1100-1130 walked and by vehicle to KAGUA station. Afternoon spent in discussions with senior Officers.

Monday
19/9/67 1100 Despatch of patrol personnel and cargo by tractor to PCLABI, after cargo organised. 1430 Self departed station by landrover for Polabi. 1500 Vehicle abandoned due road condition, walked to KUALI-LONBO arriving 1530

- camp set up.
- Wednesday
20/9/67 0800-1600 Walked from LOMBO to KALAWIDA over vehicular road.
- Thursday
21/9/67 0900-1030 Talk given. 1030-1230 Census of KALAWIDA. 1230 Discussions with villagers. 1500-1630 Native complaints and disputes. 1930-2130 Census figures tabulated.
- Friday
22/9/67 0800-0900 Walked from KALAWIDA to EBAPINI Village. Paid carriers. 0900-1030 No Nest House, so bush camp set up. 1030-1130 Usual talk given. 1130-1330 Census EBAPINI. Afternoon spent in discussions with various natives, and inspection of village.
- Saturday
23/9/67 0800-0815 Walked from EBAPINI to PORUBERI R.H. 0815-0900 Camp set up. 0900-1000 Usual talk given. 1000-1300 Census of PORUBERI. 1400-1500 Native complaints. 1500-1600 Discussions with villagers.
- Sunday
24/9/67 0930-1100 Walked from PORUBERI to KABOREI over patrol track Camp set up. 1100-1500 Discussions with villagers.
- Monday
25/9/67 0830-1000 Usual talk given. 1000-1230 Census of KABOREI. 1330-1500 Native complaints and disputes. 1530-1730 Census figures tabulated.
- Tuesday
26/9/67 0725-0940 Walked from KABOREI to KALANDA over poor patrol track. 0940-1030 Camp set up, people assembled, carriers paid. 1030-1100 Usual talk given. 1100-1415 Census of KALANDA. 1430-1530 Discussions with V.C. and Councillors. 1700-1830 Census figures tabulated. No complaints.
- Wednesday
27/9/67 0830-0930 After organising gear, walked over patrol track to KOIA R.H. Villagers already assembled. Camp set up. 1200-1300 Talk given. 1300-1430 Census of KOIA revised. 1430-1530 Discussions with natives. 1630-1730 Census figures tabulated.
- Thursday
28/9/67 Cargo organised and despatched to BATRI by 0900. 0945 self walked from KOIA to KARANDA over patrol track arriving 1015. 1015-1030 Discussions with KARANDA villagers and officials re road route. 1030-1500 Followed proposed route from KARANDA R.H. UP RIDGE TO range at northern end of TIBURU Valley. Tried to cut route over range, but unsatisfactory. Better route found. 1500-1720 Walked back to KOIA on northern side of valley over proposed KOIA route and it is hoped eventual BATRI road. 1900-1945 Native complaint.
- Friday
29/9/67 Cargo organised, departed KOIA 0900. Walked to BATRI arriving 1500. 1 hour spent shooting ducks at WORU and discussions with Father at BATRI Mission. Two hours of native complaints.
- Saturday
30/9/67 0930-1400 Usual talk and Census of BATRI. 1500-1700 Native complaints.
- Sunday
1/10/67 Day of rest at BATRI.
- Monday
2/10/67 Supervision of road work until rain at 1400.
- Tuesday
3/10/67 0830 Departed BATRI walked to ERAVE arriving 1430.

- Monday
16/10/67 Patrol organised until 0900. Discussions with ADO until 0935 when departed station by motorcycle to KOIARI road head. 0945-1330 Walked over patrol track to TSIMBERIGI Rest House. 1600-1800 Discussions with village officials.
- Tuesday
17/10/67 0900-1030 Usual talk given. 1030-1430 Census of TSIMBERIGI AND WORU. 1500-1530 Information re Land owning groups. 1530-1600 Inspection of coffee. 1600-1700 Discussions with natives. 1700-1820 Native complaints.
- Wednesday
18/10/67 Cargo organised until 0845. Walked from TSIMBERIGI via WORU and MENAGIRIGI to MAROROGO R.H., arriving 1020. Camp set up. 1130-1800 Usual talk given. Census of MENAGIRIGI and WARC. 1645-1730 Information re land owning groups compiled. 1730-1900 Land dispute between KERABI and MENAGIRIGI.
- Thursday
19/10/67 0830-1000 Census revised for MAROROGO. 1000-1015, Land owners compiled. 1015-1045 Walked over patrol track to road head at WARO. 1045-1245 Walked to end of vehicular road for inspection. Held up by rain. 1245-1355 Returned to road head and track junction. 1355-1415 Walked down patrol track to IANGURI R.H. 1500-1600 Native complaints and general discussions with villagers. 1600-1900 Census figures tabulated. 2000-2200 Census figures tabulated.
- Friday
20/10/67 0900-1015 Usual talk. 1015-1400 Census revised for IANGURI and SOGORE. 1500-1530 Walked over patrol track to vehicular road. 1530-1700 Villagers organised and road payments made. 1700-1715 Returned to IANGURI. 1715-1730 Discussions with SOGORE V.C. 1740-1900 Census figure tabulated. 2000-2130 Census figures tabulated.
- Saturday
21/10/67 0900-1130 Census revised for MOGULEGI. 1130-1200 Discussions with various natives. 1300-1900 Census figures tabulated.
- Sunday
22/10/67 1015-1235 Walked from IANGURI to SAU Rest House. Discussions with Councillors and various villagers throughout afternoon.
- Monday
23/10/67 0830-0930 Usual talk given. 0930-1730 Census revised for SAU, POBUWOROK, BISBARA, HONIBORU, OGUMAObu. 1730-2000 Native complaints and disputes.
- Tuesday
24/10/67 0830-0900 Walked from SAU to UFM Mission at SAMBERIGI. 0900-0950 Purchase of ground "KANGIPJLU". 0950-1200 Discussions with missionaries re local custom etc. 1200-1230 Walked over vehicular road to PAWARI R.H. in rain. 1230-1330 Road payment to SAU villagers. 1430-1800 Census figures tabulated. 2000-2200 Census figures tabulated.
- Wednesday
25/10/67 0830-1430 Census revised for PAWARI, GIRAWA, MASIKI and HANAHARI. 1600-1700 Entry of OTO Villagers (KUTUBU) into register and discussions with same. 1700-1900 Native complaints and disputes.
- Thursday
26/10/67 0830-0915 Walked over patrol track and inspected vehicular road. 0915-1000 Road payment. 1000-1030 Walked over patrol track to SAWILI R.H. 1115-1200 Usual talk. 1200-1500 Census of POGIABO and SAMILI. 1600-1800 Native complaints and discussions.
- Friday
27/10/67 0825-0930 Walked over patrol track to road head and continued on road inspection. 0930-1000 road payment. 1000-1200 Continued on patrol track to KOPERE village. 1200-1530 Camp set up in village - tent fly, pit-pit etc. 1500-1530 Information re land owners. 1530 - 1600 Native complaints. 1700-2000 Census figures compiled. 2100-2200 Census figures compiled.
- Saturday
28/10/67 Broke camp and cargo organised. 0815-0855 Walked from KOPERE to station. Patrol stood down.

RECEPTION OF PATROL

The patrol was well received at all villages. Generally, the reception in the KARI-TIBURU Census Division was more friendly than in the FORE-SAMBERIGI and SAMBERIGI Census Divisions. However, I did not notice anything which could be classed as definite unfriendly feeling.

It was found that the more primitive villagers, i.e. those at KALWIDA, EBAPINI, PORUDARI, KABOREI, KALANDA, and KOIA, were the most helpful and likeable people in the three Census Divisions. Reasonable patrol preparations had been made, and they willingly co-operated in every way.

The more sophisticated areas from TIRIBI and BATRI down to the southern border of the ERAVE Administrative Area, the people were disorganised and gave the impression of too many people wanting to be the boss. Consequently, in a small thing like assembling for Census, these semi-sophisticates took more time and organising. Generally poor patrol preparations were made, and the villagers although not unfriendly appeared disinterested in the welfare and activities of the patrol. I gained this impression from their reluctance to give assistance to the patrol, i.e. reluctant to cut firewood, carry water, fix leaking roofs which of course they were not forced to do, but which villagers in neighbouring areas volunteer to do.

I think that one reason why there is such a difference in the above receptions, is that the traditional system has broken down to some extent since many young men have been to Moresby and they are more aware of what is going on in the Territory, and therefore not inclined to take much notice of the elders and not enthusiastic to do any work without pay, having seen similar attitudes on the coast. The lack of promised economic development would also dampen enthusiasm to assist patrols.

VILLAGES

The general standard of housing in the three Census Divisions was poor, but usually passable. It was noticed that the majority have latrines and separate houses for pigs, but how often these are used is not known.

At GARU, there are several houses which are not of traditional design, influenced I would judge by the native missionary living in the village. At SAU and KOIARI (SOGORE) several non traditional houses were noted.

Generally the houses had had their annual sweeping for the benefit of the patrol, and the bush was cleared from around the houses but rubbish and pig droppings are still a common sight in the vicinity of houses.

In the sago eating areas, especially the villages of SOGORE, and HANAHARE, the people are still semi-nomadic and spend a great deal of time out of the recognised village and living in bush houses.

The Native Medical Assistant accompanying the patrol inspected village water supplies for proposed Council assistance, and if a report on this is required, he would be able to supply detailed information.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Although the KARI-TIBURU has recently been brought into the ERAVE Local Government Council Area, the ex-Village Constables, admittedly most are Councillors, still wield a good deal of weight in the area. This was apparent when any organising was needed, and when discussions were held re the House of Assembly and roads were held these gentlemen usually expressed the opinions of the rest.

Most of the Councillors in the KARI-TIBURU appear pro-Administration to some extent, the only one not impressive on this patrol was Councillor KUMA of BATRI who did not appear to appreciate being informed that the BATRI Rest House leaked, the latrine was ready to collapse and that he did not get 70c for four and a half hours carrying. Recently I have learned that he stopped a complaint from reaching the patrol at BATRI by promising to pay a debt to the

complainant, a promise which he had not honoured two weeks later.

The Councillor of KOIA appears an influential and outstanding type, who seems progressive and not afraid of work, shown by his enthusiasm for the KOIA/KALAWIDA road and the KAGUA/ERAVE road.

I believe that at most villages in the KARI/TIBURU, the Councillors organised the killing and cooking of pigs and fowls for the Local Government Assistant and Council Tax Committee on the Council Tax Patrol. This also happened in one or two villages in the other Census Divisions.

The Council President of IMORUBI assisted with Census, but appeared unsure of his exact role.

The Councillor of TSEMBERIGI showed an interest in the House of Assembly and did a reasonable job in assisting the patrol. The ex V.C. also did his share.

The Councillors at MAROROGO and IANGURI were not seen in their local environment, as they were attending the Council meeting whilst the patrol camped in their villages. I do not know how effective these Councillors are, but the people were certainly disorganised when things were run by the so-called 'Committees', i.e. slow to assemble for Census, no patrol preparations.

Both Councillors at SAU are certainly a good choice by the villagers. Both appear pro-Administration, progressive, and responsible. Show qualities of leadership and are willing workers.

If Councillor AMBO of PAWARI worked as much as he talks, there would be little to complain about in his area. The patrol found him most arrogant, not aware of his responsibilities and most proficient at self praise. The other Councillor at PAWARI has probably not the amount of influence that AMBO has, but was found to be the one who did all of the work, i.e. bringing census evaders to the next village, arranging comfortable quarters for the patrol.

Even though the ERAVE Local Government Council is new in the area, the Councillors in the SAMBERIGI and FORE-SAMBERIGI seem to have a surprising grasp of what it is all about, as say compared to the KAGUA Council at the same age.

As is usual, in most villages the traditional head men are still in the back ground, and relatively unknown. However, there appears to be a number of influential men as Councillors.

POLITICAL SITUATION.

As per Patrol Instructions and Departmental Circulars, House of Assembly education and discussions were carried out where possible. Explanations were given in the general talk to the assembled villages giving ample time for questions and discussion, and also opportunity was taken to hold informal discussions with anyone who was interested.

Considering the amount of knowledge of the House of Assembly shown by these people, I am amazed that the movement in the Territory for early self Government thinks it would be self Government by the people.

Since there was a variety of knowledge shown and differing reactions from this attempt at House of Assembly education, most areas will be discussed separately.

GORU/WAIMA. This area knew that TAMBU-MELO was their Member, as he had come down through their bush with his shot gun. They vaguely remember voting for the previous elections. They had no idea what the functions of the House of Assembly were, but were quite interested.

TIRIBI. This village is situated on the road and track from KAGUA to ERAVE. They have seen Mr. TAMBU-MELO on his hunting expeditions. I believe he even once told the villagers what he thought was going on in the House. These people also showed little knowledge of the functions and reason for the House of Assembly.

KALAWIDA. Did not know they had a Member, or that the House existed. Vaguely remember voting for something some years ago. Were good listeners, but did not ask many questions, and although I went over the basic points several times, am not sure how much was retained. The problem of interpretation from pidgin to KEWA and KEWA to WIRU did not help matters, as the second interpreter had no more knowledge of the House than the rest of his village.

EBAPINI/FORUBARE. Similar to KALAWIDA, appeared a relatively new concept. Someone said he thought the previous elections were something to do with the Council. Could be confusing a L.G.C. plebiscite with the 1964 elections. Again difficulty with interpretation.

KABOREI. No idea of House of Assembly, could not remember voting previously. After struggling with two interpreters to convey this new idea, I was asked why everyone went to this person Assembly's house and was he the Director of DDA? In the interpretation into WIRU it also became the house in TSIMBERIGI, a local ERAVE village. However, after persevering, I think a general picture was put across.

KARANDA/KOIA. Knew of the MHA, but had not seen him in their village. Remember voting before, as the elections were held in their village. Had little idea of the functions of the House and reason for same.

BATRI. Little interest shown, which is typical of this village. Knew of House, but not aware of its functions.

It is hoped that the discussions made an improvement to this backward situation, however, I do not think that just by this talk they are aware of all there is to know and aware of all they should know. As they had very little basic knowledge to build on, so as not to cause more confusion, just the basic principals were discussed, trying to keep away from generalities, i.e. the money allocated to the feasibility survey of the road to KIKORI as an example of financial responsibilities. I do not think that the people had no idea what the first elections were for, but as they have seen little of their MHAs and as far as they knew were not effected by anything the House of Assembly has done over the last four years, they had nothing to keep the memory alive as confused as their ideas must have been.

The people of the FORE-SAMBERIGI AND SAMBERIGI Census Divisions were more politically aware. They showed a knowledge that the House of Assembly existed in Moresby, that they had two members representing them, and that they were supposed to take an interest for their own good. They seemed little interested in discussing the House, however, as few questions were asked. Usually when asked if there were any questions there was silence until I chose someone who always admitted that he did not fully understand. It was my impression that news of my discussions on the House had preceded me around this area, and that they had discussions among themselves before I approached the subject, because they seemed to have made up their mind that they wanted a native member who could read and write. I think they may have had Mr. SAVALA-LUNA an ERAVE school teacher at present ~~from~~ working in the Government School at ERAVE. Not only is he from the MAROROGO area, but he is also of the UFM Mission faith which is strong in both these Census Divisions, and this could win him the support of these people if he stands.

I think that this greater political awareness is not from the efforts of the MHAs, but because so many men have been to Moresby and other coastal areas, and so many are there at present, that they have gained a wider general knowledge than the people of the KARI-TIBURU, as can be seen from so many facets of their life.

The KARI-TIBURU people have just paid their first Council Tax, and as the Local Government patrol was in the area at the same time as this patrol, I was able to see some of the reaction to this parting with hard earned cash.

In every village there was great enthusiasm shown, as there were no defaulters, except for people who had recently shifted to the KAGUA area. Aged people who were eligible for exemptions insisted on paying this first tax, even one ~~MYIMA~~ lame man was carried in to pay his tax. Of course he was given an exemption. Few exemptions were requested, and as previously mentioned many pigs and fowls were given as gifts to the people accompanying the Tax Patrol. The villagers willingly paid for those working outside the District.

In the FORE-SAMBERIGI and SAMBERIGI Census Divisions the initial excitement has worn off slightly, as this is their second TAX collection. Although they still support the Council and appreciate the progress already made, they were reluctant to pay for workers outside the District, which are numerous, because they had not been compensated by these workers for the previous Collection of Tax.

Due to a recent statement by MR. R. Neville, MHA, in MORESBY, that the Engineers working on the feasibility survey of the road to

KIKORI, were wasting money because they could not get carriers and labour, I approached the Councillor of SAU regarding this matter, as his village has been doing ~~KNE~~ most of this carrying and bush work. He alledged that his people had been working hard on this road, but admitted that as they were afraid of the snakes in the lower areas towards the coast, they had some reluctance to go to that area. He stated that he himself had assisted many times on this work, both in procuring carriers and a labour line, and in the bush as well. He felt that this coming back to the station every three weeks or a month by the Engineers made the people reluctant to go down again, and that once they got down to the area being marked, they wanted to go all of the way to KIKORI.

AGRICULTURE.

In the KARI/TIBURU it was noticed and also pointed out by the people themselves that sweet potato was short. Whilst walking through KAGUA, the same people who were affected by food shortage in late 1965 were also short again. It appears widespread, but I think the worst is over, as many new gardens were seen to be growing healthily. The two other Census Divisions have also felt the hunger period, but not to the extent of those north of the BRAVE River. I do not consider the Administration should give assistance at this stage.

Vegetable seeds were distributed by the D.A.S.F. representatives in the KARI/TIBURU. These included corn, beans, carrots, cabbages, cucumber and tomatoes. The villagers were pleased to receive them, and the results of previous distribution were seen. Various vegetables were brought by the patrol, even though the villagers had not eaten some of them, themselves, i.e. the ex V.C. at KABOREI produced some huge carrots, unfortunately well matured, for the patrol. He admitted he had not tried carrots himself, but was growing them for the next patrol to the area. Corn and beans are very popular, however.

A rough survey of the amount of pineapples, pawpaws and sweet bananas ~~was~~ available was carried out with a view to start marketing such fruit in urban areas such as MENDI or HAGEN, where this type of fruit is scarce. It was found that there was sufficient fruit in the FORE-SAMBERIGI and SAMBERIGI Census Divisions to keep a small but regular supply to these areas, provided the villagers are willing to co-operate for the amount of money involved. Judging by the prices asked for this produce on patrol, I would say they needed a drastic change of attitude for such a proposition to be a success. The village figures of these estimates will be filed in the Office for future reference.

The D.A.S.F. representatives also inspected and assisted with coffee in the three Census Divisions. There is some enthusiasm in the KARI-TIPURU, but is not widespread. Those that showed some interest were given extra assistance. In the other areas patrolled there is little enthusiasm, the people still remembering past failures. In TSIMBERIGI they had even torn out mature coffee to plant sweet potato. Unfortunately, the Agricultural Assistant preceeded this patrol through the lower area, and when following up I still found coffee owners who did not know how to wash and dry coffee properly.

As has been mentioned previously in many patrol reports, there is no shortage of land in these three Census Divisions for economic development, and good timber is also plentiful.

LAND.

Land known as 'KANGIPULU' was purchased on this patrol, in accordance with patrol Instructions. The owners were happy to sell, but expressed disappointment at the pay. It was explained that land in developed areas, with improvements, or near towns had a high value to the Administration, but land in the middle of nowhere such as SAU at present did not fall in this category. The land is definitely worth more to the village people, who have great sentimental attachment to it, and whose families have sometimes given their lives to procure and hold. As their whole existence relies on land ownership at present, it is surprising that Lands Department have not taken this into proper consideration.

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A more suitable price would make things easier both for the villagers and the Administration Officers in the field.

Detailed information was gathered in the FORE-SAMBERIGI and SAMBERIGI Census Divisions with regard to the land owning groups of the area. This information will be passed on for use in the Demarcation Committee. It was found that there were numerous land owning groups, some belonging to the same clan, but their ancestors had split up and settled in what are now different villages. A few clans have been driven off their ancestral land, and are squatting on land with the permission of the owners. As there is no shortage of land in this area, the people do not stick within clan boundaries, but live on each others land as they feel like it. However, since the advent of shot guns, ownership of bush is a touchy subject in most areas.

Complaints and Courts.

The usual complaints re debts, bride price, and pigs damaging gardens were brought to the patrol. One case of assault was forwarded to the station. No trend was evident.

Several Census evaders were also forwarded to the station. Three child brides were returned to their villages, as they appeared to be only about thirteen. Two of these girls were from the KAGUA area, and this is the second time I have had to return a girl to MUKIRI village for this reason. The patrol witnessed the return of bride price for two of these marriages, the third was referred to KAGUA. The parents of the girl were reprimanded for this distasteful greediness for pay, and warned of drastic action if the girls were remarried before they were old enough. The usual excuse that the girl had run away to the man was put forward, but it was suggested that a little parental force be used in such cases.

Land disputes between KERABI and MENAGIRIGI, GIRAVE and SAU, were brought to the notice of the patrol. It was suggested that they wait until the Demarcation Committee is functioning.

The acquitted murderer, BARO-PEREKA of KEBA, brought reports to the patrol whilst at KABOREI, of alleged assault and of threatening language. Both have been referred to the office by separate correspondence.

REST HOUSES.

Generally, rest houses in the three Census Divisions were found to be satisfactory. The only place which needed a new building was SAU, where the Barracks had a dangerous lean on it. Some of the posts were brought while the patrol was at SAU, and the Councillors planned to start on it after the patrol left.

The latrine at IANGURI collapsed during the stay of the patrol, the latrine at BATRI was also unsafe and at PORUBERI there were a choice of holes.

Most roofs leaked and the villagers were usually made aware of this uncomfortable factor.

Most rest houses were clean on arrival of patrol, but the cook house was neglected often. At PAWARI, the barracks were not cleaned since the departure of the TaxPatrol.

HEALTH.

The Native Medical Assistant accompanying the patrol, although mainly concerned with village water supplies, naturally assisted with any medical work required. He referred several T.B. suspects to the station.

Health Educator SAPSI also gave his five minute talk in each village, and tended to any minor health complaints.

The general health in all Census Divisions was good. Aid Posts are used and appreciated, and the UFM Mission workers throughout the area also supply medical services.

Several undernourished children were forwarded to the station for inspection.

There seems a rather high incidence of T.B. in the ERAVE area as compared with KAGUA. Nearly every village had one or more people absent at a T.B. hospital. No leprosy, which is quite common in KAGUA, was seen in this area.

As can be seen by the Census figures for the three Census Divisions, only the FORE-SAMBERIGI had an increase in the Natural Increase figure. Although the Birth Rate increased by .33, the death Rate increased by .08. The KARI-TIBURU had an increase in the Birth Rate of .11, but had an alarming increase in the Death Rate of 1.3. The SAMBERIGI had a drop in the Birth Rate of .8, a drop in the Death Rate of .27, which gave a drop in the natural increase of .53.

The people of the KARI-TIBURU, although usually willing to attend the Aid Post and Missions, are reluctant to make the 4-5 hour walk through rugged terrain to the station when asked to do so by the APO. Batri has the greatest number of deaths per 100. Pneumonia or some virus and malaria seem to be the major complaints.

As the people in the FORE SAMBERIGI and SAMBERIGI have readily available health services, i.e. UFM SAMBERIGI and proximity to station, there is no reason why the Death Rate should not drop as the people get more faith in medicine.

Refer appendix C for infant mortality rates.

EDUCATION.

In the FORE-SAMBERIGI, the Census Register shows 139 students attending schools inside the District. As the Village Population Register does not allow for children living in the village and attending school daily, the figures for IAMORUBI and KOIARI villages do not give a true picture of the students from those villages.

145 students in the SAMBERIGI are attending schools inside the District, and 25 from the KARI-TIBURU. Few females attend school at present.

The majority of students at school outside the District are at high school, and those at Mission schools are mostly at the UFM High School in the BALIMO area.

The UFM have two schools, the Capuchins one and the Government one in the two lower Census Divisions, but the KARI-TIBURU has been neglected in this field.

ROADS.

The patrol inspected all roads in the area covered. Encouragement was given in every village, both for local roads and the KAGUA-ERAVE-KIKORI road. The villagers appeared more enthusiastic about their own roads, however, I believe that they are realising that these roads would be almost useless as far as development is concerned without the link between KAGUA and ERAVE.

Most of the route between KAGUA and ERAVE was inspected, and was found to be very practical, considering the terrain crossed. Over a mile of road has been constructed near the ERAVE River on the northern side, and on the TIRIBI side of the limestone ridges there is only half an hour's carrying through bush between the KAGUA and ERAVE road heads. This is easy country, and could be joined in a month's steady work.

The road from KALAWIDA to POLUBI (KAGUA), has only a ten minute walk up a ridge to be constructed, KALAWIDA having constructed about a mile of road. The EBAPINI and PORUBERI villagers have also constructed over a mile of road, but have as far to go again to join up with KALAWIDA, and thus to KAGUA. The KALANDA and KOIA groups have also marked a road to join with KALAWIDA, and myself assisted in slight re-routing. No work has as yet been done on this route, and I suggest that an Officer look more closely at it before too much work is done. The BATRI villagers have been working on their road to TIRIBI, and further work was done on this during the patrol. They have not constructed more than a mile as yet.

There is two and a half miles of road from WARO towards SAMMILI, no road work having been done in the whole of these two lower Census Divisions for the past five months or more. The people were paid

paid on this patrol and continued on the good progress. The TSIMBERIGI villagers were requested to start on their own section towards the station, instead of working with the other villages on the SAWMILI road.

The SAU have constructed over a mile of road from the UFM Mission at SAMBERIGI to join with the PAWARI section, and the PAWARI have built over a mile to the SISIKA River. The SAWMILI have constructed about three-quarters of a mile. All were paid for the road work, and requested to continue working on their own sections.

LABOUR

There are 449 people working outside the village from these three Census Divisions. 345 of these outside the District. Apart from a few Warders, Police and PIR, most of these workers outside the District are working as general labours, and most of these are in MORESBY. These people appear too smart to sign on a contract with the Highland Labour Scheme for poor pay, but prefer to find their own way to MORESBY, and join other BRAVE men working for the Lands Dept., PWD, CDW and various private employers such as MONIERA PIPE CO., HORNIBROOKS etc. One is even working as a winchman on the MORESBY wharf.

They cannot be blamed for migrating to MORESBY in large numbers, as they receive pay from the Urban Cash Wage up to ten of twelve Dollars a fortnight plus accommodation, and they have no development in their area to hold them.

There are however, some villeges such as PORUBERI, MOGULEGI, SAU and SOGORE in which only roughly 50% of the adult male population remains, if absnt students and absent workers inside and outside the District are taken into consideration.

The Census Registers have been notated where possible with the employer of the absent workers, in case this information is needed for Tax Collection purposes.

CENSUS

The Census was revised for each village in the KARI-TIBURU, FORE-SAMBERIGI and SAMBERIGI Census Divisions.

KARI-TIBURU

Previous Census Division Total (1966)	2529	2529
Adjustment to Total (less 2 due mistake KALANDA)	2527	2527
Migrations In	143	143
BIRTHS	2677	100
		TOTAL 2770
Migrations Out		154
Deaths		2616
		54
Total Current year (1967)		<u>2562</u>

The death rate has been discussed under section Health. Eighty people migrated from KOIA back to KALANDA last Census, as they had an argument with the other KOIA clan, however, their differences settled, they have now migrated back to KOIA. The other migrations were females married in and out, and occasional families returning to their ancestral land.

Labour and student were discussed under those headings.

FORE-SAMBERIGI.

Previous Census Division Total(1966)	1555
Adjustment to Total(add 1 due mistake MENAGIRIGI)	1556
Migrations in plus births	124
	Total 1680
Migrations out plus deaths	53
	1627
Total current year (1967)	1627

The migrations were marriages in and out of the village, and the odd family returning to their ancestral land. Education, Labour and deaths have been discussed under relative sections.

SAMBERIGI.

Previous Census Division Total (1966)	1784
No adjustment to Total	
Migrations in plus births	269
	Total 2053
Migrations out plus deaths	120
	1933
Total current year (1967)	1933

The migrations into PAWARI came from the nearby villagers. The people were moving back to ancestral land.

CONCLUSION

All patrol personnel conducted themselves in a proper manner. The appropriate R.P.N.G.C forms have been forwarded to Police Headquarters. Herewith claim for camping allowance for your approval.

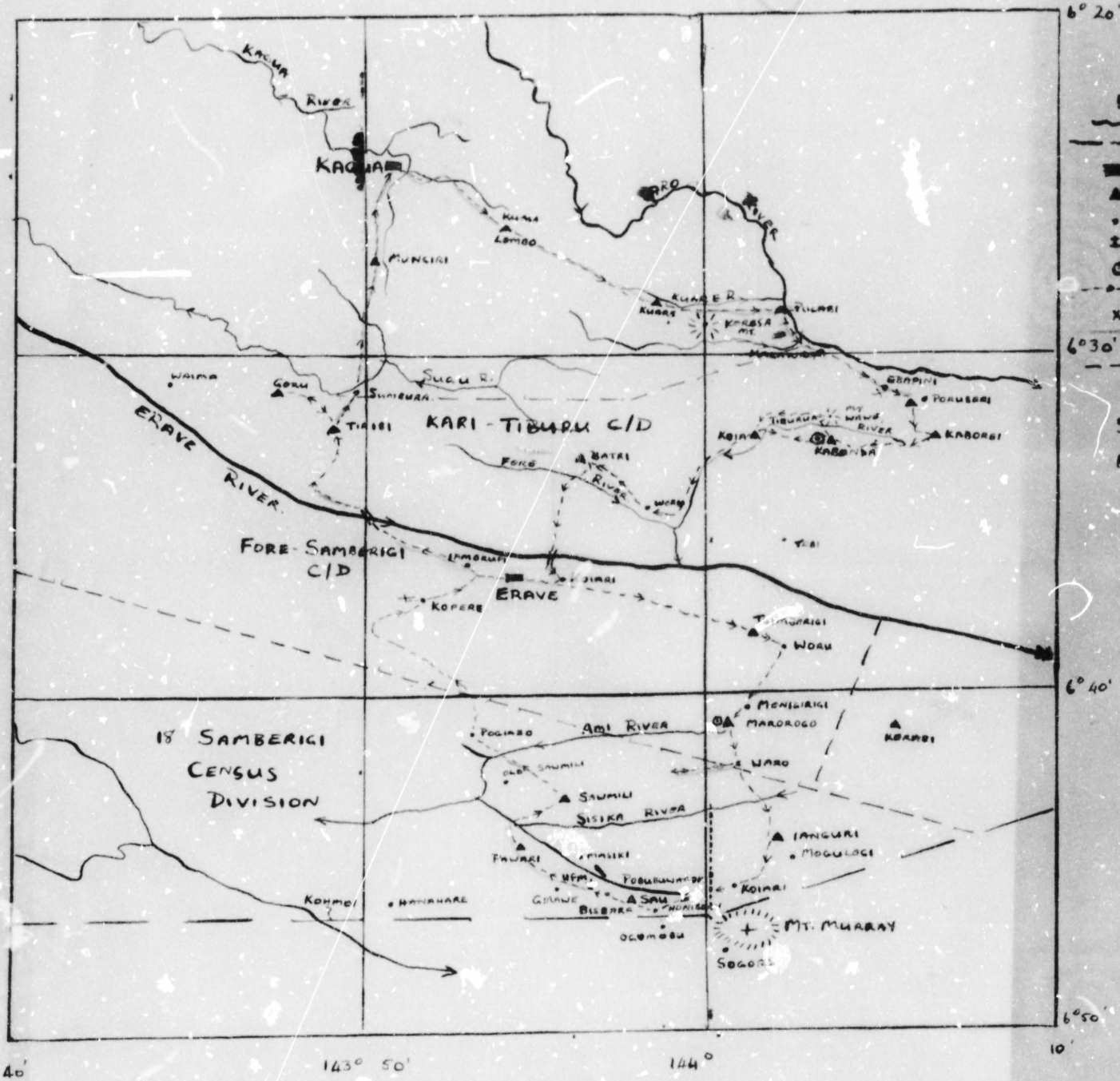


R.K. Ridgway Patrol Officer
1/11/67

APPENDIX C

INFANT MORTALITY RATES.

KARI-TIBURU.	8%
FORE-SAMBERIGI	10.3 %
SAMBERIGI	2.08 %



- 6° 20'
- LEGEND**
- RIVER
 - - - DISTRICT BOUNDARY
 - STATION
 - ▲ REST
 - VILLAGE
 - ⊥ PILLON STATION
 - AIR POST
 - - - PATROL ROUTE
 - X CAMP
 - ROAD
 - - - C/D
- 6° 30'

SCALE
1" = 4 MILES

6° 40'

6° 50'

40'

143° 50'

144°

10'

MAP ACCOMPANYING ERAVE PATROL NO 2. 67/68



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone
Telegrams
Our Reference 67-3-8
If calling ask for
Mr.

Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

20th June, 1968.



The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

BRAVE PATROL NO 4 of 1967/68
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS.
MR. R. RIDGWAY, PATROL OFFICER.

Attached please find:-

- (a) Original of report.
- (b) Covering memorandum 67-2-1 dated 18th March, 1968 from Officer-in-Charge, Erave to Assistant District Commissioner, Kagua.
- (c) Copy of memorandum 67-1-4 dated 2nd May, 1968 from Assistant District commissioner, Kagua.

2. No further comment on this report is necessary as the objects of the patrol were carried out satisfactorily.

3. No map was submitted with the report, Mr. Ridgway will be asked to submit one.

E. J. Emanuel

(E. J. Emanuel)
a/District Commissioner.

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Patrol Post,
ERAVE.
Southern Highlands District.
18th. March 1968

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

PATROL REPORT NUMBER FOUR OF 1967/68 - ELECTIONS.

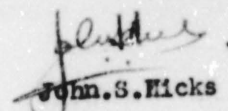
Enclosed herewith please find the above numbered Patrol Report by Mr. Ridgway, Patrol Officer; plus claims for camping allowance in respect thereof.

The Patrol was concerned with the House of Assembly Elections and there appears little necessity for any comment from me. The Kari-Tiburi area has been patrolled five times in the last twelve months and while Pandanus problems and cases of assault and like incidents of man's inhumanity to man are regrettable it is encouraging that such problems are being brought to the attention of Patrols.

Mr. Ridgway has conducted another Patrol in the competent manner he is capable of.

It is requested you have Patrol covers attached to this Report and copies. This office has same on order but they are not to hand.

For your information and forwarding, please.


John S. Hicks
Officer-in-Charge

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Patrol Post,
ERAVE,
Southern Highlands District.

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

ERAVE PATROL No.4 67/68 - HOUSE OF
ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS.

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

Area Patrolled : KART-TIBURU Census Division.

Personnel Accompanying the Patrol : Gregory RAITANAI, Poll clerk
Augustine IAREBA, Poll clerk
3 Interpreters
Constable MOROPA.

Duration of Patrol : 16/2/68 to 3/3/68 - 17 days
15 nights only.

Last Patrol to the Area : DDA and PHD ERAVE Patrol No.3 67-68
January, 1968, 1 week in area.

Objects of the Patrol : To carry out polling for the House of
Assembly Elections.
General Administration.

Map Reference : Attached.

R.K. Ridgway
R.K.Ridgway
6-3-68

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GRATION

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Friday, 16/2/68

0800-0900 Carriers organised and despatched.
0930-1000 By motorbike to NAMARUEI road head.
1000-1330 Walked along track to TIRIBI, bitten by unidentified snake. 1400 to
1500 Continued on to Batri. Personnel left at TIRIBI, self proceed to SUMBURA
arriving 1430 hours. By car to KAGNA for medical treatment 1830-1900.

Saturday 17/2/68

0800-0930 By vehicle to SUMBURA then walked to TIRIBI.
0930-1800 Polling booth open.

Sunday, 18/2/68

Day of rest at TIRIBI.

Monday, 19/2/68

0800-1800 Polling Booth open.
Native complaints.

Tuesday, 20/2/68

0800-1800 Polling Booth open.

Wednesday, 21/2/68

0800-0900 Cargo and carriers organised.
0900-1300 Walked over patrol track to Batri.
Camp set up, native complaints heard.

Thursday, 22/2/68

0800-0900 Cargo and carriers organised.
0900-1400 Walked from Batri to KALANDA, via KOIA.
Camp and Polling Booth set up. Native complaints.

Friday, 23/2/68

0800-1800 Polling Booth open.

Saturday, 24/2/68

0800-1800 Polling Booth open.

Sunday, 25/2/68

Day of rest at KALANDA.

Monday, 26/2/68

0800-1800 Polling Booth open.

Tuesday, 27/2/68

0800-1800 Polling Booth open.
Native complaints and Courts.

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Wednesday, 28/2/68
0800-0900 Cargo and Carriers organised.
0900-1400 Walked from KALANDA to BATRI.
Camp and Polling Booth set up.

Thursday, 29/2/68
0800-1800 Polling Booth open.
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Friday, 1/3/68.
0800-1800 Polling Booth Open.

Saturday, 2/3/68
0900-1800 Polling booth open.
Native complaints.

Sunday, 3/3/68
0900-1000 Cargo and carriers organised.
1000-1400 Walked to ERAVE Station.
Patrol Stood down.

INTRODUCTION

1. The main aim of the patrol was to carry out the election polling for the 1968 House of Assembly Elections. Where it did not interfere with the polling, General Administration was carried out as on a normal patrol.
2. The polling was carried out at three main centres. At TIRIBI, where GONDU and WAIKA villages also voted, at KALANDA where KALAWIRA, EBAPINI, PORUBERI and KABOREI villages voted, and BATRI where KOIA was listed to vote, but they decided to vote at KALANDA as it was only one hour walk away, as opposed to BATRI's four hour walk.
3. I proceeded to KAGUA on the evening of the 16th February, for a tetanus injection as the result of a non-venomous snake bite. The night was spent at KAGUA, however, the Election material was guarded by the Police Constable in my absence. Everything was found to be in order on return to TIRIBI.
4. There was more than sufficient time for everyone in the Census Division to vote. At BATRI, there was little voting on Friday the 1st March, and none on Saturday, even though the Booth was kept open as scheduled, so the Booth was closed down and the patrol returned to ERAVE Station on Sunday 3rd March.

POLITICAL SITUATION

5. The patrol was received well at all three polling places. TIRIBI and BATRI had made preparations for the visit of the patrol. KALANDA as usual waited until the arrival of the patrol.
6. There was a definite interest in the Elections, and almost every adult even from outlying villages presented themselves to vote.
7. Although most villages made their preferences as a village, there was the occasional individualist.
8. Most voters made from 2 to 3 preferences, however, there was the rare voter who took advantage of the preference system. I think that the majority had little idea as to the number and names of the candidates, prior to the patrol displaying the photographs. As an almost total majority of the voters were illiterate, the recognition of the photographs appeared to play a big part in the selection of candidates. I think that the difficulty of remembering so many names also cut the number of preferences chosen.

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

9. Two Polling Clerks, myself as the Presiding Officer, three Interpreters made up the Polling Team. One Policeman accompanied. Two of the Interpreters were bilingual in the KEWA and WIRI languages. There were no personnel problems or general incidents to be reported.
10. The polling was carried out to the best of our ability, as laid down in the Ordinance and various instructions.
11. In each village there were several people not on the Common Roll, and these were dealt with accordingly. Due to the amount however, the patrol found the supply of Absent Ballot Papers insufficient.
12. There were few people from other electorates in the area, but all those present did not elect to vote for the KAGUA Electorate, but chose to vote as Absentees for their home Electorate.
13. The figures and records balanced and the equipment and Ballot Boxes were forwarded to KAGUA per safe hand on the first available aircraft.

GENERAL INFORMATION

14. Two people were sentenced to imprisonment for spreading lying reports, one also imprisoned for unlawfully striking. Although unproven, it was alleged by one of detainees that he had been bribed by the KABOREI villagers, actually the family of the husband of the woman who was murdered last year, to say that he was a witness to her murder by a man from TEBI Village. An investigation was carried out but there were no witnesses to the bribery. There was also no foundation that a TEBI Man was responsible for the murder, just suspicion resulting from old animosities. The KABOREI people have been warned not to take the law into their own hands, but I do not think it a dangerous situation at the moment, but will need watching.
15. Numerous disputes over MARATA and PANDANAS were brought to the patrol. Action taken and decisions were noted in the Village Books. A clan driven out of the area between KOJA and LAOKO many years prior to Administration influence, are claiming Pandanas rights in the disputed area. As both parties were not sure as to the exact pandanas claimed by each other, it was suggested that they inspect the area first and then bring the matter to the station for settlement.
16. It was found that previous decisions have been adhered to, ^{given} on the last patrols, and no further action had to be taken.
17. The villages served by the KALANDA Aid Post have constructed new buildings, and the APO reports good attendance and no more cases of mothers neglecting medical attention to their children since the last prosecutions.
17. TIRIBI and BATRI have both constructed only about 100 yards of road since my last visit. They were given encouragement and a warning.
18. A new Rest House has been constructed at BATRI, and the villagers were gathering material for the Police Barracks when the patrol departed.

CONCLUSION

The elections were carried out successfully, and the native situation is as good as can be expected.

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July 2nd, 1968.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL REPORT - ERAVE NO.6 OF 1967/68

Receipt of the above report and your 67-3-8 dated
19th June, 1968, are acknowledged with thanks.

Mr. Ridgway has done good work in opening up the
road between ERAVE and TSIMBERIGI. With food shortage problems
it is essential that sufficient men are available to work in
the gardens especially at planting time.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Director.

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



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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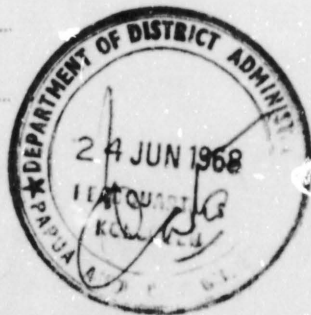
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If calling ask for

Mr.

Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENAPI.

19th June, 1968.



The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Erave Patrol No 6 of 1967/68
TSIMBERIGI - Mr. R. Ridgway, Patrol Officer.

Attached please find:-

- (a) Original of report, 5
- (b) Copy of memorandum 67-1-4 of 3rd June, 1968 from a/Assistant District Commissioner, Kagua.

2. Erave is a one man patrol post now owing to the transfer of Mr. J. Hicks, Assistant District Officer, to Nipa. There will, unfortunately be a slowing down of field work until the arrival of Mr. R.C. Hunter, Patrol Officer, in July, 1968.

3. This does not detract from the fact that Mr. Ridgway has enthusiastically applied himself to the task of the extension of a road network in the Tsimberigi area and, whilst there is a lot to be done yet, he has made a start on what will be an important road link to an area where the people need constant visiting. I envisage that as the road progresses, land will be made available for European economic development if the area is attractive enough to settle and a good road links the area with Kagua in the first instance.

E. J. Emanuel

(E.J. Emanuel)
a/District Commissioner.

67-1-4

Sub-District Office,
K A G U A,
Southern Highlands.

3rd June, 1968.

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands,
M E N D I.

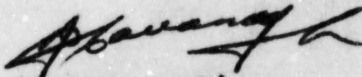
ERAVE PATROL No. 6 of 1967/68.

Attached please find the report of a short
Patrol completed by the O.I.C. Erave, Mr. Ridgway to the
TSIMBERIGI area.

It is pleasing to note the progress being made
on this road considering the shortage of man-power in the area.
It is hoped that more hand tools can be made available for the
people of both the Erave and Kagua area as an adequate supply
would speed up work considerably.

It is understandable that some confusion does
exist with the Demarcation Committees at this early stage of
their development however with propaganda being spread by
subsequent patrol through the area the people should gain
an appreciation of the functions and procedures of the
Demarcation Committees.

Mr. Ridgway, as usual, appears to have
carried out a good patrol.


(N.J. Cavanagh).

Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. O.I.C. ERAVE.

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Patrol Post,
ERAVE,
Southern Highlands District.
20th May, 1968.

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

ERAVE PATROL NO.6 67-68.

- Patrol Conducted By : R.K.Ridgway, Patrol Officer.
- Area Patrolled : TSIMBERIGI Village area in the FORE/SAMBERIGI Census Division.
- Personnel Accompanying the Patrol: Constable KOIMA
Interpreter KEI.
- Duration of Patrol : ¹⁸25/5/68 to 20/5/68
3 days - 2 nights.
- Last Patrol to the Area. : ERAVE Patrol No.5 67-68, March 1968.
- Objects of the Patrol : Inspect road progress and general Administration.
- Map reference : Attached.

R.K. Ridgway
R.K.Ridgway
Patrol Officer.

... appointed village constable recently released from jail, does not like to work with the village constable with him.

Neither village expressed interest in the road construction, but they could not carry enough work with them to last for two weeks. It is hoped that their funds for work will be allocated, they will be able to receive assistance with food. V.M. 225 suggested that the villagers of ERAVE and KAGUA be two separate groups on the road, and they will endeavor to bring work on.

The usual marital disputes were brought to the notice of the patrol by the ERAVE and KAGUA people.

An investigation was carried out into the shooting of a bird of paradise with a shotgun, and one ERAVE-230 of ERAVE was tried for the offence in the local court.

The situation in the area appeared to be normal, however one complaint from TSIMBERIGI about land boundaries, brought to a head, by recent demarcation Committee proposals read to the Council at the last Council meeting. Constable KEI tried to get his usual Committee and to get the various land boundaries which was done with success, except for the ERAVE area. They were instructed to mark the disputed area, and to get the land boundaries done as always to solve the dispute. There appears to be still much confusion as to the role and procedure of the demarcation Committee.

DIARY

Saturday 18/5/68 1000 Departed Station and walked over patrol track to road construction site, arriving 1330. Continued on road inspection until 1400, when proceeded to camp site. Camp set up. Native complaints and Local Court until 1600. Discussion with various natives until 1800.

Sunday 19/5/68 1000 Walked to road construction site, and examined proposed route until 1200, when returned to camp. 1230 to 1800. Native complaints and discussions.

Monday 20/5/68 Cargo organised. 0900 Departed camp and walked to road site. 0920 Walked from road to ERAVE Station arriving 1300. Patrol stood down.

NATIVE SITUATION

One of the main aims of the Patrol, was to ascertain the attitude of the WOPOSALI and KEBA villagers towards their participation in the construction of the ERAVE/TSIMBERIGI section of road.

Sixty out of one hundred men of labour potential age, are at present working on the road. Considering the amount of sickness in their area, and their stage of development, it is considered that this is an encouraging total for their first effort.

They are gradually getting the idea of road construction methods and appear at this stage to be very hard workers, as compared to the more sophisticated people in this area.

The newly appointed Village Constable of KEBA, named BARO, seems to be taking his work seriously so far, and appears to have quite an amount of authority with his villagers. It was brought to the notice of the Patrol, however, that the previous Village Constable recently released from gaol, does not like playing second fiddle, and some friction has developed as to who has what power. The previous V.C. was instructed to work with the Village Constable and not in competition with him.

Neither village expressed dissatisfaction with the inclusion of them in the road construction, apart from complaints about an insufficient amount of tools, and that they could not carry enough sago with them to last for two weeks. It is hoped that when funds for next years roadwork is allocated, they will be able to receive assistance with food. V.C. BARO suggested that next time the villages of WOPOSALI and KEBA work as two separate groups on the road, and they will endeavour to bring more men.

The usual marital disputes were brought to the notice of the Patrol by the TSIMBERIGI and KERABI people.

An investigation was carried out into the shooting of Bird of Paradise with a shotgun, and one IAGEMA-KERO of MAROROGO was tried and convicted in the Local Court.

The situation in the area appeared to be normal. However, one complaint from TSIMBERIGI about land boundaries, brought to a head, it is felt, by recent Demarcation Committee propaganda read to the Councillors at the last Council Meeting. Councillor YERI tried to get his local Committee men to mark the various clan boundaries, which was done with success, except for the MANDIREBA Clan. They were instructed to mark the disputed area, and on my next visit the Committee members can attempt to solve the dispute. There appears to be still much confusion as to the role and procedures of the Demarcation Committee.

ROAD

The main aim of the Patrol was to inspect progress on the ERAVE -TSIMBERIGI road, since ERAVE Patrol No.5 67-68, started the initial construction.

It is estimated that 800 to 1000 yards of road has been built, in two months. At this rate, it is estimated that it will take two years to reach ERAVE Station. However, by mid 1969 it is hoped that the road to KAGUA will have been completed, and more manpower may be channelled into the TSMBERIGI route.

Although the road construction has followed the surveyor's mark, there are several places where initiative on the part of the road foreman would have been to advantage, as one grade appears to be rather steep, and a corner sharp. The road foremen were made aware of this fact, and it is hoped that it does not occur again.

The width of the road appears satisfactory, and attempts at cambering have been made. Culverts have been made where possible, and no bridges have been constructed as yet, as it is not considered practical at this stage.

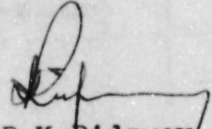
Considering the fact that both the villagers and the road foreman have had negligible road construction experience, they appear to be doing an excellent job. However, it is thought advisable to have regular inspections by an Officer, to give instructions on where to detour from the surveyor's mark.

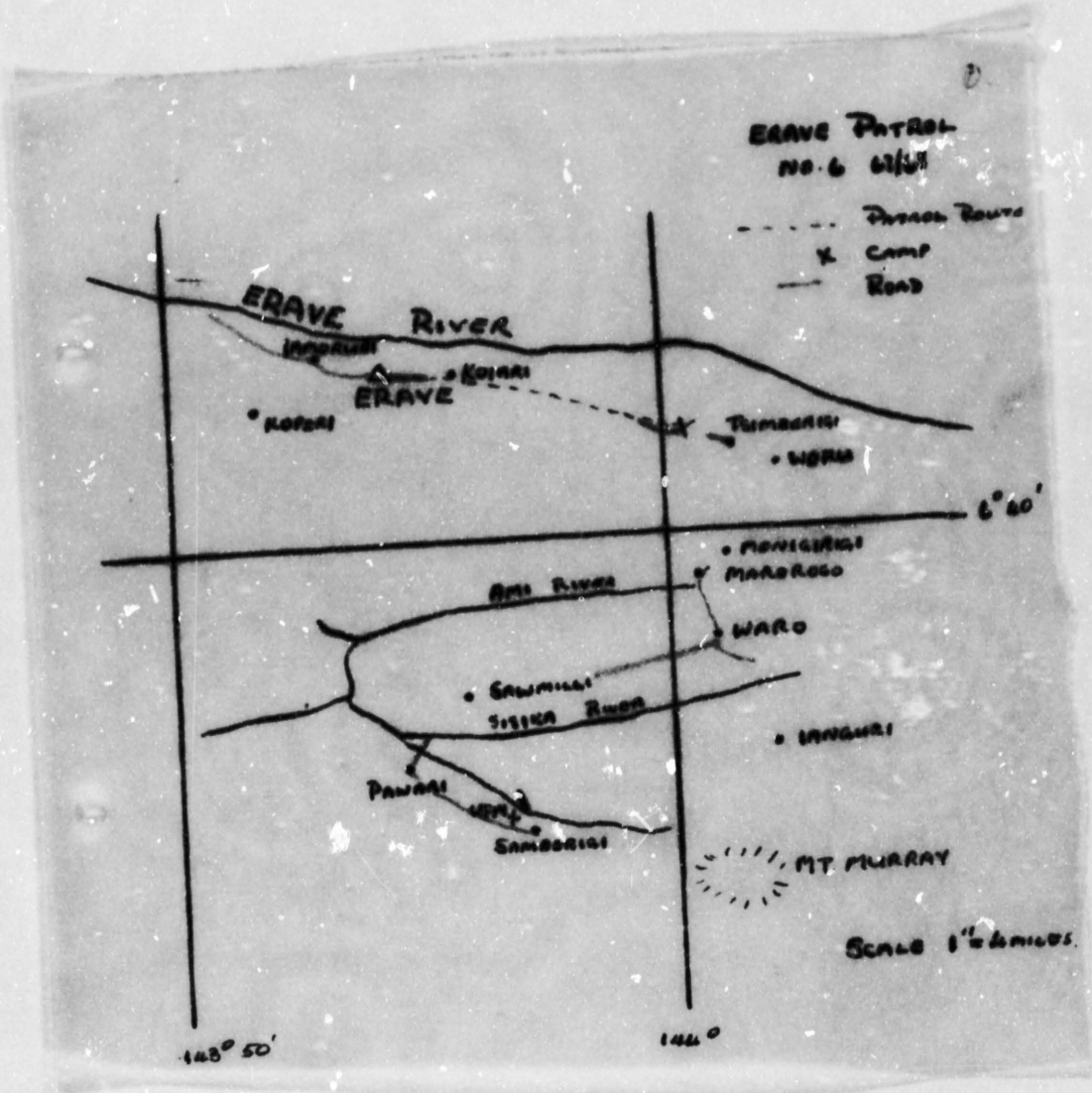
CONCLUSION

The Patrol successfully carried out its aims.

The appropriate R.P. & N.G.C form has been forwarded to the Commissioner of Police.

Camping allowance contingencies are forwarded herewith.


R.K. Ridgway
Patrol Officer
21/5/68



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands..... Report No. 7.57/68.....

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

Area Patrolled... FOBE/TSIMMERIGI Census Division.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans... NIL.....

Natives... 2 R.P. & N.G.C., 1 Interpreter.

Duration—From 7/6/1968 to 10/6/1968.....

Number of Days... 4 days - 3 nights.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? ... NO.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services... 20/5/1968..

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

Map Reference... Attached.....

Objects of Patrol. Inspect road progress and general Administration.....

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: 67-15-57

Department of District
Administration,

KONEDOBU. Papua.

1st October 19 68

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
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PATROL NO. BRAVE, 7 of 1967/68

Your reference 67-3-8 of 9/9/68

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of

* Special/~~Annual~~/~~Census~~ ~~Area~~ Study/~~Situation~~ Report by
..... R.K. RIDGWAY to PART
..... PORE/TSIMBERIGI Census Divisions.

cc.

(W.R. DISION)
(T.W. ELLIS)
/ Director

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone
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Our Reference 67-3-8
If calling ask for
Mr.



Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

9th September, 1968.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

GRAVE PATROL NO. 7 OF 1967/68
PART FORE/TIMBERIGI C.D. -
MR. R. K. RIDGWAY, PATROL OFFICER.

Attached please find:-

- (a) Original of Report;
- (b) Copy of Memorandum 67-1-4 dated 5th August, 1968, from A.D.C. Kagua;
- (c) Map of area patrolled.

2. This patrol for the purpose of road construction requires no comment except that Mr. Ridgway should ensure that all names of villages or areas should be marked on the map accompanying the report for the information of the reader.

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

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Patrol Post,
ERAVE,
Southern Highlands District.
29th June, 1968.

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

ERAVE PATROL REPORT No 7 67/68.

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

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

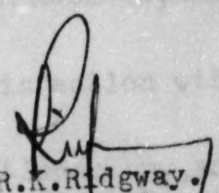
Personnel Accompanying the
Patrol : Interpreter KURUVIA LOMA.
Constable KANA.
Constable POPORO.

DURATION of Patrol : 7/6/68 to 10/6/68.
4 days - 3 nights.

Last Patrol to the Area : ERAVE Patrol No.6 67/68, May 1968.

Objects of the Patrol : Inspect road progress and general
Administration.

Map reference : Attached.


R.K.Ridgway.
Patrol Officer.

Friday
7/6/68

1000-1330 Walked from ERAVE to bush camp on road construction site.
1330-1400 Discussions with Village Constable and road foremen.
1400-1500 Camp set up.
1500-1600 Local Court.
1600-1800 Discussions with various natives.

Saturday
8/6/68

Rain. Waited for carriers from TSIMBERIGI until 1000.
1000-1100 Walked from TSIMBERIGI bush camp to TSIMBERIGI, inspecting road.
Camp set up, Demarcation committee organised and discussions re land.
1500-1600 Discussions and explanation of Demarcation system.

Sunday
9/6/68

1000-1200 Walked from TSIMBERIGI to MAROROGO.
1200-1300 Inspection of shotguns, investigation into alleged breach of Firearms Ordinance. Discussion re Demarcation Committee.
1300-1400 Inspection of road progress.
1400-1630 Walked from MAROROGO to TSIMBERIGI.
1700-1800 Native complaints.

Monday
10/6/68

Cargo assembled.
0900-1300 Walked from TSIMBERIGI to Station, via road construction site.
Patrol stood down.

NATIVE SITUATION.

1. One aim of the Patrol was to ascertain the attitude of the PUPITAU and BORO villagers towards their participation in the construction of the ERAVE/TSIMBERIGI road.
2. Fifty men of PUPITAU and 30 of BORO spent two weeks on the road section. This appears to be a good effort for their first time, considering their stage of development, and the amount of ill health in their area.
3. Although rather awkward with road tools, they appear to be getting a general idea of road construction methods, and also appear to be willing workers.
4. Neither village expressed dissatisfaction with assisting in the roadwork.
5. The Village Constables appear satisfactory, and reported all well in their areas, except that the Village Constable of BORO alleged that a man from SIRIGI threatened him with an axe. This will be followed up when the SIRIGI people are at the road site.
6. Marriage disputes were brought to the Patrol at TSIMBERIGI, and two people were convicted of Adultery in the Local Court.
7. Shotguns continue to cause ill feeling in the area, and a complaint was laid by men of TSIMBERIGI that a MAROROGO Villager had shot on their ground, but subsequent investigation proved that he had the actual owner's permission. The shotguns of MAROROGO were inspected and found to be in good condition.
8. The situation in the area appears normal, as little interest is shown in development, and roads progressing slowly.
9. It was reported by the two Councillors of IANGURI that they had been assaulted by TONO villagers, in an argument over land. Investigations are continuing, but has resulted in the conviction of one TONO man for Unlawfully Striking.

LAND.

10. A member of the Primary Committee, Councillor MANG of SAU, accompanied the Patrol to TSIMBERIGI and MAROROGO, for Demarcation work, as a follow-up to the last Patrol to the area.

11. Councillor MANG explained the system to the Secondary Committee members for the land owners concerned, and initial marks were placed on boundaries, including the MANDIPA Clan land at TSIMBERIGI, which was not settled on the previous Patrol. A circular from the Chief Lands Commissioner was read and explained to them, and as they are definitely interested in their land, had a reasonable reception. The Demarcation idea is starting to progress in the area, TSIMBERIGI and MAROROGO being the first to try it.

12. There appears to be about 200 acres of land at TSIMBERIGI unused at present, which would be suitable for cash cropping or cattle. Some of the villagers appeared rather vaguely interested in cattle, and were willing to set aside land for a project, however, they were advised that unless advice was received to the contrary, cattle projects would have to wait until the completion of roads, as there was no way at present of supplying them to the area.

13. The whole of the road route between ERAVE (KOFARI) and TSIMBERIGI is uninhabited at present, the owners of the ground living in various villages in the area since before Administration control. With the completion of the road, it is thought that the owners may decide to resettle their land once again. As there is thought to be one or two thousand acres of arable land along the route, it may be advisable if an Agricultural Officer were to inspect the area to see if it is worth purchasing for some sort of economic development. At the moment it is well forested, but the old, grass covered, gardening areas can still be seen.

14. As mentioned in previous Patrol Reports, there is also a possibility of land alienation in the MAROROGO area, between that village and SAMILI.

15. Now that the roads are well on the way to completion, it may be advisable to start preparing for land purchases and investigations, to avoid as much delay as possible in development once the roads are completed.

ROADS

16. The main aim of the Patrol was to see the road progress in the TSIMBERIGI and MAROROGO areas. Also to give advice where needed, and encouragement.

17. The TSIMBERIGI/ERAVE road had progressed by another 4000 yards since the previous visit. Broken country ~~was~~ is presenting a slight problem with road formation, and the road formen were again advised on cambering.

18. The section being constructed by the TSIMBERIGIs themselves has reached about a mile from the rest house, and would have about another two miles to go to link with the section being built by the KERABIs.

19. The MAROROGO sections is now about two miles, one mile each side of the rest house. The WARO villagers are working towards MAROROGO, and one clan in MAROROGO is working to join them. The other MAROROGO Clan is working towards TSIMBERIGI, but have detoured from the Engineer's marks. They were told to follow the marks as much as they could, as that route had no stone outcrops, even though it is ~~longer~~ longer.

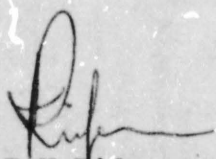
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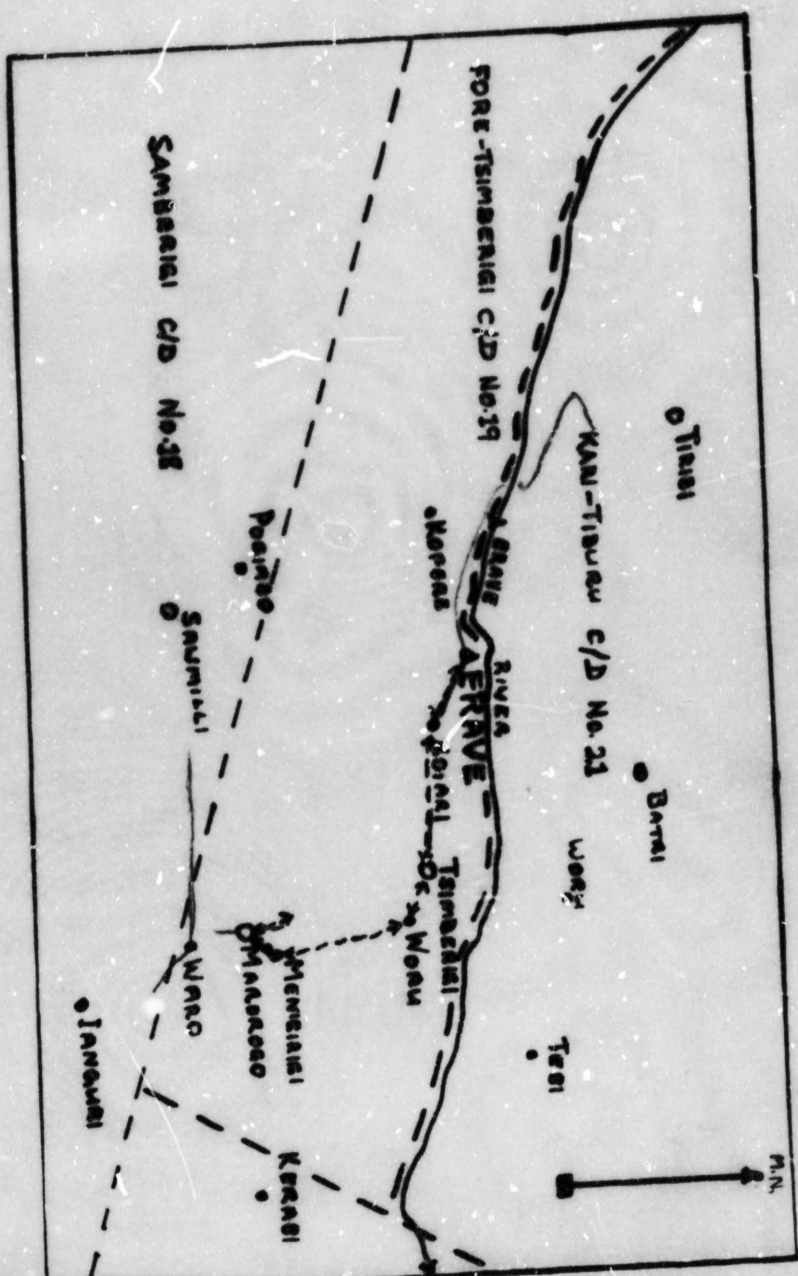
20. Although the people of the area are working on the road, the progress is slow, and there is definitely room for improvement both in attendance and actual work. The Councillors and a few Committee' men appear to be the only pushers, and who take seriously the fact that roads may have an extreme influence on their future.

CONCLUSION.

21. The patrol carried out its aims, and all matters arising during the patrol have been reported on. I apologize for the late submission of this report.

22. Camping allowance claims are hereby enclosed for your approval.


R.K. Ridgway
Patrol Officer.
30/6/68.



ERAVE PATROL
No. 7 67/68

Scale: 1" = 4 miles

LEGEND

- Villages
- Rest house
- - - C/D Boundary
- - -> Patrol Route
- Road

