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KOMO

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
1-66-67	N. Wright	Bosavi Census Division
2-66-67	G. Staples	Part Mananda Census Division
3-66-67	M. Eggleton	Part Bosavi Census Division
4-66-67	G. Staples	Part Mananda Census Division
5-66-67	M. Eggleton	Part Mananda Census Division
6-66-67	G. Staples	Part Mananda Census Division
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....Southern Highlands..... Report No.....Komo No.1/66-67.....

Patrol Conducted by.....N.Wright, Patrol Officer.....

Area Patrolled.....Bosavi Census Division.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....No.....

Natives.....6 BPNGC, 2 PHD, 2 Interpreters.....

Duration—From.....11/8/1966.....to.....7/10/1966.....

Number of Days.....58.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....Yes.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services.....Feb/Mar./1966.....

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

Map Reference.....Map Attached and District Map.....

Objects of Patrol.....Census Revision, Initial Census, Initial Contact.....

.....Consolidation of Influence, Anti Yaws Campaign, 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.P. Trust Fund
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6th January, 1967.

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

PATROL REPORT - KONG NO. 1 OF 1966/67:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of the above report and your 67-3-6 of the 17th November, 1966.

2. Mr. N. Wright is to be commended for carrying out a long and difficult patrol and submitting a very good report.

3. Your remarks and the comments of the Assistant District Commissioner, Tari, adequately cover all points raised in the report.

4. The alleged killings by the Ogai's people will need to be further investigated when contact has been made with that group. It is noted that the next patrol hopes to establish contact with the Ogai's people.

(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

67. 15. 17 (27)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference..... 67-3-6
If calling ask for
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,
District Office,
MENDI,
Southern Highlands District.

17th November, 1966.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBUBU, Papua

Subject: KOMO Patrol 1 of 1966/67

Attached please find the following documents relating to the above patrol conducted by Mr. N. Wright, P.O.I.C. Komo Patrol Post to the Bosavi Census Division:

- i) Patrol Report;
- ii) Covering memorandum, 67-1-1 of 1st November, 1966 from the A.D.C. Tari.

2. Some comments follow:-

i) The staff situation and a concentration of effort in areas of economic potential does not permit early establishment of a base camp which presumes at least part time posting of an officer to the area. Moreover at this juncture I cannot see any valid reason for the establishment of a base camp. Until taking over the Mt. Bosavi area the Komo Administrative Area comprised only one Census Division - the MANADA with a total population of 4,500; there is only twelve hours travelling between the last of the MANADA villages and KURESA the first of the WARAGU villages in the Bosavi area, and as officers posted to Komo still work very much in a patrolling situation they should be able to undertake two if not three patrols per annum without any detrimental effect to the Manada Census Division population;

ii) Recommendations for the division of the existing Bosavi Census Division into three distinct Census Divisions have my support. This matter is the subject of separate correspondence;

iii) The number of alleged killings and reported acts of cannibalism are surprisingly few for an area which has had so little contact and for people who have little or no knowledge of the Administration and Law and Order. The apprehension of the four culprits in the murder of the aged POBOLEI woman was a good piece of field work and can be classified as the first concrete example of the introduction of Law and Order to the area. Instructions will be issued to the P.O.I.C. Komo that the next patrol should concentrate on the ETORO area with the view towards consolidation of law and order and if possible establish contact with the OGAI'A people

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iv) Village Population Registers have been forwarded under separate cover.

3. This was an arduous patrol admirably carried out in difficult country and under trying conditions. A great deal was accomplished and Mr. Wright is to be congratulated not only on an excellent piece of field work, but also for a very good report. It is recommended that his personal file be endorsed accordingly.

D.R. Marsh
(D.R. Marsh) *WR*
District Commissioner.

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner,
EART.

Patrol Officer in Charge,
KOMO.

Mr. N. Wright,
P.O.I.C.,
KOMO.

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Sub-district Office,
TARI,
Southern Highlands District.

1st November, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
MENDI

KOMO PATROL REPORT NO. 1/66-67

BOSAVI CENSUS DIVISION

Please find enclosed :

2 copies of the above report submitted by Mr. N. Wright,
O.I.C. Komo Patrol Post, on the 26th October 1966.

2 patrol maps attached to reports

1 claim for camping allowance Mr. N. Wright.

3 copies of the Village Population Register.

Comments on report

The native situation in the area visited by this patrol appears quite good considering the lack of contact with the Administration. The position regarding murders and cannibalism (page 14 under Law and Order) needs full investigation and this could not be expected of an extended patrol from Komo without several airdrops.

The specific recommendations made by Mr. Wright are listed below and have my support for confirmation by headquarters.

(i) Establishment of a base camp

It is obvious that if this area is to get proper attention from the Administration this can only be achieved by a base camp in the first instance, with possibly a Patrol Post eventually. The suggested site near BONA, or perhaps right at the U.F.M airstrip would appear to be the best location.

The best that can be expected from Komo Patrol Post is only one (1) extended patrol each year. As Komo is still a one-man station this does cause some difficulty.

(ii) Creation of three census divisions

Reference should be also made to Lake Kutubu Patrol Report No. 5 of 1964/65 and the accompanying map. This indicates an area to be administered from Komo Patrol Post and shows other areas to be administered from Nomad Patrol Post in the Western District, and one section to remain in the Gulf District.

It appears logical to administer some of the Bosavi area from Komo Patrol Post and the suggested three (3) census divisions of OROGO, WARAGU, and ETORO could be confirmed at this stage, with a possible review at a later date.

(111) Improvement of U.F.M. Airstrip

If the Administration considers that a base camp should be established in the BOSAVI area, with the possibility of a Patrol Post later then I consider some effort should be made to get the present mission airstrip up to commercial standards. It would appear best to keep this as an Administration airstrip rather than provide funds to the mission. Again it may be better to investigate other airstrip sites that could be developed.

You may consider asking the Unevangelized Field Mission about their intentions in this area and whether they intend to develop this airstrip.

General

Mr. Wright has carried out a lengthy and no doubt difficult patrol in a competent manner. The observations are interesting and will be of assistance to future patrols.

It is requested that clarification be made regarding the specific recommendations listed above.

M. R. Hayward
M. R. Hayward
(Assistant District Commissioner)

- P.H.D.
- P. Magee, Medical Assistant,
- A. Shaka, Aid Post Supervisor.

Interpreters

MONDORO/KEBALI,
MARE

Duration of Patrol:

11.6.66 - 7.12.66.
58 days.

Objects of Patrol:

- 1. Census Revision,
- 2. Initial Census,
- 3. Initial Census,
- 4. Consolidation of information,
- 5. Anti Yaws Campaign,
- 6. General Administration.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference 1/66-67
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
KOMO
Tari Sub District,
Southern Highlands District.

22nd October, 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
TARI
Southern Highlands District.

KOMO PATROL NO. 1/66-67.

Conducted by:
Area Patrolled:
Personnel Accompanying:

N.Wright, Patrol Officer.
BOSAVI Census Division.
R.P.N.G.C.
Sen. Const. KAINAGARE,
Constable POKU,
" OPEHEMA,
" GORUA,
" SOUWEI,
" BONNY.

P.H.D.

P.Magea, Medical Assistant,
A.Buaka, Aid Post Supervisor.

Interpreters.

MONDORO/KEBAIJE,
HARE

Duration of Patrol:

11.8.66 - 7.10.66.
58 days.

Objects of Patrol:

- 1. Census Revision,
- 2. Initial Census,
- 3. Initial Census,
- 4. Consolidation of Influence,
- 5. Anti Yaws Campaign,
- 6. General Administration.

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N.Wright,
Patrol Officer.

INTRODUCTION:

This patrol visited the BOSAVI Census Division which encompasses the Southern Foothills of the KARIUS Range, the environs of the SEWA River and the Northern and Eastern slopes of MOUNT BOSAVI.

The area takes in 6 language groups, ETORO, WARAGU, CROGO, KASUA, SONIA and BANISA. The largest of these is the OROGO language spoken by 1177 persons and the smallest the BANISA language spoken by 106 persons. The SONIA language while being spoken by only 86 people in the area patrolled is spoken by a number of people in the WESTERN District.

This was the second visit to the ETORO, WASEMO and part of the WARAGU areas. The remainder of the area patrolled has been visited irregularly since 1958.

This was the first visit from KOMO Patrol Post since the area was taken over from LAKE KUTUBU earlier this year.

The patrol was carried out in four legs, which appears the most convenient method to use when visiting the whole census division in the one patrol.

The first leg originated at KOMO finishing at LUDESA Village, near the mission airstrip, taking in part of the WARAGU and OROGO areas. Supplies were flown into the mission airstrip prior to the patrol's arrival and the patrol was able to operate from this base.

The second leg was to the South East of LUDESA, covering two OROGO villages and the five KASUA villages situated on the eastern slopes of MT. BOSAVI. No visit was made to the southwest slopes of MT. BOSAVI as information was received that these villages have moved down into the UPPER TAURAMA area.

The third leg covered the remainder of the OROGO villages and the SONIA speaking village of HASIF.

The fourth and final leg of the patrol visited the remainder of the WARAGU villages, the ETORO and WASEMO areas. Initial contact was made and initial census taken of several small groups in the two last named areas.

Information was also received re population living in the area adjacent to the SEWA River between its junctions with the GIWA and FUMA Rivers. The people apparently belong to the BIAMI Language group. It may be possible for the next patrol to investigate this report.

The population in the area patrolled lives between 5,000'asl, in the ETORO area, and 2,000'asl in the KASUA. The bulk of the population lives in the relatively flat area around MT. BOSAVI. The ETORO, WASEMO and part of the WARAGU areas are situated in the foothills of the KARIUS Range.

The objects of this patrol as stated in the preamble of this report were satisfactorily carried out.

It had been intended to complete the purchase of the U.F.M Mission lease, near LUDESA, unfortunately the documents relating to this purchase were delayed and had not arrived at KOMO when the patrol departed, consequently the purchase was not completed.

DIARY:

11th August.

1140 Patrol departed KOMO.
1530 Arrived AIJAGAIBA.
Fresh foods purchased.
Slept AIJAGAIBA.

12th August

0730 Departed AIJAGAIBA.
0900 Arrived crest of KARIUS Range.
1600 Set up camp beside KORE River.
Very heavy rain from 1730.
Slept camp.

13th August.

0815 Departed camp.
1000 Arrived crest of WARAGATI Ridge.
1200 Arrived KURESA.
1400 Last of carriers arrived.
Fresh food purchased. People advised of census on morrow.
Slept KURESA.

14th August.

Revised census, anti yaws injections given, general discussions. Fresh foods purchased.
Slept KURESA.

15th August.

0740 Departed KURESA.
0910 Arrived KATI River.
1 1/2 hrs spent crossing flooded river.
1430 Arrived WARAGU.
Discussions with Village Officials from WARAGU and SWAGISA,
Fresh Foods purchased.
1630 Radio contact with TARI on A510.
Slept WARAGU.

16th August.

Census revised, anti yaws injections and general medical treatment given, general discussions. 25 mins walk to SWAGISA, census revised, anti yaws injections and general medical treatment given. Fresh foods purchased. Returned WARAGU.
Slept WARAGU.

17th August.

0735 Departed WARAGU.
1045 Arrived WABISI No. 1
Census revised, anti yaws injections, general discussions.
Slept WABISI No. 1

18th August.

0800 ~~Arrived~~ Departed WABISI.
0920 Arrived WABIMISI.
Census revised, anti yaws injections and general medical treatment given. general discussions. Fresh foods purchased.
1630 Radio contact with TARI.
Slept WABIMISI.

19th August.

0800 Departed WABIMISI.
0915 Arrived LUDESA.
Census revised, anti yaws injections given, general discussions, fresh foods purchased.
Slept LUDESA.

20th August.

Visited mission airstrip to collect stores flown from Tari.
1030 Aircraft from Hagen with anthropology party onboard.
Slept LUDESA.

21st August.

Observed, fresh foods purchased.
Slept LUDESA.

22nd August.

0800 Departed LUDESA.

0930 Arrived WASU.

Census revised, anti yaws injections given, fresh foods purchased, general discussions.
Slept WASU.

23rd August.

0800 Departed WASU.

1000 Arrived SOASABILI.

Census revised, anti yaws injections given, fresh foods purchased, general discussions.
Slept SOASABILI.

24th August.

0745 Departed SOASABILI.

1145 Arrived LUDESA.

Preparations for HASIF leg of patrol.
Slept LUDESA.

25th August.

0800 Departed LUDESA.

1030 Arrived KASUMISI No2

Census revised, anti yaws injections given, general discussions, fresh foods purchased.
Slept KASUMISI.

26th August.

0800 Departed KASUMISI.

0840 Arrived BONA.

Census revised, anti yaws injections given, general discussions, fresh foods purchased.
Slept BONA.

27th August.

0800 Departed BONA.

0910 Arrived ORABIA.

Census revised, anti yaws injections given, general discussions, fresh foods purchased.
Slept ORABIA.

28th August.

Observed.

Slept ORABIA.

29th August.

0750 Departed ORABIA.

0900 Arrived FERISA.

Census revised, anti yaws injections given, general discussions, fresh foods purchased.
Slept FERISA.

30th August.

0800 Departed FERISA.

0905 Arrived WALISA.

Census revised, anti yaws injections given, general discussions, fresh foods purchased.
Slept WALISA.

31st August.

0805 Departed WALISA.

0840 Arrived SAMARISI.

Census revised, anti yaws injections given, general discussions, fresh foods purchased.
Slept SAMARISI.

1st September.

0740 Departed SAMARISI.

1100 Arrived AMINEI
Census revised, anti yaws injections given, general discussions.
Slept AMINEI.

2nd September.

0750 Departed AMINEI.
0930 Arrived BANISA.
Census revised, anti yaws injections given, general discussions.
Slept BANISA.

3rd September.

Census of HASIF revised at BANISA, anti yaws injections given,
general discussions, fresh foods purchased.
Slept BANISA.

4th September.

Observed.
Slept BANISA.

5th September.

0700 Departed BANISA.
1545 Arrived WANAGESA Via AMINEI.
Fresh foods purchased.
Slept WANAGESA.

6th September.

Census revised, anti yaws injections given, general discussion.
Slept WANAGESA.

7th September.

0750 Departed WANAGESA.
0830 Arrived KABANA.
Census of KABANA and KOKONESI revised, anti yaws injections
given, general discussions, fresh foods purchased.
Slept KABANA.

8th September.

0750 Departed KABANA.
1200 Arrived airstrip, discussions with anthropologists.
1415 Arrived LUDESA.
Slept LUDESA.

9th September.

Meeting of Village Constables and Village Leaders re proposed
aid post at BONA.
Slept LUDESA.

10th September.

0800 Departed LUDESA for SESAN
1200 Arrived SOASABILI.
Fresh foods purchased. Heavy rain set in so patrol ~~stayed~~
Slept SOASABILI.

11th September.

0730 Departed SOASABILI.
1100 Arrived SESANI
Discussions with officials from SESANI, SEI'ASI, KAMINARO, AI'IAKO,
FAGUMAI'IU re census. Unable to start census due to large
number of people absent. Medical treatment given where required.
Slept SESANI.

12th September.

People sent out to find large number of absentees.
Slept SESANI.

13th September.

Census of SESANI, FAGUMAI'IU and AI'IAKO revised, anti yaws
injections given, general discussions.
Slept SESANI.

14th September.

0800 Departed SESANI.

1600 Arrived WANWABI.
Patrol went via KAMINARO hamlet in an effort to contact
who were absent from census.
Slept WANWABI.

15th September.

0730 Departed WANWABI.
1200 Arrived SEI'ASI hamlet.
Census of remainder of SEI'ASI group carried out, anti yaws
injections given, general discussions.
1400 Departed SEI'ASI
1830 Arrived WANWABI.
Slept WANWABI.

16th September.

0800 Departed WANWABI
1515 Arrived SOASABILI
Slept SOASABILI.

17th September.

0745 Departed SOASABILI
1130 Arrived LUDESA
Preparations for last leg of patrol to ETORO and thence KOMO.
Slept LUDESA.

18th September.

Observed.
Slept LUDESA.

19th September.

0815 Departed LUDESA
1230 Arrived WABISI.3
Inspected work on aid post site at BONE enroute. Census revised,
anti yaws injections given, fresh foods purchased.
Slept WABISI.

20th September.

0800 Departed WABISI.3
1100 Arrived YUESA
Census revised, anti yaws injections given, general discussion.
Slept YUESA.

21st September.

0800 Departed YUESA
1100 Arrived GUNIGAMO
Census revised, anti yaws injections given, general discussions.
Slept GUNIGAMO

22nd September.

0800 Departed GUNIGAMO
1350 Arrived GEMISADO
Patrol delayed 2 hrs at flooded FUMA River, Census revised,
anti yaws injections given, general discussions.
Slept GEMISADO.

23rd September.

0800 Departed GEMISADO
0930 Arrived SARADO
Census revised, anti yaws injections given, general discussions.
Slept SARADO.

24th September.

0830 Departed SARADO
1430 Arrived SESIMADO
Contact with small number of persons only.
Slept SESIMADO.

25th September.

Unsuccessful efforts made to contact sufficient people for
census.
Slept SESIMADO

26th September.

0750 Departed SESIMADO.

1230 Arrived MODOA.

People had received no word of patrols visit. Arrangements made for census on the morrow. Word sent to FILISADO and WASAMO. Village Leader of FILISADO arrived discussions re census.

Slept MODOA

27th September.

Census revised, anti yaws injections given, general discussions. Initial contact and census of IATALIME group carried out.

1115 Departed MODOA.

1245 Arrived ~~MODOA~~ FILISADO.

Census revised anti yaws injections given, general discussions. Slept FILISADO.

28th September.

0800 Departed FILISADO.

1200 Arrived MISADO.

Initial contact made and initial census carried out, anti yaws injections given, general discussions.

Slept MISADO.

29th September.

0800 Departed MISADO

1030 Arrived SESIMADO.

Census revised, anti yaws injections given, general discussions, Initial census and contact of UBURUA and KAU'AHANDO groups.

Slept SESIMADO

30th September.

0745 Departed SESIMADO

1130 Arrived KUBURUSADO

Unable to carry out census due heavy rain. ~~Census revised, anti yaws injections given, general discussions.~~

Slept KUBURUSADO

1st October.

Census of KUBURUSADO and TURUSADO revised, anti yaws injections given, general discussion.

1015 Departed KUBURUSADO.

1215 Arrived POBOLEI.

Heavy rain all afternoon.

Slept POBOLEI.

2nd October.

Census of POBOLEI, IGIRIBISADO, KASAI'ASADO revised, anti yaws injections given, investigation into alleged murder.

Slept POBOLEI.

3rd October.

0800 Departed POBOLEI

1115 Arrived NEMISADO

Census revised, anti yaws injections given, general discussion.

Slept NEMISADO.

4th October.

0800 Departed NEMISADO

1215 Arrived HARAPANI

Census revised, anti yaws injections given, general discussions.

Slept HARAPANI.

5th October.

0815 Departed HARAPANI

1630 Camp set up on ridge above FUMA River, Slept.

6th October.

0815 Departed camp to examine remains of dead women and scene of killing.

1500 Returned camp. Slept.

7th October

7th October.

0800 Departed camp.
1000 Arrived crest of KARIUS Range.
1500 Arrived EGAUWI
1630 Arrived KOMO
Patrol stood down.

END OF PATROL

RECEPTION OF THE PATROL:

The reception extended to the patrol in the OROGO area was very good, with the exception of HASIF, BANISA and AMINEI. These people were a trifle wary at first, this attitude soon thawed though and the patrol made to feel welcome.

Good contact was made with the KASUA villages to the east of MT. BOSAVI, contact being made with 80 - 85% of the recorded population as against the 50% absenteeism encountered by the last patrol.

In the ETORO and WARAGU areas the reception accorded the was also very pleasing, if a little reserved at first in some cases. Good contact was made with all villages except SESIMADO, where absenteeism was high, initial contact was also made here with two new groups, though it appears that a large number of both these groups failed to appear.

Of the groups previously contacted in the WASEMO area good contact was made with one only, MODOA, absentees were numerous from both FILISADO and WASAMO. The reception given the patrol in both these places was wary to the extreme, though in no way antagonistic. Initial contact was made with two new groups in this area, the reception from both being excellent.

It can be seen therefore that the reception overall was good. In the few villages where the reception was not so good the situation can be expected to improve with increased contact.

NATIVE SITUATION:

The main centre of population, located on the slopes of MT. BOSAVI, is now well settled. With the exception of HASIF, BANISA and AMINEI, all groups have constructed permanent village and rest house complexes. These are used mainly as assembly points when patrols are in the area, though some of the population is usually in residence all the time.

In the newly contacted areas the population is still shifting between different sites, though, in some cases, work has commenced on permanent sites. Some of these groups should have settled more or less permanently by the next patrol.

Several villages have moved since the last patrol, KOKONESI has moved to KABANA where, if they settle permanently, they can be merged as one census unit, KASUMISI No. 1 and WABIMISI have now become the one census unit WABIMISI and HASIF is in the process of moving closer to BANISA.

The WASEMO group, who had previously been reported as belonging to the BIAMI group and having a common language with the IGIWA/AMODO groups to the west of the SEWA River, in fact speak the ETORO language. They claim to have no ties with the BIAMI people, there is no reason to disbelieve this statement, but have definite ties of marriage and language with the ETORO people to the east. They themselves call the area to the west of the SEWA River, WASEMO, and their own area PETARMEI. These people are known to the people to the east and the HURIs by the name TANGI. These people may have evolved from a mixture of BIAMI and ETORO stock having some similarities to both groups.

The administrative change from LAKE KUTUBU to KOMO was well received and an increase in movement between KOMO and BOSAVI can be expected. In the short time since the return some 20 - 30 people have visited the station "for a look" and to trade Tigaso oil, cassowary bones, hornbill beaks and other assorted items to the HURIs for M.O.P. and assorted trade goods.

The changeover from LAKE KUTUBU to KOMO should enable visits to be made to the area every twelve months and staff permitting possibly short patrols at six month intervals.

If any hopes of successfully including these people in the proposed KOMO council, within the next five years or so, are to be entertained the area will require intensive patrolling. This can best be served by a base camp somewhere in the vicinity of the airstrip, possibly at BONA, where an aid post is under construction.

The following appendix is attached for the information of other officers.

This is a list of all rest houses, with the exception of those in the KASUA area, providing the following information:

(a) Local name for the rest house, this is the name used by the people of the area. It is actually the piece of ground on which the village and rest house is built. This is the system used in the KOMO area when naming rest houses. It is suggested that when all the villages are settled that the present method of naming villages after the main resident clan be discontinued and this method substituted.

(b) Name of clan area.

(c) Name of main clans.

(d) Name of sub clans.

Recommendations on the division of the BOSAVI Census Division:

The BOSAVI Census Division represents an area of some 1,000 sq miles linguistically divided into three main areas, namely the WARAGU, ETORO and OROGO language areas. Due to its size any patrol wishing to cover the area thoroughly will require in the vicinity of eight weeks to accomplish this task. Once a Local Government Council is established at KOMO officers are going to find themselves hard put to find the time for such a patrol. To facilitate the administration of the area it is recommended that the area be divided into three census divisions as follows;

1. Orogo Census Division.

This census division to cover the OROGO, SONIA and BANISA language groups in the immediate vicinity of MT. BOSAVI. Also to be included in this census division are the KASUA speaking villages to the east of MT. BOSAVI, though the main KASUA population is situated to the south on the UPPER TAURAMA River, these people are more easily contacted from Bosavi, have no wish to move south and have never been patrolled from KIKORI. The nearest KIKORI patrols have been to this area is two days to the south.

This census division would, then, consist of the following villages;

Orogo Language:

AMINEI	81
BONA	65
FELISA	109
KABANA	98
KASUMISI 2	86
KOKENESI	39
ORABIA	90
LUDESA	52
SAMARISI	109
SOASABILI	38
WABIMISI	80
WABISI 1	64
WABISI 3	44
WALISA	106
WANAGESA	80
WAEU	36

Total..... 1177

Sonia Language:

HASIF	82
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Total..... 82

Banisa Language:

BANISA	106
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Total..... 106

Kasua Language:

AI'IAKA	20
FAGAMAI'IU	16
KAMINARO	30
SEI'IASI	81
SESANI	50

Total..... 197

Grand Total Orogo Census Division..... 1562

2. Waragu Census Group:

This census division will consist of only those villages speaking the WARAGU language.

The groups to be included are;

GUNIGAMO	57
HARAPANI	44
KURESA	77
NEMISADO	40
SWAGISA	67
WARAGU	116
YU'ESA	33

Total Waragu Census Division..... 434

3. Etoro Census Division:

This will consist of the ETORO Language group and the group known as the WASEMO. Further to my remarks under Native Situation it is recommended that they be administered from KOMO and not NOMAD as previously suggested.

This census division will consist of;

Etoro Language:

GEMISADO	37
IGIRIBISADO	55
KASAI'ASADO	18
KUBURUSADO	96

POBOLEI	76	
SARADO	59	
SESIMADO	73	
TURUSADO	25	
Total.....		439

Wasemo group:

MODOA	79	
WASAMO	26	
FILISADO	60	
MISADO	42	
Total.....		207

Grand total Etoro Census Division.... 646

A breakup such as this will allow patrols of two to three weeks duration to easily cover each census division. This will eliminate the necessity of mounting large and long patrols to carry out a full census.

There is possibly 50 more people to be recorded in the OROGO and WARAGU Divisions and as many as 100 in the ETORO Division.

STANDARD AND TYPE OF HOUSING:

The main type of house constructed throughout the area patrolled was without exception the "long house" or dobu. Smaller houses are also constructed in the bush and garden areas. These dobus varied in size, the largest house seen was approximately 120' long by 60' wide, 30' from floor to ceiling at the middle of the hump in the roof. This humped ridge is seen in all but a few of the houses in the mountains.

The interior of these houses is partitioned. In the OROGO and WARAGU areas partitions are erected some 5' in from either wall, each partition ends in a square room on either of a centre corridor at the front of the house. Women occupy the section between the outside wall and the partition on either side, the men occupy the centre of the house. The room at the end of each partition is used as a cooking area by the women, men also eat in here.

In these areas side entrances are found in some houses, these are used by the women. In most cases though everybody uses the front door.

In the ETORO and WASEMO areas a single partition divides the house across its length, the men occupy the front the women the back.

Houses differ in several other aspects to, houses in the OROGO and WARAGU areas are in some cases built up to 30' above the ground as protection against enemies. Where permanent villages have been constructed houses are usually about 10' above the ground. In the higher altitudes of the ETORO and WASEMO areas many of the houses are built on or close to the ground as a protection against the cold.

The roofs in all cases are constructed of sago leaf and the floors of round timber covered with bark. Wall materials differ, in the low areas it is usually bark and in the mountains, split timber.

The houses last for periods up to four years though they are often abandoned after a shorter period. When a house

is abandoned the new dwelling is often built anything up to several miles away. During this patrol the people were encouraged to rebuild on the same site or at least near to it to save rebuilding rest houses etc.

The standard of housing varied considerably throughout, quite a few new houses have been constructed since the last patrol and are of a high standard. In some of the less settled areas, where the people undoubtedly spend most of their time in houses other than those seen by the patrol, the houses were found to be in poor condition with holes large enough to pass 44 gallon drums through in the roof and walls. A couple of the houses high above the ground were found to have large holes in the floor making it rather amazing that nobody had fallen through and done themselves damage.

VILLAGES:

These people do not construct villages as they are known in other areas. For the purposes of administration the village is a clan group. Usually the sub clans occupy a house of their own with the main clan house being used as an assembly point for census.

In the ETORO there are quite a number of houses occupied by single families ~~xxx~~ with a main house where they spend some of their time.

In the BOSAVI area in the smaller groups there is a tendency now for every body to live in the one house with each family having a garden house which they occupy while working and harvesting their gardens.

All but a few of the villages in the UROGO and several of the WARAGU villages have now constructed central houses with associated rest houses for use when patrols visit. These village areas are in most cases surrounded by a pig fence and were kept clean and well tended within the fenced area.

This type of village, rest house complex was recommended to other groups throughout the area patrolled.

SITES:

Most of the groups which have constructed village, rest house complexes have chosen good level sites. In the other areas even the new houses are still being constructed on strategic sites usually on the top of a narrow ridge. As in the settled areas these people will undoubtedly move to more suitable sites eventually.

HYGIENE AND SANITATION:

Particularly in the newer areas this was found to be far from satisfactory. Village areas were found to be overgrown, covered with rubbish and excreta. This was usually found to be several feet deep underneath the houses. The inside of these houses in many cases was carpeted with up to 6" of food scraps, animal excreta and general rubbish. In these houses the back verandah is usually used as a toilet by all and sundry.

Where complexes have been constructed both the inside and outside of the houses were found to be clean. Toilets have also been constructed and appear to have been used by most people. The construction of refuse pits has also been encouraged in these areas.

The situation should improve in the remoter areas as the people settle down.

The main disadvantage of the dobu type house is the ease

with which disease can be communicated. The inside becomes quite fetid when any number of people are in residence, this compounded by the rubbish etc undoubtedly accounts for the large number of chest complaints encountered during the patrol. This doesn't improve the death rate either which is very high.

It may be possible to encourage these people to construct individual family houses, to overcome these problems, when the area is completely settled.

There is no problem in relation to water supply because of the evenly distributed rainfall.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

There are at present 7 Village Constables in the area, these are, DEBA/BARU of WABIMISI, UBA/BAGI of AI'IAKA, SUSU/GOBIAMI of WALISA, HONOGAIJA/ARO of WARAGU, BEWEI/MABI'EI of LUDESA, BOGAMIA/DEFA of ORABIA and ABURU/DAREI of SWAGISA.

The following recommendations for appointment will be made, DARABIA/DIWA of KASUMISI 2, DADUA/WAI'A of SAMARISI, HAMONO/KESERewa of WANAGESA, SUALI/KANUFU of KABANA, GUME'IBA/DADUA of WABISI 3 and HANALE/SURUBO of YUESA.

Other recommendations can be made later when suitable appointees become known. Recommendations have only been made in cases where the appointee has obviously proved himself suitable for the position. General recommendations could be made but I feel this would lower the present high standard of Village Constables.

The best of the present appointees is HONGAIJA/ARO of WARAGU who, though young in comparison with the other appointees, is none the less energetic and not without influence in the area.

The present appointees and future appointees will visit KOMO in the near future for instruction and familiarisation with their new administrative headquarters.

AGRICULTURE:

The only form of cultivation in the area is shifting subsistence agriculture.

The main staples vary throughout the area. They vary from Sago, supplemented with bananas, pit pit, leafy greens, kau kau and taro in the OROGO, KASUA and SONIA areas. Bananas, supplemented with sago, yams, kau kau and pit pit in the WASEMO and western ETORO, to the remainder of the ETORO and the WARAGU area where the staple is divided between sago, bananas and kau kau in more or less equal proportions, plus taro, leafy greens and pit pit.

In the OROGO, SONIA and KASUA, where sago represents some 70% of the diet, cultivation is limited mainly to bananas and pit pit whilst in the ETORO, WARAGU and WASEMO large gardens are maintained.

Two cultivation techniques were noted during the patrol;

(1) When planting bananas, pit pit and aibika, the undergrowth is first cleared, the crop planted and the forest cover then felled on top. It was noted in some cases that by the time the bananas are ready to bear the smaller trees and branches, which have by this time started to rot, are cleared away leaving the garden relatively clear of timber.

(2) Another technique is applied to kau kau, in this case the garden is completely cleared before the kau kau is planted. Very little tilling of the soil is done. Most of the kau kau seen was of poor quality so a campaign similar to that carried out in the Komo area, to promote the advantages of mounds, may

be of assistance.

The largest gardens were found in the area to the west of the GIWA River, where several banana gardens of some 20 acres were seen.

The only european vegetables seen were some pineapples, corn and cucumbers. The next patrol may be able to obtain quantities of seed such as tomato, corn, peanuts, beans and pumpkins for distribution in this area. The ETORO area should also be suitable for cabbages and potatoes.

If the amounts of food provided for the patrol are any indication, there is no shortage in the area. In the case of natural disaster most people would be able to fall back on sago as a source of food.

Very little livestock was seen, the numbers of pigs seen in each village was small. That these people place little importance on pigs was highlighted by the fact that they were willing to sell sows to the patrol for food.

These people are excellent hunters, this fact is borne out by the ease with which the anthropological party was able to obtain animals. A large number and variety of snares and traps were seen.

LAW AND ORDER:

By and large the area appears to be fairly law abiding. During the last patrol complaints were made against the people from WASAMO and FILISADO re the killing and eating of several people from BANISA. These people appear now to have settled down, no further complaints have been made against them.

Complaints were made to the patrol by the people of HASIF re the killing of three males in late 1965 near the junction of the ISAWA and GIWA rivers. The people were reported killed, disembowelled and their bodies taken presumably for cannibalistic purposes. The people alleged to be responsible come from a place called OGAI'A, which is apparently as yet uncontacted and is situated adjacent to the SEWA River between its junctions with the GIWA and FUMA Rivers. It was at first thought that these people belonged to the same language group as the FILISADO and WASEMO, but further investigation points to their being BIAMI speakers. This patrol was too large to undertake the search necessary and was unable to find anybody who spoke the language. An aerial survey is suggested to try and pinpoint these people and any other population which may be located in this area.

Four persons from the ETORO area were arrested and brought back to KOMO to stand trial for the murder of an aged female at POBOLEI in June of this year.

Some minor complaints were brought to the patrols attention and were successfully mediated. This points to an increasing confidence in the role of the administration in dispensing justice.

REST HOUSES:

Rest houses have now been constructed in the KASUA, most of the OROGO and WARAGU ~~XXXXX~~ villages. There are no rest houses as yet in the ETORO or WASEMO areas though in some cases work is under way.

In most of the villages where rest houses have not as yet been constructed rough shelters had been erected for the patrols use. The construction of rest houses, police and carriers quarters was encouraged in these places. The next patrol should have little need for canvas. It is suggested that arrangements be made for rest houses etc to be constructed mid way between AIJAGAIBA and KURESA, and EGAUWI and POBOLEI to save camping in these sections.

CARRIERS:

A permanent carrier line, recruited in the KOMO area, was used for the duration of the patrol. Except in the immediate vicinity of MT BOSAVI, where it may be possible to recruit a carrier line, this method is recommended as being the most suitable.

Though the carriers used were from an altitude around 5,000' and used to a diet consisting in the main of kau kau, the lower altitude and consequently more humid conditions plus the diet consisting in the main of sago and bananas did not impair their efficiency or health to any great degree.

These carriers were paid on a monthly basis at \$3 per month.

HEALTH:

The patrol was accompanied by Mr. P. MAGEA, Medical Assistant, and Mr. A. BUAKA, Aid Post Supervisor, who carried out an anti yaws campaign and gave other general medical treatment where required. Both are to be commended on the way in which they discharged these duties.

Penicillin injections were given to all persons, over the age of 6 months, seen by the patrol. At no stage was any difficulty experienced in persuading the people to have these injections. The reason for the injections were explained after which every body came forward quite readily.

During the course of the patrol the main diseases noted were malaria, tinia imbricata, yaws and numerous cases of ~~meningitis~~ pneumonia. Only four cases of yaws were seen though it is highly likely that other cases were hidden. Once the affect of the injections on the yaws is seen these people should come forward more readily when the next patrol visits. The high incidence of chest complaints undoubtedly is a direct result of the dobu type housing. The method of placing dead bodies in boxes raised 3' above the ground in the close proximity of the living quarters is obviously a potential source of sickness. This method of burial was discouraged and the people advised to bury their dead instead.

Death rates are without exception equal or higher than birth rates, the highest death rate and natural decrease being recorded in the WASEMO area at 5.797% and 4.348% respectively. The lowest being recorded in the ETORO where the death rate and birth rate is equal at 2.505%. The overall decrease is 0.681%. Though these figures are undoubtedly not exact as they could be, due to the number of people unrecorded and the number of births and infant deaths which take place between census and are consequently unrecorded, they none the less give an idea of the unsatisfactory health situation which exists in this area.

I consider the area in the immediate vicinity of MT BOSAVI is sufficiently settled to allow an aid post orderly to be posted there. A meeting of Village Officials and Leaders was held at LUDESA and a site for an Aid Post chosen. The site chosen was BONA, which is central to the population in this area. Instructions were given for the construction of buildings and gardens to commence as soon as possible, work was well under way when the patrol left the area. Several people accompanied the patrol back to KOMO and were given shovels, picks and crowbars to assist in this work.

An approach will be made to the Medical Officer, TARI, for an Aid Post orderly to be posted to this area as soon as possible. It is suggested that initially he carries his supplies in, arrangements will then have to be made for aircraft to regularly fly supplies in, arrangements could also be made with the U.F.M.

Mission, at the airstrip, for messages to be passed over their radio in any cases of medical emergency or shortage of medical supplies.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

There are no vehicular roads in the area patrolled. As A.D.O. Mr McNeil pointed out in his Lake Kutubu Patrol No. 5/64-5 it would not be impossible to build a road from KOMO into this area and onto NOMAD. I would venture to suggest though that this is a project of some magnitude and its execution not practicable for some time to come. Apart from the problems associated with sparsity of population and hence labour, the services of a qualified surveyor and mechanical earth moving equipment would be required to accomplish the task.

On the other hand if a base camp was established at BOSAVI no great difficulty would be experienced in constructing 6' wide tracks, suited to motor bike traffic, to cover the majority of the rest houses in this area. Numerous bridges would be required this should present no great problem though as any amount of timber is available.

The majority of the walking tracks had been cleared for the patrol, cutting some walking times considerably. In areas where this had not been done the population was encouraged to clear them and keep them cleared for future patrols. The patrol experienced some difficulty in negotiating several large rivers, which are subject to flooding even after light rain. The people in these areas were requested to construct bridges prior to the next patrol.

A list of walking times is appended to this report.

MISSIONS:

The only mission with any personell in the area is the UNEVANGELISED FIELDS MISSION at WADHJU, near LUDESA in the OROGO area. The station consists of several residential buildings, a trade store and an airstrip. The station is staffed by two Papuan lay preachers, their wives and families. The influence of the mission is as yet slight though it has helped, through the periodic visits of European mission personell to the station, to dispell some of the suspicions against outsiders.

The mission has applied for a lease over 140 acres, which includes the station and airstrip. It was intended to purchase this land during this patrol but due to a delay in receipt of the land documents this could not be done.

The SEVEN DAY ADVENTIST Mission have a small station at KURESA, in the WARAGU area, which is visited irregularly by the mission worker at ATARE, in the MANANDA Census Division.

AIRSTRIP:

The only airstrip in the area is situated on the U.F.M. Mission station at WADHJU. This strip is approximately 1700' x 150' and open to use by mission aircraft only. Permission can be obtained from D.C.A., Port Moresby, for restricted flights by commercial ~~flightxxx~~ aircraft. During the course of the patrol Ansett M.A.L. made several trips to bring in and take out the anthropological party which was working in the area. Uplift is about 400lbs due to poor approaches.

As it is in the interests of the administration to have the use of an airstrip in this area, it is suggested that an approach be made to the U.F.M. mission with a D.C.A. inspection in view and subsequent improvements to bring the strip up to D.C.A. standards. Possibly the administration could consider allocating some funds to assist the mission to carry out this work if it is found to be necessary. With the establishment of an aid post in the

area and possibly an base camp it is of the utmost importance to have some reliable form of communication because of the distance from KOMO. Because of the difficulty of obtaining D.C.A. permission for commercial aircraft to operate into the strip at present and the difficulty of chartering mission aircraft, due to their heavy commitments, this appears to be the best, possibly the only, apart from building a new airstrip, solution to the problem.

Daily strip reports and weather reports are sent by radio to WASUA by the lay preachers.

ANTHROPOLOGY:

An anthropological party consisting of Dr. T.G. SCHULTZE, WESTRUM, his wife and Mr. W. SCHIEFENHOVEL were working from the mission station at WADHJU between the 20th August and the 20th of September. Dr. SCHULTZE, WESTRUM a Zoologist, attached to the Zoological Institute, University of Munich, was conducting a study of the Social Structure of ~~Mammalia~~ Marsupials, a survey of material culture and collecting zoological and ethnological specimens of the Bosavi area for the Museums of Port Moresby, Berlin and Munich. Mr. W. SCHIEFENHOVEL, a medical student, also from the University of Munich was conducting research into native medicine. Both are working under a grant from the German Research Foundation.

Bride Price - Waragu Area.

The amount of bride price paid in this area is virtually the same as that reported by Mr. McNeil for the ETORO area. There are however some differences in relation to the return of bride price after divorce or death of either spouse.

In the case of divorce bride price is only returned by the brides clan if there has been no issue from the marriage. Where there has been issue no bride price is repaid. This applies also where the wife or husband dies, except when, if the husband dies, the wife remarries into her husbands clan in which case no bride price is returned whether their are children or not.

widow/ Where, in the case of the death of the husband, there has been issue from the marriage and the ~~husband~~ returns to her parents clan she retains custody of any female children whilst male children remain with her husbands clan. On the marriage of any of the female children part of the bride price is paid to the dead husbands clan. If the widow remarries after return to her own clan no bride price is payable to her husbands clan.

Preventative Magic.

Apart from the types of preventative magic mentioned in Mr. McNeils report the following kinds are also reported for the information of future officers. These are to obtain the same effect as those previously reported.

These were encountered in the ETORO at KUBURUSADO and POBOLEI.

A small piece of leaf is held in the right hand during any meeting with the person against whom the individual wishes protection.

Another method of producing the same effect, is the mixing of the blood of a snake with natural red pigment obtained from crushed stone, a small portion is applied to the base of the neck.

Land customs appear to be the same throughout the area visited.

LABOUR:

Ten locals returned to Komo with the patrol as recruits for the Highland Labour Scheme. It is expected that when the Village Leaders of the area visit Komo in the near future, that a large number of recruits will accompany them.

CENSUS:

All villages were successfully contacted and initial census or census revision carried out. No effort was made to contact those villages on the south west slopes of MT. BOSAVI, namely AIBA, WAIRU, HAWI and KASUNISI, as fairly reliable information had been received to the effect that these people have now moved down to the UPPER TAURAMA area.

A total of 2642 names were recorded during this census, an increase of 143 over the last census. Approximately 200 new names were recorded during this patrol, but some people who were reported as migrations out failed to appear for census at any other village hence the increase of only 143. Where this has occurred the fact has been noted in the Village Book for investigation by the next officer.

The estimated number of people yet to be recorded in each of the new census divisions is as follows;

Orogo	60
Etoro	100
Waragu	50
Total...	<u>210</u>

This excludes the villages in the IGIWA/AMODO/GISABI complex to the west of the SEWA River.

This plus the present recorded population of 2642 gives a total population of 2852.

Turn up for census in most cases was excellent. In the KASUA, where absenteeism was very high at the last census in 1965, in all but one village, KAMINARO, over 85% and up to 95% of the population was censused. In the other areas AMINEI and HASIF, in the OROGO, SESIMADO in the ETORO and WASAMO and FILISADO in the WASEMO, were the only villages with any number of persons absent from census. These people have been advised of the importance of census and the penalties for failure to appear.

Though the figures for birth and death rates cannot be accepted as completely accurate they none the less give an idea of the situation in the area. There is still no indication of the infant mortality rate as any infants unrecorded by previous patrols which die between patrols are not reported to the patrol. The only way that some idea of the infant mortality rate could be obtained would be by questioning all women as to births and deaths between patrols.

CONCLUSION:

This area is in need of intensive patrolling, especially in view of its proposed inclusion into the Komo Council within the next five years.

The attitude of the area as a whole to the administration is as good as can be expected from an area with such limited contact.

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Patrol Officer

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Appendix "A".

<u>Present Rest House name</u>	<u>Local name.</u>	<u>Clan land.</u>	<u>Clan</u>	<u>Sub Clans.</u>
Kuresa	Tuma	Onbasaru	Kuresa	Wasie Sabiasuru Seasaru
Waragu	Salagini	Waise'ia WAKAGI	Waragu	Hanoro
Swagisa	Hurume	Sugaisi	Swagisa	Hugarasaru
Wabisi 1	Doba	De'sesin	Wabisi	Hurisi
Wabimisi	Icere	Wasiso Kaisi	Sibiesi Kasumisi	Waliso Wabisi
Wasu	Banasi	Kebu	Wasu	Kasumisi
Soasabili	Sumurisi	Orogo	Soabisi	Sesin
Ludesa	Kuruse	Wabakini	Ludesa	U'alisi
Kasumisi 2	Wakarip	Kamusesan	Kasumisi	Walibiso
Bona	Sululep	Isau'ase	Bono	Woisiso
Orabia	Ei'asi	Waguse Muluma	Kakabisi Wabisi 2	Wanageso Ieniso
Ferisa	Sisono	Korobesesan Isaua	Ferisa Ancasi	Wenan Waliso
Walisa	Sabido	Sibalima Sikiame	Waliso Kobarisi	Ueso Sabiso
Samarisi	Tofasi	Basuse Sunesago	Samarisi Howanisi	Sabasi Wenan
Aminei	I'esela	Wogose Umale	Aminei Wetuhe	Hawaneso
Banisa	Hisu	Kabubili	Banisa	Aminei
Hasif	Simisia	Ala	Hasif	Hakobi Sabasi
Wanagesa	Iwado	Waso	Wanageso	Suleso Tolokam
Kabana	Sekemise	Urisi	Kabano Ulisi	Dudeso Waliso Warunesi Wabisi Wasu
Kokonesi		Wainse	Kokonesi	Amine
Wabisi 3	Ugini	Abose	Wabisi 3	Samiso
Yuesa	Henanamalolu	Tuguruse'a	Yese	Isaide
Gunigamo	Abi	Wabi'e	Gunigamo	Ogoba'asaru
Gemisado	Menanu	Wamagura	Gimisado	Kaibi
Sarado	Emenefu	Omba	Sarado	Hilisado
Modoa	Eborobia	Somaribia	Modoa	Alimafi
Misado	Kefo	Imarabi	Misado	Kuando Enosando

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Appendix "A" (cont'd)

Present Rest House Name	Local Name	Clan Land	Clan	Sub Clans
Filisado	Komabi	Komabi Au'afafi	Filisado	Wasamo
Wasamo	Sosobi	Au'afafi	Filisado	
Sesimado	Aidcro	Busiba	Sesimado	Kaibi Sedado Uburus
Kuburusado	Kisibidia	Hamili	Kaburusado	Etopei Katai'efi
Turusado	" "	Tagele	Turusado	
Nemisado	Naido	Namodo	Nemisado	Gege Bolokomasulu
Harapani	Kui'eli	Iogali	Kebi	Ogosi'e
Pobolei	Afu	Pobolei	Wamisi	Kebi
Igiribisado	Kela	Auru	Igiribisado	

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Appendix "B".

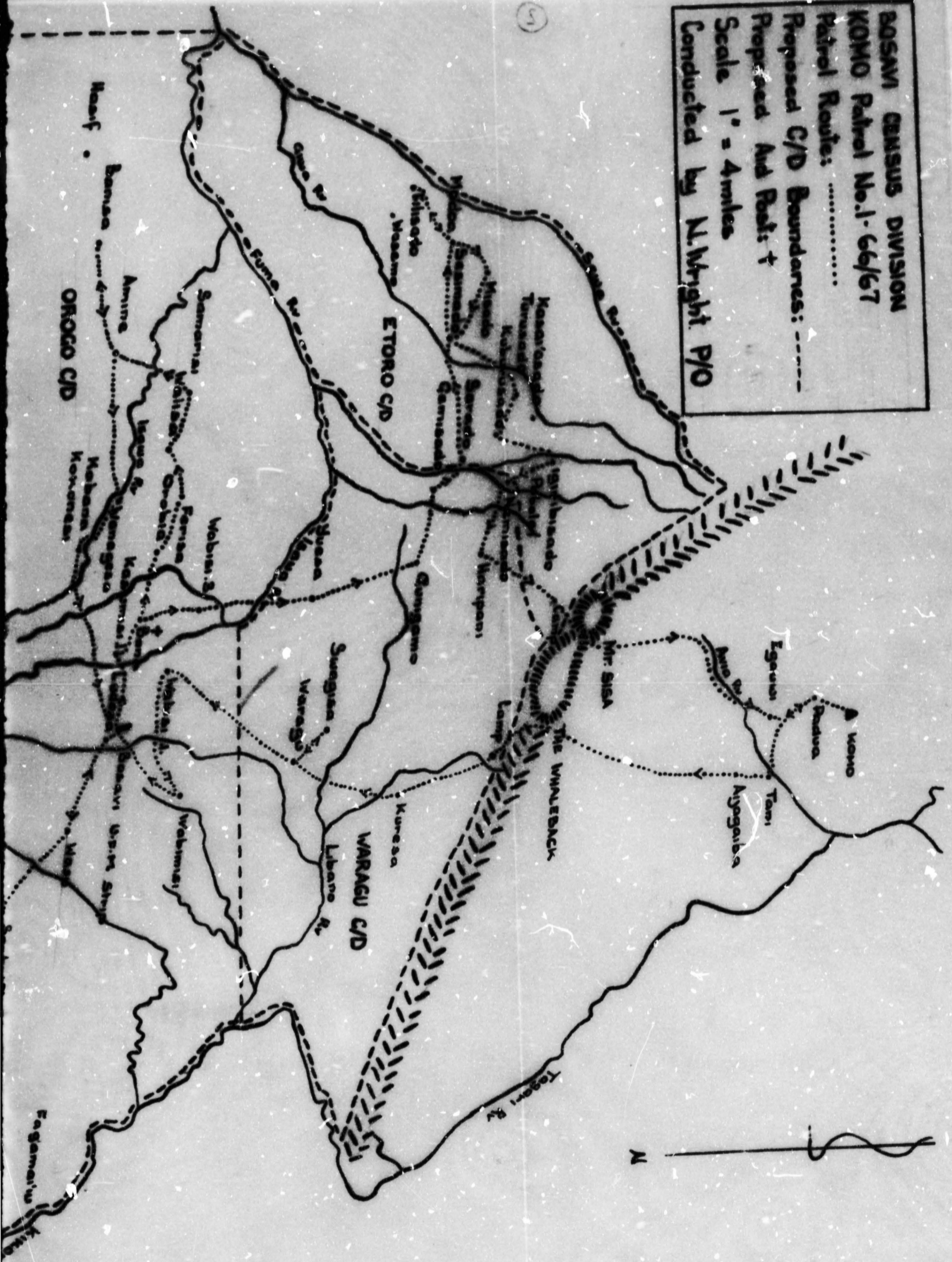
Walking Times - Bosavi Census Division.

Komo - Aijagaiba	4 hours	
Aijagaiba - Kuresa	12 "	
Kuresa - Waragu	5 1/4 "	
Waragu - Swagisa	25 mins	
Waragu - Wabisi 1	3 hours	10 mins
Wabisi 1 - Wabimisi	1 "	20 mins
Wabimisi - Ludesa	1 "	15 "
Ludesa - Wasu	1 "	30 "
Wasu - Soasabili	2 "	
soasabili - Sesani	3 "	30 mins
Sesani - Wanwabi	3 "	
Wanwabi - Sei'asi	4 "	30 "
Ludesa - Kasumisi 2	2 "	30 "
Kasumisi 2 - Bona		40 mins
Bona - Orabia	1 hour	10 mins
Orabia - Ferisa	1 "	10 "
Ferisa - Walisa	1 "	5 "
Walisa - Samarisi		35 "
Samarisi - Aminei	3 "	20 "
Aminei - Banisa	1 "	40 "
Banisa - Hasif	2 "	
Aminei - Wanagesa	7 "	
Wanagesa - Kabana, Kokonesi		40 mins
Kabana - Ludesa	4 hours	30 "
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Yuesa - Gunigame	3 "	
Gunigame - Gemisado	3 "	(flooding of Fuma Rv can cause delay)
Gemisado - Sarado	1 hours	30 mins
Sarado - Sesimado	6 hours	
Sesimado - Modoa	4 "	40 mins
Modoa - Filisado	1 "	30 "
Modoa - Misado	2 "	
Misado - Sesimado	2 "	30 "
Sesimado - Kuburusado	3 "	45 "
Kuburusado - Pobolei	2 1/2 "	
Pobolei - Nemisado	2 "	
Nemisado - Harapani	4 "	15 mins
Harapani - Komo	16 hours.	

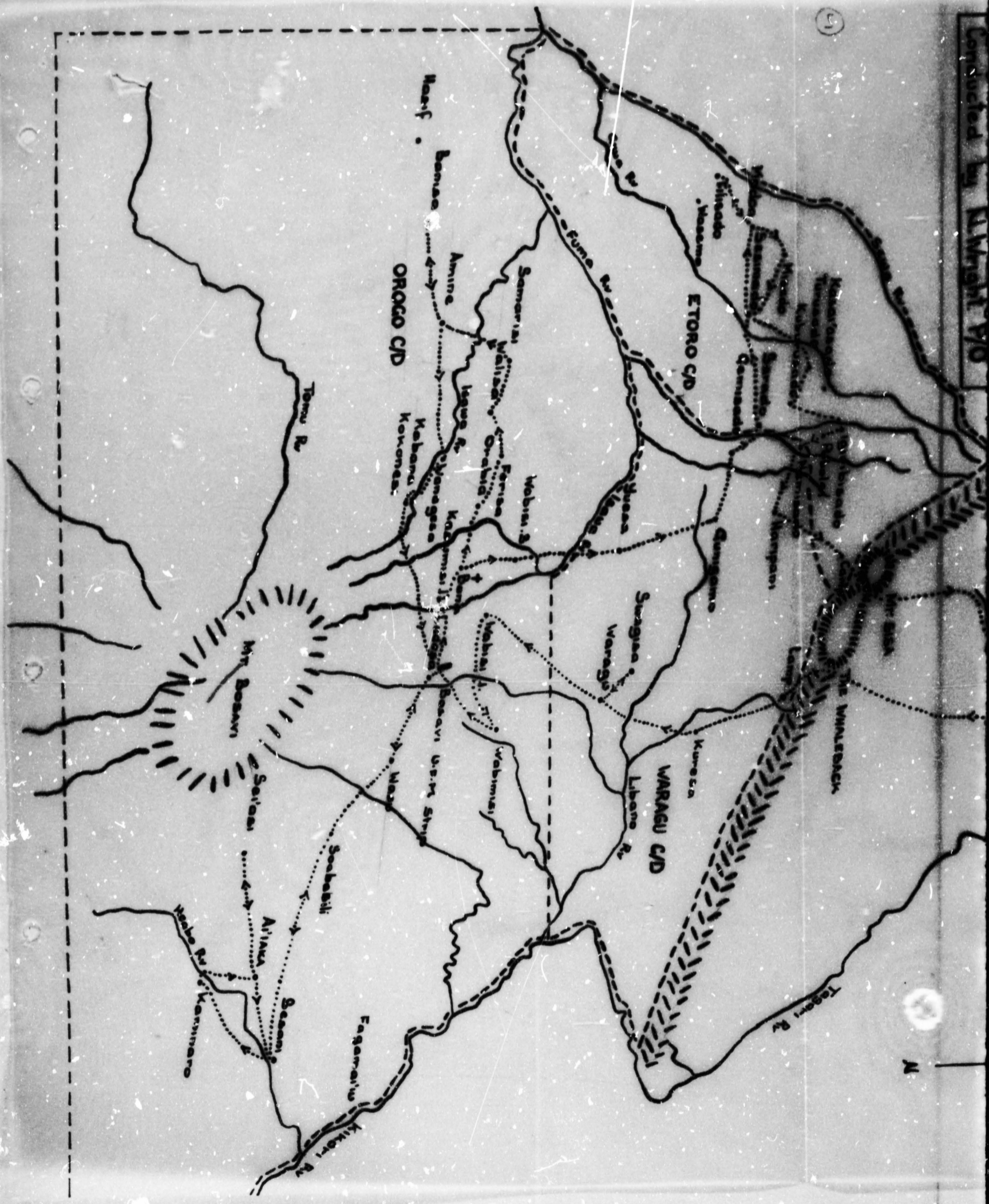
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BOSAVI CENSUS DIVISION
 KOMO Patrol No. 1-66/67
 Patrol Route:
 Proposed C/D Boundaries: - - - -
 Proposed Aid Post: +
 Scale 1" = 4 miles
 Conducted by N. Wright P/O



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. KOMO No. 2 of 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by G. Staples, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Part MANANDA Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives R.P.&H.G.C. 3 members
1 Administration Interpreter.

Duration—From 5/12/1966 to 17/12/1966

Number of Days 13 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 8/6/1966 (Last road patrol, 3/66)

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

Map Reference See patrol map attached.

Objects of Patrol Apprehend fugitives
Work on KOMO section of TARI-KOMO road.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

15/2/1967

[Signature]
District

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

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

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Ref: 67-15-40

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, PAPUA.

31/5/1967.

District Commissioner,

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PATROL NO. (Kono) 2 of 1966/67

Ref your 67-3-6 of 16/2/67
I acknowledge with thanks receipt of:-

* ~~Memorandum of Patrol No.~~

* Patrol Report No. 2 of 1966/67

covering patrol by..... *Mr. G. Staples*

The report is far too brief

J. K. McCarthy
(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

* Delete as necessary.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference 67-3m.6
If calling rate for
No.....



Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
HENDI.
16th February, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Subject:- Komo Patrol No 2 of 1966/67

Attached please find relevant documents concerning patrol carried out by Mr. G. Staples, Cadet Patrol Officer to part of Mananda Census Division.

1. Patrol Report
2. Covering memorandum 67-1-1 dated 14th february, 1967 from Assistant District Commissioner, Tari.

I concur with remarks made by Assistant District Commissioner, Tari especially in respect of late submission of this brief report.

No doubt with Mr. Eggleton now being at Komo actions as required by Assistant District Commissioner Tari will be effected to the benefit of Mr. Staples and the Komo area as a whole.

(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

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Sub-district Office,
TARI,
Southern Highlands District.

14th February, 1967.

The District Commissioner,

NERDI

Komo Patrol No. 2 of 1966/67

Part Kusaie Census Division

Please find enclosed two (2) copies of the above report submitted by Mr. G. Staples C.P.O. and received at Tari on the 10th February 1967, together with one (1) claim for camping allowance - Mr. Staples.

Comments on report

1. Late submission

I am not satisfied with the excuse given by Mr. Staples. Such a short brief report could have been completed in a matter of an hour or so. The only excuse I can find would be his inexperience in handling the duties of an O.I.C. at Komo. Mr. Staples is well aware that patrol reports must be finished immediately after the patrol.

2. Apprehension of fugitives

I find it difficult to understand this object of the patrol as very little detail is given. I feel sure a Constable would have been sufficient to get these three men to report at Komo rather than having the patrol visit PABA.

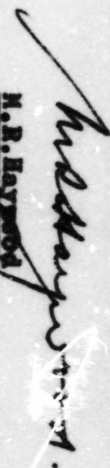
3. Tari - Komo Road

I estimate that Komo had originally about ten (10) miles of road to build from the Patrol Post through to the Ingarl River. I explained to Mr. Staples when he first went to Komo on the 17th November 1966 that he should give priority to getting this road finished. I would have expected much more than 10 days on this work regardless of the amount of correspondence needing attention at Komo.

In the first instance a ford should be tried at the Timaria River. If it is built properly I think flash flooding will not wash it away, but I could be wrong.

4. General

I have asked Mr. M. Eggleston, who has taken over at Komo to ensure that Mr. Staples is fully employed on patrol rather than engaged in station duties. Priority must be given to the Tari - Komo road.


M. P. Hayward

(Assistant District Commissioner)

cc The O.I.C.

Komo Patrol Post

2/66-67

Patrol Post,
KOMO
TARI Sub-district,
Southern Highlands District.

31st January, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-district Office,
TARI
Southern Highlands District.

KOMO PATROL No.2 of 1966/67

Conducted by: G.Staples, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: Part MANANDA Census Division.

Personell Accompanying: R.P.& N.G.C.
Sen. Const. KAINAGARE

Constable SHONG.

" SOUWEI.

" (trg) SAM.

Administration Interpreter,

PEBE WAGIMA.

Duration of Patrol: 5.12.66-17.12.66

13 days.

Objects of Patrol: To further work on the
KOMO-Tagari River section
of the TARI-KOMO Road.

To apprehend 3 fugitives on
advice from KOROBA S.D.O.

G. Staples
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G. Staples.
Cadet Patrol Officer.

INTRODUCTION.

The major part of the patrol was spent working on the section of road between the Tagari and Timaria Rivers, North of KOMO station. There is little or no habitation in the area, the closest populated areas being at ANGORE, about three quarters of an hours walk to the west.

The valley between these two rivers seems to be at a considerably lower altitude than most of the Tari-Komo area, and some of the flora and fauna to be found there does not exist at higher altitudes.

The country is heavily timbered and though there were no gardens in evidence, appears quite fertile.

The Tagari River valley, extending north-west from the Tagari-Timaria junction is largely unpopulated and would offer large tracts of land for any re-settlement or similar schemes in the future.

The PARA area, which the patrol visited, is mainly hilly with steeper ridges which are not cultivated. Population density is light and where there are no houses or gardens heavy timber is found. There is secondary growth on some of the hills but this is the exception rather than the rule.

DIARY

5th December.

0845 Patrol departed KOMO.
1320 Arrived PARA Rest House.
Purchased fresh foods, spoke to V.C. of Para and Aijagate.
Slept Para.

6th December.

0800 Both fugitives from KOMO arrived, but the bloke from KORCBA has gone back there.
0900 Broke camp.
1300 Arrived KOMO station. Preparation of gear for longer period off the station.

7th December.

1200 Departed KOMO, after a mornings office work.
1515 Made camp on the Timaria River at the site of the proposed crossing.
Slept Timaria R.

8th December.

Walked over route between Tagari and Timaria.
Planning of work with V.C.s and ~~vare~~ various locals.
Slept Timaria R.

9th December.

Walked over an alternative route, suggested last night, for bridging Timaria and Haro Rivers, and proceeding south toward KOMO. Observed work at Timaria River.
Slept Timaria R.

10th December.

Scouted from the end of the completed road down to the Timaria crossing, trying to find a more level route.
Observed work at the Tagari River.
Slept Timaria R.

11th December.

Day observed.
Slept Timaria R.

12th December.

Work continued towards north side of Timaria River, following the original route marked by previous patrol.
Slept Timaria R.

13th December.

Observed work at Timaria River. Clearing operations now reached the river, attendance to-day really good.
Slept Timaria R.

14th December.

Observed work at Tagari and Timaria Rivers. The larger line is working at the Timaria end therefore work is slower at the Tagari crossing.
Slept Timaria R.

15th December.

Work continued on both sections, unfortunately the numbers fell off to-day but those here worked well.
Slept Timaria R.

16th December.

Work continued until 1300 hours when self and V.C.s, with most of the road gang, walked over the uncompleted section between the two rivers and marked off a section as the responsibility of each group.
Slept Timaria R.

17th December.

The patrol returned to KOMO station and was stood down.
End of Patrol.

RECEPTION OF PATROL.

The patrol was well received and was almost everywhere given the full co-operation of the people. Word of the coming of the patrol had been sent ahead and we were met at PANA and the camp-site on the Timaria by Village Officials and many others.
The only criticism would be that while working on the road many of the men showed a reluctance to follow the route laid out by this and previous patrols, in preference to their own ideas. However this willingness to argue in itself implies complete acceptance of the patrol, and in general reception was quite good.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

The type of work undertaken by this patrol, requiring Village Officials to organise the able bodied men in their respective rest house groups to walk to the site and camp there in the temporary shelters they had built, was a good test of the efficiency and influence of Village Constables.

Interest and loyalty to the Administration seemed quite high in all areas, but a couple of the Village Constables seemed to lack influence in their particular groups. As I do not know the area or the respective V.C.s well, and considering the imminence of Local Government Council elections in the MANANDA Census Division, I think it would be inadvisable to make any criticism of specific men. The people here are closely tied with the people administered from TARI and it is reasonable to assume that they have some idea of the qualities needed in Councillors, so I expect some changes in officials when the elections are held.

AGRICULTURE.

The main staple of sweet potato is in plentiful supply and gardens at each rest house serve the dual purpose of feeding patrol personnel and giving an example of proper gardening method to the local populace. The sweet potato yield is good and some outstanding tubers were shown to the patrol, being thicker than a man's arm. Introduced crops are not common, the European potato being the most easily found. While the patrol was at the Timaria River fresh food was carried in from ANGORE and TAGITE and seemed to be in good supply.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The patrol walked back from PARA to KOMO along the road which was to have connected with TARI, but has now been abandoned. There are unmade sections in this road where gullies and creeks bisect the route and it would require a lot of work to open the road to vehicular traffic.

The KOMO-Tagari River section of the KOMO-TARI road is made from the Tagari River to the Timaria River, and men from rest house groups in the MANANDA Census Division are alternating the work so that there is always at least two groups working from KOMO towards the Timaria River. The road is made for a little over three miles from the station.

The patrol concentrated on that section between the Tagari and Timaria Rivers, and more particularly on about half a mile which runs north from the Timaria. The route marked by the last patrol had overgrown somewhat and about two hundred yards of made road had to be abandoned because of this. This half a mile section runs along a ridge for some three hundred yards, then down the side of the ridge for about two hundred yards and across a river flat to the Timaria for the last couple of hundred yards.

This section was cleared and the road-making started all along its length. The road was completed across the river flat. The Timaria crossing will require some further time, whether it is to be bridged or a ford put in. The crossing itself is about one hundred and twenty feet wide but only a foot in depth, with a bed of rocks and small boulders. Twice while the patrol was working the river went into flood and while the water level rose only a few inches, the velocity of the stream increased greatly. I feel that either a bridge or a ford could be put in but a bridge, though requiring more work, would offer the advantage of all-weather crossings. After heavy rain upstream a ford would be dangerous because of the volume and velocity of water running across it.

If two uprights and a bearer were put in 40 feet from either shore, and buttresses of stone built up around them, extending upstream to break the current I think it would form a solid basis for a bridge. I can see a ford having to be re-packed after every heavy rain as the stone would be washed away.

Both banks of the river at this spot are quite low but there is no sign of the river breaking its banks when the water is high. A bridge therefore could be parallel the water level and about three or four feet above it. This would facilitate the placing of the logs in the centre section; a difficult task if the outside sections were to be angled up towards the centre.

The route on the south side of the Timaria is very stony for quite a way, little earth being mixed with the stone. It is hard to ascertain how deep the stone is but it goes down at least three feet which will make a good road bed. The locals realise that it will not be as easy here as on soft earth to build a road but they can be shown that it is the more suitable site and should be agreeable to working on it.

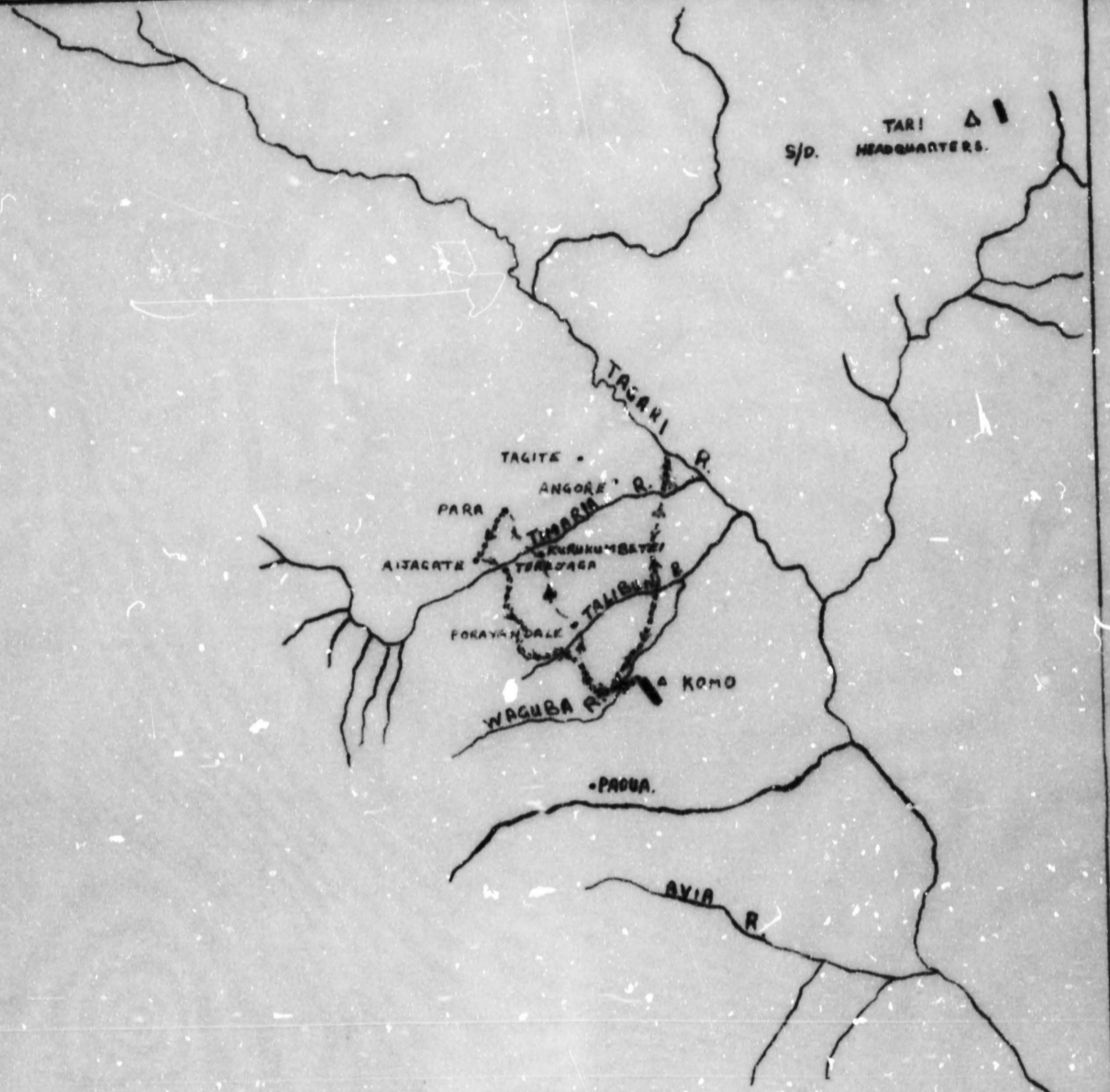
There is one steep section where the road will climb the ridge south of the Timaria but I think it can be avoided without much difficulty. The rest of the route has acceptable grades, though in places they are steeper than is desirable. About two thirds of the distance from the KOMO station to the Timaria is very good and it is possible to travel at 30 miles an hour on the three miles of finished road nearest the station. That section between the Timaria and Tagari rivers too will be a fairly high speed road when it is connected to TARI and KOMO.

CONCLUSION.

The first part of the patrol, to apprehend three men on advice from KOROBA was successful in that two men were escorted to TARI, to be transported to KOROBA.

The object of the second part of the patrol, to further the work on the KOMO-Tagari section of the KOMO-TARI road, was achieved and quite a lot of work done, though the response must be improved in future. I had intended that this be a broken patrol, but was continually kept on the station by Police pays, land investigation and other circumstances, see Field Officers Journal Folios 29 ff. and could not get back on patrol. Please excuse the late submission of this report on these grounds.

G. Staples
G. Staples.
Cadet Patrol Officer.



KOMO PATROL 2 of 56/67.

ROADS.

X BRIDGES.

• REST HOUSES.

PATROL CAMP.

PATROL ROUTE.

CONDUCTED BY C. STAPLES.

1" equals 4 miles.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT

District of... Southern Highlands Report No. KOMO 3/66/67.

Patrol Conducted by..... M. Eggleton Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled..... Part Bosavi Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... Nil
3 members R.P.N.G.C.
Natives..... 1 A.P.O. 2 Interpreters.

Duration—From..... 2./2./1967..... to..... 7./2./1967.

Number of Days..... 6 Days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... Aug./Sept 1966..... Komo Patrol 1/66/67.

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

Map Reference..... Attached.

Objects of Patrol..... Escort witnesses to the station for the preliminary hearing of SABAI'IA PARTE.
Administer medical aid to people reported sick.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

15/2/1967

[Signature]
District Commissioner

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

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

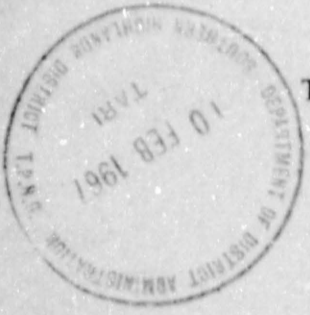
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT

District of...Southern Highlands..... Report No....KOMO 3/66/67.

Patrol Conducted by.....M. Eggleton Patrol Officer.....

Area Patrolled.....Part Bosavi Census Division.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....Nil.....
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District Commissioner

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67-15-41

10th March, 1967.

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
M.E.D.Y.

KOMO PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 1966/67:

Your 67-3-6 of the 15th February, 1967,
refers.

2. Receipt of the above report is acknowledged
with thanks.

(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



Telegrams.....

Our Reference.....
If calling ask for

67-3-6

Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

15th February, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEBOBU.

Subject:- Komo Patrol No 3 of 1966/67

Attached please find following documents in respect of patrol conducted by Mr. M. Eggleton, Patrol Officer to part of ETORO Census Division.

1. Patrol Report
2. Covering memorandum 67-1-1 dated 14th February, 1967 from Assistant District Commissioner, Tari.

Above referenced memorandum deals quite adequately with subject matter of Patrol Report.

On his return from the In-Service-Training course next March, Mr. Eggleton will be proceeding to the Bosavi area to prevent further tribal fighting in the Great Papuan Plateau area and also to take any necessary follow up action arising from Mr. Wright's Patrol 1 of 1966/67. The Assistant District Commissioner, Tari is, at present, engaged in the preliminary organisation for this patrol.

(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

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Sub-district Office,
TARI,
Southern Highlands District.

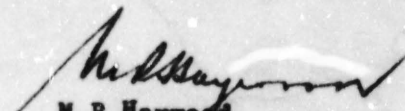
14th February, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
MENDI

Komo Patrol Report No. 3 of 1966/67

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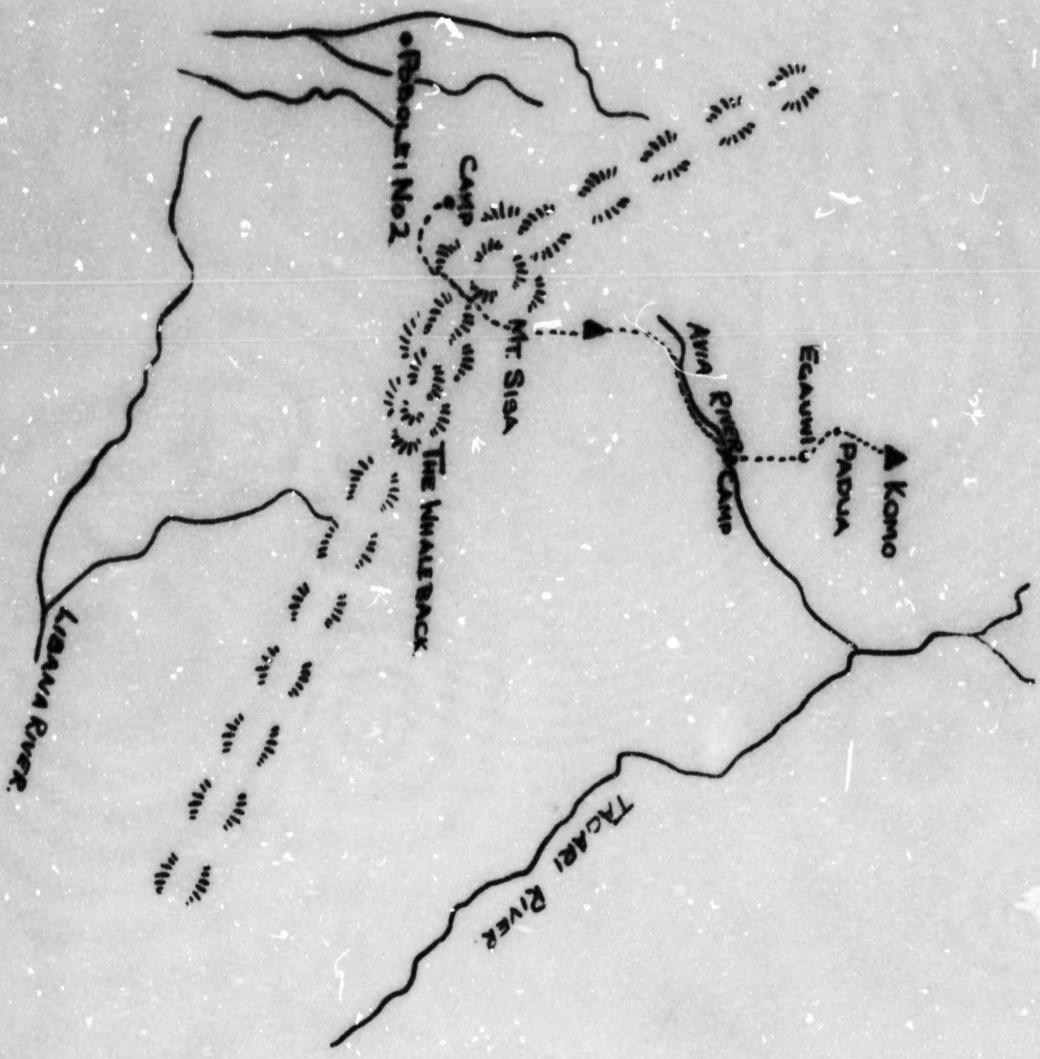
1. Please find enclosed two (2) copies of the above report submitted by Mr. M. Eggleton and received at Tari on the 10th February 1967, together with 1 claim for camping allowance - Mr. Eggleton.
2. The report calls for little comment except to state that this patrol was necessary in order to ensure that certain witnesses did appear for a preliminary hearing on a murder charge against SABAI/IA/PATI of POBOLKI. The hearing has been completed and the depositions forwarded.
3. In regard to an Aid Post for this area I will discuss the matter with the Assistant Medical Officer Tari and recommend that, if staff permits, an Aid Post be considered for somewhere in the POBOLKI area. One Aid Post has just been built near Mt. BOSAVI following Mr. Wright's patrol there last year. It would appear that the whole of the BOSAVI area could need three or four Aid Posts.


M.R. Haywood
(Assistant District Commissioner)

cc The O.I.C.
Komo Patrol Post

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BOSAVI Census Division.
Komo Patrol 3/66/67.
Patrol Route
Scale 1 mile to 4".
CONDUCTED M. E. CLETON
Patrol Officer.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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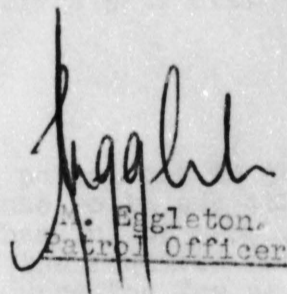
Patrol Post,
KOMO. SHD.

7th February, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
TARI, SHD.

KOMO Patrol 3/66/67.

Conducted by: M. Eggleton Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled: Part Bosavi Census Division.
Personnel Accompanying: 7093 Const Poku
10473 " Diwe
10921 " Tataki
APO Yagari
Interpreter Mondoro
Yagawi
Duration of the Patrol: 2/2/67 to 7/2/67.
6 days.
Objects of the Patrol: A seek and escort mission for witnesses
in the impending trial of SABAI'IA PARTE.


M. Eggleton,
Patrol Officer

INTRODUCTION.

Following the acquittal of one SABAI'IA PARTE on the charge of murder it was decided to charge the man with conspiring to murder. Talk was sent out with a view to calling the relevant witnesses into Komo for the preliminary hearing. From this it was learned that a witness AINAME was ill and that she could not make it to the station. Bearing this in mind and on verbal instructions from Tari it was decided to mount a patrol to the area to find and administer any medicinal needs as may be apparent and also to try and find any additional witnesses as may be present.

DIARY.

Thursday 2nd. February 1967. All gear and personnel assembled but carriers had not turned up. Set off on the motor bike to find them and all set off at 11.00 am. Purchased fresh food for carriers at Egauwi. Camp set up at 15.45 pm. and radio contact with Komo and Tari made at 17.00 pm.

Friday 3rd. Departed camp at 7.40 arriving at Pobolie No.1 at 14.30 and set up camp. Dispatched several carriers off to find the people reported to be sick and the witnesses. They returned later and reported that the people had moved on to another part of the bush. Radio contact Komo 17.00 pm

Saturday 4th. Dispatched two lines of carriers one to find the residents of the area where we were camped and one to find the witnesses. Both groups are reported to have sick people with them and have gone to the 'bush' till they recover. Witnesses still not located but residents return.

Sunday 5th. Another two groups of carriers sent off to try and locate witnesses. Returning about 14.00 with them. Interviews with both groups for most of the day. Remainder of carriers given the task of constructing proper kaukau gardens for the people.

Monday 6th. After few additional interviews all set off back for Komo about 8.30 am. Self gave brief talk re the advantages of reasonable medical care for the sick instead of dragging them off into the bush. Departed 9.07 am. arriving at Egauwi at 16.30 pm. No radio contact - carriers arriving 17.30

Tuesday 7th. Departed R/H at 7.45 and arriving station at 9.10 Patrol stood down and carriers paid off.

GENERAL.

Due to the brevity of the patrol and to the fact that the patrol did not stop at a Rest House or in any other way come into contact with more than a handful of people comments will only be offered on a couple of the required headings. The only people to be encountered were the few people from the clan line whose house was near to the camp. It is also the writers first entrance to the area.

AGRICULTURE.

As commented on in Mr Wright's patrol report 1/66/67 the system of agriculture in the area is at a very poor level. A proper kaukau garden was constructed and the people seemed impressed.

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AGRICULTURE (cont).

The action of shoring up of the ground to prevent it being carried away by the rains together with the need to heap the ground may be the idea that has to be got across to the people.

As there was only the one clan line in the area that the patrol was camped it was found that they could not have supported the patrol for any additional period. However as the aims of the patrol had been satisfied by the Monday morning it was decided to return to the station rather than stay in the area.

HEALTH.

Overall the health of the people encountered was not as bad as had been expected from the reports that had been received at the station. Two very bad cases of pneumonia that had to be carried in to the patrol and one case of a very badly infected arm. Other minor sores and abrasions etc were treated.

One of the pneumonia cases has been carried to the station this being the witness in the trial. The woman with the ulcerated arm has also been brought to the station.

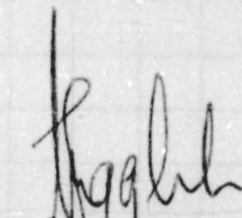
Overall the people while not actually being at all were looking quite thin and out of condition this being due to the shortage of food prevailing in the area. This again is due to the poor methods of agriculture.

Pending my impending patrol to Bosavi I feel the establishment of another few Aid Posts to the area is really called for. These would have the effect of stabilising the movements of the people and would also give the Administration a contact with the area in the form of keeping abreast of any unrest etc that could and does arise.

Conclusion.

As stated earlier the whole idea of the patrol was to bring these witnesses to the station and was not a General Administration patrol. The aims were achieved.

It is hoped to be able to present a more informative picture of the current position on the next patrol.


M. Eggleton.
Patrol Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands..... Report No. KOMO = 4 of 1966/67.....

Patrol Conducted by..... G. Staples, Cadet Patrol Officer.....

Area Patrolled..... Part Mananda Census Division.....

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

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

Duration—From..... 15/2/1967..... to..... 10/3/1967. (Broken)

Number of Days..... 22 Days.....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... / 12/1966.....

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

Map Reference..... Map attached.....

Objects of Patrol..... 1. Road Construction.....
2. Census Revision.....
3. General Administration.....

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded please.

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District Commissioner

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams..... 14-3-10
Our Reference..... 67-3-6
If calling ask for
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

7th April, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONE DOBU.

Subject:- Komo Patrol No 4 of 1966/67

Attached please find following documents relating to patrol conducted by Mr. G. Staples, Cadet Patrol Officer to part of Mananda Census Division.

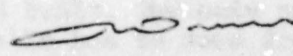
1. Memorandum 67-1-1 dated 13th February, 1967 from Officer-in-Charge, Komo - Patrol Instructions.
2. Patrol Report,
3. Two copies of Village Register - Mananda Census Division. ^{Population}
4. Covering memorandum 67-1-1 dated 30th March, 1967 from Assistant District Commissioner, Tari.

Memorandum from Assistant District Commissioner, Tari adequately covers points raised by patrol. Unfortunately we still have no firm decision as to the establishment of a Primary "T" School at Komo and it would appear that education will have to be left in the hands of the Missions once they have established themselves firmly in the area.

The need for expansion of hospital facilities at Komo has been noted in the Public Health Department's submission for the District Plan and Register.

Completion of the Komp-Tari road link will be of great value to the Komo area and this appears to be not too far distant.

Mr. Staples has submitted a good report and same indicates his keenness in his work.


(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

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Sub-district Office,
TARI,
Southern Highlands District.

30th March, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
MENDI

Komo Patrol No. 4 of 1966/67

Please find enclosed :

- C.P.C.
- 2 copies of the above report submitted by Mr. G. Staples,
 - 1 claim for camping allowance Mr. Staples
 - 2 Patrol Maps.
 - 3 copies of the revised Village Population Register.

Comments on report

This report should be read with the report submitted by Mr. Eggleton - Komo Patrol No. 5/66-67.

1. Native Situation : The large number of migrations can be expected as usual in this area, and in fact it applies to most of the Tari Sub-district. One reason is certainly that the area is more settled and the people are able to return to old clan lands, another reason is that most Kuris have various land holdings and rights and in order to maintain these rights they have to do a certain amount of work on each piece of ground otherwise they are liable to lose their rights.

I feel that the real leaders will emerge with the formation of the council and allow for some improvement in development and direction at village level. Village Constables are usually appointed by Administration officers and must have constant backing unless they also have clan leadership.

2. Roads and Bridges : It has been a big job to get the Komo section of the Tari -Komo road built. The main problem is lack of labour and what labour is available has to come from a distance. With only 3 miles to complete I hope this road will be finished by the 30th June 1967. On the Tari side we have only about 1 mile to finish but of course there is still one main bridge over the Tagari and several smaller bridges as well.

3. Education : It seems definite that the Education Department can not establish any sort of a school in the area in the foreseeable future. It may be possible to interest one of the missions but I think the solution for the Administration station personnel will be to transfer anyone who has children of school age.

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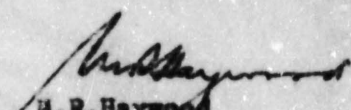
4. Health : The area has a reasonable coverage with Aid Posts but I feel it needs more medical patrols by the Medical Assistant from Tari - or better still a Medical Assistant stationed at Komo Patrol Post.

5. Census : The following ~~summary~~ comparison is made with the 1966 census.

1966 census total	4430
Plus 1967 births	121
" " M/I	239
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	4840
Less 1967 deaths	74
" " M/O	230
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Final total	
1967 total	<hr/>
	4516

I make the Birth Rate to be 2.67 instead of what Mr. Staples states - 2.45. This gives a Natural Increase of 1.63 instead of 0.81. I would agree that allowance must be made for the 1967 census not being a full year after the 1966 census, but still it appears the birth rate and natural increase is rather low.

6. General : Mr. Staples has written an informative report and it is pleasing to note the good work now being done on the Tari - Komo road.


H.R. Haywood
(Assistant District Commissioner)

cc Mr. O.I.C.,
Komo Patrol Post



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote 67-1-1.

No.

Patrol Post,
KOMO, SHD.

13th. ~~JANUARY~~, 1967.
FEBRUARY.

Mr. G. Staples,
Patrol Post,
KOMO, SHD.

Re KOMO Patrol 4/66/67 - northern section
Mananda C/D.

As verbally discussed you should be prepared to depart on Wednesday - subject to the arrival of your groceries from Mt. Hagen - to the northern section of the Mananda Census Division.

The aims of the patrol which will probably required to be broken into two parts will be:-

- 1) Inspect and supervise the progress of work on the Komo - Tagari Road, enthuse the people, and also determine an amount of money to be paid to the relevant groups for progress to date.
- 2) Mark out any sections that need it and also help the people in the selection of bridge sites.
- 3) Census all the northern villages and those that I do not get round to prior to my departure to Pt. Moresby.
- 4) General Administration.

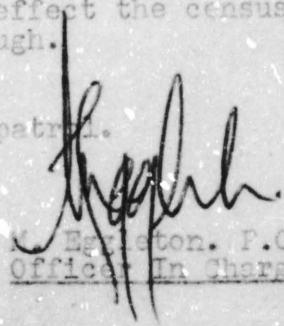
With regards to '3' above I anticipate departing the station also on Wednesday and will endeavour to census all those southern groups together with the ones adjacent to the station.

Any disputes that arise for settlement will have to be arbitrated on as my court powers have not as yet come through. Serious matters will have to be tied over until this eventuates.

In view of the present situation with police supervision of road work please ensure that the police are NOT left on their own.

I suggest that you return to the station about the 1st or 2nd March to take over the station during my absence in Moresby. You could then depart after the weekend and effect the census section. The arranging of the patrol is up to you though.

I wish you a pleasant patrol.


Eggleston, P.O.
Officer in Charge



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....

Our Reference.....

If calling ask for

Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Patrol Post KOMO,
Southern Highlands District.

18th March, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-district Office,
TARI, S.H.D.

KOMO Patrol No.4 of 1966/67.

Conducted by: G.Staples, Cadet Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled: Part MANANDA Census Division.
Personnel Accompanying: 9991 Const SOUWEI.
11056 Const BONNY (Part of patrol.)
10921 Const TATAKI (Part of patrol.)
Interpreter PEBE.
Duration of Patrol: 15/2/67 to 27/2/67 and 2/3/67 to 10/3/67
22 patrol days.
Objects of the Patrol: See attached Patrol Instructions.

G. Staples.

G. Staples.
Cadet Patrol Officer.

INTRODUCTION.

The patrol covered the Northern part of the MANANDA census division, the greater part of the patrol being spent in the area of the Tagari River, the border between TARI and KOMO administrative areas.

The MANANDA census division is approximately 310 square miles in area and is bordered by the Haniku and Tagari Rivers and the Karius Range. KOMO patrol post is 4,800 ft. above sea level, the country patrolled varies between about 3,500 ft. in the Tagari Valley and about 5,200 at Terejaga.

In addition to the objects of the patrol stated in the attached patrol instructions the opportunity was taken to start the people thinking about the formation of this census division into a council, which is expected by June, 1967.

DIARY.

Wednesday, 15th. February, 1967.

1300. Patrol departed KOMO station after waiting for plane carrying groceries for police and self.

1625. Patrol arrived at Tagari River, set up camp. Talks with Village Constables about the road.

Slept Tagari River.

16/2/67. Thirty minutes walk to the Timaria River.

Supervised work on the Southern bank. Returned to the Tagari River and investigated the Tari side of the river for the proposed bridge site. Slept Tagari River.

17/2/67. Observed work at Timaria River, re-cleared original road route which was being disregarded; re-marked the last two hundred yards, which had overgrown, down to the Tagari River. Slept Tagari River.

18/2/67. Constructed new 'Kanda' bridge over Tagari, as the previous one was taken away last night by a large log washed down the river, which is in flood.

Slept Tagari River.

19/2/67. Sunday, observed.

Slept Tagari River.

20/2/67. Supervised road works at Timaria River.

Slept Tagari.

21/2/67. Observed work at Tagari, on last 200 yards of road which will link the two rivers. Slept Tagari.

22/2/67. Supervised work on the South side of the Timaria. On receiving word of the arrival of Mr. Munn, C.P.O. at the camp, repaired to the Tagari. Spent the afternoon planning work on the bridge approaches and looking over the site with Mr. Munn. Slept Tagari.

23/2/67. Supervised work at the Tagari River.

Slept Tagari.

24/2/67. Observed work at Tagari River, started bridge approaches. Slept Tagari.

25/2/67. Finished off work at Tagari end of the road, now a clear run to the Timaria. Slept Tagari.

26/2/67. Sunday, observed. Slept Tagari.

27/2/67. 0900. Patrol departed Tagari River. Observed work at the Timaria, and the road route out of the valley formed by the two rivers. 1440. Arrived KOMO Station. Slept KOMO.

The next two days were spent working in the cash-office at KOMO.

2/3/67. 0930. Departed KOMO station. 1030. Made camp on the TARI-KOMO Road at the road bend, three and a half miles from the station. Supervised road work. Slept Pokatebu.

3/3/67. Supervised road work and clearing operations at Pokatebu. 1600. Self departed camp. 1845. Arrived at a road camp in an area known as Tumbite, in the Tari administrative area, joined Mr. Munn. Slept Tumbite.

4/3/67. Accompanied Mr. Munn to Hivanda, thence by car to Tari for the weekend. Slept TARI.

5/3/67. Sunday, rejoined patrol at Tagite. Slept Tagite.

6/3/67. Census revision of Angore and Tagite at Tagite. Talked to the people about the council, Tari-Komo Road, and other topics. 1300. Patrol departed Tagite. 1530. Patrol arrived Handamanda. Slept Handamanda.

7/3/67. Census revision of Handamanda, Kuru and Jagwa. Talks by self and A.P.O. stationed at Handamanda. Slept Handamanda.

8/3/67. 0830. Departed Handamanda. 0930. Arrived Laijauko. Census revision and talks at Laijauko, departed 1145. 1230. Arrived Laite. Census revision and talks by self and A.P.O. YAMBALI of Laite. Visited new Aid-post. Slept Laite.

9/3/67. 0830. Departed Laite. 0900. Arrived Para. Census revision, talks and complaints. 1145. Departed Para. 1220. Arrived Aijagate. Census revision of Aijagate and Tawanda. Talks, and complaints heard. Slept Aijagate.

10/3/67. 0830. Departed Aijagate. 0930. Arrived Terejaga. Census revision and talks, no complaints. 1100. Departed Terejaga. 1215. Arrived Ekaiba. Census revision of Ekaiba and Turubi. Talks and complaints. 1345. Departed Ekaiba. 1545. Arrived Komo Station.

End of Patrol

NATIVE SITUATION.

The situation is generally quiet and settled in this area. Migrations between groups are high but this is apparently normal here, as fighting has ceased and people gravitate to their old ground from which they were evicted previous to Administration influence.

An incident occurred which shows this well. Angore West House

is composed of two clan lines, Tuguba (not to be confused with people from the Bosavi area) and Iangali. Almost the whole of the Iangali line migrated out this year to other Rest House groups. Asked why they wanted to move they said, in effect, 'The Tugubas want back the ground which they have let us use for a long time, and we are not forced to stay here any longer, so we are going back to our original land.'

Tari Local Government Council recently offered a reward of \$50 for information on the whereabouts of one TAMITELI. In November, 1965, TAMITELI murdered a man and woman near Telabo in the Tari Sub-district and though rumors heard from time to time have been quickly followed up by D.D.A. staff, he is still at large.

The people at all rest houses were informed of the possible consequences of aiding the man and that anyone learning of his whereabouts would be obliged to report it, with the added incentive the Tari Council has given.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS & REST HOUSES.

The Village Officials are all doing their jobs in a manner that is only satisfactory. Most are not very effectual and the overall standard is not high.

The rest houses visited are all in reasonable condition being built of bundles of Kunai grass over a split timber frame. This is the easiest method of construction and the materials are abundant. Considering the small number of people per rest house this is quite acceptable. If anything the rest houses are a little close together, for example, 45 minutes between Laijauko and Laite and 35 minutes between Para and Aijagate.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Work on the Komo-Tagari River section of the Tari-Komo road is picking up well and there is an estimated three miles of the Komo section to be completed. This three miles will link the station with the Timaria River, from where the road is already completed to the Tagari River.

All effort is now being directed to working from the station towards the Timaria. The road is to be subject to further Komo patrols in the immediate future. Work was required by this patrol to remedy mistakes made by the people, while working unsupervised, in not following the route properly marked. This occurred both North and South of the Timaria River and in all about a quarter of a mile of road had to be scrapped and rebuilt.

The Village Constables seem chiefly at fault in this, and let the men of their particular groups disregard paths marked by patrols and go off building road in the most impossible places. It was stressed that this is a waste of everybody's time, both theirs and the patrols.

At the Tagari River, working with Mr. Munn C.P.O. from Tari, the proposed bridge site was agreed upon and the approaches prepared. On the Komo side of the river the road was built down to the bank and a hole dug for

the bridge anchor. It will be necessary to build a butress to strengthen the bank and prevent undercutting action by the current, but as the river was in flood at the patrol's arrival and abated only slightly during its stay, this could not be done. When the water level is low quite a few feet of the river bed is exposed and as it is quite solid it will be possible to sink posts into it and build up a secure abutment.

Two new cane bridges have recently been built over the Timaria River one near the road and the other a mile or more upstream. They are of a very low standard. I have heard it said that the natives are losing the art of bridge-making; these were certainly rough and the patrol directed various improvements to be made.

LAW AND ORDER.

No serious complaints were brought before the patrol, it seems that the incidence of pig stealing between the Komo and Koroba people has gone down considerably. There were a few minor complaints, mostly regarding outstanding bride-price payments. These were arbitrated to the satisfaction of the parties concerned.

AGRICULTURE.

There is no food shortage in the area visited and the staples of Kau Kau, bananas, Pit Pit and greens were readily obtainable. Introduced vegetables are still hard to come by here, and are usually harvested before they are ready. The area will definitely benefit by the proposed patrol of the Mananda census division by the Agricultural Assistant, Komo, in the near future. The demonstration Kau Kau plots, having been replanted, are still being well tended, and are growing well.

EDUCATION.

Please refer to the comments made by Mr. Wright in Komo Patrol Report No. 9 of 1965/66. The same negative situation still exists here and his comments are therefore relative. There are no facilities for formal education in the Komo area, and unfortunately it seems that there won't be any for some time.

HEALTH.

There are now four Aid Posts in the census division, at Egauwi, Komo, Laite and Handamanda. The plan for the Laite aid post to be moved to Laigat and the new one to be constructed at Aijagate, has failed. Just prior to the arrival of the patrol at Aijagate, YAMBALI, the A.P.O. at Laite had just started rebuilding the aid post there so the new aid post was constructed at Handamanda. The health coverage for the area is still adequate. The aid posts have a house for the A.P.O., a building for treatments and the storage of medicines and apparatus and a few wards.

In the month of February YAMBALI at Laite treated more than 250 patients and at Handamanda treatments

Register

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would be a similar number, but the records had already been sent to the Tari Hospital.

Malaria and pneumonia comprised more than 50% of the treatments, with malaria being predominant. This is probably due to the proximity of the relatively low-lying Tagari Valley, at an estimated 3,500 feet. The A.D.C.s from Handamanda and Laite accompanied the patrol through their respective areas. Most treatments were of a minor nature, cuts, boils and the like.

The Unevangelized Fields Mission at Kanguru (Mindiate) also undertakes some medical work but this is mostly ante-natal and child welfare.

MISSIONS.

The U.F. Mission, Seventh Day Adventist and Capuchin (Catholic) Missions have representatives in the census division. The U.F.M. has the only permanent station, staffed by two Europeans though application has been made by the Capuchin Mission to purchase land at Yandale. If approved this will be staffed by a native catechist who is now living on native-owned land, as are others of the S.D.A. and Capuchin Missions.

AIRFIELDS.

The only airfield in the census division is at Komo station. This strip is 2,600 feet long and has recently been opened to one-way Category "B" operations. The strip is only open to landing from the N.W. end, as a small hill off the S.W. end obstructs the necessary low angle of approach. This means that some aircraft are landing with the wind, but it would be too costly to excavate the offending mound to warrant its being done, at least while Komo has the small amount of air traffic it has now.

CENSUS.

The census revision was carried out in two parts; Mr. Eggleton F.O. doing the southern part of the census division and the rest houses adjacent to the station. Birth Rate, Death rate and Natural increase all show a drop over last years figures, but it should be remembered that it is not a full year since the census revision of 1966. The Natural increase of 0.81 per 100 population, when standardized to a full year, becomes 1.01 per hundred of population. While this is lower than 1966, it had been rising for three years previously. It may be that it will now level out at a constant.

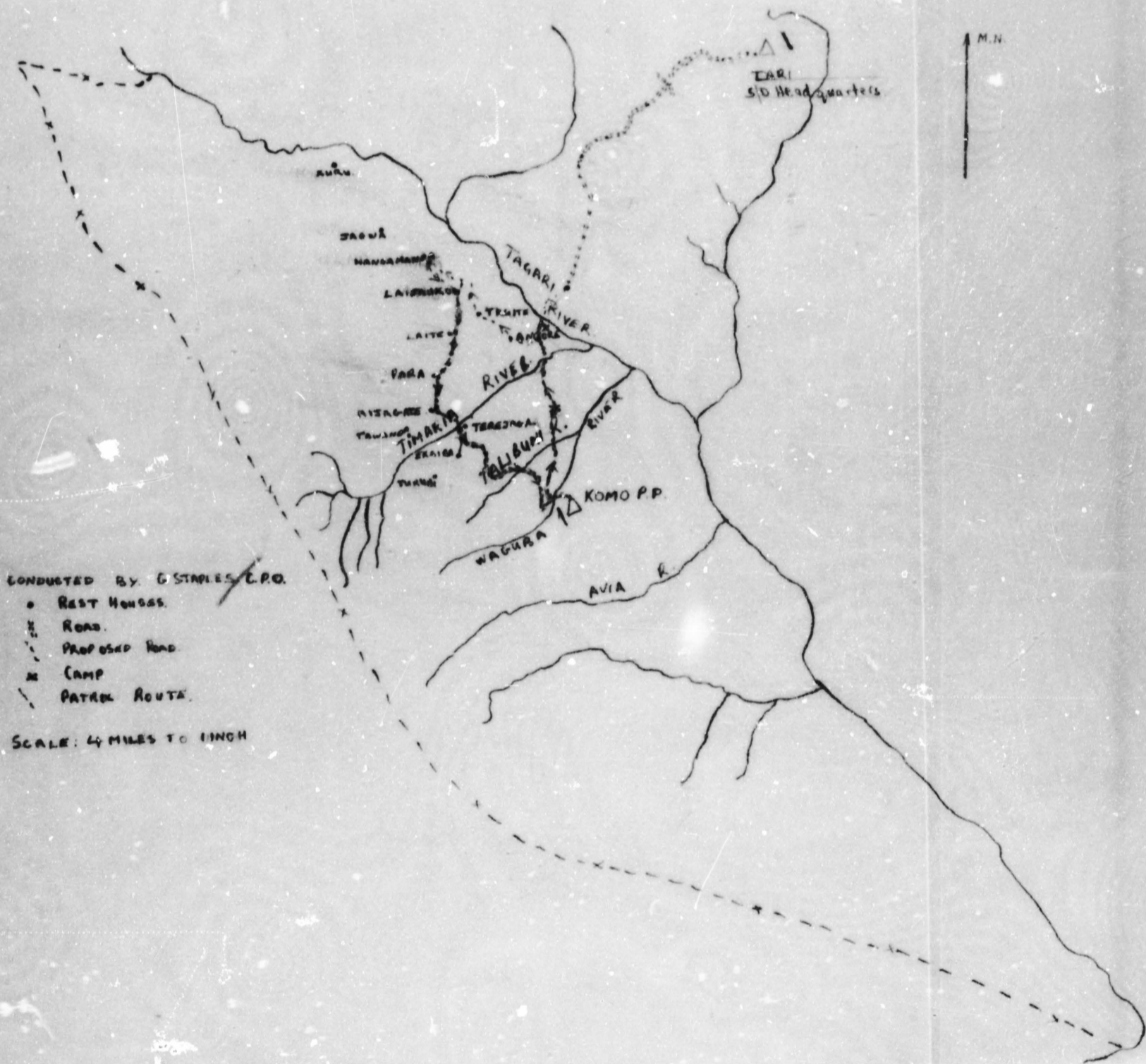
CONCLUSION.

An amount of payment was determined for work already completed on the Komo-Tagari River road, and will be paid on the return of Mr. Eggleton from the temporary posting in Port Moresby. All other aims of the patrol were fulfilled.

G. Staples

G. STAPLES, CADET PATROL OFFICER.

KOMO PATROL 4 of 1966/67.



H.A.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. 5/66/67

Patrol Conducted by M. Eggleton Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Part Mananda Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Const SHONG 9633

Natives Interpreter MONDORO APO TIMU

Duration—From 15/2/1967 to 24/2/1967

Number of Days 10 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services June/July 1966 10/65/66

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol Carry out Census Revision & compile Tax Census sheets for these R/E not yet compiled.
Propaganda for L.G.C. elections in July.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

13/3/1967

[Signature]
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....
Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund
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67-15-43



26th April, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MEKEA.

KOMO PATROL NO. 5 of 1966-67.

Your 67-3-6 of 13th March, 1967, refers.

I agree with you that the completion of the Tari-Komo road link should receive prior attention from the Officer-in-charge, Komo.

Naturally the people will remain somewhat vague in their understanding of the Council system until they have had the opportunity to participate. I agree with the Assistant District Commissioner that the advantages of the Council system do not solely revolve around its ability to raise local finance. Much can be done simply by providing an organisation to co-ordinate activity in the area and to train the local people to accept some responsibility for their own development.

A final submission and recommendations on the formation of a Council will need to be forwarded at an early date, if it is planned to commence the Council in July.

Comment by the Assistant District Commissioner, Tari concerning work on a Tari-Margarima road link is interesting. I should like to know more about this.

J
(c.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
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Mr.....



Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

13th March, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBUI.

Subject: KOMO Patrol No 5 of 1966/67

Attached please find following documents relating to patrol carried out by Mr. M. Eggleton, Patrol Officer to part of the MANANDA Census Division.

1. Patrol Report
2. Covering memorandum 67-1-1 dated 7th March, 1967 from Assistant District Commissioner, Tari.

While planning is for the Komo Local Government Council to come into being in July of this year no definite moves in this direction can be made until the geographic descriptions of the Wards proposed, together with the Draft Proclamation, are received from the Assistant District Commissioner, Tari. I have no doubt that preparation of such are well in hand and should be submitted shortly to enable the time-table for the implementation of the Komo Local Government Council to be adhered to.

The a/District Agricultural Officer has advised me that he has posted the Agricultural Assistant to Komo for the prime task of ensuring that the people continue to improve their subsistence type agriculture. At present this is the main project envisaged and when this type of agriculture shows definite improvement then thought can be given to the introduction of a suitable economic cash crop bearing in mind the geographic isolation of the Komo area and lack of a large scale network of outlet roads which is the present position.

Points raised concerning Health and Forestry are being taken up with the respective Departmental Heads at Mendi for their comments and assistance where possible.

It is unfortunate that the position as regards the establishment of a Primary "T" school at Komo has not changed. However this is being taken up with the District Inspector, Department of Education, Mendi to ensure that the needs of Komo are not lost sight of in future planning by that Department.

It is expected that the road link between Tari and Komo should be completed before the end of this financial year and funds have already been allocated for road construction and the erection of a steel-cable foot bridge at the Tagari River which is the major obstacle to overcome on this road link.

No doubt on his return from Port Moresby Mr. Eggleton will regard the completion of this road link as the major priority in his area and will have same well in hand prior to departing on the proposed Bosavi patrol.

The settled nature of the Komo area is conducive to steady progress and I am sure Mr. Eggleton will ensure that this is, in fact the case.

Please find enclosed 2 copies of the above report submitted by Mr. Eggleton, P.O.I.S. from Tari, together with his ideas for carrying out the work.

[Handwritten Signature]

(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

1. *[Faint text]* I am sure that the establishment of a school in this area in July 1967 will prove to be a political success. Similar success was made to be in the same Sub-district prior to the establishment of the Taraka Council. It is quite remarkable how effective a 'low-level' council can become, despite lack of funds, although naturally a lot depends on the interest taken by the administrative officers.

2. *[Faint text]* The Commissioner must realize that people should have more and more people just what is possible near their houses. It is not a matter of perseverance and this should be possible through regular patrols by the Agriculture Assistant. As well as trying to get the people to plant more and more people should be given to plant more and more people and to go through a long period each year - and take of really unnecessary.

3. *[Faint text]* I believe it is intended to transport a school teacher to Tari and this would be a very good thing. The school should be a hospital. I have seen P.O.I.S. will be that it is very difficult. In other matters such as supplying more materials and materials for houses, clothes and food for patients, the local people through the council can certainly give assistance.

4. *[Faint text]* My suggestion is for the Forestry Officer now stationed at Tari to visit Tari and check the P.O.I.S. in carrying a suitable area of timber near Tari for which the Administration could take out a Forestry lease. For a start I think the council could probably invest in a few pit-saws and saws to work on a contract basis according to the demand.

5. *[Faint text]* While I do agree that an administrative school should be established at Tari it would appear from your letter of 21st November 1966 that the element of a school being established at Tari is very much in doubt. The situation is complex in terms of present needs to such that it remains the District Inspector in Tari prepared to take steps provided as to the time when a school is established.

Sub-district Office,
TARI,
Southern Highlands District.

7th March, 1967.

The District Commissioner,

HEMDEI

Komo Patrol No. 5 of 1966/67

Part Mandala Census Division

Please find enclosed 2 copies of the above report submitted by Mr. Eggleston, P.O.I.C. Komo Patrol Post, together with his claim for camping allowance and 1 copy of the patrol map.

Please note that the revised Village Population Register will be forwarded by Mr. Staples C.P.O.

Comments on report:

1. Political : I am sure that the establishment of a council in this area in July 1967 will generate political awareness. Similar comments were made to me in the Duma Sub-district prior to the establishment of the Karoba Council. It is quite remarkable how effective a 'low-level' council can become, despite lack of finance, although naturally a lot depends on the interest taken by the Administration officers.

2. Agriculture : The emancipation sweet potato gardens should have shown the people just what is possible from their ground. It is now a matter of perseverance and this should be possible through regular patrolling by the Agriculture Assistant. As well as trying for quality some attention must be given to quantity as these people tend to go through a lean period each year - and this is really unnecessary.

3. Health : I believe it is intended to transfer a native Medical Assistant to Komo and this would suggest an up-grading of the Aid Post into a hospital. I feel sure P.H.D. will be able to supply blankets. In other matters such as supplying native sanitation materials for houses, firewood and food for patients, the local people through the council can certainly give assistance.

4. Forestry : My suggestion is for the Forestry Officer now stationed at Hemde to visit Komo and assist the P.O.I.C. in selecting a suitable area of timber near Komo for which the Administration could take out a Forestry Lease. For a start I think the council could probably invest in a few pit-saws and arrange for teams to work on a contract basis according to the demand.

5. Education : While I do agree that an Administration school should be established at Komo it would appear from your 26 - 2 - 1 dated 8th November 1966 that the chances of a school being established at Komo " are very meagre indeed". The situation in regards to teachers and present needs is such that it appears the District Inspector is " not prepared to make vague promises as to the time such a school (Komo) will be established"

6. Census : I feel no comment can be made until the full census statistics are available.

7. Road and Bridging : The problem is that only a hand-full of people live near the proposed Sari - Kona road - on the Kona side. I do feel it is up to the P.O.I.C. to generate enough enthusiasm and he will then get the co-operation necessary to finish the job. I have up to 100 labour each week working on the Sari - Hagerline road entirely voluntary and with no assistance from the Administration whatsoever. It does seem to me that if the people realize the need for the road that they will work on it.

8. Council : There are problems in trying to develop the Masanda area but I am sure that Mr. Eggleston will find a few answers as he gets to know the area better. I am sure that the establishment of the council will be a big step forward.

H.E. Hayward
(Assistant District Commissioner)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

*In Reply
Please Quote*

No.

Patrol Post,
KOMO, SHD.

27th. February, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
TARI, SHD.

KOMO Patrol 5/66/67.

Conducted by:	M. Eggleton, Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled:	Part Mananda Census Division.
Personnel Accompanying:	Const. SHONG 9633. Interpreter MONDORO. A.P.O. TIMU.
Duration of the Patrol:	15/2/67 to 24/2/67. 10 days.
Objects of the patrol;	Carry out Census Revision Compilation of Tax Census sheets L.G.C. Propaganda for impending elections.


M. Eggleton.
Patrol Officer.

Introduction.

The patrol was to the Mananda Census Division which now comprises the minor portion of the Komo Administrative area. Due to the writers impending departure to Pt. Moresby to attend an in training course at the Administrative College it was not possible to get round to all the groups in the C/D.

The patrol visited the following places:

Migili
Ianda also censusing Embetali as a combined group.
Tiunte
Atare
Aijagaite
Tani did not spend a night here
Egauwi
Padua
Pami
Kungu did not spend a night here
Mindiete
Yandale day trip
Kurumbutei } censused as one group on
Poroyandale } day trip.

It will be noted that not a full year has passed since the last census however due to the impending establishment of the KOMC L.G.C. in July and the need to compile Tax Census to facilitate elections it was decided that the writer get a large portion of the area censused. This will also take a considerable portion of the work load off of the Cadet who will take over the station. Road work is also of considerable importance to the area and he will need to concentrate a fair bit of time to 'enthusing' the natives. Progress to date has been fairly slow and the inter village roads and tracks are in a very poor condition.

The opportunity was also taken to give talks on the impending elections and general Council aims. Health and road talks were also given.

A number of people were sent into the station to the Hospital Orderly and a few were also sent onto Tari for further treatment

Diary.

Wednesday 15th. February, 1967. All gear and personnel assembled and awaiting carriers at 11.00. Carriers arrived noon and all departed to Migili. Self departed station 3.30 after sorting and file referencing official mail.

Thursday 16th. Census revised and talks given on L.G.C. election and Council aims together with talks on roads, health and Agriculture. Good attendance despite light drizzle and rain. No complaints or disputes officially settled. Patrol departed 11.30 and proceeded back to the station thence onto Ianda. Self stayed at the station for District Sked and going onto Ianda at 4.20 in light drizzle.

Friday 17th. Census revised and talks given as at Migili. Embetali R/H now no existant and so all gathered at Ianda. No disputes or complaints brought forward. **ONTO TIUNTE WHERE TALKS GIVEN AND CENSUS TAKEN.**

Saturday 18th.

Diary (cont).

Saturday 18th. Patrol moved to Atare arriving 11.30 and talks commenced noon. Census revised and afternoon spent settling a couple of disputes that they could not settle at their own level. Evening spent on census figures.

Sunday 19th. Moved onto Aijagaite and the above conducted and over by 2.00pm. Patrol rested and desultory talks to individuals.

Monday 20th. Onto Tani giving talks and censusing the group. No disputes to be settled and patrol moved onto Egauwi.

Tuesday 21st. Both Egauwi and Padua groups assembled at a convenient meeting point half way between R/H's (The rest houses are only 20 minutes apart and no hardships were caused by this action.) Patrol gear had been carried through earlier and after census taken and talks given personnel moved onto Padua R/H arriving about 3.00pm. Talks to the 'bosboi' of the road.

Wednesday 22nd. Patrol and gear onto Pami R/H while self went into Komo to attend final arrangements for movement of police members departing leave. Some office work and correspondence undertaken. Arriving at Pami via Mindiete 5.30pm. Census figures and Tax Census sheets at night.

Thursday 23rd. Censused Pami and talks given thence onto Kungu, ~~then~~ they were repeated. Several disputes arbitrated on thence onto Mindiete. Census figures and Tax Census sheets at night. Received word from Komo of intending arrival of PWD staff to commence construction of 3 x 597 native personnel houses. Cancelled arrangements to census Yandale on the morrow. Census figures and Tax Census sheets at night.

Friday 24th. Talks given and census revised at Mindiete in the morning then moved off to the station. Stopped at the UFM for morning tea and scones and had talks with the missionary. Arrived station about 12.30. Paid off the carriers and patrol stood down with proviso of field days on Saturday and Monday following.

Political Situation.

The position in the area remains quiet with no tendency towards movements apparent. A bit of interest is shown in the forthcoming Council though the comments are qualified by their professed ignorance as to what it involves. The task ahead of these people is not an easy one as very few of them have been out of the district and only a handful of them can speak pidgen. There is no cash cropping in the area and as there is no educational outlets little outside knowledge has invaded the area. The people are aware of the advantages of the Council due to contact with the surrounding Councils of Tari and Koroba.

Good attendances at the census was noted at all places covered to date. It is regretted that the patrol could not stop at all the Rest Houses but as these people will receive a good deal of patrol contact over the next few months I do not think it will be detrimental.

Disputes would appear to be at a very low level as only a few of minor importance were brought forward for settlement. In any case the station is only a matter of a couple of hours from most R/H's any problem can be speedily settled. I feel the ensuing 9 weeks will probably cause a bit of a backlog of cases in this respect however Mr Staples will be able to mediate on most matters that would appear most likely to arise.

Agriculture.

Overall the food situation in the area is pretty good at present. Kau kau is the staple - as is throughout the Highlands - and the quality can be said to have improved quite considerably. This is confirmed by the European Missionary in the area. He also advises me that the people have quite a variety of green vegetables. I feel the kaukau plots that were instigated by P.O. Wright have been a success. I do not feel that the people have implemented mounds of the same size as was demonstrated to them however the idea has been got across. In the more distant places that I saw, vis Atare, they are even more lagardly in fully following up the demonstrated advantages. I do not know what the position would be in the further northern areas.

Overall there does not seem to be a great variety of other types of vegetables. Potatoes are present but in limited quantities and of the usual Highland 'marble' size. Pumpkins are fairly common as with tomatoes - again generally marble size - with beans and onions following on.

There is now a local Agricultural Assistant on the station and it is hoped to get him off round the area later visiting each rest house and repeating the advice re the size of mounds etc. It is also proposed to distribute further varieties of vegetable and peanuts, soyabeans etc.

Health.

The health of the people in the area generally is quite reasonable with little evidence of malnutrition. An indication of the improving food position.

The APO Timu accompanied the patrol to all the places with the exception of Poroyandale and Kurukumbutei. He is a very willing worker and is always ready to treat the people. I understand he moves around the area a fair bit.

With regards to his Aid Post the people in the areas that he serves have expressed a desire to purchase on a communal basis a number of blankets so that people that he treats and holds for further treatment can be warm at night. This has been partly occasioned by a fire that burnt down the kunai ward previously. As the greatest number of people that he would hold at any one time would not exceed six or so it would involve about 12 blankets spread over about five census groups.

I feel this would be a good binding action by the groups concerned. It would give them an idea of the value of a community effort and also probably help in future Council projects. However with the approach of the Council establishment and the need for a tax patrol soon after it has been commenced this may effect the amount of Council tax that could be received from this particular area. I feel that perhaps the Council tax is more important from the point of view of the area as a whole.

I do not know what the position with regards to P.H.D. is in this matter. I understand that they do not supply blankets to Aid Posts. Is this correct?

If this attitude is prevalent throughout the area it could prove to be a good avenue for the Council to attend to. It would then provide an immediate tangible benefit to the people.

Forests.

Forests.

In view of the impending growth of the station in the next few years and the possibility of obtaining most of the required timber from this area I feel the Administration should consolidate its hold over the present timber lease. This is further required with the proposed setting up of the Nipa sawmill at Komo. See the District Commissioners 10-10-1 of the 1/2/67. It was also mentioned over the Dist. Sked the other day that this was definitely going to eventuate.

In view of these two developments I think that either the Administration should obtain a proper lease over the area. The present system is rather loose to say the least and should a considerable quantity of timber be milled the natives might be apt to level a charge of extortion at us.

The alternative to this would be to let the present system stand until the Council is properly established and then get the Council to take out a lease over the area and sell timber to the Admin. This would then provide a small outside income to the Council and would probably work out cheaper to the Administration than bringing timber into the area.

If this latter alternative is considered reasonable I feel and the Council is agreeable to it I feel the Council could probably take out two leases. One in the vicinity of the Station somewhere between Komo and Migili and also one out in the Padua - Egauwi area. The former has good stands of a local timber known as 'pae' or 'fae' while the latter has considerable and quite good stands of pine. If the leases were a Council project a portion of each lease could be set aside for a nursery and a certain amount of silviculture attempted. This would then provide the Council with a small income for many years. It would also provide a small income for the surrounding villagers.

Education.

There are no educational facilities or outlets in this area at all. This is despite a real need and 'craving' by the people for some media. Back as far as May 1965 the people of this area were prepared to build the school buildings at virtually no cost to the Administration, or rather Education Dept. See 26-3-1 of the 17/5/65, by the Officer in Charge. I believe the position is still much the same today though of course they are very despondent about the subject.

The station personnel are also very perturbed about the matter and it has been raised on the Assistant District Commissioner's last station inspection. See 26-1-2 of the 1/11/66..

This will be the subject of further correspondence shortly.

Census.

Due to the fact that the census has not been completed for the Division as a whole I have not included the figures with this report. They will be included in the report of the officer who finishes off the Division. This will be Mr. Staples, Cadet.

Of the areas censused so far the following trends are emerging

deaths	have	dropped	by	about	30%
births	"	"	"	"	17%

Register

Census (cont).

For these same corresponding groups the following b/d/n.i. rates apply:

birth rate last year	3.45	this year	2.66
death rate " "	2.03	" "	1.31
natural inc. " "	1.42	" "	1.35

This would seem to indicate that the population increase is going to go ahead at a slower rate than would have seemed from last years figures. It is still however a positive rate and not a negative or declining rate as is the case before Admin influence was really consolidated.

It must be born in mind however that the above figures only indicate the whole division picture which could change a bit when the whole area has been done. It is also not a full year since the last census and this might have a bearing on the score.

As was commented on in Patrol Report 10/65/66 the picture as regards migrations has slowed down somewhat. This should become even more pronounced as the populace settles under the Admin influence. The reason for movements was still much the same - that of returning to tribal grounds.

Roads and Bridges.

Most of the emphasis in this area at the moment is on the Komo - Tari road and bridging of the Tagari and Timaria rivers. A fair stretch of work remains to be done on this score at present but due to the breakdown in contact when Mr Wright went on leave and the writers arrival I feel the natives have slackened considerably. Due to this emphasis being on this road maintenance on the inter village roads, tracks and bridges has lapsed completely. The fore knowledge of this patrols departure did mean that an effort on the roads was made however it was obviously designed 'to keep the kiap happy'

As I have not been out to the Komo Tari road on patrol yet comment will have to be left to Mr Staples as to progress - satisfactory or otherwise. On the census patrol the names of all able bodied males were recorded and it is hoped that by this means a tighter check on work performed can be made.

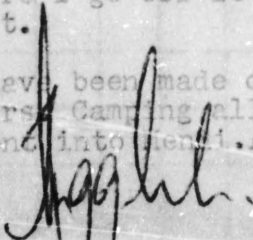
With a couple of exceptions most of the roads travelled on during the patrol are reasonably suitable for vehicular traffic and will not require recutting. The two major bridges crossing the Wagaba River are in good condition. Others although decidedly rickety can be crossed by motorbike.

Summary.

The area generally is quiet with no tendencies towards unrest, while the climate is good for the establishment of the Council. The patrol enabled me to get round a portion of the census area with benefits to all. I feel I should get to the upper areas before departing on this Bosavi patrol as this will mean an extended absence from the station and if the people do not see the kiap before I go off it will mean that they could get the feeling of neglect.

R.S.1 forms have been made out for the accompanying police and sent to Headquarters. Camping allowances have been made out for the police and sent into Beni. Also myself and the APO.

Signature



Designation Patrol Officer 1/3/67



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. KOMO No. 6 of 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by G. Staples Cadet Patrol 6621000

Area Patrolled Part Mananda Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans No.

Natives 2 members R.P. & N.G.S.

1 Interpreter

Duration—From 21/3/1967 to 14/4/1967 (Broken)

Number of Days 19 Patrol Days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 15/2/1967

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

Map Reference District map, also refer KOMO Patrol Report 4 of 1966/67

Objects of Patrol Road construction - KOMO-TAGARI RIVER ROAD

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

7/ 5/ 19 67

Carwardy
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Co £.....

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

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TERRITORY of PAPUA and NEW GUINEA

Administration
Press Advice
No. 348.

Port Moresby,
May 29, 1967.

KOMO ROAD NEARS COMPLETION

The nine-mile Komo-Tagari River Road southwest of Tari in the Southern Highlands is nearing completion with under two miles yet to be built.

The road descends from 4,800 feet at Komo to 3,500 feet, the lowest point in the Tagari Valley, and rises again to meet a 20-mile section to Tari, some 5,000 feet above sea level.

The two sections are part of a Southern Highlands road network project currently involving hundreds of villagers on the outer fringes of the District, in an all-out effort to achieve a link with the more advanced parts of the District.

According to a report from Cadet Patrol Officer, Mr. G. Staples, who is directing the work from the Patrol Post at Komo, the road cuts across the country negotiating four rivers and their valleys.

Mr. Staples said the completion of the road to Tari would signal the end of isolation for the Komo people who have as yet had little opportunity to progress.

67-15-52

3rd July, 1967.

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
NEWBY.

KOMO PATROL NO. 6 OF 1966/67

Your 67-3-6 of 16th May, 1967, refers.

Both your comments and those of the Assistant District Commissioner, Tari, adequately cover the points raised by Mr. Staples in his brief and not altogether adequate report.

I agree that one is able to read between the lines and detect the effort and achievements of, and resulting from, this patrol. However, I feel that a patrol of eighteen days should present a much fuller and clearer picture of the whole situation.

I won't dwell on the progress of roadworks. It is sufficient for me to say that roads are all important and without them - nothing.

Mr. Staples sounds less than enthusiastic about the Komo Council having any appreciable effect on the area for some time. I disagree entirely. If the Council is correctly and enthusiastically advised it will have quite a remarkable effect on the area and the people very soon.

This report was the subject of Administration Press Advice No. 348.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.



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6. The stated object of the patrol - "to direct supervise and encourage work on the Komo-Tagari River road" was the direct task of the patrol and Mr. Staples achieved this object of the patrol. What he has not achieved in your opinion, is a good ganggi on all the patrol's activities. The matter will be rectified in future reports in accordance with your instructions to the Officer-in-Charge, Krmo. Here again we don't want to restrict the main objects of the patrol - roadworks, A very specific gisigi.

7. I congratulate you all on the priority and attention given to this important road. Continue to report the progress on the road, and any difficulties you are unable to solve.

(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

C.C. The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

The above and attached patrol report refers.
An important and effective patrol by this young officer.

D.R. Marsh
(D.R. Marsh) &
District Commissioner.

67-3-6

Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

16th May, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
TARI.

Komo Patrol Report No 6 - 66/67.

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

2. Although this report does not contain information you have considered it should contain - local situations, progress, thoughts and attitudes etc, and I fully understand your reasoning on this, it is nevertheless an informative report especially as the Tari-Komo road is receiving urgent attention by you. Progress on the road is really good, and I do read into the report that Mr. Staples has given us some information of considerable value re the peoples attitudes and thoughts. An example is on page 4 of the Report under the heading of Roads and Bridges; " .. Village Root Houses groups are working in rotation so that five groups work for a week then another takes over. This means that a force of over a hundred men is always present .. the road head is steadily progressing so there is no cause for complaints." Added to this is the fact the road only has about 1½ miles to go (in the central section) speaks well of what has been and is being achieved. It is understandable that the road-workers will not work as hard when an officer is not present, but they have still, as you state, done well.

3. The pig improvement scheme must be followed up not only to bring it actually to operation, but also after it is in operation. It is hoped that the Agricultural Officer can succeed with this scheme.

4. In future, as arranged by you, Mr. Staples will be given detailed instructions for patrols. This will help the officer conducting the patrol, but care must be exercised that such instructions do not over restrict patrols. All officers on patrol are requested to use their discretion, and at times a "desirable" or "pleasing" report is not always submitted

5. On this occasion I feel that although this patrol report may not include headings in accordance with instructions, the patrol itself was worthwhile and effective, and that the briefness of the report does not de-value the effectiveness of this patrol, even though the information you expected to be submitted was not in fact submitted.

Sub-district Office,
ZARI,
Southern Highlands District,
9th May, 1967,

The District Commissioner,
MBIDI,
Southern Highlands District.

KOMO Patrol No. 6 of 1966/1967.

Part Hamarfa Gama Division.

Please find enclosed 2 copies of the above-mentioned report submitted by Mr. G. Staples, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Also attached Carrying Allowance Claims for Mr. Staples.

Comments on Patrol Report:

Mr. Staples report adequately covers the section on the Komo/Ragard road but unfortunately he has given no information about such important items as Native Situation etc.

Mr. Staples put in a good burst of enthusiasm towards his work as was evident by his last patrol report No. 4 of 1966/67, however this brief report leaves much to be desired. Mr. Staples is aware of Standing Departmental Instructions in regards to the submission of Patrol Reports. He is also aware of the benefits gained by thorough reporting of all the Patrol's activities and Native situations, progress, thoughts and attitudes etc. This provides background for future Patrols into the area concerned and is also a valuable part of an Officer's training.

With the return of the Officer in Charge, Mr. Eggleston, it is hoped that adequate Patrol Instructions will accompany each Patrol Report, hence a more detailed Patrol Report.

Work is progressing well on the road work in the Komo area and follow up patrol's will keep a check on progress as is being done on the Turi Section of the road link. The people's enthusiasm is high and the road will lead to easier Administration of the area and no doubt be an income live to the people to work hard. One must be careful not to display a negative approach to the people re development and economic progress as this tends to create Administrative difficulties for future Officers.

It is hoped that the Council will be able to reap the benefits of a pig improvement scheme in the Komo area sometime this fiscal year. The District Agriculture Officer has indicated to me that if the people construct suitable, movable pens pigs will be provided from the breeding station in Goroka. A stop in the right direction.

Forwarded for your information please

M. R. Hayward
Assistant District Commissioner

c.c. O.I.C. Komo
c.c. Mr. Staples C.P.O. Komo.
Minute to O.I.C. Komo;

Please ensure that Mr. Staples conforms with procedure in the submission of Patrol Reports and I suggest that you ~~advise~~ him detailed Patrol Instructions for future patrols.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference..... 67-1-1.....
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
KOMO.
Southern Highlands District.
24th. April, 1967

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-district Office.
TAKI.

KOMO Patrol No.6 of 1966/67.

Conducted by: G.Staples, Cadet Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled: Part MANANDA Census Division.
Personnel Accompanying: 7093 Const.FOKU.
8200 Const.OPEHEMA.
Interpreter PEBE,
Interpreter MONDORO.
Duration of Patrol: 21/3/67 to 14/4/67 (Broken.)
18 Patrol days.
Object of the Patrol: To direct, supervise and encourage
work on the Komo-Tagari River road.

G. Staples
.....
(G.Staples)
Cadet Patrol Officer.

INTRODUCTION.

Komo is in a straight line about twenty miles S.S. W. of Tari, but by road the distance will be thirty miles or a little more.

The road cuts "across the grain" of the country in that it must negotiate the Waguba, Talibuni, Timaria and Tagari rivers and the valleys in which they run. Tari is 5,250 feet above Sea level, and Komo is 4,800 A.S.L. but the Tagari Valley, being the lowest point between the two, is only an estimated 3,500 ft. A.S.L. It can therefore be seen that the road has a long climb out of either side of the valley and work is progressing on this last stage of the road.

The footbridge being constructed over the Tagari R. will restrict through traffic to motor-cycles and as Komo has no four wheeled vehicles, any heavy equipment to be transported by road must be carried to or from Komo, to or from the bridge. Even so the road will make this job much easier than previously, when a native track was the only route for communication.

The inauguration of the Komo Local Government Council in June, 1967 will undoubtedly have a boosting effect on the area but the situation at Komo will not change significantly for some time, for the following reasons:

Komo is on the "outside fringe" of the highlands and is isolated by both distance and terrain.

Subsistence agriculture is poor and must be developed substantially before any consideration can be given to cash cropping.

Lack of formal education facilities to inspire development.

Lack of adequate road outlets to any possible markets.

The Tari-Komo road now nearing completion will serve a useful purpose less obvious than that of facilitating movement of people and goods, and stimulating the already active social intercourse between Komo and the more developed Tari. It can be brought home to the people that this road signals the end of their isolation and the rate of further development is largely up to them from now on. For example, a couple of enterprising natives opening trade stores would encourage in the population the search for money that leads to development. The direct result is that everyone wants money to buy the goods in the store, but indirectly, the work they perform to earn the money is developing the area.

DIARY.

March, 1967.

Tuesday 21st.

0900, departed Komo Station. 1010, arrived at road-head at POKATEBU, made camp. Observed road-work.

Slept Pokatebu.

Wednesday, 22nd.

Supervised work, marked route for 1/4 of a mile ahead of workers. Traces of previous markers are visible but most of them are missing.

Slept Pokatebu.

Thursday, 23rd.

Observed work at road-head. Present progress about 90 to 100 yards of fully made road per day.

1500, patrol departed for Komo Station arriving 1600.

Slept Komo.

EASTER Break observed.

Wednesday, 29th.

1030 hours, patrol departed for Pokatebu.

1115, self followed on motor-cycle; speedometer showed four miles of road now built from station.

Set up camp on road as no level ground available, observed work.

Slept Pokatebu.

Thursday, 30th.

Supervision of road-work at Pokatebu. A woman arrived at the camp with a story of a murder in the vicinity of the border between the Mananda and Bosavi census divisions, some six months ago. Sent a group of Village Constables and local leaders to try and find persons to corroborate the story.

Slept Pokatebu.

Friday, 31st.

Observed work at Pokatebu. 1600, returned Komo

Slept Komo.

Sunday, 2nd April, 1967.

Returned to camp at Pokatebu. Slept Pokatebu.

Monday, 3rd.

Supervised road-work. Not a good attendance until about 1000. Progress is now slowing as terrain becomes more difficult.

Story of Thursday discounted, a natural death under fairly ordinary circumstances.

Slept Pokatebu.

Tuesday, 4th.

Road-work at Pokatebu. Attendance good, about 120 men are working each day, but progress down to about sixty yards as heavy timber must be cut before we can get down to ground level.

1650, rode to Komo, closed mail after depositing official correspondence and returned to camp. Slept Pokatebu.

Wednesday, 5th.

Supervised work at Pokatebu. Am marking out sections for each Rest house group for each day and this seems to produce better results than having everyone work together.

Slept Pokatebu.

Thursday, 6th.

Road-work at Pokatebu. The road is now over the major divide and only a couple of small ridges now separate us from the long down-grade into the Tagari Valley.

Slept Pokatebu.

Friday, 7th.

Friday, 7th.

Supervised road-work. Paced out work completed this week, 460 yards. 1530, returned to Komo, Slept Komo.

Sunday, 9th.

Returned to camp.

Slept Pokatebu.

Monday, 10th.

Directed work at Pokatebu with five fresh Rest house groups working. Labour force still over one hundred men.

Slept Pokatebu.

Tuesday, 11th.

Supervised road-work. Progressing well despite difficult terrain.

Slept Pokatebu.

Wednesday 12th.

Observed work at road head.

Slept Pokatebu.

Thursday, 13th.

Followed road route to Timaria River with a group of V.C.s and the boss boy who runs the show in the absence of patrols, pointing out difficulties to be avoided.

Slept Pokatebu.

Friday, 14th.

Started work on last uphill section before the Tagari Valley. Now only about $1 \frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the Timaria River and there is two tenths of a mile built from there back towards Komo so the uncompleted section is an estimated $1 \frac{1}{2}$ miles in length. Patrol returned to Komo.

End of patrol.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The KOMO-TAGARI River Road when completed will be an estimated nine miles in length. Five miles have been completed from Komo, and another $2 \frac{1}{4}$ miles from the Tagari River. This leaves a central section of about one and a half to one and three quarters of a mile to be made. This uncompleted section runs down the wall of the Tagari Valley and includes some of the most difficult terrain the road will have to negotiate.

Village rest-house groups are working in rotation so that five groups work for a week then another five take over. This means that a force of over a hundred men is always present - ostensibly working on the road. While a patrol is not present the work is not so intensified but the road-head is steadily progressing so there is no cause for complaint.

This patrol saw the completion of three quarters of a mile of road, most of it through heavily timbered country and almost without exception paralleling ridges and partway down the slopes, meaning that a lot of earth-moving was required to get the road level in cross-section.

At one point the road describes four legs of a zig-zag pattern, each leg about 100 yards long, to descend a short steep drop in the ridge we were following. The as yet uncompleted section will follow a

similar pattern but on a larger scale.

The best course, for the major part of the road, has been to follow this particular ridge, between the Waguba River and the Euro which runs North of the Waguba and meets with the Timaria West of where the Tagari and Timaria join. This means a long drop where the ridge falls towards the Timaria River but I feel the resulting road will be better than if planned anywhere else.

The planned ford over the Timaria River should present no difficulties at all and local leaders and V.C.s have been shown what is expected so that they can go ahead with it if field staff at Komo are too fully occupied with the imminent initial L.G. Council elections to supervise its construction closely.

Though the stream here is approximately 120 feet wide it only averages about a foot in depth. Just on the downstream side of where the road meets the banks is a small island and this will be utilised to break the ford into two sections. It is envisaged that large stones from the river be placed on the upstream side of the ford, extending for about twenty yards. This will tend to diversify the flow of water so that no part of the ford is in the main channel of the river and therefore more likely to break up.

POLICE.

R.S. Form 1 has been forwarded direct to Police Headquarters for each of the members accompanying the patrol.

CONCLUSION.

A fruitful patrol which fully achieved all its aims. I think the amount of work done stands as a commendation of the enthusiasm the people have towards this road. Minor troubles and complaints about the work were met but this is to be expected, and no serious incidents marred the co-operation achieved.

I feel that the road will be finished before the end of the current financial year, regardless of the fact that Local Government Council elections will disturb the schedule to a certain extent.

G. Staples
G. Staples
Cadet Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. 7/66/67

Patrol Conducted by N. Eggleston Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Komo to Tari and return via Angora

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Mr. Staples CEO

Const. Gookave 10530

Natives Interpreter Mondoro

Duration—From 13/5/1967 to 20/5/1967

Number of Days 8 Broken Period (see preamble)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services March/1967 Komo Patrol 6/66/67

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol 1 Administrators visit 2 Cannon Bell

3 Road and Bridge site inspections

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

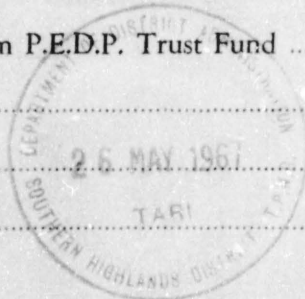
22/6/1967

District Commissioner

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

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

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67-3-6.

District Office,
MENDI.

20th June, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-district Office,
TARI.

FINAL DATE FOR OBJECTIONS: PROPOSED NEW ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES -
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS IN 1968

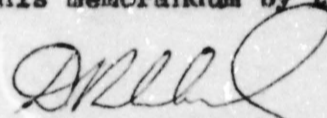
Your 67-1-1/46 of 30/5/67 refers please.

It is noted at paragraph 7 you stated that appeals can be lodged re Electoral Boundaries by the end of November. I presume this is a typing error.

The final date of objection is the 2nd July, 1967, and any objections received after that date will not be considered. This information is contained in a Public Notice printed on page 305 of Government Gazette No.22 of 4th May, 1967.

If there has been any misunderstanding on this date, kindly ensure such has been corrected. Unfortunately I have not a spare copy of that Gazette to send you in case you did not receive same.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this memorandum by telegram.



(D.R. MARSH.)
District Commissioner

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67-3-6

Southern Highlands District,
MRDI.

22nd June, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
TARI.

KOMO Patrol Report No. 7 of 66/67.

Your 67-1-1/46 of 20th May and the above report are acknowledged with thanks.

2. My 67-3-6 of 20th instant to you refers re objections to Electoral Boundaries.
3. Re the Tagari bridge my 10-7-5 of the 13th instant to you refers.
4. The enthusiasm displayed and the results achieved on the difficult task relating to the compilation of the Common Roll are appreciated. Such is not an easy task.
5. A worthwhile patrol by Mr. Eggleton and Mr. Staples.

c.c. The Director,
Department of District
Administration,
KONEDOBU.

(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

Re above and attached Patrol Report, please.

(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

Att..

PRK/WTH.

67-1-1/46.

Sub-District Office,
TARI.
Southern Highlands District.

30th May, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

KOMO PATROL NO 7 OF 1966/1967 KOMO TO TARI AND
RETURN VIA ANGOBE.

Please find enclosed 3 copies of the abovementioned Patrol Report submitted by Mr. Eggleton, Patrol Officer and Camping Allowance Claim for Mr Eggleton and Mr. Staples, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Unfortunately the Komo Area is still under the influence of tradition with Pig Kills taking precedent over work and development. This should change as contact and influence are consolidated and the people start reaping some rewards for their labours and, perhaps cash cropping at a later date.

However all reports indicate that the road is progressing well.

The peoples thoughts re the Council and lack of money for tax is interesting as this expressed a widespread desire for economic development to come first. However the Political Progress of the Territory is such that holding back Councils because the people lack money is not acceptable.

Re the concern about combining census units into wards. I hope it was explained that the system of Committeemen will enable such groups to have indirect leadership and guidance from the Council. The Councillors will also find it easier to lead the people with the help of these Committeemen.

Nominations are always slow in coming forward at the first election and quite often only one candidate per ward is forthcoming. It is a good policy to have a second election in either one or two years when you will find the interest has heightened and people will begin weeding out the 'drones' and effective Councillors will be elected.

Appeals can be lodged re Electoral Boundaries by the end of November, however the Tari Electorate is now at its maximum, hence Komo/Bosavi being included in the Koroba Electorate. I want to know the general consensus of opinion.

I have ear-marked a patrol for August to carry out further surveys of the Tageri area because I am not very happy with the slopes etc on the proposed road.

We will be able to supply timber the bridge when more funds become available. The 'TAGIRUBA' will have to be hauled by tractor as the distance involved is considerable.

should be 28 July 1967 vide log 22 of 4/5/67.

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I propose asking for a further issue of cables and clips next financial year so that a vehicular bridge can be constructed. The idea of the footbridge serves as a link but is extremely shortsighted and I fear that once the bridge is built it will be a battle to have it replaced.

Field Officers Journals forwarded yours under separate cover.

A useful and worthwhile patrol, with Mr. Eggleton using his observation powers and taking the initiative.

For your information please.

(P. R. KERR.)
Assistant District Commissioner.

- c.c. The Officer-In-Charge,
Patrol Post,
KOMO.
Via MOUNT HAGEN.
- c.c. Mr. Eggleton,
c/- Patrol Post,
KOMO.
Via MOUNT HAGEN.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....

Our Reference.....

If calling ask for.....

Mr.....



Department of District Administration.

Patrol Post,
KOMO, SHD.

22nd. May, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
TARI, SHD.

KOMO Patrol 7/66/67.

Conducted by:	M. Eggleton PO
Area Patrolled:	Komo - Tari via road that is under construction and return via Angore.
Personnel accompanying:	G. Staples CPO. Const. Goekave 10530. Interpreter Mendoro.
Duration of the Patrol:	13/5/67 to 20/5/67 (Broken period) At Tari from Sunday noon till Thursday morning for the Administrators and for meeting with ADC Mendi re Common Roll.
Objects of the Patrol:	Familiarisation of the presently under construction road route, Tagari bridge site inspection, Administrators visit and Common Roll orientation.

M. Eggleton.
Patrol Officer.

Introduction.

The prime object of the patrol was to go through to Tari for the Administrators visit and it was decided that we would inspect the road work to date and also inspect the Tagari River Bridge site and attempt to locate timber for the bridge.

It had been hoped to do the inspecting etc prior to arrival in Tari but due to impending Pig kills in the area it was virtually impossible to get labour around the station and I know from experience that it is impossible to get labour on the roads at such times. Virtually no work was attempted on the road while we were at Tari this is in marked contrast to the efforts that have been put into the road since Mr. Staples and I went round on the census revision a while ago. This is probably because all eligible males names were taken down and they were informed that roll calls would be made to see who were or were not in attendance.

Diary.

Saturday 13th. May, 1967. Patrol gear and personnel assembled and all departed the station about 10.00 am. Walked along road route and proposed route crossing the Timaria River and arriving at the Tagari R/H about 1.30pm. Talks with the V.C. from Angore in the afternoon.

Sunday 14th. Departed R/H together with various station people and villagers walking through to see the Administrator. Picked up by Tari L/R about 11.30 am at Hiwanda

Monday 15th. At Tari some DIV's for the impending Bosaivi Patrol typed out and aiding with some preparations for the Administrator visit.

Tuesday 16th. Administrators visit. Brief talks in the afternoon.

Wednesday 17th. Departure of the Administrator and family, thence District Commissioner and wife. Arrival of ADC Mendi on Common Roll work. Drove over to Koroba as Komo is now in the Koroba Open Electorate. Back to Tari.

Thursday 18th. Departed Tari about 10 am. on the tractor which developed an oil leak after a few miles. Walked to Tagari R/H arriving about 3.30 pm. Driver told to walk back to the station as gear box was nearly devoid of oil. Talks with natives re the availability of and proximity to the bridge site of suitable 'tagiruba' timber for it's construction. Decided to visit Angore on the morrow.

Friday 19th. Broke available natives up into two groups and self and C/O Staples cut tracks off along the Tagari in search of possible alternative bridge sites. Negative both up and down the river. Set off for Angore ^{arriving} 2.30 pm. Went off to look at the proposed timber for the bridge site. Talks with a group gathered at the R/H in the evening, re proposed Council.

Saturday 20th. Departed R/H 7.45 am. arriving station at 10.45 am. Inspected additional timber on the way in. Patrol stood down.

Political Situation.

The people continue to show interest in the forthcoming elections for the Council. It is mainly in the form of concern over their lack of knowledge and lack of cash for tax purposes. Many of them feel that the Council should be held over till there is a cash economy of some kind in the area. I explained to them that the tax rate was up to them and that a majority opinion is what would count in the selection of a tax rate. A certain amount of concern about wards was also expressed in that they feel that they should have a Councillor for each R/H. I tried to explain to them the idea of equal representation and the need to 'boong' various R/H's to achieve this. They seemed quite happy with the joining of Agore, Tagite and Injauko into the one ward. I hope this extends to all the other wards.

To date no nominations for the election have come in but I have sent out the talk for them to do so and I feel this will soon come about. Nominations were very slow in coming in for the Erave Council election initially and so this is only to be expected I suppose. I shall try to get out and do one other council propaganda patrol prior to the elections if time and the Common Roll compilation permits.

While outside the scope of this report in that it occurred after the patrol had been stood down the following indicates another feeling in the area.

Soon after the patrol had arrived back at Komo a group of about 20 Village Constables and leafers were assembled outside the office. They were under the impression that I had sent the talk out for them to gather. This was erroneous and the apparent reason was that MHA Handabe had been doing a bit of electioering at the Administrators visit to Tari. Exactly what message it was that he had wished to convey to the Komo's I'm not too sure.

I proceeded to give the assemblage some indications re the forthcoming elections for the House in 1968 and also that they will now come under the Koroba Open Electorate. This last fact caused some consternation as they say they feel more closely allied with the Tari people rather than the Duna people of Koroba. I asked them to spread the talk about on this point and to find out what the general consensus of opinion is on the subject. I feel that among the thinkers and opinion leaders it will be that they are not in favour of joining with the Koroba's.

Roads and Bridges.

On the walk over to Tari we followed the road as constructed to date. Overall I would say it is quite good but naturally there are a few areas that are too steep and a couple of places where the natives have not cut the road anywhere near where they were told to do so. This only happened in one place fortunately. It will have to be completely recut later. However the main thing is to get the road cut initially and modifications and improvements can come later. This should save disillusioning the people at this stage. Although Mr Staples estimates there as being about 1 1/2 miles to go I would suggest it is a little more - possibly as much as 2 1/2 to 3 miles. It is difficult to judge though and one cannot be dogmatic about it.

Roads and Bridges (cont).

For your information I should like to point out that there is an excessively steep section on the Tari side of the Tagari Valley. It commences at a point estimated to be about 1 1/2 to 2 miles on the Komo side of Edouwi R/H. I understand the name of the area is 'Pandu' and there is a small catechist or mission station in the area. Looking back to the area from this side of the river it can be seen to be the commencement of the drop proper into the Tagari Valley. I feel it may be worth your while to find out if there is a way to ~~cut~~ cut out this section and thus ensure that you can join the top section to the bottom section before too much additional work is performed on the road. It would be rather embarrassing if it were not possible and the whole lower section had to be recut.

With regards to the Tagari Bridge site I decided to do a spot of investigating up and down either side but no other reasonable spot presented itself.

Timber for the bridge is going to be a problem as the hardwood tree for this area 'tagiruba' is not to be found down in the valley of the Tagari itself. The natives assure me that there is no suitable alternative on either side of the river within a reasonable distance. It was for this reason that I went up to Angore R/H to see what timber they had in mind for the bridge. They had selected some 8 of which I inspected 3 of them. The others are supposed to be of similar size. They averaged about 42 to 45" in girth and about 15" in diameter. While not very big they would suffice as they will only be in compression in the finished structure. The natives have a very long way to pull them to the site however.

The steel cables for the bridge are now in the proximity of the road head on the Tari side. There is probably no need ~~for~~ for natives to get the cables any closer for the present.

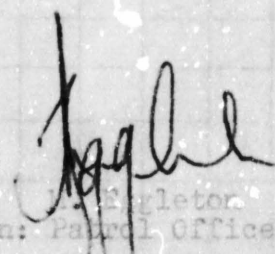
Conclusion.

The basic ~~aim~~ aim of the patrol was to go through and see the Administrator and for Common Roll preparation. Road and bridge site inspection was combined with this and I feel it was a useful patrol to all.

RSI form has been prepared for the accompanying ~~police~~ police member and dispatched to Police K.Q.

Camping claims for Mr Staples and myself accompany the report and for the police has been forwarded to Mendi for funding.

F.C.J. folios for Mr Staples and myself also accompany the report.

Signature: 
Designation: Patrol Officer

Date: 23/5/67.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. Komo 8 of 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by G. Staples Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Parik Mananda C/D. Komo-Tagari River Road.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

2 Interpreters (Patrol)
Natives 6 members, R.P. & N.G.C., 4 returning 2nd week.
4 warders, C.I.B. all " " "

Duration—From 31/5/1967 to 15/6/1967 (Broken)

Number of Days 16 Patrol days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 13/5/1967

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

Map Reference Sub-district maps. Also refer Komo P.R. 4/66/67

Objects of Patrol Survey and mark uncompleted section of Komo-Tagari Road
and to further work on road construction.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

5/8/1967

District Commissioner

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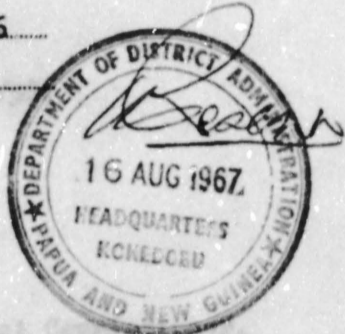
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams
Telephone
Our Reference..... 67-3-6
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Department of District
Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.



4th August, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Komo Patrol No 8 of 1966/67 -
Mr. G. Staples C.P.O. - S.H.D.

Attached please find;

- a) Original of report;
- b) copy of memorandum 67-1-1/88 dated 5th July, 1967 from Assistant District Commissioner, Tari.
- c) Copy of patrol instructions issued to Mr. Staples, C.P.O. by Officer-in-Charge, Komo dated 29th May, 1967.

2. The patrol was of a routine nature in relation to the construction of the incompleated section of the Komo-Tagari Road. It must be of unmeasurable satisfaction to all concerned in the planning and construction of this road to see the job nearly done. The benefit of communications by road between Komo and Tari ultimately cannot be fully appreciated by the indigenous inhabitants of Komo at present but will be when portage is cut to a minimum when the road is trafficable to vehicles.

3. All other aspects of the report have been covered fully by the Assistant District Commissioner, Tari.

(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

Att..

PRK/WTH.

67-1-1/58.

Sub-District Office,
Tari.
Southern Highlands District.

5th July, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District.
MENDI.

KOMO PATROL REPORT 8 OF 1966/1967.

Please find attached 3 copies of the above-mentioned Report, with claim for camping allowance for Mr. G. Staples, Cadet Patrol Officer, who conducted the patrol.

I am very pleased with the progress to date on this vital road link. I have driven over our side and observed work on the Komo side of the Tari from Cessnas and the Helicopter on 3 occasions.

Mr. Staples reports excellent attendance of his work force and the native situation is good.

His Political Situation report is noted with interest and I will be interested to hear the outcome of the Elections. One must realise however, that the area is a new one and pre-selection of the candidates is bound to happen. Rest assured that this sort of electioneering is practised in a large proportion of the Highlands Electorates.

I can appreciate the mistrust for Elections resulting from the election of Mr. Handabe to the House of Assembly in 1964 as he has made little or no attempt to visit the Komo area or to assist them per medium of his position.

The onus is on us to see that pre - election propaganda is sufficient to arouse interest, fully explain proceedings etc. If this is carried out it then becomes a matter of time before the people fully appreciate the implications of elections.

There are always going to be some disappointments arising out of Election Results and it sometimes pays to utilise defeated candidates - if they are acceptable to all, as word committeeman. This throug a responsible job at their feet and you will probably find that these men will strive to prove themselves.


These Local Leaders - will for some considerable time, play a leading role in any decisions and policy matters.

I am pleased that Mr. Staples utilised evenings for informal discussions - a valuable source of information and contact.

The paragraph re the tractor and trailer has my full support. I will endeavour at a later date, if no tractor can be allocated to Komo, to loan a Tari tractor for stone carrying.

A thorough report on the road work and a worthwhile patrol by Mr. Staples.

For your information please.


(P.R. KERR.)

Acting Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. OIC KOMO.
Mr. Staples.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....

Our Reference.....

If calling ask for

Mr.....

Department of District Administration.

Patrol Post,
KOMO, SHD.

29th. May, 1967.

Mr. G. Staples,
Patrol Post,
KOMO.

Komo patrol 8/66/67.

As previously discussed please prepare to mount a patrol to the Komo - Tari road head on the 31st. of this month. The main object of the patrol will be to survey and mark an additional section of the road and if possible get to the Timaria River. As you are aware you are now in the difficult section where grades will be of paramount importance - you will need to spend a fair bit of time and effort on the marking of the route.

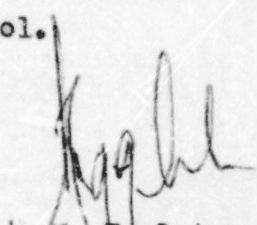
Following the pig kills recently there has been a marked falling off in the attendance and effort being expended on the road. When you get yourself settled in out there let me know if the numbers present are satisfactory and if not I will endeavour to enthuse and organise them at this end. Also get the lines in the top area of the C/D organised as they too have been very slack of late. The two lots combined should ensure a work force in the vicinity of 200 rotating every three weeks. Take the present detainee line and all in a big effort should see the road make a very smart jump forward.

Distribute shovels to the lines to increase efficiency of the work force and if reasonable make an additional road payment.

Bear in mind the impending Council's establishment and try to answer any questions that may arise. Also in view of the comments on your last patrol report bear in mind the need to make comments on those headings on which you feel competent to discuss. Many headings are redundant when the local populace is away from their normal surroundings however.

I shall try and make a number of day trips and give you a hand with the groups.

Have a pleasant patrol.


M. Eggleton, P.O.
Officer In Charge.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....

Our Reference.....

If calling ask for.....

Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
KOMO.
Southern Highlands District

24th. June 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-district Office,
TARI. S. H. D.

KOMO Patrol No.8 of 1966/67.

Conducted By: G.Staples,C.P.O.

Area Patrolled: Part MANANBA C/D. KOMO-TAGARI Road.

Personnel accompanying:

R.P.& N.G.C.	
8200 OPEHEMA,	10473 DIWE,
9633 SHONG,	10530 GOEKAVE,
9991 SOUWEI,	11056 BONNY.

C.I.B.

0710 GAIN,	0777 TOKUNAD,
0561 OLUMBA,	0794 LAHABI.

Interpreter PEBE,
Interpreter HAREI,
Detainees,KOMO C.I.

Duration of Patrol: 31/5/67 to 16/6/67 inclusive.
16 patrol days.

Object of Patrol: To survey and mark a route for the uncompleted section of the KOMO-Tagari River road, and to further the work on the actual making of the road.

G. Staples
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G.Staples,
Cadet-Patrol Officer.

INTRODUCTION.

Please refer to KOMO Patrol Report No. 6 of 1966/67.

The present patrol is one of a series, the object of which is the completion of the KOMO-Tagari River section of the TARI-KOMO Road.

After the return of Mr. Eggleton and myself from TARI on the 20th of May, work on the road continued to be slack. As previously reported, the Mananda Basin lines are rotating each three weeks, in groups of five rest-houses.

Monday, 29th of May showed no evidence of any work being done on the road, so the next day Mr. Eggleton and myself walked different routes around the rest-houses whose turn it was to be on the road. Some 80 odd men were found and they accompanied the patrol when it left Komo, Wednesday, 31st. Also a large number of men had arrived on the station overnight, from the area concerned and they too accompanied the patrol to the road-head.

The first afternoon was spent by the work force building shelters at and near the road-head. The ones used previously are now so far away as to require too much walking time back and forth. Having the houses fairly close together, and close to the patrol camp also offers less temptation to sit in the house all day, coming out when a roll-call is announced, as a minority are wont to do.

DIARY.

Wednesday, 31st, May, 1967. Final preparations for patrol.
12.00 Patrol departed Komo, arriving road-head 13.40
Rest of day spent erecting tents for patrol, and shelters for workers. Also a sturdy house for C.I. inmates.
Area called MONDOBA. Slept MONDOBA.

Thursday, 1st, June, 1967. Roll of C.I. and workers.
Clearing of an area past road-head, to give better indication of terrain. Short ~~reconnaitred~~ reconnaissance of the immediate area. Mr. Eggleton, P.O. visited the patrol in the afternoon. Slept Mondoba.

Friday, 2nd. Clearing continues. Now easier to decide on route. Mr. Eggleton on day trip. Together marked short section with Abney level. Slept Mondoba.

Saturday, 3rd. Duty roster for weekend; Lift into Komo with O.I.C. Pays and office duties. Slept Komo.

Sunday, 4th. Treasury reimbursement, returned to camp. Slept Mondoba.

Monday, 5th. Labor started re-making a section done since the last patrol. Mark not followed and consequently road was too steep. Self, with interpreter and small line reconnaître to Timaria River. Found a likely route down, where previous visits suggested it would be. No time to check it with Clinometer before rain set in. Slept Mondoba.

Tuesday, 6th. Checked attendance where re-cutting operation going on, then repaired to road-head. Surveyed and marked the route I walked over yesterday. Slept Mondoba

Wednesday, 7th. Re-cutting finished 10.30. Work started on extension of road-head. Slept Mondoba.

Thursday, 8th. Observed at road-head. Visit By O.I.C.
Work slowing in difficult terrain as enthusiasm wanes
towards end of week. Slept Mondoba.

Friday, 9th. Supervised continuing work at road-head.
Slept Mondoba.

Saturday, 10th. C.I. line back to Komo, as their labours are
needed there. To Komo. Slept Komo

Sunday, 11th. Observed at Komo Slept Komo.

Monday, 12th. Queen's Birthday celebrated. Returned
camp. Slept Mondoba.

Tuesday, 13th. Supervised work at road-head. Slept Mondoba

Wednesday, 14th. Work at road-head. Pulling of logs for a
bridge to get the road back onto the main ridge.
Slept Mondoba

Thursday, 15th. Descended to Timaria River and marked
rest of route, ~~at~~ including about 300 yards which the
top lines of the C/D. had built, without it being
properly marked, and after having been asked to work
with everyone else on the top end of the road.
Slept Mondoba.

Friday, 16th. Observed work at road-head. Broke camp and
departed for Komo at 14.45. arriving 16.10
Patrol stood down.

End of Patrol.

NATIVE SITUATION.

There is no population in the area patrolled. There is,
however, evidence that people will gravitate towards the
road. One man has an area cleared and a garden started
near the Timaria, and during the patrol fires were laid
to clear areas near the road, as we were working.

The Tagari Valley has been for some time 'no man's land'
as the result of fighting between groups. Lately, that is,
in the last couple of years, the settled feeling in the
area has seen a breaking down of the old feeling of
against living there, and the road may add to this.

The land both in the valley and on the range back towards
Komo is suitable for cultivation. The valley is possibly
less favourable for settlement due to the higher Malaria
hazard.

POLITICAL SITUATION.

Several times, in the evening I had discussions with
groups of men about the Council and about development
generally. The feeling seems to be that the Local
Government Council at Komo will be a very good thing,
and it is awaited with curiosity as well as great
expectations.

A certain lack of faith in elections is evident. How
widespread this mistrust of elections, as mirroring the
wishes of the majority, is I could not judge.

The reason for it, though, is as follows:

The first elections, and so far the only ones, held in the Mananda area were for the House of Assembly, in 1964. A Tari candidate, Handabe Tiaba won the seat, over another Tari possibility, Mathew Mapiria who had strong support in Komo. The No. 1 votes were divided between six candidates, giving no-one a majority and Handabe obviously won the seat on preferences, as I have heard the same complaint from Koroba and Tari people.

I think that the Komo people expecting Mapiria to win (in '64) with the conviction that I met, shows a strong bent towards 'pre-voting'. It was pointed out that this is not desirable and that individuals should vote according to their respective opinions. I received assurances that pre-voting will not be done in the initial Local Government Council elections, being held at the date of writing. Regardless of these assurances however, I think it quite a possibility.

These people, whose greatest pastime is discussion and who by tradition are led by the 'big men' of the area, will naturally talk this all out before the election and are sure to be swayed by the opinions of the real local leaders. How much this goes on will no doubt show in the results of the voting.

FORESTS.

There are good stands of timber all along the road, from one mile out of Komo. In the future, presuming the present growth rate of the area continues, the timber may be used by the Administration or the Council due to the easy access made possible by the road. Under present conditions where all timber has to be carried in, it is too far to the best areas.

The owners of this land, as they live elsewhere, are quite agreeable to timber leases over at least a large proportion of it, if not all.

The Forestry Officer, Mendi apparently did a survey of the Komo, by helicopter during the patrol, to assess the timber situation and would be able to judge the possibilities of the area.

HEALTH.

A.P.O. Yambali of Laite Aid Post spent a few days visiting the patrol. In the first week there were quite a few reports of sickness, but the unknown bug seemed to respond as well to attention as it did to any treatment. After Yambali's departure the incidence of sickness was almost nil.

NAIIVE FOODS.

There was a daily line of wives, children and relatives of the groups working, carrying food to the camp. If the astonishing amount of food that turned up is any indication, there is no shortage in the area. The unfortunate thing is that with the inefficient methods used the production of food requires too many hours work. The Agricultural Assistant at Komo is working to improve this

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The work for the next few weeks is on a difficult section of mountain. In surveying and marking the route I had to reverse the direction of the road several times to stay within a ~~mark-of-12%~~ limit of 12%. I had expected this but not to such a large extent as was necessary. Also the route originally planned came out forty feet too high at the bottom and I had to retrace about 200 yards and make a further detour, which added a bit more to the length.

To link up with the Timaria, which in fact means the completion of the Komo side, I estimate a mile and a half of road is necessary.

The final marks cover the whole of the uncompleted section, along with that mentioned in the Diary, 15th, as having to be re-cut. Though the maximum gradient is one in 8 a lot of the road runs along steep ridges and will ~~have~~ necessitate that the base of the road be ~~we~~ cut well into the slope, to prevent slides.

There is no stone available on most of the road. There are deposits of what appears to be a soft sedimentary ~~rock~~ rock, with the adhesiveness of clay, but of rougher grain. I have set aside small areas topped with this stuff to see how it weathers rain and the passage of many feet. I think though that it will be too soft, and too slippery in the wet to be of any real value as a surfacing material.

The Timaria River crossing and an area between the river and the road for 500 yards back towards Komo has abundant river-stone. This varies from a foot in diameter to rough gravel but owing to the lack of population and the distances involved it would take a long time to stone any distance of road.

The Talibuni River, which the road meets just a mile from Komo, also has a stone bed. Though the river is small, and the stone fairly large, this will be a valuable source of surfacing material. Of course any stone has at present to be carried to where it is needed, a slow process. A tractor and trailer would be a great help.

The labour force was consistently over 200 men, as the groups from North of the Timaria have also been divided into three lines and are working in rotation. Sixty odd spades were taken with the patrol and used by those men without them. At the end of each week's work the spades were collected and a number given to the Village Constable of each group, for distribution. As the lines change each week, this meant that all the groups working got some spades, as the patrol was present for a complete 'cycle'. A payment of over a hundred dollars was made on Saturday, 10th. of June at the station so, with the spades as well, I think the labour force will remain fairly good without a lot more pushing by field staff.

The section of road referred to by Mr. Eggleton in Komo patrol report 7 of 66/67; Roads and Bridges, is paragraph 1 is that mentioned in my Diary of Monday 5th of June. I once again marked the route around, not over the hill concerned, and when completed it was 4-500 yards long, at a maximum grade of 1 in 10.

The majority of the blokes are willing to follow the marks pretty well and if it is necessary to come along later and straighten it up, there is no difficulty, as usually it only means taking out a few humps and hollows. A small minority however think they know better and the main offender unfortunately was a man of some influence in the area. He is at the moment serving a term in the Komo Corrective Institution so he is now out of the picture.

CONCLUSION.

The main aim of the patrol, to survey and mark a route to the Timaria River was achieved without difficulty.

The road-head was extended by about a quarter of a mile and with the remaking work done it was a fair effort by all the lines concerned, considering the difficult terrain.

The large number of men collected gave a good opportunity for discussions after the end of the working day. Anything gained from these sessions will spread rapidly, knowing the Huri capacity for talking. Overall I feel this was a worthwhile patrol in many ways.

Camping allowance claim for myself accompanies the report, and those for the Police have been forwarded to Mendi for funding. R.S. 1 forms have been sent direct to Police Headquarters.

G. Staples
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G. Staples.
Cadet Patrol Officer.

H.Q.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. 9/66/67

Patrol Conducted by M. Eggleton, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Mananda Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

S. Makuta Med. Asst. W. Naamaaka Ag. Asst.

Natives Const Poku 7093 Const Gorua 8777

Interpreter Mondoro

Duration—From 19/6/1967 to 5/7/1967

Number of Days 17 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? (Native) Yes

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Feb/Mar/1967 Komo Patrols 4 and 5/66/67

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

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol Conduct Komo Local Govt. Elections
Medical and Agricultural Extension
General Administration

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

5/8/1967

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

Telegrams
Telephone
Our Reference 67-3-6
If calling ask for
Mr.



Department of District
Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

4th August, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBUE.

KOMO Patrol Report No 9 of 1966/67
Local Government Council Election Patrol
Mr. M. Eggleton, Patrol Officer.

Attached please find original of the above report, together with a copy of covering memorandum 67-1-1 dated 18th July, 1967 from the Assistant District Commissioner, Tari.

2. The general impression I gain from this report is that Komo is staffed by keen officers. They are undertaking multifarious tasks with enthusiasm and are obviously making up for lost time. The real test will be to see how they will handle the area under the Local Government Council. A challenge to them and one which they will be able to handle well.

3. A good report by Mr. Eggleton.

(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office,
TARI,
Southern Highlands District.

18th July, 1967.

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

KOMO PATROL NO 9/56/67.

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I have little comment to make other than we must at all times devote a lot of time to explaining the purpose of the Council and to rapidly correct any fears, doubts and misgivings which occur. These elections were successful in that we have a Council operating in the Komo area. A very considerable step forward.

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All other aspects are in order and I commend Mr. Eggleton for his hard work and conscientious approach to this vital task of the Elections.

For your information please.


(P.R. KERR.)

Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Each Patrol Report copy,
The Officer-in-Charge, Komo.

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Sub-District Office,
Kari,
Southern Highlands District.

18th July, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
KARI,
Southern Highlands District.

MEMO PAPER NO 2/66/67.

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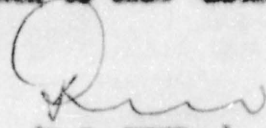
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....

Our Reference.....

If calling ask for

Mr.....

Department of District Administration.

Patrol Post,
KOMO. SHD.

6th July, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
TARI.

Komo Patrol 9/66/67.

Conducted by:

M. Eggleton Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled:

Manada Census Division.

Personnel Accompanying:

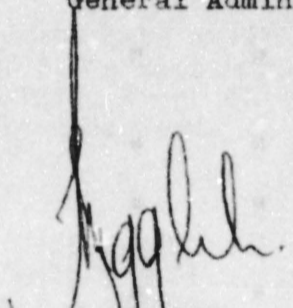
S. Makuta Medical Assistant
W. Naamaka Agricultural Assistant
Const. Poku 7093
Const. Gorua 8777
Interpreter Mondoro

Duration of the Patrol:

19th June to 5th July 1967.

Objects of the Patrol:

Elections for Komo Local Govt. Council
Medical extension
Agricultural extension
General Administration


M. Eggleton.
Patrol Officer



Introduction.

The main object of the patrol as stated in the preamble was to conduct the elections for the Komo Local Government Council which includes the Mananda Census Division with a population of some 4,600 inhabitants. The Constitution of the Council provides for a total of 12 seats and so it is necessary for several of the Rest House groups to combine in the election of a councillor. Due to this a pre patrol meeting was held on the station to decide, to the mutual satisfaction of the respective groups, at which R/H the election would be held. Following this meeting the patrol visited the following places:-

1	Poroyandale.	Elections for Kurukumbutei Mindiete Poroyandale groups.
2	Tagite.	" " Angore Laijauko Tagite "
3	Handamanda.	" " Handamanda Jagwa Kuru "
4	Para.	" " Laite Para "
5	Aijagate.	" " Aijagate Tawanda "
6	Terejaga.	" " Ekaiba Terejaga Turubi "
7	Pami.	" " Kungu Pami "
8	Padua.	" " Padua "
9	Egauwi.	" " Egauwi Tani "
10	Aijagaiba.	" " Aijagaiba Atare Tiunte "
	Station.	" 2 Yandale "
	Station.	" " Embetali Ianda Migili "

The Local Government Ordinance allows ample time for the conduct of an election of this size and so the patrol was a leisurely one enabling myself to become acquainted with the northern areas not previously visited. As I intend taking the Medical and Agricultural Assistants on the Bosavi patrol we were able to get acquainted, give them an idea of the area and also let the people have the benefit of their knowledge.

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Patrol Diary.

Monday, 19th June, 1967.

Patrol gear and personnel assembled and departed about 9.30
Self on some correspondence and then a last visit to the
Council House - under construction. Set off 11.30 meeting
Fr. Matthews on road. Compiled Roll of Electors at Poroyandale

Tuesday, 20th.

People assembled and talks given and elections commenced.
Knowledge of procedures reasonable. Courting completed by
3.30 and distribution of seeds and planting method demonstrated
Compiled Roll Electors and checked ballot at night.

Wednesday 21st.

Departed R/H about 8.25 proceeding to Iagari Road - road head
- thence to Tagite arriving 2.40 pm. Set up election tent and
garden plots. Compiled Roll of Electors. Some disputes.

Thursday, 22nd.

People assembled, addressed, and elections conducted. Seeds
distributed and disputes arbitrated on. Results checked at
night and Roll Electors compiled.

Friday .23rd.

Departed R/H and proceeded to Handamanda. Inspected Aid Post
heard several disputes. Some talks to the people hanging around
the place.

Saturday, 24th.

Cold misty miserable day and late arrival of the people. Addressed
and elections commenced. V.C's again nominated although one
declined. Elections concluded seeds distributed and plantings
demonstrated. All rapidly dispersed.

Sunday, 25th.

To Para arriving 10.30. Couple of Local Courts and several
disputes. Talks to APO Imbari re health of area. Roll of Electors
and checking of yesterday's results.

Monday, 26th.

People assembled and addressed. Good reception and attendance.
Election conducted and seeds etc distributed. Gear readied and
all departed to Aijagate R/H

Tuesday, 27th.

Talks given and elections conducted. Seeds etc distributed. Some
disputes and L.C. settled. Roll of Electors and poll results
checked.

Wednesday, 28th.

Gear and personnel assembled and all departed for Terejaga.
All people awaiting our arrival and elections commenced. Disputes
arbitrated on together with L.C. in the afternoon. Poll results
checked and Roll of Electors compiled.

Thursday, 29th.



Patrol Diary.(cont).

Thursday, 29th June, 1967.

Departed R/H proceeding to Pami. Sail and garden prepared for tomorrow. Disputes settled and L.C. heard. Compiled Roll of Electors

Friday, 30th.

People addressed and elections commenced. Seeds etc distributed. Departed to Padua and gear set up for tomorrows elections. Poll results checked and Roll Electors compiled. Anthropologist Schieffelin called in ex Komo to Bosawi. Short talk.

Saturday, 31st.

People assembled and addressed, arrival of Mr Staples CPO to aid in the election and also to gain experience. Elections conducted and seeds etc distributed. Patrol moved to Egauwi for the weekend.

Sunday, 1st July.

At Egauwi - some disputes settled and garden plot prepared for tomorrows election.

Monday, 3rd.

People assembled, addressed and elections conducted and seeds distributed. Several disputes arbitrated on. Checked poll results and compiled Roll Electors.

Tuesday, 4th.

Departed R/H and headed for Aijagaiba R/H and as people all assembled decided to hold the elections. Seeds distributed and disputes and L.C's till 5.45. Poll results checked. Miserable cold day.

Wednesday, 5th.

Departed R/H bound for station arriving about noon. Patrol stood down.

Note. Elections for Yandale Group including Komo Station and Kanguru U.F.M. held on 7th. July, at Station. Elections for Embetali, Ianda and Migili groups held on Saturday 8th July, at Station.

Village Officials.

The following are the Coucillors as elected showing the Ward No and the groups included in the seat.

Pebe Wagima	Ward No 1	Yandale (inc. Komo Station and Kanguru U.F.M. lease)
Herebe Wabi	" " 2	Embetali, Ianda and Migili groups.
Dibara Hiwadima	" " 3	Aijagaiba, Atare and Tiunte groups.

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Village Officials.(cont).

Tigi Kaiya	Ward No 4	Egauwi and Tani groups.
Pora Matako	" " 5	Padua group.
Warobugo Hinowai	" " 6	Kungu and Pami groups.
Tabugu Tamiela	" " 7	Ekaiba, Terejaga and Turubi groups.
Peno Pelabe	" " 8	Kurukumbutei, Mindiete and Poroyandale groups.
Tala Pieli	" " 9	Aijagate and Tawanda groups.
Harije Agiwa	" " 10	Laite and Para groups.
Tundumako Koiaju	" " 11	Angore, Laijauko and Tagite groups.
Poroporo Lidibe	" " 12	Handamanda, Jagwa and Kuru groups.

For a detailed resume of the gentlemen's backgrounds I refer you to the attached copy of the Election Report. The majority of the office holders are V.C's of varying degrees of influence together with 3 subsistence farmers and one of the office Patrol Interpreters. While perhaps not the most illustrious body of councillors I feel some of them do have promise.

Political Situation.

The area remains settled and stable although there is a deal of confusion over the elections and the forthcoming House of Assembly election. The main trouble appears to lie in the people not being able to divorce the two elections despite numerous assurances that they are not for the same purpose. The whole crux of the confusion is their lack of political knowledge and awareness of the outside influences and thought.

Several examples of the confused thoughts expressed to me are as follows. Initially many thought that with the changeover to their being included in the Koroba Open for the House of Assembly that the Council would be amalgamated into the Koroba Council. I think this has now been cleared up after repeated assurances that the Council would remain autonomous to look after their own development. Others wanted to know when they were going to elect a 'namba wun' for the area. This confusion is partly due to House of Assembly procedures and partly due to leaders in places like Tari and Koroba being selected to sit on committees such as the D.A.C. in Mendi. I do not feel that any of the above gives any room for anxiety and feel that the whole thing will sort itself out with time and informal discussions and assurances.

I refer you to the comments made by Mr Staples in his Patrol Report 3/66/67 under the heading of 'Political Situation'. The comments re the '64 House of Elections as concerned Mathew Mapiria and Handabe Tiaba have also been expressed to me. I do not know how widespread the opinion is and feel it is only

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Political Situation.

among the opinion leaders and ones with more outside contact. The village native is still to a large extent led by the 'big man' of the area and this can be shown by the extent of pre-selection and parochial voting that came to the fore in this election. The assurances given to Mr Staples that they would not do this very obviously were not adhered to.

Due to the fact that in a number of the wads several R/H groups had to combine to elect a representative a degree of ~~parochial~~ parochial voting was also present as well as the normal pre-selective approach. Where the opinion reins are firmly held by 'big men' either behind the scenes or as officials this was very noticeable. The elections at Tagite involving Angore and Handamanda are a case in point. Also the elections at Pami with the Kungu line. The V.C. of Pami is a very influential man, a trifle overzealous, and there was no opposition to his being elected. In other places less parochialism was noticeable but pre-selection was still evident.

On the election patrol the subject of the ward boundaries was raised a number of times as the people are not too happy with them. The matter had been raised before. When the Council settles down and the people get an idea of its workings etc if the feeling still exists they may require alteration.

Agriculture.

The patrol was accompanied by the Agricultural Assistant recently stationed here and some seeds ~~was~~ were distributed and the people shown how to plant them. The short talks were well received as were the seeds. Further demonstrations of kau kau mounds and the method of planting the kau kau runners were demonstrated. The people were also advised of the advantages of erecting barriers to prevent erosion of the soil in the heavy rains especially on some of the steep sided slopes found in the upper areas of the C/D. The additional information given to the people re this subject should be of great value to them and I think it was well received. There is no shortage of native foods in the area and that seen was of a ~~reasonable~~ reasonable quality in most places. From what I could gather from talks the size of the mounds has increased since Mr Wright initiated the demonstration plots. I hope this patrol will result in further increases in size as well as an improved method of planting.

The area is virtually devoid of European vegetables with the exception of the more hardy types such as pumpkin, cucumber together with a smattering of potatoes, tomatoes and beans. This seems to have become more noticeable of late. Potatoes have been unobtainable for some time now. I don't know whether the Mission has been able to obtain any as I have not seen them for a while. This will be a good avenue for a tangible benefit to emanate from the Council. Seeds could be purchased and then sold at a slight discount to the natives to ^{supplement} supplement their diets.

The Agricultural Assistant has commenced soya bean and peanut plots on the station and these will provide a source of supply for future distribution to the natives both of this area and more specifically for the Bosavi people. It is intended to start plots of European vegetables soon - they are being worked now - and these will also enable a supply of them to be distributed later. The progress of the Assistant will be the subject of a report as requested by the DAO very shortly.

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Complaints and Courts.

The patrol settled a number of disputes by arbitration and heard of few Local Courts all of a fairly minor nature. On the criminal front all is fairly quiet but on the civil front the usual problems of bride price closely followed by pig disputes exercise a great deal of the peoples time, and also a disproportionate amount of the 'kiaps' time in my opinion. In this respect due to there being a period of some six months out of the last 12 when there has'nt been a magistrate on the station a number of this type of dispute has been settled at their own level. I feel this is a good thing provided it doesnt go too far and overflow into criminal matters. This does not appear to have happened here and overall the area is pretty law abiding.

Health.

The Patrol was also accompanied by the Medical Assistant Mr. Makuta. He will be submitting a report but it will not be possible for it to accompany this report.

All aid posts were visited and found to be in good clean conditions. Most of the Orderlys seem to be doing a reasonably proficient job although one of them has come back to the station to 'brush up' on his knowledge. The Assistant is going to keep him here for a couple of weeks then send him back to his area. Later after about a week or so bring him back so that the area will not suffer through a long absence. This should bring him up to scratch before we depart on the Bosavi patrol.

A number of patients were brought back to the station for further treatment and four of them will be sent to Tari to be examined by the doctor as the facilities are not available to treat them here.

The area overall seems to be in a pretty reasonably healthy way. Little malnutrition was seen, a few cases of scabies and the usual run of cuts and sores incurred in normal living. I did notice several cases of 'girillie' in which the persons whole body was covered with it. This is probably due to the proximity to the lower coastal areas and the movement to and from the tgoes on.

Roads and Bridges.

During the period of the patrol 8/66/67 of Mr Staples work on the Tagari road went ahead at a very satisfactory pace but as is usual with his withdrawal the pace slackened. From reports reaching me since the election of the various councillors and the return of the patrol to the station the turn up would appear to have improved considerably. I had been of the opinion that with the return of many of the V.C.s as Councillors there would not be any real impetus with the formation of the Council. The reports on the turn up may prove me wrong but only time will tell. The road has now been marked to the Timabia River and from there the road is constructed to the Tagari River. A few patches of this section will have to be recut but not much. All that will remain with the construction to the Timabia will be the bridges.

Other roads in the C/D have been allowed to fall into a degree of disrepair with the emphasis on the Tari road. As this should

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be finished sometime in August it will be possible to get the other roads into shape soon.

The Timaria Gorge will prove to be quite a formidably barrier to any road or proposed road to the northern areas of the C/D. From my impressions gained in the crossing I would say the Terejaga side is the worse side. It will require a patrol with this as a specific object and with the intention of looking up and down the valley before any definite moves can be made.

With the finishing of the Tari road I intend looking closer at the possibilities of a road through to Aijagaiba and Atare and then at a much later stage to the possibility of pushing it through to the Bosavi area. I have not been south of Atare yet so it is still very nebulous. A road to either of these places will of necessity be a fore runner to access to Bosavi.

Conclusion.

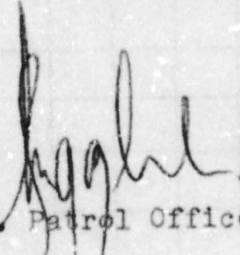
The patrol was a useful one in that it was at a leisurely pace and so enabled me to see more of the area, allowed the Medical Assistant to make a check on the work of all the Orderlys and their facilities, gave the people further knowledge to improve their kau kau crops and seeds to supplement their diets at a later stage. All these were combined with the prime object of conducting the elections for the Council.

A copy of the Election report accompanies each of the copies of this report and at a later stage a copy of the medical report will be forwarded. (It is not possible for the medical report to accompany this as there is only one typewriter on the station and in any case Mr Makuta goes to Hagen for a short course at the hospital this week.)

R.S. 1 forms for the accompanying police have been forwarded to the Commissioner and camping claims direct to the Officer In Charge Police Station Mendi.

Camping claims for Mr Makuta has been forwarded direct to the DMO Mendi for signature.

FOJ folios accompany this report together with camping claims for myself.

Signature. 

Designation. Patrol Officer

Date. 10th July, 1967.