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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 2 of 1965/66 KOMPIAN

Patrol Conducted by R. GLOVER Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled WAPI CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

5 members R.P.&N.G.C.

Natives 1 Interpreter, 1 N.W.O.

Duration—From 25 / 2 / 19.66 to 18 / 3 / 1966

Number of Days 22

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services MAY / 19 63

Medical June / 19 62

Map Reference Patrol maps based on journal series

Objects of Patrol CENSUS REVISION, GENERAL 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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67-14-14

5th August, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
MOUNT HAGEN.

KOMPIAM PATROL REPORT NO. 2/1965-66.

Receipt of Mr. Glover's patrol report covered by your memo WHD 590 of 11th July, 1966, and Mr. Hook's memo 67-1-1 of 26th April, 1966, is acknowledged with thanks.

2. The carrier line of 125 does seem too large for a patrol of this nature. It could be cut down by a sixth if food dumps were established along the patrol route just prior to the commencement of the patrol.
3. It is a pity that this patrol did not contact the nomadic EHRUMP and SWOLA groups. More frequent patrols should be sent into the WAPI to spread Administration influence. As the patrol was done at a leisurely pace, I wonder why Mr. Hook did not compile a language list which might help the next officer who contacts these nomadic groups again. It has been reported in other areas how friendly primitive people become as soon as they hear the European Officer leading the patrol saying a few words to them in their own language.
4. A well conducted patrol and a good report.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



Telegrams
Our Reference: WHD550
If calling ask for
Mr.

Department of District Administration,
MOUNT HAGEN. W.H.D.

11th July, 1966.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBUN.

KOMPIAM PATROL REPORT No. 2/1965-66
WAPI CENSUS DIVISION
Mr. R. Glover, P.O.

The above-mentioned report, with covering memorandum from the Assistant District Commissioner, Wabag, attached, refers. The delay in forwarding is regretted, but it was mislaid for a period.

This census division was regularly patrolled in the period 1960-63, without any great difficulty or cost and I see no reason why it should not continue to be especially so as it is intended that the people are absorbed into the Kompam Local Government Council in the near future. Cost of the patrol should be radically reduced if food dumps were set up before the commencement of the patrol and the patrol carriers reduced to the vicinity of 20.

The native situation in the area appears good despite the lack of attention by the Administration. The KURUMF and GWOIA people will return, no doubt, to the fold in time. It is too costly, in respect to time, to chase them from place to place.

The census does not show a very satisfactory state. A 3.3% increase over 3 years is well below the District average. The reason for the use of the out of date census sheets is not known.

A well conducted patrol by Mr. Glover.

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For your information and comment, please.

T.W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
District Commissioner

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The Assistant District Commissioner,
Wabag.

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Sub-District Office,
WABIA
Western Highlands District,
26th April, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
MT. JASSE.

KOMPAN PATROL REPORT No. 2 of 1965/66

WAPI GROUP DIVISION by Mr. R. GLOVER P/O.

Attached please find the abovesubtitled report together with Claim for Camping Allowance and spare copies of appendices on Health and Police for distribution to District representatives of their departments, please.

Mr. Glover has submitted a concise report of a very arduous patrol, carried, in his usual efficient manner.

It was unfortunate that Mr. Glover was unable to contact the KURIMP and GWIA groups. However, it is hoped to carry out an aerial survey by helicopter in the near future, with a view to finding the present habitat of these people, together with the group on the other side of the WAPI River, so that they can be easily contacted by the next patrol.

Mr. Glover will be submitting his recommendations for a Tuitul for the WURAI clan by separate correspondence.

It is intended that a follow up patrol will be conducted into the Wapi before the end of this year. However, shortage of staff, the establishment of a new Council at the KOMPAN and the general expense of such a patrol for such a small population, may delay these plans.

It is not practical to consider the construction of a vehicular road to the Wapi area, due to its isolation and sparse population.

D.J. Hook
(D.J. HOOK)

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

c.c. O.I.C.
KOMPAN

INTRODUCTION

The WAPI Census Division to the north and north-east of KOMPLAM Patrol Post encloses an area of some 500 square miles and extends from the SAU - YUAT Divide to the border of the SEPIK District and from the WALE Divide to the YUAT River. The area includes the river valleys of the SABUN, RARUA and MENGELEM river systems and it is in these valleys that the bulk of the small population of the area is settled.

The topography of the area is extremely rugged and the terrain covered by this patrol varied from over 7,000 ft to as low as 400 ft asl.

The area was contacted by the Administration in 1955 but has only been regularly patrolled in the period 1958/63. This patrol was the first to the area in nearly three years.

The patrol covered the area at a leisurely pace in 22 days during which time the census was revised and tasks of a general administrative nature were carried out. The patrol was very well received by the people throughout and encountered no untoward incidents. The population of the area was found very Administration conscious and eager for any assistance to improve their lot. The general standard of health was found satisfactory.

Formal parades were held each evening at the lowering of the flag and with a Constable/Bugler accompanying these parades were well attended.

The patrol was conducted during a period of unusually heavy rains which hampered movement to a degree but this was anticipated prior to the patrol's departure.

It is to be hoped that regular patrols are made to the area in the future to further consolidate Administration influence.

On 1st day of patrol, descent on the KROK River along... (faded text) ...

On 2nd day of patrol, descent to the mouth of the... (faded text) ...

DIARY OF PATROL.

Friday, 25-2-66.

At KOMPIAM. Patrol personnel departed KOMPIAM at 1030 in company with 100 heavily laden carriers. Descended to the SAU River thence a steep climb to YOALIMANDA Ceremonial Ground reached at 1215. Continued on to PAIP Rest-House after a short break and arrived same 1325, slow going with heavily laden carriers, walking time 2 hrs 30 mins. Track in fair order considering recent rains and Rest-House fair only, instructions given to renew flooring. Remainder of day spent in purchasing food and obtaining extra carriers, talks with locals. Night at PAIP 7,000 ft. asl.

Saturday, 26-2-66

Departed PAIP at 0815. Followed track along crest of ridge arriving LIANDAU Rest-House 1015. Track uncleared for much of journey. Ample food purchased and remainder of day spent in discussion with locals. Rest-House found in good order. Night at LIANDAU 6,600 ft. asl.

Sunday, 27-2-66

Purchase of land 'ITAPUGUIA' finalised during morning. Remainder of sabbath observed. Night at LIANDAU.

Monday, 28-2-66

Departed LIANDAU 0715, a steep descent to the KWOLA River along a difficult track, crossed same at 0810 then an equally steep ascent to the crest of the LIAP Ridge reached at 0920. Rested here 20 minutes thence along WARELAM branch of track to crest of a lower ridge at 1035. Rested here awaiting logging carriers. Descended to WARELAM Rest-House at 1120. Large assemblage of locals greeted patrol's arrival and ample food purchased. Track in poor condition and instructions given to remedy same, Rest-House found in good order. During afternoon held discussions with locals and obtained more carriers. Rain during afternoon. Night at WARELAM 5,100 ft asl.

Tuesday, 1-3-66

Departed WARELAM at 0630. Descended to the junction of the TU and AUWARE Creeks reaching same at 0730. Thence ascended a number of ridges notably YUMBIANDA, a steep climb. A long descent to the junction of the DERAM and OGNOS Creeks passing through campsite of a previous patrol. Thence a short, steep climb to the crest of the KUNAMBIANDA Ridge reached at 1115. Good campsite here and it was decided to make camp. Six families of the TSININ Clan reside in the immediate area and only a very small quantity of food purchased. Last of carriers in by 1330 very tired. Hard rations issued. Track in fair order considering the rains of late, however very arduous walking. Night at KUNAMBIANDA 5,200 ft asl.

Wednesday, 2-3-66

At KUNAMBIANDA Camp. Heavy rain during early morn delayed departure until 0730. Track along ridges culminating in a sharp climb to the crest of the KIMBILIMANDA Ridge after recrossing the headwater of the DERAM Creek at 0815. Rested briefly here and moved off again at 0935. A long, steep descent to the head of the SABUN Valley arriving WARUMBUL at 1120. Track in fair order. Greeted on arrival by a large section of the local population and a large quantity of good quality food purchased including a fair range of European introduced vegetables. Last of carriers in by 1330. Remainder of day spent in discussion with locals. Rest-House and surrounds in excellent condition. Arrangements made for revision of the census on the morrow. Night at WARUMBUL 3,700 ft asl.

Thursday, 3-3-66

At WARUMBUL. Revised census for the TSININ, PUNIPAK and KANBEN Clans during morning. Good attendance with people coming forward with little outward reserve, considering this the first visit by a patrol in nearly three years. Afternoon spent in discussion with locals, two minor disputes settled amicably. Inspected Aid-Post which was found in excellent order although unstaffed at the time of the patrol (this situation has now been remedied on A.P.O. from KOMPAN having been posted to the area on the patrol's return). Locals here found in the initial stages of becoming 'money conscious'. General standard of health good. Night at WARUMBUL.

Friday, 4-3-66

Attended to census statistics until 0920. Departed for KULYABURAM across the SABUN Valley. A steep descent to the SABUN River which was forded at 1010. A climb to KULYABURAM Rest-House and airstrip site reached at 1030. Large sector of local population greeted patrol's arrival and a large quantity of food purchased. During afternoon revised census for the BURAI and KUMOR clans, good attendance. Talks with assembled locals on various subjects and two disputes settled. General health good. Night at KULYABURAM 3,000 ft asl.

Saturday, 5-3-66

Departed KULYABURAM at 0740 in steady rain. Climbed to the crest of the SABUN-KENGELAM Divide reached at 0950, track very greasy. Then a steep descent to the headwaters of the KENGELAM River reached at 1100. A long ascent to the crest of another ridge at 1200 then an equally long descent to ULIMOLA Rest-House at 1500. Greeted by the majority of the small population in the vicinity and purchased small quantity of food. Last of carriers in by 1600. Informed on arrival that runners had been out for two days attempting to locate the nomadic KURUMP and GWOLA Groups initially contacted in 1963. Four more runners despatched on patrol's arrival. Track for the most part in poor order which coupled with the rain that fell almost ceaselessly made walking very difficult. Night at ULIMOLA 2,700 ft asl.

Sunday, 6-3-66

Census revised for the YARIP Clan during morning, good attendance. General discussion with locals, no complaints brought forward. Rest-House and surrounds in fair order however no police quarters to date, instructions given to remedy same before next patrol. The LUTHERAN MISSION (Missouri Synod) have established an Aid-Post at ULIMOLA and it is providing a much needed service to the area. Some game shot by patrol personnel. From here a clear view can be had of MT. MCGREGOR and the MARAMUNI River Divide to the west. An estimated 5 days walk to KEMAN in the area of the TARUA River headwaters and a further 3 days to KALEMTOK in the MARAMUNI Census Division from here. Night at ULIMOLA.

Monday, 7-3-66

Received report from some of the runners that no contact was made with the KURUMP or CWOIA Groups after a five day search. On the basis of this information it was decided to push on to KURUARI, as this patrol was not equipped to search for the above groups for an indefinite period. Departed ULIMOLA at 0725. Proceeded along poor track over ridge spurs. Walking generally east reached KURUARI at 1245. All members of the YARIP Clan resident in the area were gathered on arrival. Large quantity of food purchased. Revised census for YARIP and KONEA Clans during afternoon, good attendance however KONEA Group still quite timid. Held discussions with locals during afternoon. Night at KURUARI 3,200 ft asl.

Tuesday, 8-3-66

Departed KURUARI at 0600. A steep descent to the KENGELM River then an equally steep ascent to the crest of the Divide. Walked generally eastward for an hour then a long descent to the ULUM Creek reached at 1055. Heavy rain for the past 2 hours. A well graded ascent to MANUAGA Rest-House reached at 1115. Track during day well graded in sections but very poor along the ridgetops. Fair quantity of food purchased. Rest-House and surrounds in fair order. Discussions with locals during afternoon. An excellent view of the YUAT Valley to the east can be had from here. Night at MANUAGA 3,100 ft asl.

Wednesday, 9-3-66

Revised census for the MULIM and LEMBENA Groups this day. Good attendance. Local court convened here during morning and three cases of deliberate absenteeism from KONEA Group census were heard. Remainder of day spent in discussion with locals. Night at MANUAGA.

Thursday, 10-3-66

Departed MANUAGA 0720. A steep descent through kunsai to the ONGALON Creek crossing same at 0805. Ascended and descended many small ridges and spurs reaching the crest of the YONOMAU Ridge at 1135. Along the ridgetop to YONOMAU Rest-House reached at 1150. Track in very bad state, very steep in sections and recent rains had turned it into a river of mud. Greeted at YONOMAU by the assembled IBAROK Clan. Fair quantity of food purchased. Census revised during afternoon, good attendance. General discussion during afternoon. There is a pocket of population on the other side of the YUAT with houses and gardens visible from YONOMAU (see later). Rest-House and surrounds found in good order and general health appears satisfactory. Night at YONOMAU 2,800 ft asl.

Friday, 11-3-66

Departed YONOMAU at 0715. Descended 2,400 ft down a very steep kunai ridge to the SABUN River approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from its junction with the YUAT. Due to the recent heavy rains the SABUN River found in near flood and two hours spent in the construction of a suitable bridge for the carriers. Last of the carriers across by 1025. It was decided to make camp here and get a fresh start to BULIMBAU in the morning. Area cleared and a good campsite made at 400 ft asl. Hard rations issued. Remainder of day spent in compilation of census statistics.
Night at SABUN River Camp 400 ft asl.

Saturday, 12-3-66

Departed SABUN River Camp at 0630 in steady rain. A steep climb along forested track to the crest of the ridge and a slight descent to the MUNOK Creek a tributary of the SABUN which was reached at 0825. Rested briefly here then a long, steep ascent along a kunai ridge to the crest of the BULIMBAU Ridge and camp-site. Still raining steadily. Made camp and a small quantity of food purchased from the small assembled UMULAI Clan. Camp-site was cleared but the Rest-House had fallen into disrepair and was unusable. Hard rations issued. During afternoon revised census for the UMULAI Clan. This group told to present themselves here for future visits by patrols. The track taken from YONOMAU by this patrol had not been travelled by patrols before and is a shorter track than the alternate ones.
Night at BULIMBAU 2,990 ft asl.

Sunday, 13-3-66

Departed BULIMBAU at 0555. Walked generally south along a number of ridges reaching PUMAIYAN at 0955. Track in the main in fair condition by WAPI standards although heavy from the rains. Rest-House surrounds here found in excellent order and the Iulua i KABUGIO is very impressive. Large assemblage of locals greeted the patrols arrival and a large quantity of food purchased. Arranged for census revision on the morrow, remainder of sabbath observed.
Night at PUMAIYAN 3,800 ft asl.

Monday, 14-3-66

Revised census for the WANJIPAIN and KEIMONI Clans during morning, good attendance. All other affairs very satisfactory. Departed PUMAIYAN for PAIMANDA at 1000. An easy walk along a good track for 1 hour. Fair section of the local populace gathered on arrival and adequate food purchased. During afternoon Local Court convened and one case of sorcery heard. General discussions with locals. Rest-House and surrounds found in excellent order.
Night at PAIMANDA 3,600 ft asl.

Tuesday, 15-3-66

Revised census for the MAIN and GUMANAI Clans during morning, good attendance. Iulua from MENGAU the least impressive seen in the Census Division. The MENGAU people speak WAPI and have social contacts with the JIMI River groups to the east. All business completed here by 1030 and it was decided to push on to KAPUMANDA. Departed PAIMANDA at 1045 and climbed to the crest of the KAPUMANDA Ridge at 1150. Descended to KAPUMANDA at 1245. Rest-House site changed here and new site found in excellent order. Large quantity of food purchased.
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15-3-66 (cont'd)

Revised census for the YUAI Clan this day, good attendance. Village officials impressive. General standard of health good. Three minor disputes arbitrated during afternoon and general discussions held.
Night at KAPUMANDA 3,950 asl.

Wednesday, 16-3-66

Departed KAPUMANDA at 0655. Descended to the BARUA River and proceeded down its right bank to the ABUS Creek. Recrossed the BARUA twice thence a steep ascent to ARAREP reached at 0845. Track in excellent order of bridle path standard. Greeted at ARAREP by the total local population and a large quantity of food purchased. Arrangements made for revision of the census during afternoon and attended to census statistics for remainder of the morning. During afternoon revised the census for the LAGAN Clan, general discussion with locals. Rest - House and surrounds here in fair order as was unstaffed Aid-Post.
Night at ARAREP 2,600 ft asl.

Thursday, 17-3-66

Departed ARAREP at 0600. A long climb to the crest of the BARUA/TIGGAI Divide which was reached at 0800. Thence a long descent crossing and recrossing the TIGGAI River a number of times. Reached LEOLEO Rest-House at 1145. Track in fair order. Inspected Resthouse and surrounds at LEOLEO, all in order. At 1210 departed LEOLEO and proceeded along a good track to LABALAN reached at 1320. Large quantity of food purchased and discussions held with locals during the afternoon.
Night at LABALAN 3,500 ft asl.

Friday, 18-3-66

Departed LABALAN for KOMPIAM at 0520. Descended to the SAN River at 0550. Crossed over cane bridge then a long, a rduous climb to the crest of the YALIMANDA Ridge reached at 0730. Proceeded along track to YALIMANDA Rest-House. Rested here 20 minutes thence along spurred track to NYABUS Baptist Mission reached at 1100, thence by vehicle to KOMPIAM. Carriers paid off and police dismissed.

END OF DIARY.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

This patrol was the first to the Census Division in nearly three years and the first since 1960. The patrol was very well received at all points visited and the people are eager for any Administration assistance. The people have lost much of the timidity and cautiousness revealed to previous patrols and came forward willingly at all centres visited. The patrol met with no untoward incidents and nowhere was it considered necessary to mount guards.

All of the Rest-Houses and camp-sites utilized by the patrol were found in good order and many had been replaced since the time of the last patrol in 1963.

The sole disappointment of this patrol was the fact that the nomadic KURUMP and GWOLA Groups who inhabit the area of the MARANUNI/TAHIA Junction were not contacted by this patrol. These two groups were first contacted by Mr. G.E. BILBY in his Kompian Patrol No.1 of 1963/64 number some 60 odd people. It was a prime object of this patrol to make contact with this group and every effort was made to do so. A number of runners were out for 6 days in the sea run but made no contact. This patrol did not have the required rations at its disposal for a n indefinite search. Mr. BILBY reported that he had given instructions for the two groups to gather and build a camp-site for future patrols at MAKAP a days walk from ULIMOLA but this had not been done. During extensive talks with their nearest neighbours at ULIMOLA it was reported that these two groups are extremely timid and wary of outsiders and that many were not seen in the 1963 contact. It is intended to contact them well in advance of the next patrol to the area. It is interesting to note that a number of the KURUMP Group assisted in the construction of a Mission staffed and Post at ULIMOLA in 1962. It was learnt that the KURUMP and GWOLA Clans have social ties with the small nomadic PENALI Group to the west of their area in the ARAFUNDI River headwaters, although they speak different languages.

From YONOMAN Rest-House a definite pocket of population exists on the other side of the YUAT River with houses and gardens clearly visible. The locals claim little knowledge of them although they assert there are only three family groups. As these houses are situated on the side of a high ridge I am skeptical about this fact and in the future perhaps an aerial survey of the area on the other side of divide may prove fruitful. The YONOMAN has a reputation of attempting to conceal their population from previous patrols. It was also reported that log rafts are utilised to cross the YUAT in this area.

A few petty disputes were brought to arbitration and attempts were made to settle same. Two cases of sorcery were brought to light for settlement in the Local Court and there was one conviction, in addition three cases of deliberate absenteeism from the census revision were heard in the Local Court. With no land problems in the area, disputes are few and are mainly confined to sorcery and resultant compensation payments.

The village officials in the area in the main are impressive, notably luluais NOGOINAGALI of WARUMBUS and KAEUGIO of PUMAIYAN. The BURAI Clan at KULYABORAM made a request that a Tultul be appointed amongst their number, considered a reasonable request and application will be made to the D.D.C. over same.

In summary, the native situation in the WAPI Census Division was found very satisfactory and it is to be hoped that regular patrols to the area are made in the future with no such three year interval as was the case this time.

Patrol Carriers and fresh foods.

This patrol employed a carrier line of 125 recruited from the SAU Valley population. Due to the nature of the terrain and walking tracks and the uncertainty of food supplies this number is considered necessary for a full patrol to the area. The carriers worked extremely well under very trying conditions and the health of the party remained good throughout.

As it transpired adequate food was purchased at nearly all centres that more than supplemented the hard rations carried. Although only small in population the lower altitudes of the VAFI area make for high yields of kankau, taro, bananas, greens etc.

The main item of exchange used was salt and money was only in demand in areas near the access tracks.

The health rate was good and the party was well equipped for the journey. It is hoped to improve on this next year.

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CENSUS.

As was mentioned earlier in this report the KIRUMU and GWOIA Groups were not contacted during the course of this patrol but in order to keep the census statistics as accurate as possible an estimated figure was recorded on the basis of information supplied by neighbouring groups, this figure should be reasonably correct.

It is to be noted when interpreting these figures that they cover a near 3 year period.

The total population of the Census Division is 1974. This represents an increase of 61 over the 1963 figure. Sex composition is 1097 males and 969 females in the area with 8 males at present outside the area, 7 gainfully employed and only one male child at school. Births totalled 150 and deaths 75. It is to be noted that only this one child has been attending school from the area in 5 years, it is hoped to improve on this next year.

The death rate compares more than favourably with that of previous years the medical services now provided doubtless being the contributing factor.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Due to the distances involved and the small local population, the fact that the area has not been regularly patrolled of late coupled with the extremely heavy rains of the past few months, it was to be expected that the walking tracks in the WAPI were generally poor. However, in a few sections the tracks were found in excellent order of bridle path standard. At all centres where it was considered necessary instructions were given for the repair and maintenance of the walking tracks.

There is little to choose between the alternative access tracks through WARELAM and ARAREP, all things considered they were found in fair order and due to the fact that their greater length passes through uninhabited bush it is unlikely that they could be much improved upon.

The major streams with the notable exception of the SABUN were all bridged, contrary to the findings of previous patrols.

There are no vehicular roads in the area and although certainly feasible at the present time with current resources a vehicular road to service the area is not a practical proposition.

APPENDIX 'A' to KOMPIAM PATROL REPORT No.2 of 1965/66

WAPI CENSUS DIVISION

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

N.M.O. YOMBUAN from KOMPIAM accompanied the patrol and did an excellent job in attending the needs of the large carrier line and attending to general work where his means would allow. A number of ailments were observed and treated where possible by the patrol notably,

Malaria
Pneumonia
Boils
Tropical Ulcers
Conjunctivitis
Goitre.

The incidence of goitre was surprisingly high for such a small population and it is intended to have the more advanced cases seen to at WABAG.

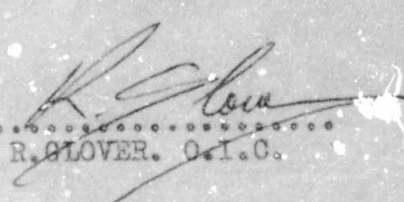
At the time of the patrol to the area there was no A.P.O. of the Administration stationed there. Two years ago the Administration maintained two Aid-Posts at WARUMBUL and ARAREP but for some unknown reason these two were pulled out. This did much towards a feeling of a minor lack of faith in the Administration in the area as regards P.H.D. At the time of writing another replacement A.P.O. for the WARUMBUL Aid-Post is on his way into the area to fulfill a much needed task. The Aid-Post here is the best the writer has seen in the WABAG Sub-District however that at ARAREP would better be moved to PUMAIYAN the centre of population if staff became available.

At the present time both the Baptist and Lutheran Missions have A.P.O.'s in the area but only the Lutheran representative at ULIMOIA was seen, it is not known whether this is indicative of their overall performance.

With the four A.P.O.'s in the area it must not be assumed that the Census Division is overstaffed. The area encloses 300 square miles of scattered population some living at very low altitudes hence quite a high incidence of sickness.

No cases of Yaws were seen by this patrol thus reflecting the success of the Anti-Yaws campaign of a few years back.

In summary therefore, it can be said that the general health of the WAPI Population is good but an extensive Medical patrol to the area in the near future is desirable from an Administrative as well as a health point of view.


R. GLOVER. O.I.C.

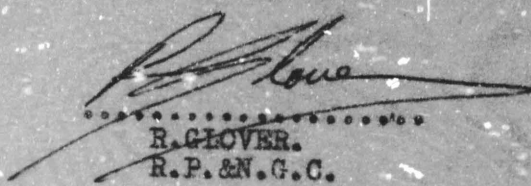
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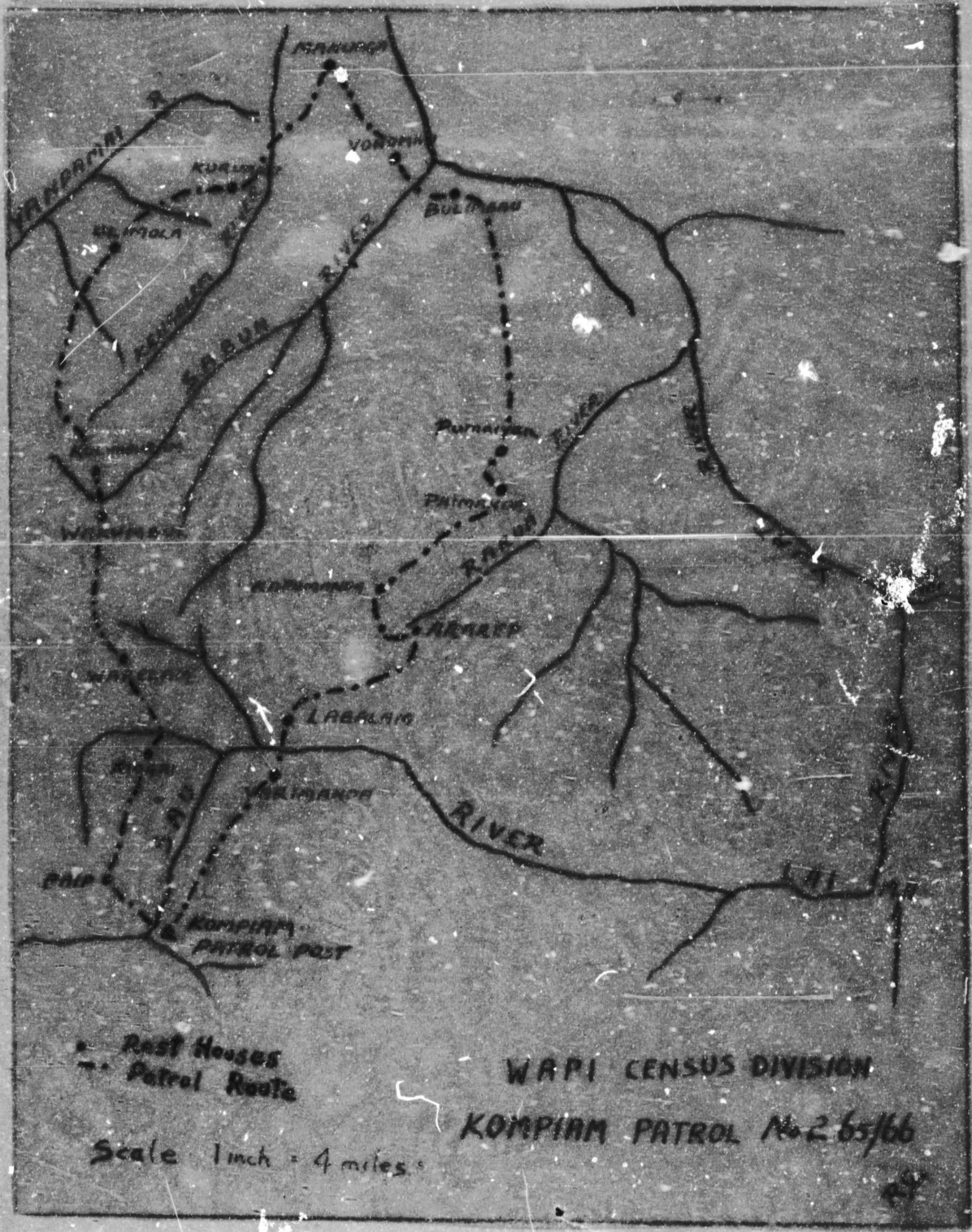
WAPI CENSUS DIVISION.

Report on members of the R.P.&N.G.C. accompanying patrol,

No. 6052 Const. 1/C AKO	An average worker but not outstanding. Capable.
No. 8331 Const. ATIO	A good member. A dour type who worked well.
No. 8917 Const. IAPLAS	A frivolous type but a good man on patrol. Worked well.
No. 8331 9388 Const. MATAIC	A good member who worked well at all times. N.C.O. material.
No. 11449 Const/Tr. BORAKON	First patrol and worked well. A good bugler.

The conduct of members of the detachment was at all times good and they worked well under Const. 1/C AKO.


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R. GLOVER.
R.P.&N.G.C.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 3 of 1965/66 ISWELAN

Patrol Conducted by R. GLOVER, P.O.

Area Patrolled UPPER AND LOWER SAN GEBUS DIVISIONS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 1. IAPU LOCAL GOVT. ASST. 1 INTERPRETER,
3 MEMBERS N.P.M.C.C.

Duration—From 15 / 5 / 1965 to 2 / 6 / 1965
Broken Period

Number of Days 16 FOURTEEN

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services JULY / 1965

Medical JUNE / 1965

Map Reference FOURTH WARD and PATROL MAPS.

Objects of Patrol 1. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION 2. I.C.C. DELETIONS (INITIAL)
3. ROAD SURVEY and INSPECTIONS.

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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18th August, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
Mt. HAGEN.

KOMPAN PATROL REPORT NO. 1/1966-66

Receipt of Mr. Glover's Patrol Report covered by your memorandum WHD753 of 18th July 1966 and Mr. Hook's memorandum 67-1-1 of 5th July 1966, is acknowledged with thanks.

2. Apparently Mr. Glover conducted the initial elections of the Kompian Local Government Council satisfactorily and submitted a brief but adequate report on general administration work carried out on this trip.

(J.E. McFarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference **WHD553**
If calling ask for
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,
MOUNT HAGEN. W.H.D.

18th July, 1966.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDORU.

KOMPIAM PATROL REPORT No. 3/1965-66
UPPER & LOWER SAU CENSUS DIVISION
Mr. R. Glover, PO

Abovementioned report with covering comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Wabag, attached, refers.

The native situation in the area is good despite the lack of contact during the past year. The amount of patrolling has increased recently and will continue to do so in the future.

The main Wabag-Kompiam road has always required special attention in the past because of steep terrain, heavy rainfall, shortage of population, lack of gravel and of mechanical equipment. The positioning of a tractor/trailer in the area has done a great deal of good in the short term but when this equipment is divided amongst four roads its long term effect will not be as positive.

With the completion of the three new roads under construction all the largest centres of population with any possibility of economic development will have an outlet to markets.

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Mr. Glover has carried out successfully all
the objects of his patrol.

For your information, please.

T.W. Ellis

(T.W. ELLIS)

District Commissioner

c.c. The Assistant District Commissioner,
Wabag.

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Sub/District Office,
Western Highlands District,
WABAG.

5th July, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Department of District Administration,
MOUNT HAGEN, N.H.D.

Kompiam Patrol Report No. 1 of 1965/66 Upper and
Lower Lal U/D by R. GLOVER S.O.

Attached please find the aforementioned Patrol Report,
in duplicate together with a spare copy of the Appendix on
Health for distribution to the District Medical Officer, please.
Claim for Camping Allowance is also attached.

As Mr. Glover has reported, the work carried out on
the KOMPIAM section of the KOMPIAM to Wabag road over the
past few months has resulted in this road being in better
condition than ever before. The use of the recently acquired
tractor on this road for gravelling, has resulted in a good
gravelled surface for the first time since the road was built
some eight years ago.

It is intended that work will recommence this financial
year on the construction of the road from Wapenamanda down the
Lower Lal to join with the Kompiam - LEMBIEN road. This road
will give access to the 10,000 odd people in the Lower Lal
area as well as providing a more direct route from KOMPIAM to
Mount Hagen. This road could also be joined on to the HAGEN-
MADANG road in the future. It is hoped that funds will be
allocated for the construction of such a road during this
financial year.

The matter of the Local Government Council Elections
has been covered in separate correspondence.

Mr. Glover is to be congratulated on his neat and
concise report on a patrol well carried out.

(D. J. FROOK)
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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INTRODUCTION.

The patrol covered the area of the upper and lower reaches of the Kôu River Valley. The general topography of the area is rugged with altitudes ranging from 1500 ft. in the lower reaches to over 7,000 ft. in the area of the mountains.

The objects of the patrol were as follows:

1. General Administration.
2. Conduct of the initial elections for the KIMPIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL.
3. Inspection of the two vehicular roads in the area, viz. the KIMPIAN-WANG and KIMPIAN-KIMBIAN roads, and survey of proposed road routes to KARAK in the lower area.

All of the above objects were accomplished without incident.

Mr. V. MALOT from the Regional Local Government Office in Mount Hagen assisted in the conduct of elections for a portion of the lower area. He is heading a separate patrol to KIMP, KIMBIAN, KIMBIAN and KARAK. The writer visited these centres two months ago on route to the 1951 Census Division.

The patrol was well received by the people throughout and met with no untoward incidents.

All affairs in the two Census Divisions appear satisfactory and progress on all roads was most gratifying.

It is intended to mount another patrol to both areas in the first half of the new financial year.

DIARY OF PATROL

Sunday, 15-5-66

Final preparations for patrol to the UPPER SAU Census Division during morning. Departed KOMPIAM by vehicle at 0805 for SILIM. Arrived at the north of walking track to the rest-house at 0910. Walked to SILIM R.H. Remainder of the afternoon spent in discussion with assembled locals. Preparations made for an early start on the morrow for L.G.C. elections for Ward 1. Night at SILIM.

Monday, 16-5-66.

At SILIM. Locals assembled by 0755 and elections commenced at 0830. One candidate elected unopposed. Time spent in general discussion of council topics. Decided to move to SAMALIMANDA Rest House at 1040. Travelled along a steep and sometimes difficult track, crossing the SAU and PANGSA Rivers in turn arriving SAMALIMANDA 1230. All elections for Ward 3 assembled on arrival as it was decided to conduct the election this day. Two candidates nominated. Elections completed and held general discussions with locals on numerous subjects. Parade at 1800. Night at SAMALIMANDA.

Tuesday, 17-5-66.

At SAMALIMANDA. Discussion with locals to 0950. All affairs satisfactory. Departed SAMALIMANDA at 1005 for BIRIP reaching same at 1045. Greeted by assembled groups from both here and SAVANDA. Elections conducted for Wards 2 and 4. During remainder of day inspected AIA - Post and road maintenance. Discussions with locals. Night at BIRIP. Parade at 1800.

Wednesday, 18-5-66.

At BIRIP. Discussion with locals to 1005. Departed BIRIP at 1010 and walked along vehicular road to AIYULETES inspecting road maintenance work en route. Arrived AIYULETES R.H. at 1220 where locals found assembled. Conducted elections for Ward 3 during afternoon. General discussions with people. Parade at 1800. Night at AIYULETES.

Thursday, 19-5-66.

At AIYULETES. Discussion with locals to 0935 and inspection of road maintenance in close proximity. Vehicle arrived ex KOMPIAM and transported patrol personnel and equipment to the Station. Preparations made for elections to two wards at KOMPIAM on the morrow.

Friday, 20-5-66.

At KOMPIAM. Conducted elections for two wards whose constituents reside in the near vicinity.

Monday, 23-5-66.

Preparations for departure on the morrow to THE LOWER SAU Census Division. Mr. W. MALONY, L.G. Officer from MT. HAGEN arrived to assist in the conduct of the Elections.

Tuesday, 24-5-66.

Self and patrol personnel and equipment departed LYANUS Baptist Mission at 1030 for YALAMANDA R.H. Proceeded along usual track which cuts across the grain of the country to YALAMANDA which was reached at 1325. Track in excellent order having recently been cleaned and re-graded in sections. Held discussions with local people at YALAMANDA during the afternoon and made preparations for tomorrow's elections at 2 NUN. Night at YALAMANDA. Parade at 1800.

Wednesday, 25-5-66.

Departed YALAMANDA at 0755. A steep descent a long & stoney trek to NUN R.H. in valley below YALAMANDA. Arrived NUN at 0935. Assembled MANASAKEN Group awaiting the patrol's arrival. Conducted elections for Ward 10 during afternoon. During remainder of the day inspected Aid - Post and held discussions with locals. Discussed the proposed road to LABALAN which is to pass through here. Parade at 1800. Night at NUN.

Thursday, 26 - 5 - 66.

Departed NUN at 0720. Const. BORGKAN despatched to the SAU River with a number of the local headmen in an attempt to find a better bridge site than that previously selected by Mr. B. DUFFY A.D.O. A steep descent along a very difficult track to the right bank of the SAU River. Followed along bank for 20 mins. and crossed over river via a n excellent cane bridge. Then began a very long, steep climb to NURISAU R.H. reached at 1105. Greeted by assembled locals and during afternoon conducted elections for Ward 26. General discussions with locals. one minor dispute heard, inspected Aid-Post. Parade at 1800. Night at NURISAU.

Friday, 27 - 5 - 66.

At NURISAU. Departed for LINGINAS at 0715. Descended the steep track to the SAU River and commenced a long, sometimes steep ascent to LINGINAS reached at 1150. Conducted elections for Ward 11 during the afternoon. General discussion with locals. Local Court convened during the afternoon and two cases heard. Walking track in good order. Parade at 1800. Night at LINGINAS.

Saturday, 28 - 5- 66.

At LINGINAS. Departed for KAIPORES at 0730 inspecting proposed road route to LINGINAS en route. Proceeded along a well maintained but steep track to the top of the ridge (PAGAU). Thence along ridge tops to KAIPORES R.H. reached at 1005. Greeted by assembled locals. Conducted elections for Wards 8 and 9 and held discussions with people. Parade at 1800. Night at KAIPORES.

Sunday, 29 - 5 - 66.

At KAIPORES. Departed for KOMPIAM at 0745. An easy descent along a good track to the LEMBIEM vehicular road, walked along same to the station reached at 0835. Patrol equipment stored and police dismissed.

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Thursday, 2-5-66.

Departed KOMPAM by vehicle for LEMBEI.
Inspected work on this new road en route. Arrived LEMBEI
1020. All locals found assembled on arrival and elections
conducted for this ward. During the afternoon inspected road
in immediate proximity and made recommendations on same.
General discussions with local people. Vehicle arrived 1540
and transported personnel back to KOMPAM.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS.

Nearly twelve months had elapsed between the last patrol to these two census divisions and this one. The native affairs situation was found very satisfactory and only three minor disputes were brought to the notice of the patrol although at all points visited the people were encouraged to air their grievances.

There were the usual statements about the lack of economic opportunity etc. in the area and it was explained that an experienced Agricultural Field Assistant was being posted to KOMPIAN in the near future in an attempt to cope with this problem. It was also explained to the population of the lower SAU that the completion of the road to LABALAN was unessential to development of the area. All appeared to perceive this and are keen to get the road going. This appears to be a genuine desire and not 'flash in the pan' support for the project. The completion of the LEMBIEN road in a comparatively short time bears this out.

The majority of the people would appear to be in favour of the council but only a few as yet have any idea as to the aims and workings of the body. They were told not to expect too much from the council in its initial years, especially considering the paucity of cash and opportunity at present in the area.

There is no doubt that there is a potential for cash cropping in both census divisions, especially in the area of RUM and LINGKAS in the lower SAU with favourable topography and climate.

In summary, the native situation in both census divisions was found very satisfactory and it is hoped that D.A.S.F. at long last do something with the area.

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ROADS AND BRIDGES.

There are two vehicular roads in the area.

1. KOMPIAM - WABAG
2. KOMPIAM - LEMBIEM

1. KOMPIAM - PORGERA RIVER.

There has been an intense road maintenance campaign on the KOMPIAM section of the WABAG Road over the past five months and the result of the effort is very satisfactory. With the assistance of the tractor and trailer it is hoped to complete resurfacing of this section within one month of writing. The PIPERES Diversion at the top of the range has been shaped and gravelled and is now open to traffic. Three bridges are at present awaiting re-decking and pit-saw teams are at present engaged in cutting same. The road came through the 'wet' well.

2. KOMPIAM - LEMBIEM.

This new vehicular road is now trafficable to LEMBIEM just above the NINIMB River which is the extent of the KOMPIAM section. The road is only lightly used at present for purchase of fresh foods and firewood but is a very handy access to the population of the area. It is approximately one (1) hours drive to the roadhead from the station.

Although there is still much work to be done on this road, widening, some re-grading, re-bridging etc. the progress on the WAFENAMANDA section will provide ample time for the completion of this work.

3. PROPOSED ROAD KOMPIAM - LABALAM.

Work has recently commenced on this road and during the course of the patrol the opportunity was taken to appraise the proposed route. Only one major problem presents itself, that being the cutting down the range to LINGINAS. This will have to be more intensely surveyed in the near future, unfortunately time would not permit on this patrol.

4. KOMPIAM - LAJALAM (WALE-TARUA C.D.)

Work has been underway spasmodically on this road for the past two years and is reasonably well advanced. However due to the labour needs of the KOMPIAM - WABAG road coupled with the recent heavy rains work was halted. No further work is to commence until I have a chance to survey the section to the main road.

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UPPER AND LOWER SAN CENSUS DIVISIONS.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

Throughout both census divisions the general health of the people was found satisfactory and the AID - POSTS appear to be doing a sound job. At the present time there are six AID-POSTS in the area at NIKIP, NEM, MERIHAN, KIAGAI and LAYISAN, LAMILAN.

All of the above posts were inspected by the writer and all were in a satisfactory condition. However a U.S.A.C. complained that medical supplies were constantly in short supply at the KOMPILAN Hospital. They were informed that this was a matter for the resident Medical Assistant and on the patrol's return to KOMPILAN this matter was taken up with the person concerned.

Of the patients being treated at the aid-posts most were being treated for malaria, pneumonia and dysentery. Some cases of conjunctivitis were noted mainly among children.

The Lutheran Mission is constructing an aid-post at NIKIP in the Upper San C.D.

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A. SLOVER, C.I.O.

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UPPER AND LOWER SAU GENSUS DIVISIONS.

REPORT ON MEMBERS OF R.P.M.C.G. ACCOMPANYING PATROL.

No. 6052 Const. 1/c AKO

A good member. Quiet but reliable.

No. 8331 Const. ATYO

A good worker. Very handy in the bush.

No. 11449 Tr. Const. BORAKON

Only second patrol and reveals potential. A good worker.

The conduct of all members was at all times good and they worked well under Const. 1/c AKO.


E. GLOVER
R.P.M.C.G.