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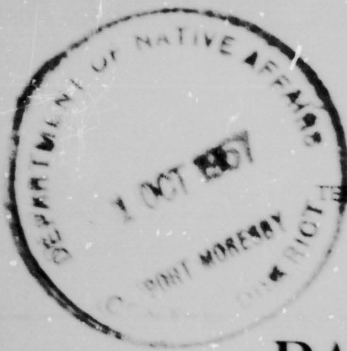
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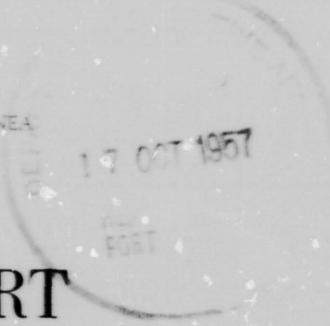
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G. Linsley No. 2 MOUNTAIN KOLARI DIVISION

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



# PATROL REPORT

District of CENTRAL Report No. SOGERI No. 1 of 1957/58

Patrol Conducted by E. LINDLEY 1-2-0

Area Patrolled SOGERI VALLEY

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 2

Duration—From 8/3/1957 to 14/7/1957

Number of Days SEVEN

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services JUNE/1957

Medical 1954/18

Map Reference Map 504, 1 Mile (P. 2011) (1954)

Objects of Patrol CONSENS ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION

Director of Native Affairs,  
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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# Village Po

Year..... 1957 .....

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		DEATHS													
				0-1 Month		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13			
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
KAILAKINUMU	26-8-57	1	4				1										
LUBURU (MORDRA)	26-8-57	2				3											
NIGUBAIFA (D'O'E)	27-8-57	3	2	1				2									
UFADI BEI	28-8-57		1														
SABATANA	28-8-57		2														2
BEREBEI	29-8-57	1	3		1				1								
MOKONUMU	29-8-57		1														1
OGOTANA	29-8-57	1	3				1										
VE SILOGO	2-9-57	1	2								1		1				2
GUBABEGAI	2-9-57																
VAIYAI	3-9-57	1	1														1
MESIME	3-9-57		1														1
FAKONAMA	4-9-57	2				1		1									
MERIANI	4-9-57																1
MANURINUMU	4-9-57	3	1			1			1								1
		15	21	1	1	5	2	3	2		1		1	3	6		

Over 13			Females in Child
F	M	F	
		2	
		1	1
		2	
	1		
		1	
	1		
	1		
	3	6	1

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22nd October, 1957.

The District Officer,  
PORT MORESBY  
Central District.

Patrol Report No. 1 of 1957-58 - SOGERI

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

The Patrol was of a routine nature and calls for little comment.

It is hoped that more native food stuffs may be made available for sale in Port Moresby area.

The action taken by the Department of Health was most satisfactory.

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

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16th October, 1957

The Assistant District Officer,  
SOERAI

SOERAI P/S NO. 1 of 57-58

Receipt of your report is acknowledged.

There does not appear to be any call for comment on  
the report except that GUMBRELL should be encouraged to plan  
their parashung better in future.

(D. N. MARR)  
Acting District Officer

C.D. The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
POOR MOORE

For information.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
(D. N. MARR)  
Acting District Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT - SOGERI No. 1 of 1957/58

PATROL CONDUCTED BY : G. LINSLEY A.D.O.

AREA PATROLLED : SOGERI VALLEY

OBJECT OF PATROL : Census, routine administration.

DURATION OF PATROL : Between Monday, 26th August, 1957  
and Wednesday, 4th September, 1957

NUMBER OF DAYS : Seven

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING : Police : Consts. - 1  
Interpreter : 1

PREVIOUS PATROL TO AREA : June, 1957.

LAST CENSUS PATROL : September, 1957

APPENDICES : "A" - Report on Police  
"B" - Census Statistics.

REF MAP : Port Moresby 4 m. to 1 in. (provis.)

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PATROL REPORT - SOGERI No. 1 of 1957/58

INTRODUCTION

This is the third occasion within the last twelve months that this group of villages has been visited, and the compilation of the annual census statistics was the principal object of the patrol.

The necessary 'background' commentary upon these villages has already been given in Patrol Reports Nos. 1 and 4 of 1956/57, and therefore only brief, pertinent comments are given in this report, which should be read in conjunction with the above-mentioned two reports.

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DIARY

Monday, 26th August 1957

Left SOGERI at 8 o'clock and proceeded by Landrover through KOITAKI and ITIKI to KAILAKINUMU Village. Took the census, talked with the people, inspected the village and then departed at 10.45 and proceeded through nearby SUBITANA Plantation to LUBURU Village on the Musgrave River near JAWARERE. Set up camp in the Rest House: census, routine administration.

Later in the afternoon, inspected Mr. PEDERSEN's labour line, discussed various matters with them.

Tuesday, 27th August, 1957.

Proceeded two miles by Landrover to JAWARERE Factory and then set off on foot at five past seven down the Musgrave River to DO'E Village, arriving at 8.25. Took the census, held discussions on various matters with the people and officials, inspected the village and then returned to JAWARERE at mid-day. Returned to SOGERI at 1.30.

Left SOGERE by Landrover at 2.30 and proceeded through EILOGO and NINOA Plantations to TOGONUMU Village, arriving at twenty to four in drizzling rain. Set up camp in the Rest House.

Wednesday, 28th August, 1957.

Proceeded by Landrover a couple of miles to Mr. Hardwicke's place and then proceeded from there on foot for an hour and a half to UFADIBEI Village. Census, routine administration, and returned to TOGONUMU at 11.30.

Leaving TOGONUMU at twenty to twelve, proceeded on foot to SABATANA, half-an-hour's walk away. Took the census, inspected the village, and returned to TOGONUMU at 1.30.

Census and routine administration at TOGONUMU and then departed at ten to three by Landrover for HEREBEI, arriving at 3.20 in drizzling rain.

PATROL REPORT - SOGERI No. 1 of 1957/58

DIARY

Thursday 29th August, 1957.

Took the census of the BEREBEI Group, inspected new BEREBEI village and then proceeded by Landrover to MOKONUMU. Census, routine administration and then returned through BEREBEI to nearby IOADABU. Inspected same and then proceeded to NINOA Plantation.

In the afternoon proceeded to OGOTANA Village, took the census, and then returned to SOGERI at ten to four.

Monday, 2nd September, 1957.

Proceeded by Landrover up the Kokoda Track to VESILOGO. Took the census, inspected the village, discussed various matters with the people. Departed at 10.45 and proceeded through BISIANUMU to the Northern edge of Hombrom Bluff. Set off on foot at 11.15 and descended to GUBABEGAI on the banks of VESILOGO creek at 12.30. Took the census, discussed various matters and then set off at 1.45 to climb back to the Landrover. Returned to SOGERI at 3.45.

Tuesday, 3rd September, 1957.

Proceeded by Landrover down the Rouna Road to the Rigo Road turn-off at the 12 mile and then proceeded along the latter to VAIATAI Village. Census, discussions, inspection and then returned to the main road and back along it to the MESIME track. Proceeded on foot across the LALOKI River to nearby MESIME. Census, routine administration and then returned to SOGERI at 1.30

Wednesday, 4th September, 1957.

Visited, inspected and took the census of the local villages of FAKONAMA, MERIANI, MANURINUMU and KARAKADABU, completing the patrol at 3.30 p.m.

END OF PATROL

GENERAL

NATIVE AFFAIRS

There is nothing to add to what has been previously reported upon under this heading and the native situation amongst the villages patrolled remains in the satisfactory condition previously reported upon.

CENSUS.

Complete statistics for all villages visited are appended to this report and may be compared with the statistics compiled for these same villages a year ago and submitted with Patrol Report No. 1 of 1956/57. The birthrate for the current year was the equivalent of 33.5 per thousand, which in itself may be considered excellent, but the excess of births over deaths was only ten in a total population of 1075, so that the excellent rate of natural increase reported upon for last year was not maintained. There were 26 deaths and 16 of these were amongst children. Since the census was checked in May/June, it is considered that it is probable that all births and deaths amongst infants have been recorded and that therefore there is no hidden infant mortality.

Forty-seven percent of adult able-bodied males are absent at work, but the vast majority are employed locally on plantations in close proximity to their villages. At the previous census the percentage was only 27 and the considerable increase has largely been caused by food shortages in the villages.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

During the period since the patrol of last June ( Patrol Report No. 4 of 1956/57 ) small amounts of native foodstuffs have been taken down to Port Moresby for sale, but, apart from one half-ton lot of sweet potatoes sold by KAILAKI village to the Education Centre, there have been no sales in bulk. The floods of the wet season resulted in poor harvests and late plantings, but many new gardens have been cleared and prepared for planting with native foodstuffs for sale as cash crops. However, the extremely dry conditions which have prevailed since May have so far prevented planting. When these gardens are planted, the harvest for sale should exceed last year's. The groups who successfully sold crops last year have prepared new gardens and other groups, such as VESILOGO, OGOTANA, TOGONUMU and MANURINUMU, who have not previously planted gardens expressly for the sale of native foodstuffs, are now preparing areas for such planting.

MEDICAL and HEALTH.

At the time of the patrol health in all villages was very good, but since the patrol there has been an outbreak of influenza in KAILAKINUMU Village. Medical aid for these people was sought and two European Medical Assistants established an aid post in the village. No deaths have resulted from this outbreak and health is now once more satisfactory. The Medical Assistants visited the plantations, some of which likewise had had outbreaks of 'flu' amongst their labour, and also most of the local villages. They found the standard of health and hygiene amongst these villages to be good.

GENERAL

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK.

Nowhere within the area patrolled is food plentiful. The heavy rains of the wet season played havoc with the yam crop and in most areas only seed yams were harvested, and the prolonged drought of the dry season has resulted in a poor yield from the sweet potato gardens. Sweet potato, Taitu and Tapioca are the principal items of diet at present, with bananas coming along and, in some areas, taro. There are already some ripe pineapples in the villages, and there will apparently be an early pineapple season this year.

The situation at GUBABEGAI, previously reported upon, has improved slightly with a third garden coming into bearing, but there is still a definite food shortage, although the people are far from starving. A similar situation now also exists at BEREBEI, but in both instances existing gardens, together with purchase of food from village funds and with money obtained by selling game, will, it is considered, be sufficient to tide them over until new gardens come into bearing. In most areas, many able bodied adult males have gone to work on local plantations to ease the strain on the village gardens.

All groups have used the long, dry spell to clear areas for new gardens, which are now ready for planting with all kinds of native foodstuffs as soon as the rains come in.

ROADS and BRIDGES.

There is nothing to add to what has previously been reported upon under this heading.

REST HOUSES

Only the Rest Houses at LUBURU, TOGONUMU and BEREBEI were used and all were in a satisfactory condition.

MISSIONS AND SCHOOLS.

There have been no further developments concerning the Jehovah's Witnesses in this area.

The food shortage has caused the S.D.A. Mission at BISIATABU to send many of the younger village children back to their villages. They will return to school at BISIATABU as soon as the food situation improves.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

In general, Village Constables and Councillors are doing a satisfactory job of work.

PATROL REPORT - SOGERI No. 1 of 1957/58

GENERAL

VILLAGES AND HOUSES.

GUBABEGAI Village, although very neat, clean and tidy, had several houses whose roofs needed repairing, but in view of the food shortages and the necessity to concentrate on garden work, the people were told that these repairs could wait for the time being.

Generally, houses and villages were in a satisfactory condition.

G. Linsley

A.D.O.

( G. Linsley )

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT - SOGERI No. 3 of 1956 - 57

REPORT ON POLICE

No. 7711      Constable BETI-TIDI : A really first class  
Constable, who is most  
intelligent and resourceful,  
and possessed of considerab-  
le ability and initiative.

*G. Linsley*

A.D.O.

( G. Linsley )

# ion Register

Area Patrolled..... SOGERI VALLEY

No	ABSENT FROM VILLAGE								LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL	
	AT WORK				STUDENTS				Males		Females		Pregnant	Number of Child bearing Also		Child		Adults			
	Inside District		Outside District		Govt.		Mission		10-16	16-45	10-16	16-45				M	F	M	F		
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F												M + F
		15	2	1		2	2			6	31	6	23		21	2-3	14	30	22	26	104
3		9								6	9	1	10		7	1-1	4	2	7	11	33
		7				1		1	6	4	22	7	19	1	30	2-2	14	17	20	19	85
		2				1					5		5		4	1-5	4	2	4	7	20
2		4	3					3	1	9	22	9	20		17	2-5	16	18	23	21	89
		2	2			2		3		15	25	7	26	6	25	2-4	29	37	28	29	122
6		4	1							5	9	4	10	2	7	1-9	10	10	13	9	47
1		15	11			2	2			11	27	9	15		23	2-9	11	7	28	20	97
3		15	7	1		2		3	2	10	31	6	22		22	3-1	16	12	21	21	100
		4	3	2	1					2	13	2	9	1	8	2-3	7	8	9	9	44
		7	1					3		16	20	10	13	1	12	2-7	15	14	26	22	88
2		1				1				2	12	3	8		8	2	6	5	13	11	37
2		6							1	3	14	1	10	3	9	1-7	10	8	8	11	44
		3				1				10	6	3	5	1	4	4-4	11	5	7	8	35
1		34	9					2	1	16	41	9	26	1	23	2-5	14	25	23	20	128
	30	131	39	4	1	12	4	16	11	108	290	77	224	16	210		131	150	252	204	1075





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of CENTRAL Report No. SOGERI 2/57-58

Patrol Conducted by G. LINSLEY A.D.O.

Area Patrolled MOUNTAIN KOIARI CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 3

Duration—From 26/11/1957 to 12/12/1957

Number of Days SEVENTEEN

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services DEC. 1956 / APRIL 1957 / 19

Medical AUGUST 1955

Map Reference PT MORESBY (PROV) 4 MILES TO 1 INCH

Objects of Patrol CENSUS, ROUTING ADMINISTRATION

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

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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 ....

# Village Pop

Year.....1957.....

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		DEATHS														males Child Birth	
				0-1 Month		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13					
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				
UBERI	26-11-57	1	1					1											
BISIATANA	27-11-57		1																
VIORIBAINA	27-11-57	2				1													
NAORO	28-11-57	2	1	1			1											3	
MADILOGO	29-11-57	1	1						1										
SLOLOGO	1-12-57	1	2	1	1	1							1	1				3	1
ENVILOGO	2-12-57		2					1											1
HAILOGO	3-12-57	1	6		1		1												1
DUBI	4-12-57	1											1						1
MANUMI	5-12-57	1	1																3
BORIDI	6-12-57	4	2					1		1			1						1
BOJINUMU	8-12-57	2	3		1		1											1	3
NADUNUMU	8-12-57	2	4															1	1
EGURU	8-12-57	4					1	2	4									1	
SAMOLI	8-12-57	5	3					1		1								1	
LAUNUMU	7-12-57	3							1				1						1
BAGIANUMU	9-12-57	2	3			1	2	1	1	1								1	2
VAJULOGO	10-12-57		3																
EMOIA	10-12-57	6		1									1					3	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>37</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>			

MT. NIGARO

MT. SISOTE

MT. ANIA

MT. FOSAVE

Manumu

Boridi

Maigwa  
(abandoned)

Dubi

NADRO RIVER

Harlogo

FAGUMI RIVER

Enivilogo

Maj'wai Cr.

Elologo

Manaroga

ENILI Cr.

Manoria

WABUAI Cr.

Bahuna  
(abandoned)

KALABU FALLS

Mudilogo

NAORO RIVER

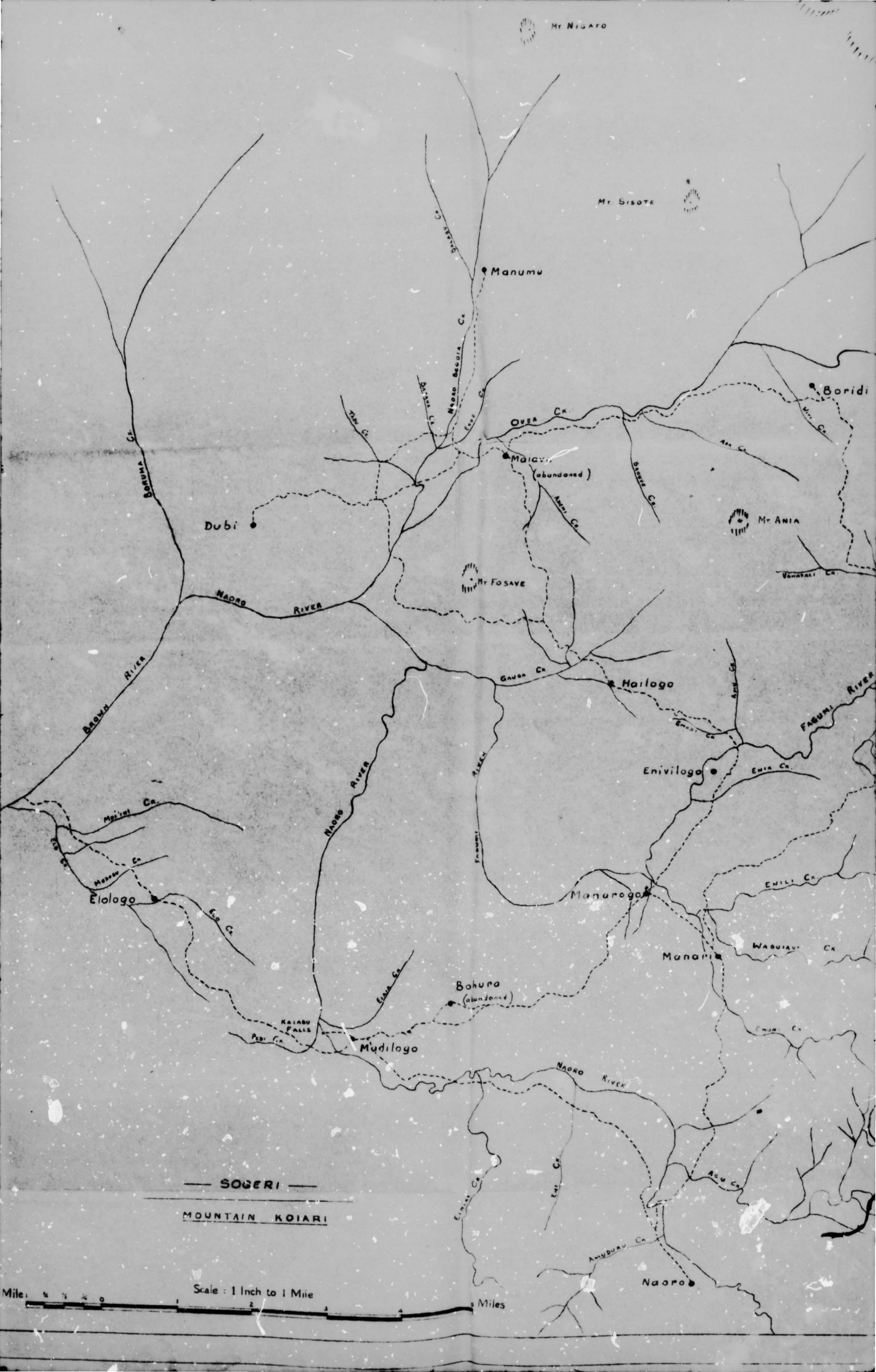
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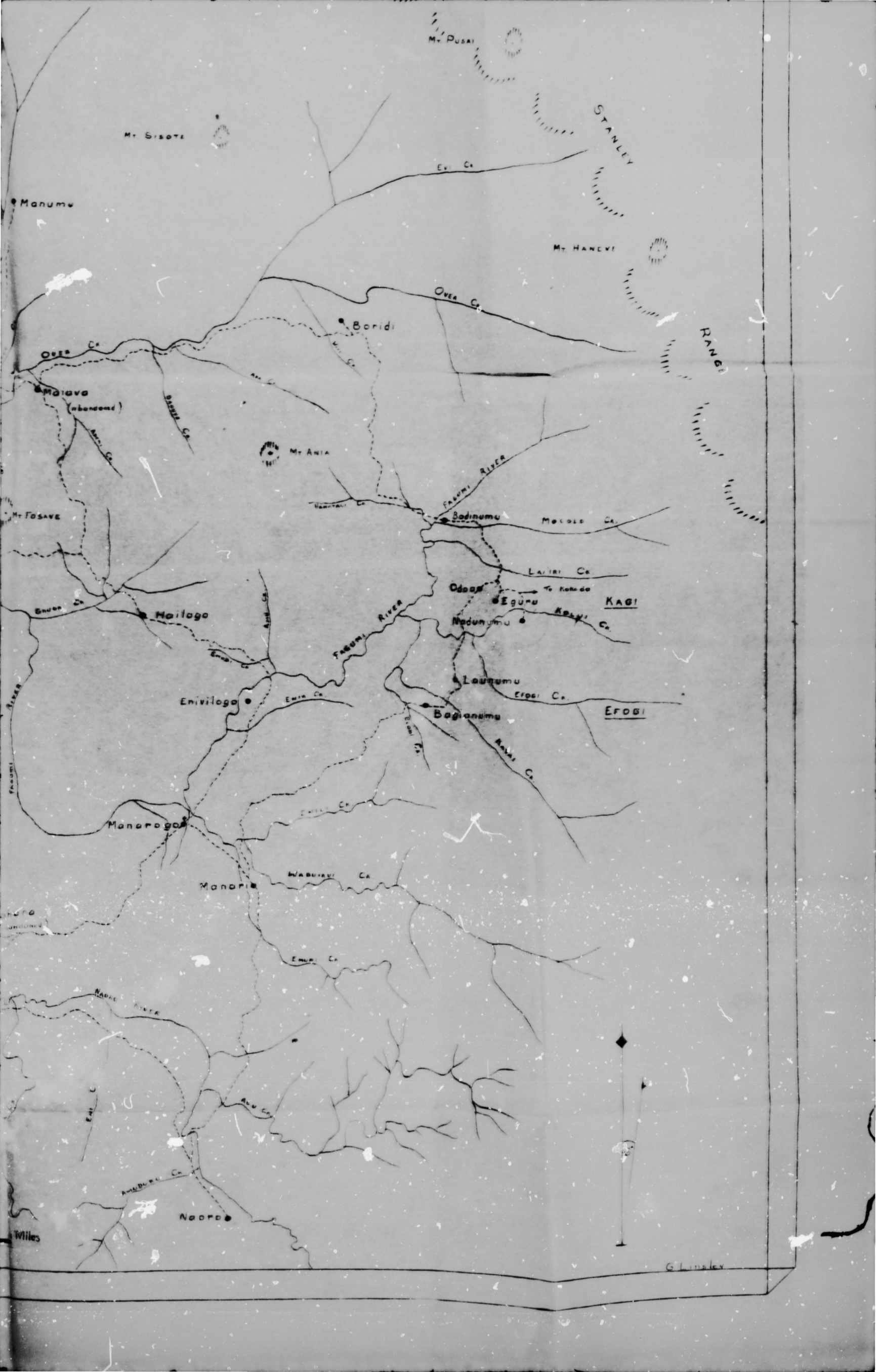
MOUNTAIN KOIARI

Scale : 1 Inch to 1 Mile

Miles

Mile 0 1 2 3 4





Mt. SISOTE

Mt. PUSAI

STANLEY RANG

Manume

Evi Cr.

Mt. HANEVE

Ovea Cr.

Boridi

RANG

Ovea Cr.

Motava (abandoned)

Mt. ANIA

FABUMI RIVER

Mokole Cr.

Badinumu

Mokole Cr.

Mt. FOSAVE

Latri Cr.

Odoan

Eguru

KAGI

Nodunumu

Kelvi Cr.

Enu Cr.

Mailogo

FABUMI RIVER

Lannumu

Egoi Cr.

EFOGI

Enivilogo

Eria Cr.

Bagianumu

FABUMI RIVER

Manarogoo

Eria Cr.

Manopie

Wabu Cr.

Emu Cr.

NADU RIVER

Anu Cr.

AMBU Cr.

Naopoo

Wiles

G. Huxley

17th February, 1958.

COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION - DEPT. OF THE ADMINISTRATOR.

MINUTE

File No. NA.30-1-78

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SUBJECT CAPITATION TAX.

Your attention is invited to the remarks contained in page 5, please.

*people's ultimate acceptance or otherwise of any programme*

*Notes A 18*  
*J. L. Archer*  
A/Chief of Division  
Government and Research  
Department of Native Affairs.

*I have noted with interest the A.D.O. remarks regarding taxation in the Koini & feel that the reaction is reasonable. Mr. Linsley is an experienced officer and has the right approach in matters of this kind. The form of explanation, even vitally affect the*

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NA. 30-1-78

17th February, 1958.

The District Officer,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2 - 1957/58 : SOGERI.

Receipt of the above-mentioned patrol report is  
acknowledged with thanks.

The patrol was of a routine nature and calls for  
no comment from this Headquarters.

The remarks concerning taxation have been passed  
to the Commissioner for Taxation, for his information.

*J. K. McCarthy*

(J.K. McCarthy)  
Acting Director.

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DEM/JK

Sogerit P/R No. 2/57-58-874

The Assistant District Officer,  
SOCERI

4th February, 1958

PATROL REPORT SOCERI NO. 2/57-58

Receipt of your report, map and camping claim are acknowledged.

It is a great relief to get a report which indicates an area is stable, without undue problems and progressing. It speaks volumes for the continuity of staff in an area.

I would like to see more medical work done in the area and consider a full time orderly is warranted.

Please approach the health authorities and discuss the pro's and cons with them.



(D.R. MARSH)  
Acting District Officer

C.C.

→ The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY

For your information please.

*D. Marsh*  
(D.R. MARSH)  
Acting District Officer

TERRITORY OF PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT - SOGERI No. 2 of 1957/58

PATROL CONDUCTED BY : G. LINSLEY, A.D.O.

AREA PATROLLED : MOUNTAIN HOKARI Census Division.

OBJECTS OF PATROL : Census, routine administration.

DURATION OF PATROL : From Tuesday, 26th November, 1957,  
To Thursday, 12th December, 1957.

NUMBER OF DAYS : Seventeen.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING : Police : Constables - 2.  
Interpreter : 1.

PREVIOUS PATROL TO AREA : April, 1957 and December, 1956.

LAST CENSUS PATROL : December, 1956

REF MAP : Port Moresby 4 m. to 1 in. (prov.)

APPENDICES : "A" - Report on Police.  
"B" - Census Statistics.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT - SOGERI No. 2 of 1957/58

INTRODUCTION

This patrol covered the same area as that of Patrol No. 2 of 1956/57, except that the two additional villages of MADILOGO and ELOLOGO were visited on this occasion. This report, therefore, should be read in conjunction with Patrol Report SOGERI No. 2 of 1956/57.

The patrol was of a purely routine nature, including the taking of the annual census, and the explaining to the natives of the various villages of the provisions of the Personal Tax Ordinance. As was the case on the previous occasion, the people co-operated well with the patrol and rendered all assistance necessary. The native situation continues to remain in a most satisfactory condition.

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DIARY

Tuesday, 26th Nov., 1957.

Proceeded by Land Rover to VESILOGO Village. Accompanied by two Police, Interpreter and 18 carriers, set off on foot at five past one along the Kokoda Track. Reached the hamlet of LUBUNU above the Goldie River at 2.25, descended to and crossed the river and then along a short way to the main UBERI Hamlet of IDAKI.

Census, routine administration.

Wednesday, 28th Nov., 1957.

Left UBERI at 6.10 and reached the crest of IMITA Ridge, known to the people as URIWUMAKARA, at 7.25. Descended into the valley and reached Camp 44 Rest House, just above VAU'ULE creek, at five past nine.

Census, and then visited and inspected AUWAIABAI'IWA Village, some twenty minutes climb away on the crest of the ridge above the Rest House.

Thursday, 28th Nov., 1957

Set off at 6, climbed to the crest of VIORIBAIWA Ridge at 7.10, descended to OFI creek, and then climbed up to the old site of BISIATANA Rest House, arriving at 8. Continued on at 8.15 and climbed to the crest of the range and continued along it, and then down to MAORO, arriving at 11.

Census, routine administration.

Friday, 29th Nov., 1957.

Set off from NAORO at 6 and travelled down the valley of the NAORO River, on the left hand side, along a good track. A compass traverse was run. Crossed the river at five to nine and reached MADILOGO at 9.45 .

Census, routine administration.

Saturday, 30th Nov., 1957.

This being an S.D.A. Area, rested for the day at MADILOGO.

Sunday, 1st December, 1957.

Left MADILOGO at 6, crossed over the nearby NAORO River, where it cuts through a narrow cleft in the rock, and climbed over the steep ridge to ELOLOGO, on a ledge above the Brown River, arriving at 8.30.

Census, routine administration.

Monday, 2nd December, 1957.

Set off from ELOLOGO at five to six and reached MADILOGO at 8.15. MANARI carriers arrived, so changed carriers and continued on at ten to nine. Crossed over the ridge and arrived at MANAROGO Mission at 11.20. Set off once more at twenty to twelve. Travelled up the left bank of the FAGUMI River and arrived at ENIVILOGO at ten to one.

Census, routine administration.

Heavy rain in the afternoon, from 4 o'clock onwards.

Tuesday, 3rd, December, 1957.

Set off from ENIVILOGO at five past six, crossed the FAGUMI River and then climbed very steeply up to the crest of the ridge, reached at 7.25. Descended to HALLOGO, arriving at ten to eight.

Census, routine administration.

Heavy rain in the afternoon.

Wednesday, 4th December, 1957.

Left HALLOGO at five to six, climbed over the ridge, and descended to the old MAIAVA Rest House at 8.30. Continued onto nearby OVEA creek and rested here for ten minutes. Set off once more at ten to nine and after a short distance branched off from the main track and followed a pad along the crest of the narrow ridge between OVEA and NAORO BEGOIA creeks. Crossed the NAORO BEGOIA above its junction with OVEA creek at ten to ten and then commenced a very steep climb along a rough bush track. Reached the main DUBI-MANUMU road and continued up along it. Went down into a creek and from there a very steep climb led up to DUBI on the very crest of a high ridge; arrived at 20 to 12.

Census, routine administration.

A very heavy and prolonged thunderstorm in the afternoon.

Thursday, 5th December, 1957.

Left DUBI at 6 o'clock and travelled the main track back to MANUMU, crossing NAORO BEGOIA creek and following up it through a large KUNAI patch to old MANUMU and then further on up the valley for about a mile and a half to the new village, arriving at twenty to ten.

Census, routine administration.

Friday, 6th December, 1957.

Left MANUMU at five to six and travelled back down the NAORO BEGOIA Valley, across to OVEA creek, and then along to the nearby old MAIAVA Rest House. Turned off along the BORIDI Track at 7.10 and travelled up the valley of OVEA Creek to BORIDI, arriving at ten o'clock.

Census, routine administration.

Saturday, 7th December, 1957.

Set off at 6, climbed steeply up the grass slope behind BORIDI, and then more easily through forest to the crest of the ridge. Descended into the valley and arrived at BODINUMU at 8.20.

This being an S.D.A. Village, rested here for the day.

Sunday, 8th December, 1957.

Commenced taking the census of BODINUMU at 6.30. Completed same, compiled statistics, inspected the village and then left at 8.45 for KAGI, an hour's walk away and about a thousand feet higher.

Took the census of the three KAGI groups of MADUNUMU, EGORU, and SAMOLI.

After lunch a most violent thunderstorm commenced and raged with terrific force for over an hour. It continued to rain off and on until nightfall, when gale force winds blew in great gusts against the Rest House.

Worked on census statistics until the worst of the storm was over and then visited and inspected the three villages.

Monday, 9th December, 1957.

Left KAGI at five to six and travelled across to the BEGOI village of LAUNUMU and then onto nearby BAGIANUMU, arriving at 7.15.

Took the census of both villages, discussed various matters with the people, inspected BAGIANUMU, and then set off at mid-day for MANARI, arriving at 25 past 2.

Rain commenced shortly after the patrol arrived.

Tuesday, 10th December, 1957.

A little after six, commenced the census of the two MANARI groups of VADULOGO and EMOIA. Discussed various matters with the people, inspected the village.

Set off at 10.15 and travelled across to NAORO, arriving at 12.45.

Rain during the afternoon.

Wednesday. 11th December. 1957.

Set off from NAORO at five past six and climbed up and over the range and down to OFI creek at ten to nine.

Continued on at 9, up to VIORIBAIWA Ridge and then down to Camp 44 Rest House, arriving at 10.20.

Rain during the afternoon.

Thursday. 12th December. 1957.

Left the Rest House at 6.15 and travelled across flooded creeks and then up to the crest of IMITA Ridge, reached at five to eight. Continued on to UBERI at 9 and then across the GOLDIE River and along to VESILOGO at 11.15.

Proceeded by Land Rover to SOGERI, arriving at Mid-day.

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PATROL REPORT - SOGERI No. 2 of 1957/58.GENERALNATIVE AFFAIRS.

There is little to add to the remarks I made under this heading in Patrol Report No. 2 of 1956/57. Certainly, there has been no change whatsoever in the people's attitude towards the Administration, which remains one of confidence in it and of willing co-operation with it, as evinced by the manner in which all instructions and suggestions given on the previous patrol for the improvement of villages, houses, roads, etc., had been complied with and acted upon, by the ease with which the people in all villages were got to assemble for the census and to discuss freely their complaints and problems, and by the cheerful assistance which at all times was rendered to the patrol.

It now remains to be seen what effect, if any, the introduction of the personal tax is likely to have upon this attitude of the people towards the Administration.

The Mountain KOIARI was not a pre-war Tax District, and therefore the whole idea of the tax is foreign to them. Accordingly, the provisions of the Personal Tax Ordinance were most carefully explained to each group, and afterwards questions and comments upon them were asked for. The immediate reaction of all groups was to query how they, the "bush people", were to find the money to pay the tax, and then to suggest that at most they should only pay five shillings. (I had previously recommended that tax for the Mountain KOIARI area should be at the rate of 10/- per head). It was re-iterated that only able-bodied adult males with no, or few, children would be called upon to pay the tax and that even for an unskilled casual labourer, obtaining the necessary money to pay the tax only involved two weeks work in the year. This usually brought forth statements to the effect that they could not sell foodstuffs to raise the money, therefore the men would all have to go away to work, and who then would "look after" the Mission, and the Government work that had to be done to maintain roads, villages and rest houses?

This was the normal reaction of the people whose first knowledge of the tax came from the talk given in the village, but by the time the patrol returned down the Kakoda Track, the talk concerning the tax had reached MANARI village ahead of it. Here, the people had had a meeting and had decided that they would make the Government pay for the tax by charging, once it was introduced, ten shillings per carrier to carry from KAGI to MANARI, and five shillings from MANARI to NAORO; this was the only way they would be able to raise the money. When they were told that the Administration would pay only the casual, unskilled labourer's rate of two shillings per day of eight hours, they protested, without realising the implications of what they were saying, that they could get as much as twelve shillings per day as unskilled casual labourers from Moresby Contractors. When I informed them that in that case they would have no difficulty in paying their tax, there was no further argument!

It is my belief that these Mountain KOIARI people will, in fact, accept the tax without much difficulty. This is my third patrol, over the past twelve months, into this area, so that I now have a fair degree of understanding and knowledge of them, and although it is characteristic of them to talk a great deal about it and to protest, I believe that they are an innately law abiding people with a higher than average respect for the Administration, and that after these initial protests the tax will be accepted resignedly as one of the prices they have to pay, in conjunction with such things as the maintenance of roads,

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and digging pit latrines, for the valued law and order and comparatively good life which the Administration has brought to them.

CENSUS.

There were 72 births recorded, which means that, at 45 per thousand, the birthrate remains satisfactorily high, but there were also 66 deaths, so that the net natural increase since the last census twelve months ago was only 6 in a population of 1500. The measles epidemic in January and the influenza epidemic in the latter part of the year were mainly responsible for the high death rate.

There were 126 able-bodied adult males absent at work, together with 50 wives and children, and the percentage absent has dropped to 28 from 33 at the last census. However, only about ten percent of these were working outside the district and the majority of those within the district were casuals. In addition, there were 25 adults and 9 children absent at Mission Schools. As was the case at the last census, there is, therefore, no serious absentee labour problem in this area.

HEALTH.

When information reached me in January that led me to conclude that the measles epidemic then present in Moresby had reached the Mountain KOIARI area, I requested the Native Hospital to send a Native Medical Orderly and a supply of drugs up the Kokoda Track as far as KAGI. The hospital did send an orderly, but I later discovered that he went straight up the track to KAGI, remained there only one day, and then returned to Moresby. Several deaths in young children in the 1-4 age group occurred in this area as a result of this epidemic.

The influenza epidemic in the latter part of the year reached right through the Mountain KOIARI area, but was most prevalent in the villages along the main Kokoda Track and at its top end. The people attribute no less than 23 deaths out of the census total of 66 to complications arising out of this epidemic. Once again, immediately reports reached me that the influenza epidemic had spread to this area, I requested the Native Hospital to supply a Native Medical Orderly, with an adequate supply of drugs, and he was sent, this time with a Constable of Police, to establish a temporary aid post at KAGI. It is believed that this action did result in preventing further deaths in this area, although, unfortunately, it is also probable that the main force of the epidemic was spent by the time the aid post was set up.

Health throughout the area now is good, and only one minor case of yaws was seen. It transpired that this child had been absent when the antiyaws penicillin injections were given on Patrol No. 2 of 1956/57. There was also only one bad case of T.U. seen, again in a child. Both of these were ordered to hospital.

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In general, the remarks made under this heading in Patrol Report No.2 of 1956/57 still apply, although the NACRO people complained of a shortage of food. However, investigation here showed that what was meant was that there was less than the usual super abundance of food. Actually, supplies were quite adequate, and although the village Constable had asked me to bring rice with me, because he would not be able to feed the patrol, he still managed to supply quite an impressive pile of native food-stuffs.

The main items of diet throughout this area at the present season are corn and bananas, with some sweet potatoes. In all areas the people reported that their new gardens of yams, taitu, taro and sweet potato were coming along well, so that it would seem that food supplies will be well maintained throughout the Mountain KOLIARI for the next twelve months.

MISSIONS AND SCHOOLS.

The S.D.A. Mission "Boarding School" at MANAROGO has been closed for lack of food supplies since August and it will probably be April before the new gardens which have been planted will be able to supply sufficient food to enable the school to be re-opened. This school was functioning so well on my previous patrol that it is a great pity that this break in continuity has occurred, for the whole process of persuading parents to send their children to the school will have to be gone through again. The KAGI School is still operating, but there has been a decrease in the numbers attending, mostly caused through parents in villages away from KAGI being concerned for their children's welfare because of the measles and influenza epidemics.

The S.D.A. Mission still has not extended to the outlying villages of BORIDI, MANUMU and DUBI, but its influence is still paramount in all the other villages, with the single exception of AUWAIABAI'IWA, a composite village formed of the two former villages of VIORIBAIWA and BISIATANA, which has steadfastly refused to come into the S.D.A. fold.

VILLAGES AND HOUSES.

As was the case on the previous patrol, villages generally were clean and tidy and houses well kept, and where instructions had previously been given for the construction or repair of houses, these had been carried out. Outstanding in this regard was the new village of DUBI. This is the new village for the former MAIAVA, and when it was visited in April there was only one completed house in it; now there are nine. The people have put a tremendous amount of work into their new village and it is a credit to them. AUWAIABAI'IWA has now developed into a most attractive little village, and the new MANUMU is progressing well.

However, in two instances, namely at MADILOGO and at the KAGI village of EGORU, instructions had to be given for the re-building of several houses. In both instances, new villages are being constructed beside the old ones, but construction had lagged, and people were still inhabiting dilapidated shacks on the old sites. The new houses that have been constructed at ODOA to replace those on the old site of EGORU at KAGI are sturdy, well-built and roomy.

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These generally were found to be carrying out their duties in a satisfactory manner. The elderly Village Constable of ENIVILOGO requested that he be permitted to retire, and his son has been selected as the most suitable person in the village to replace him. There is at present no Village Constable at MANUMU, and the people were advised to consider this matter when the fairly large number of absent workers return to the village, and to then recommend whom they thought suitable for the position.

REST HOUSES.

In all instances Rest Houses were found to be adequate for a stay of a night or so, and in many cases they were excellent.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The Kokoda Track itself was clean and well kept and considerable improvements had been effected to the other tracks since the last patrol, particularly those between HALLOGO and MAIABA-BORIDI. The BORIDI people in particular have put in a considerable amount of work on their roads. The new road between MAIABA and the new village of DUBI is excellent from the crest of the ridge above the NAORO BEGOIA creek to the village, though very steep in parts, but much work remains to be done between there until the MANUMU valley is reached. The track has been cleared and widened, but no grading has been done. However, in view of the effort the people have put into building the new DUBI village, it is a credit to them to have constructed as much as they have done of the new road.

MAPPING.

The attached sketch map is the result of three patrols into this area on which compass traverses have been run, bearings taken, etc., and it is considered that it is as complete as can be compiled by this method, that it gives a reasonably approximate outline of creeks, rivers and main mountains, and that roads and villages as shown are in fairly true relationship to each other. It has been taken only from NAORO onwards, since the inland country as far as NAORO is covered by the Army 1 inch to 1 mile UBERI sheet, and every village in this area has been included.

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APPENDIX "A".

REPORT ON POLICE.

No. 8378 Constable OMA : Carried out his duties in a most satisfactory manner.

No. 9568 Constable BANTIMERI: A young Constable who showed excellent promise.

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# Home Register

Area Patrolled MOUNTAIN KOIARI

S Out	ABSENT FROM VILLAGE					STUDENTS				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES			TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL
	AT WORK									Males		Females		Pregnant	Number of Child Bearing Age	Average Size of Family	Child		Adults		
	Inside District		Outside District			Govt.		Mission		10-16	16-45	10-16	16-45				M	F	M	F	
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