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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. 3 of 1967/68

Patrol Conducted by B. McL. Williams Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Eastern and Western SUGU

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 3

Duration—From 2/10/1967 to 8/10/1967

Number of Days 7 Days (6 nights)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Sept /1967

Medical N/A /1967

Map Reference See enclosed

Objects of Patrol To conduct election of councillors for the

Kagua Local Government Council

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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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: 67-19-0

Dept. of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU. Papua.

26th August, 19 68.

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MEKILI

PATROL NO. KAGUA NO. 1 OF 1967/68

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Memorandum  
\* ~~of Patrol~~/Patrol Report covering patrol by Mr. B. McL. Williams  
to.....EAST AND WEST SUBV..... Census Divisions.

The report is of little value as it stands. Since the patrol  
was completed nearly eleven months ago it is virtually useless.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Director

\* Delete as necessary.

cc: Mr. B. McL. Williams, P.O.  
Sub District Office,  
KAGUA  
Southern Highlands District.

67.15.80.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone  
Telegrams  
Our Reference..... 67-3-7  
If calling ask for  
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

15th August, 1968.



The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Kagua Patrol No 3 of 1967/68  
Eastern and Western Sugu Census Division  
Mr. B. McL. Williams, Patrol Officer.

Attached please find:-

- (a) Original of report,
- (b) Copy of memorandum 69-1-3 dated the 18th January, 1968 from the Assistant District Commissioner, Kagua,
- (c) Map of area patrolled.

2. The only comment I have to make is that Mr. Williams complains in his report that there is a lack of staff at Kagua and duties of a tedious nature precluded him from completing his report in time. It was, after, all only a patrol lasting seven days and could have been completed in October, 1967. Mr. Williams should remember that one of the prime functions of our Department is to be of assistance to other Departments when and as required. It is for this reason that our officers are in charge of Sub-Districts and patrol posts.

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

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

Mr. B. McL. Williams,  
Patrol Officer,  
KAGUA.

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Sub-District Office,  
KAGUA,  
Southern Highlands.

18th January, 1968.

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands,  
MENDI.

PATROL REPORT - KAGUA No.3 of 1967/68.

Attached please find three copies of Kagua Patrol Report No. 3 of 1967/68, compiled by Mr. Patrol Officer M. M. Williams. The object of this patrol, in conjunction with Patrol No.2 of 67/68 was to conduct the election of councillors for the Kagua Local Government Council.

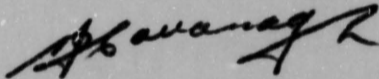
The full report of the elections was submitted previously in memorandum 41-1-3 of 25/10/67.

The reason for the number of absentees who failed to vote from SUGIRI, was that although advice had been given they their polling booth would be at ABOUNA, apparently a certain number understood that the patrol would be visiting SUGIRI as well which was not the case.

The area of land mentioned in the report is situated in the Suga Valley and has been inspected by Agricultural Department with a view to alienation and this area will be investigated by this office as soon as staff commitments allow.

Mr. Williams appears to have carried out a good patrol marred however by the late submission of this report.

Claims for Camping Allowance are attached.



(N.J. Cavanagh).  
Assistant District Commissioner.

PATROL OFFICER



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegram.....  
Our Reference.....  
If calling ask for  
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,  
Sub-District Office,  
KAGUA.  
Southern Highlands District.

18th January, 1968.

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

KAGUA PATROL NO. 3 OF 1967/68

Patrol conducted by: B. McL. Williams, Patrol Officer.

Area patrolled: East & Western Sugu Census Division.

Accompanied by: Europeans: Nil  
Natives: Council Clerk  
2 R.P. & N.G.C.  
1 D.D.A. Interpreter

Duration of Patrol: 2/10/67 - 8/10/67  
7 days  
6 nights camped out.

Area last patrolled: September, 1967 (D.D.A.)

Map reference: See attached

Objects of patrol: To conduct election of councillors  
for the Kagua Local Government  
Council.

.....  
*B. McL. Williams*  
.....  
(B. McL. WILLIAMS)  
PATROL OFFICER



PATROL DIARY

Monday, 2nd October -

Proceeded to MUKIRI by landrover, arrived 1000 hours. Addressed the electors on matters related to election procedures and the purpose and function of councillors. Elections were completed by 1315 hours. No unusual characteristics bar that of the battle between lines. Proceeded to WABIA. 1½ hours walking, good walking track. Heavy rain. Arrived at WABIA 1500 hours. Fresh food bought, kau-kau short, but other vegetables not so. Spoke to various people on matters relating to Political Education, House of Assembly elections.

Slept at WABIA. Rest House fair.

Tuesday, 3rd October -

Rose at 0700 hours. Sent out the interpreter to summon all the people: Pre-election talk, House of Assembly and various other matters were discussed while waiting for all to arrive. Elections got underway by 0840 hours. Had completed this by 1130 hours. Votes counted and results given. Moved on to JUMBURA, 2 hours walk, shocking walking track, this is not a normal walking pad. Arrived at SUMBURA at 1330 hours. New rest house just completed, quite comfortable. Spoke to various people on various topics that came under the heading of Political Education. Fresh food bought.

Slept at SUMBURA.

Wednesday, 4th October -

Rose at 0700 hours. Spoke to the people on election procedures. Commenced elections by 0840. Had completed by 1215, votes counted. No major upset, no trend evident. Proceeded on to ABOUMA, 2 hours 15 minutes walking. Arrived 1530, heavy rain. Spoke to various people. Fresh food given gratis. Rest House fair.

Slept at ABOUMA.

Thursday, 5th October -

Rose 0700 hours. Spoke on election procedures and various aspects of politics, etc. Commenced at approximately 0835 hours. Had completed by 1135 hours. New Councillor elected here - DWASA - seems quite enthusiastic and energetic. A few people from SUGIRI didn't turn up but as ABOUMA was in the middle of the 2 other villages, thought it only reasonable that SUGIRI people should attend. Walked to TWALEMANDA, 4 hours walk from SARI to TWALEMANDA. Good walking track almost a vehicular road. 4 candidates.

Slept at TWALEMANDA.

Friday, 6th October -

Held elections at TWALEMANDA. SARI, KOIA, PAITA and TWALEMANDA make up this unit. Attendance quite good. After voting had finished, tried to ascertain the feeling toward council tax. They indicated that 50c was a lot, too much, and were willing to

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pay 30c and women 10c. This is quite reasonable considering that there is no source from which money can be obtained; they are too far from the stations, no roads to work on. Moved on to TAUGERE, arrived 1430 hours. Commenced elections for the TAUGERE councillor (New Electorate).

Slept at TAUGERE.

Saturday, 7th October -

Rose 0600 hours, broke camp and walked to IMANI - 1 hour. People all assembled. Light drizzle, spoke to the people about electoral procedures and topics of political education. Rather a good roll up. Finished 1100 hours, moved on to LAGILA, arrived 1500 hours. People all assembled. Bright sunshine after a dismal morning. Had completed the KANDOBA-LAGILA-BATA electorate by 1800 hours.

Slept at LAGILA.

Sunday, 8th October -

Returned to KAGUA.  
4½ hours walk  
Patrol stood down.

POLITICAL SITUATION

I was quite surprised at the interest shown by the new electorates i.e. Twalemanda, Taugere and Imani, probably due to the pre-election patrol and the thoroughness with which it was carried out. They appeared to know what the council was for, its aims, function, etc.

The margin of votes between candidates was quite small, especially in the new electorates. Although a trend which is most apparent, is not so much the intelligence and influential the man is, but from the size of the village he comes from. This has been the trend of all four council elections I have done in the Southern Highlands.

The degree of absenteeism was not as high as the election conducted for the Ialibu & Tari councils. The majority of the absentees were caused by men working under the Highland Labour Scheme. Other causes were aged and/or invalid, and local employment.

A large number of people were absent ~~from~~ from SUGIRI, through no fault of their own, but through a misunderstanding about election procedures. I was not informed of this until after votes had been counted. This was the only incident, others being unknown. A point worth noting was that there was two hostile groups in the same ward, they appear quite happy to be included in a ward with an old enemy until the result was announced, and when their candidate was not successful they indicated that they were not satisfied with the way the wards were drawn up. In the more settled areas, the indication was toward split village voting, including a case where only two candidates stood for the one ward, where two villages comprised that ward.

Female voting is the most interesting, where there is 100% illiteracy, and under a whispering ballot system, a poll clerk can obtain an unusual insight to individual thinking and independancy of a voter. A woman did not necessarily follow their husband's vote, nor did they ~~not~~ vote for their village candidate, which

resulted in a number of occasions, the female voting ~~was~~ <sup>being</sup> ~~the~~ the elections. In the new wards (West Sugu) and Laboko (Kuaru Census Division), Mekanai/Wage of Koia (Ward 30) is a village leader and V.C., a fair dominant and powerful man, should make a good and useful councillor, he will have a steadying influence over MARIA/TAMBUA of TIBU-MAGUTA, headman and V.C., inclined to be rather unstable. IVI/POKAI, the only one of the new wards (excluding station) that was not a V.C., seems to be energetic but time will tell.

Whilst on this patrol I was able to look at the large extent of land in the West Sugu Census Division. Indications are that the people are willing to sell this land. At this stage it would be advantageous to see whether it should be investigated in 1,000 acre lots or thereabouts, or try to obtain the land as one parcel and as much as the people are willing to sell, which may be as much as 4,000 acres.

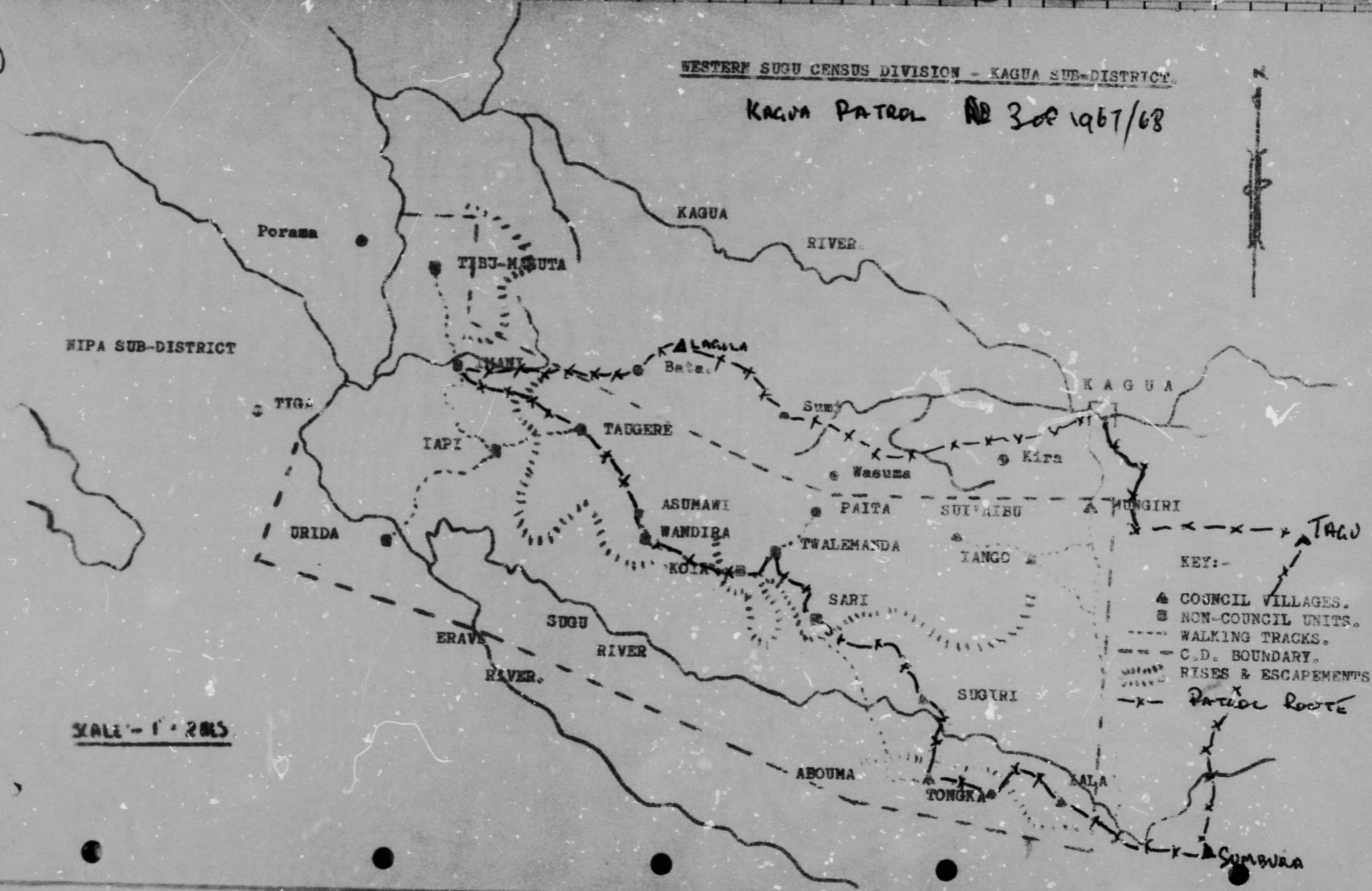
CONCLUSION

The patrol achieved its objectives and I must apologise for the delay of the report, but through a lack of staff, and matters that are of a tedious nature, it has been impossible to complete it before this date. Other departments seem to think that our job is just to look after their little problems, and drop our own more important jobs.

.....*B. McL. Williams*.....  
(B. McL. WILLIAMS)  
PATROL OFFICER

WESTERN SUGU CENSUS DIVISION - KAGUA SUB-DISTRICT.

KAGUA PATROL RD 308 1967/68



NIPA SUB-DISTRICT

SCALE - 1 : 2000

- KEY:-
- ▲ COUNCIL VILLAGES.
  - NON-COUNCIL UNITS.
  - WALKING TRACKS.
  - - - C.D. BOUNDARY.
  - ~ ~ ~ RISES & ESCAPEMENTS
  - x- Patrol Route



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. 5 of 1967/68

Patrol Conducted by B. McL. WILLIAMS PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled PART WESTERN KAGUA CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives "2" R.P.A. & N.G.A.

Duration—From 5/2/1968 to 10/2/1968

Number of Days Six Days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services April 1968

Medical N/A /19

Map Reference See Enclosed

Objects of Patrol To assey the possibility of a road route to MENDI and to mark a definite route and commence construction

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ / 19

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

Ref: 67-15-51

Dept. of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU. Papua.

26th August, 1968

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
~~MEMEL.~~

PATROL NO. Kagua, 5 of 1967/68.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of ~~Memorandum~~  
\* ~~of Patrol~~/Patrol Report covering patrol by.....  
to.....~~WEST. KAGUA~~..... Census Divisions.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Director

\* Delete as necessary.

cc: Mr. B. McL. Williams, P.O.  
Sub-District Office  
KAGUA  
Southern Highlands District.



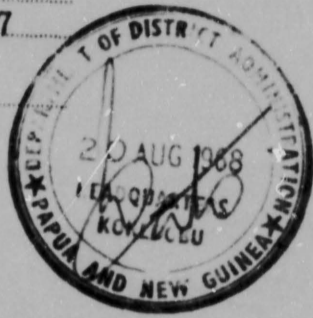
TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone  
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If calling ask for  
Mr.

Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

15th August, 1968.



The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEBOBU.

Kagua Patrol No 5 of 1967/68  
Part West Kagua Census Division  
Mr. B. McL. Williams Patrol Officer.

Attached please find:-

- (a) Original of report
- (b) Copy of memorandum 67-1-3 of 25th March, 1968 from Assistant District Commissioner, KAGUA.
- (c) Copy of patrol instructions issued to Mr. Williams on Kagua File No 67-1-2 dated 30th January, 1968.
- (d) Map of area patrolled.

2. As stated by the Assistant District Commissioner, Kagua the objects of the patrol were not completed. Unless I am mistaken the dairy of this report indicates that the patrol improved the road surface rather than undertaking a survey of the road except for the possibility the 6th February.

3. No further comment is required on this report.

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

67-1-3

Sub-District Office,  
KAGUA.

25th March, 1968.

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands,  
MENDI.

PATROL REPORT No. 5 of 1967/68.

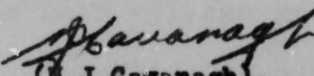
Attached please find in duplicate Patrol Report submitted by Mr. B. Williams, Patrol Officer of a Patrol carried out to investigate and mark the Usa/Ankura section of the Kagua to Tutana road.

Because of the House of Assembly elections, only one week could be spent on this patrol and Mr. Williams was unable to complete the route from IBI to the Ankura River. Mr. Williams will be returning to the area in approximately two weeks with instructions to concentrate on the marking of the stretch from IBI to the ANKURA River.

I believe that the bridge site across the Ankura River has been investigated by Public Works Engineers from Mendi and also by a P.I.R. patrol in 1966. Details of their report are not known here but I presume the information is held at District Headquarters.

Mr. Williams has submitted a good report, however I feel that he should have spent more time on the actual investigation and marking of the road route which were the prime objects of the patrol.

Claim for camping allowance is attached.

  
(N.J. Cavanagh).  
Assistant District Commissioner.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....  
Our Reference... 67.1.2  
If calling ask for  
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,  
Sub/District Office,  
KAGUA,  
Southern Highlands.

30th January, 1968.

Mr. B. Williams,  
Patrol Officer,  
KAGUA.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS : KAGUA Patrol No.5 of  
1967/68.

Please be prepared to depart on patrol to the USA area on 4th February, 1967, for a period of one week. The main object of this patrol will be to carry out a detailed investigation of the road survey route from USA Village to the bridge site on the ANKURA RIVER.

A survey line has been cut along this route by a patrol from Kagua last year and sections of this road are at present being constructed by the villagers, however on parts of this route the grades are rather steep and I wish you to investigate alternate routes around the sections of steep gradients.

You are to spend a full week in the area, returning to Kagua on Saturday morning, 10/2/68. Transport will collect you at Usa on this day.

The village people working along this road route are to be instructed to cut a three feet bench along the entire route, once confirmed by you, before endeavouring to widen to vehicular width. In your report please include the length of road to be constructed, detailing the individual lengths of road over each village land boundary and the number of able bodied labour from each village group involved.

Mr. Carl Franklin has advised me that his house at Usa is available for use by Administration Officers during his absence. As this house is closer to the roadhead than the resthouse, I suggest you set up camp there.

*H. J. Cavanagh*  
(H. J. Cavanagh). A.D.C.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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

Department of District Administration,  
Kagua,  
Southern Highlands District.

26th February, 1968.

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

KAGUA PATROL NO. 6 OF 1967/68

Patrol Conducted by -	B. McL. Williams Patrol Officer.				
Area Patrolled -	Part West Kagua Census Division.				
Accompanied by -	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Europeans</td> <td>Nil</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Indigenous</td> <td>2 R.P. &amp; N.G.C. 10 C.I.B. Detainees.</td> </tr> </table>	Europeans	Nil	Indigenous	2 R.P. & N.G.C. 10 C.I.B. Detainees.
Europeans	Nil				
Indigenous	2 R.P. & N.G.C. 10 C.I.B. Detainees.				
Duration of Patrol -	5th February to 10th February 1968. (Six days)				
Area last Patrolled -	April, 1967. D.A.S.F. periodically patrol area. P.H.D. not available.				
Map Reference -	See attached.				
Objects of Patrol -	To assay the possibility of a road route to Mendi and to mark a definite route.				

B. McL. WILLIAMS  
Patrol Officer

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the patrol was to assey the road route marked from the S.I.L. House to the ANGURA River. This is to link up eventually with the District Headquarters, MENDI.

The terrain of the area involved is that of the precipitious 'Vakara' Range which commences at the Angura River and runs the whole length of the Kagua Sub-District on the northern side. The range is heavily timbered, mainly in local oak and beech, similar to that on Mt. Giluwe slopes. The altitude varies from 5,300 to 7,000 ft. Following the road route once in the other side of the Vakara Range we came into what I would call the IBI-MAMBU basin. It is from here that the River Mambu originates and this river forms the boundary between IALIEU and KAGUA Sub-Districts.

The area mentioned above lies WNW to NW of the Kagua Sub-District Office and can be viewed from the office.

Some 1,000 people live on the proposed road route. This does not include people on the USA area, whom are already linked to KAGUA Sub-District Office by road. From IBI to the ANGURA River there is a descent of some 750 ft., mainly through 6 ft. high pit-pit.

PATROL DIARY.

5th February, 1968 - Monday

0800-1200 - routine office duties, whilst awaiting for transport. 1330 hours departed for USA by Toyota. Arrived 1500 hours. One bridge and two culverts to be built before a car can drive to the S.I.L. House at USA. Spoke to village leaders about the work for the week.

Slept at USA.

6th February - Tuesday

Rose 0700 hours. Assembled the people from PAIWI'IAMU, ABOBA and USA and spoke to them about the proposed road to MENDI. Suggested that the bridge over the USA River be built together with the two culverts.

0830 hours - self together with Const. IEBI and 20 men, left for IBI. We followed the road route marked by a Kagua patrol some months ago. Using an abney level, the route was changed a little. I endeavoured to keep the grades below eight degrees. Arrived at IBI 1450 hours. Several people working on the road, spoke to all, several changes suggested. Returned to USA. Arrived 1800 hours.

Slept at USA.

7th February - Wednesday

Rose 0720 hours. Weather fine. Large number of people already working on bridge site without any organisation. Detailed some to pull in logs. Others to build the eastern abutment. Worked till 1730 hours. Several complaints and courts.

Slept at USA.

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8th February - Thursday

Rose 0700 hours. Bridge work continued. Ten detainees building the two culverts. Weather fine. Bridge completed 1815 hours. People working rather enthusiastically. The two culverts almost nearing completion.

Slept at USA.

9th February - Friday

Rose 0700 hours. Some 100 men commenced on the motorcycle track following the new road route. Culverts completed and work commenced on lining the road with stone. Some two hundred yards of road built. Stopped work 1630 hours.

Slept at USA.

10th February - Saturday

Rose 0700 hours. Packed personal gear in readiness for departure to Kagua. Supervised work on the new road. Transport arrived 1100 hours. Instructions left with the Councillor. Self, Police and Detainees departed for Kagua. Arrived 1245 hours.

Patrol Stood Down.

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS

(a) Political Situation

With the forthcoming election only a fortnight away, some of the respective candidates are going about their campaigning in earnest, although some are relying on their name only (or rather, face only). Those candidates making their presence felt in this area are TAMBU/MELO, the retiring M.H.A. member, IRINAIA/PABE, the Vice-President of the Kagua Local Government Council., BOSO/AGEMA, President of the Kagua L.G.C. and IANO/BELO an interpreter with the Administration. Of the remaining candidates, three are from the Erave area, one seems to be relying on his own immediate village area, and the other remaining candidate not much is known of, perhaps he may think he has as good a chance as any, quite a good odds-on gamble maybe. Of the nine candidates, it appears at this stage that it will be a contest between four. The retiring member is not included in this number, as he has committed a traditional tabu, and has, I suspect, extorted some money from the people of the USA area. This accusation is being investigated, as the people from USA have made certain statements which take some time to trace out. I consider it highly dangerous at this stage to do anything about it, so it will be left until after the election period.

In the immediate USA-IBI area, the feeling towards the candidates differ quite substantially. Although the IBI area remain solid behind the retiring member, not so much for what he has or hasn't done for this area, but because this area is closely affiliated with TAMBU's home village - IAMI\*IAMI on the southern boundary of the IALIBU station. The people from the USA area are decidedly split between various candidates.

With the help of Mr. KARL FRANKLIN of the SUMMER INSTITUTE OF

LINGUISTICS, interpretation into the KEWA language, the programme for Political Education before November, was fairly thorough.

Several complaints and courts were heard during the duration of the patrol's stay at USA, and there didn't seem to be any trend in this regard.

(b) Roads and Bridges

The enclosed patrol map has been done on foolscap follower, so that it can be placed over the MENDI-WABAG Imp Series 60 of 1963 so that the actual road route can be followed, and more accurate information can be obtained through its reference to the National Mapping Series of maps.

At this stage it is intended to construct a bench wide enough for a motor cycle. The main reason for such is that if in the case where the road route exceeds grades of 8 degrees, the route can be easily changed without a great deal of wasted effort and time on the people's behalf, in addition to this, the work can be supervised more thoroughly, as the people from the IBI area will be working from their side and the people from USA will be working from their side once the route proposed is definitely decided upon.

As per the patrol instructions, the number of men available as work force is as follows -

USA	110
PUTI	60
IBI	30
TAGENDA	30
WARIAPUTI	10
LAMETIGA	45
TOTAL	<u>285</u>

These numbers will be broken up as follows - the Kagua end of the road will be USA (110); midway between USA and IBI will be PUTI (60) and IBI, TAGENDA, WARIAPUTI and LAMETIGA (115) will work from the MENDI side and work towards KAGUA. The actual length of road to be constructed for each individual group cannot be stated at this stage, as the 500 link chain held at this office is in an irreparable condition and only an approximation of the overall length can be given. It is estimated that the distance will be about 6 miles. The total construction required to link with the road on the Mendi side, at TUTAMA would be approximately 2 to 3 miles.

The bridge over the ANGURA River would be a major construction.

The present proposed site uses an island in the middle of the river as pylon and this would be in time of heavy rain, subject to flooding, also this river carries a large volume of water, remembering also its watershed on the southern slopes of Mt. Giluwe.

As I see it, there are two difficult sections on this route -

- (1) Immediately above Usa, and
- (2) Just below Ibi,

but I think we will be able to bypass these two sections.

All in all, the road route should not provide many obstacles. Stone is available at some sections, quite a few minor bridges and culverts will be required.

CONCLUSION

All objects of patrol successfully attained. Also of benefit to myself as this was the first time in this immediate area.

*B. McL. Williams*

B. McL. WILLIAMS  
PATROL OFFICER



VALKARU  
RANGE

KAGUA RIVER

MAPAITA

YANGURI

WABI  
LUTHERAN  
MISSION +  
AIRSTRIIP.

WASA

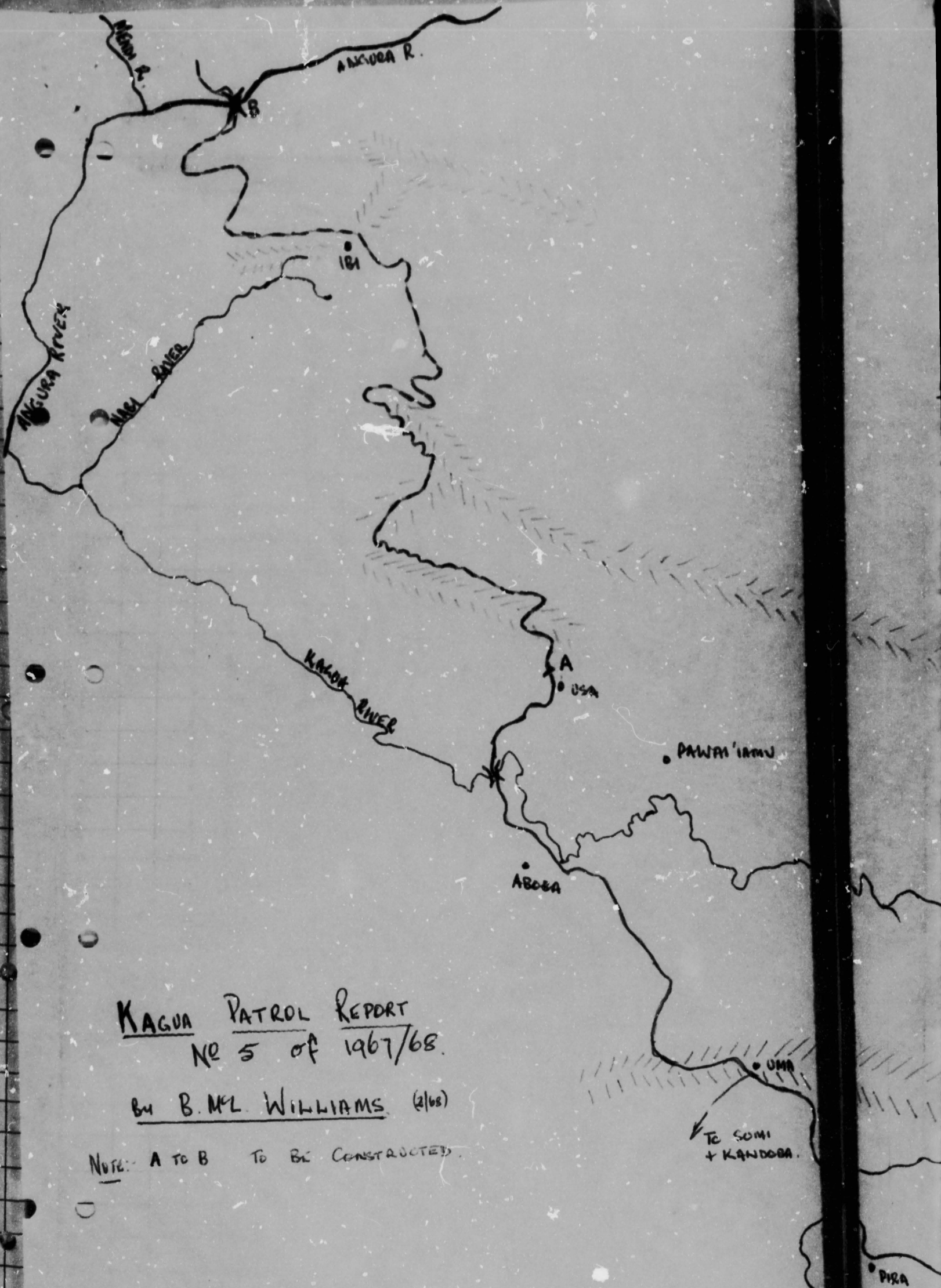
KAGUA  
S.D.C.

AMU

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MI  
JOGGA

PRA



KAGUA PATROL REPORT  
 No 5 of 1967/68.

By B. M. L. WILLIAMS (2/68)

NOTE: A TO B TO BE CONSTRUCTED.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. 7 of 1967./68.

Patrol Conducted by B. McL. Williams Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled East and West SUGU and Western Kagua Census Divisions.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 1 Clerk, 1 Agric Assist, 2 R.P. & N.G.C. 3 Interpreters.

Duration—From 16./2./1968 to 15./3./1968

Number of Days 29 Patrol Days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services September 1967.

Medical N/A / ..... / 19.....

Map Reference Kagua Sub-District NMP Series 30 of 1963.

Objects of Patrol To Conduct The Second General Election for the House of Assembly.

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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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: 87-15-52.

Dept. of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU. Papua.

27th August, 1968.

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
KAGHA.

PATROL NO. KAGHA No 7 of 1967/68.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Memorandum  
\* of ~~Patrol~~/Patrol Report covering patrol by Mr. B. McL. Williams, P.O.  
to ~~Post West New Guinea and West New~~ ..... Census Divisions.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Director

\* Delete as necessary.

Mr. B. McL. Williams, P.O.  
c/- Sub-District Office,  
KAGHA.  
Southern Highlands District.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone  
Telegrams  
Our Reference 67-3-7  
If calling ask for  
Mr.

Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

15th August, 1968.



The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Kagua Patrol No 7 of 1967/68  
Mr. B. McL. Williams, Patrol Officer.

Attached please find:-

- (a) Original of the report,
- (b) Copy of memorandum 67-1-3 of 2nd May, 1968 from Assistant District Commissioner, Kagua.

2. Mr. Williams has compiled an interesting report on the House of Assembly elections in the Kagua area.

3. I do note in this report, however, under the Section "Road and Bridges", that roads were not improved as anticipated. This would be undoubtedly because I did not receive a patrol report in 1967/68 which was of a General Administration Nature. Reports submitted to date cover only Local Government Council elections and the 1968 House of Assembly elections.

4. No map was received with the report.

*E. J. Emanuel*

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

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

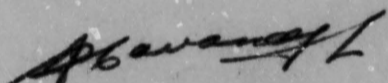
2nd May, 1968.

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

PATROL REPORT No. 2 of 1967/68.

Attached please find the above Patrol Report submitted by Mr. Williams covering the House of Assembly Elections Patrol, plus Camping Allowance Claims.

Mr. Williams has submitted a detailed report and appears to have carried out a successful patrol.



(N.J. Cavanaugh).  
Assistant District Commissioner.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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

Department of District Administration,  
C/- Sub-District Office,  
KAGUA,  
Southern Highlands District.

16th March, 1968.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
Department of District Administration,  
KAGUA,  
Southern Highlands District.

KAGUA PATROL REPORT NO. 7 of 1967/68.

Patrol Conducted by: B. McL. Williams, Patrol Officer.

Area patrolled: East and West Sugu.  
West Kagua Census Division.

Accompanied by: Europeans - Nil  
Native - M. M. Eoe, Poll Clerk  
R. W. Tenari, Poll Clerk  
3 Interpreters  
2 Police

Duration of patrol: 16/2/1968 to 15/3/1968  
29 Patrol days.

Area last patrolled: Part October, 1967  
Part February, 1968  
D.A.S.F. patrol periodically  
P.H.D. unknown

Map reference: Kagua Sub-District

Objects of Patrol: To conduct the 2nd General election  
for the House of Assembly.

*B. McL. Williams*  
B. McL. WILLIAMS  
(Patrol Officer)

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KAGUA PATROL REPORT

NO. 7 of 1967/68

INTRODUCTION

This patrol No. 7 of 1967/68 patrolled the area to the South East, South through to the North West overlooking the Mendi Administrative area. It is incorrect to say that this patrol actually patrolled the census division when in fact only one village was visited in the East Sugu, three in the West Sugu, and three in the West Kagua Census Division, although in the course of walking from one polling place to another, the patrol passed through a number of villages. The height above sea level of the polling places varied between 4,000ft. at KATILOMA, and 6,300ft. at IBI. The terrain varied from open grassland to heavily timbered mountain ranges.

The purpose of the patrol was to conduct the House of Assembly Elections. The patrol was officially known as 'Kagua Mobile Polling Team No. 1.' The team consisted of myself as Presiding Officer, M.M. Eoe, D.D.A. Clerk, acting as Poll Clerk, R.W. Tenari an Agricultural Assistant officiating as a Poll Clerk and three interpreters.

PATROL DIARY

Friday, 16th February

Prepared to depart on patrol. Left Kagua 1030 hours for the KATILOMA turn-off, waited for 1½ hours for carriers. Arrived at KATILOMA 1310 hours (40 minutes walk). Set up camp and polling booths. Land purchase of the land known as 'LEDE' completed. Discussions with Rev. Lytle about his mission.

Night at Katiloma.

Saturday, 17th February

Rose 0730 hours. Assembled election material. Polling Booth opened at 0800 hours, but polling did not commence till 1000 hours. The following villages - TAGU, ARABEA and KATILOMA came up for voting. Completed these villages by 1700 hours. Discussions with village leaders.

Night at Katiloma.

Sunday, 18th February

Observed at Katiloma.

Monday, 19th February

Rose 0700 hours. Booth opened at 0800 hours. IANGO, SUMBURA, IATA, MUKIRI groups voted. High winds and rain made voting rather difficult. After voting had finished, heard courts and complaints.

Tuesday, 20th February

Rose 0700 hours. Booth opened 0800 hours. WABIA, WAGIAPUNTA

and TOMBORO villages voted. Voting completed by 1130 hours. Booth remained open until 1800 hours - no more voters. Heard courts and complaints - had discussions with councillors.

Night at Katiloma.

Wednesday, 21st February

Assembled patrol cargo and walked to TONGKA. Easy walking except for last 20 minutes. Arrived 1130 hours. 2½ hours walk, high winds still persisting. Spoke to village leaders.

Night at Tongka.

Thursday 22nd February

Rose 0700 hours. Booth opened at 0800 hours. ABOUMA and SUGIRI village group voted. Afternoon spent hearing courts and complaints.

Night at Tongka.

Friday, 23rd February

Rose 0720 hours. Booth opened at 0800 hours. TONGKA village group voted. Held discussions with village leaders.

Night at Tongka.

Saturday, 24th February

Rose 0700 hours. Booth opened at 0800 hours. The rest of the TONGKA village group voted, together with members of the Mobile Team. As I considered voting had finished, team moved on to SARI. 3 hours walk.

Night at Sari.

Sunday, 25th February

Observed at Sari.

Monday, 26th February

Rose 0700 hours. Booth opened 0800 hours. SUI'LABU, PAITI and SARI groups voted. Good response and good attitude here. Afternoon was spent hearing courts and complaints.

Night at Sari.

Tuesday, 27th February

Rose 0700 hours. Booth opened 0800 hours. TWALOMANDA, KOIA and TAITA village groups voted. Held discussion with village leaders and councillors.

Night at Sari.

Wednesday, 28th February

Rose 0700 hours. Team moved on to TAGUERE. 3½ hours walk, very good walking track built. Arrived TAGUERE 1330 hours. Large number of villagers assembled, so not to disappoint them in saying "well come back tomorrow", discussions were held with them on various matters, then they were told to come back tomorrow. Night at Taguere.

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Thursday, 29th February

Rose 0700 hours. Booth opened 0800 hours. IAPI, IMANI and TIBU-MAGUTA village groups voted. Heard numerous courts and complaints.

Night at Taguere.

Friday, 1st March

Rose 0700 hours. Booth opened 0800 hours. TAGUERE and WANDIRI groups voted. Heard courts and complaints. Had discussions with the L. G. councillors.

Night at Taguere.

Saturday, 2nd March

Rose 0700 hours. Booth opened 0800 hours. ASUMANI village group voted this day. Booth closed 1130 hours. Moved on to SUMI per the direct walking track. Arrived SUMI 1500 hours.

Night at Sumi.

Sunday, 3rd March

Observed day of rest.

Monday 4th March

Rose 0700 hours. Commenced voting 0800 hours. KAN DOBA, BATA and LAGIRA village groups voted this day. Heard courts, etc.

Night at Sumi.

Tuesday, 5th March

Rose 0700 hours. Booth opened 0800 hours. LAUWAREI and WASUMA village groups voted this day. Discussions with councillors on various matters.

Night at Sumi.

Wednesday, 6th March

Rose 0700 hours. Booth opened 0800 hours. SUMI village group voted this day. Had discussions with one of the old men of the SUMI village about myths and legends in the area.

Night at Sumi.

Thursday, 7th March

Rose 0700 hours. Moved team to UMA and set up camp. Heavy rain all afternoon.

Night at UMA.

Friday, 8th March

Rose 0700 hours. Booth opened at 0800 hours. USA, PAWAL'IAMU village groups voted. Beseaged with courts and complaints.

Night at Uma.



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Saturday, 9th March

Rose 0700 hours. Booth opened at 0800 hours. UMA and ABOBA village groups voted. Heavy rain in afternoon.

Night at UMA.

Sunday, 10th March

Observed day of rest.

Monday, 11th March

Rose 0700 hours. Booth opened at 0800 hours. PIRA and AKUNA Village groups voted. Heard courts and complaints, etc.

Night at Uma.

Tuesday, 12th March

Rose 0730 hours. Moved team to IBI. 4 hours walk. Arrived 1330 hours. Poor walking track.

Night at Ibi.

Wednesday, 13th March

Rose 0700 hours. Booth opened 0800 hours. IBI, TAGENDA, IAMETIGA groups voted. Heard courts and complaints.

Night at Ibi.

Thursday, 14th March

Rose 0700 hours. Booth opened 0800 hours. PUTI and WARIAPUTIZ village groups voted. Heard courts and complaints.

Night at Ibi.

Friday, 15th March

Rose 0700 hours. Packed cargo and departed for USA. Arrived 1105 hours. Completed the rest of the journey by Toyota to Kagua. Reported to the Returning Officer, Kagua Open Electorate.

Patrol Stood Down

OBSERVATION AND COMMENTS

1. POLITICAL SITUATION

Set out below are some interesting statistics in connection with the percentage of voters as against the number on the roll. The reason for putting it here and not as an appendix is that I intend to make numerous references to it.

POLLING STATION - KATILOMA (E. Sugu C.D.)

<u>Village voting at this station</u>	<u>Number on Roll</u>	<u>Number Voted</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Tomboro	75	50	67%
Katiloma	158	130	82%
Tagu	166	110	66%
Wabia	84	55	65%
Puri	80)		
Arabea	38)	74	63%
Iala	87	58	68%
Sumbura	185	125	68%
Iango	232	179	75%
Mukiri	90	65	72%
Total	1,195	846	71%

POLLING STATION - TONGKA (W. Sugu C.D.)

<u>Village Voting at this station</u>	<u>Number on Roll</u>	<u>Number Voted</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Tongka	207	168	81%
Sugiri	115	70	61%
Abouma	83	59	71%
Total	405	297	73%

POLLING STATION - SARI (W. Sugu C.D.)

<u>Village Voting at this station</u>	<u>Number on Roll</u>	<u>Number Voted</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Sari	127	99	78%
Taita	59	48	81%
Twalomanda	71	56	77%
Kois	72	56	77%
Sui'aibu	70	39	56%
Paiti	81	73	90%
Total	480	381	79%

POLLING STATION - TAGUERE (W. Siga C.D.)

<u>Village Voting at this station</u>	<u>Number on Roll</u>	<u>Number Voted</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Taguere	120	90	75%
Asumani	87	62	71%
Wandiri	34	20	60%
Iapi	130	84	64%
Imani (incl. Tibu-Maguta)	<u>204</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>53%</u>
Total	<u>575</u>	<u>364</u>	<u>63%</u>

POLLING STATION - SUMI (W. Kagua C.D.)

<u>Village voting at this station</u>	<u>Number on Roll</u>	<u>Number Voted</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
<b>Sumi</b>	130	107	82%
Lagira	141	99	70%
Kandoba	206	146	71%
Bata	88	67	76%
Iauwarei	88	63	<u>71%</u>
Total	<u>653</u>	<u>482</u>	<u>74%</u>

POLLING STATION - UMA (W. Kagua C.D.)

<u>Village voting at this station</u>	<u>Number on Roll</u>	<u>Number Voted</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Uma	348	288	83%
Uja	196	135	69%
Aboba	156	123	79%
Inasuma	112	78	70%
Pira	174	135	78%
Akuna	160	85	53%
Pawai'iamu	219	145	66%
Total	<u>1,365</u>	<u>989</u>	<u>73%</u>

POLLING STATION - IBI (W. Kagua C.D.)

<u>Village voting at this station</u>	<u>Number on Roll</u>	<u>Number Voted</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Ibi	84	72	85%
Tagenda	96	82	85%
Wariaputi	29	22	75%
Iameviga	129	81	63%
Puti	157	81	52%
Total	<u>495</u>	<u>338</u>	<u>68%</u>

BY POLLING STATION

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Sumi	653	482	74%
Uma	1,365	989	73%
Ibi	495	338	68%
Total	<u>5,168</u>	<u>3,697</u>	<u>72%</u>

It can be seen from these figures the following points -

- a) The walking time from a village area to the polling booth, e.g., SUI'IABU to SARI - 2½ hours walk, PURI to KATILOMA - 2½ hours, SUCIRI to TONGKA - 3 hours walk, AKUNA to UMA 2 hours; and PUTI to IBI - 2 hours walk.
- b) The numbers absent on the Highland Labour Scheme must be in the vicinity of 15-25% of male adults.
- c) Apathetic attitude by the AKUNA, PUTI, SUI'IABU and TIBU-MAGUTA (IMANI) village groups.
- d) The average of aged persons in a villaged would be about 5%.
- e) Therefore in the case of IMANI, taking into account the (b) and (d) above, we have 17% who just did not turn up for any reason at all.
- f) In almost every case where the polling booth was situated, that village had the most people attend to cast votes, quite understandable too.

For the purpose of continuity under this heading, I propose to take each village where the polling booth was set up and make the necessary comments.

KATILOMA (East Sugu Census Division)

This was the only polling station in this census division. Well situated, being in close proximity to all villages, PURI being the furthest away (2½ hour walk). No objection was made to the situation of the booth. The people seemed quite contented, showed a fair degree of political awareness toward electoral procedures, after all, they are part of the Kagua Local Government Council. The councillor, RAGE, from the Sumbura, of which Katiloma is part, is a detainee at the Erave Corrective Institution, so of course, did not attend the polling booth. The trend in this sub-district is to have "committees" for each village; a wise move at this stage, as ultimately, the committees, together with the councillor as chairman, will form Village Advisory Councils, thus overcoming the problem where villages in the same electorate were arch enemies before. It was quite apparent that throughout the whole area, both the councillors and committees did not know what their actual function was, so at every opportunity, discussion and lectures were held for this purpose to explain their responsibilities. (If you refer to the patrol diary, where at each polling station "discussion was held with village leaders", this is what is meant.)

TONGKA

As seen by the percentage figures, the actual village, the people from close proximity to the polling booth (i.e. Tongka), came in large numbers; the weather did not seem to deter the people from attending, or rather voting.

The figure of 71% at Sugiri is deceptive, as quite a number voted at Sari, as the village of Sugiri is much closer.

As with Katiloma, the people were quite conversant with the voting procedures, because of their inclusion in the Kagua Local Government Council since its inception. The Sugiri people are a little discontented in being part of the Tongka Electorate of the council. This is one of those cases where unfortunately, if Abouma and Tongka village groups on their own formed an electorate, this would deviate from the principle of a certain number of people to each councillor (e.g. 1 to 500 population), and in my opinion, this would be a step in the wrong direction. It was explained to the Sugiri people in this manner. The councillor for this area is PIVASA, quite keen and energetic, quite a different kettle of fish to the old councillor. Village Advisory Committee functioning, although not quite in the manner I would like it to.

All in all, the people appeared to be quite settled.

Drinking water is a problem here. Most of the water comes from an underground seep (round water) and is quite easily polluted.

One complaint brought to the attention of the patrol which is very important and needs following, is that some of the carriers working with the engineers on the road to Kikori have stated that they had to buy local grown food to supplement their issue, and all their pay was being spent in this fashion. No wonder the Erave people refuse to carry when they can make easy money by supplying food at exorbitant prices, and is it any wonder why it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain men to go to Erave!

SARI

Perhaps one of the best and most settled people visited by the patrol. Good water close at hand and the people seem most forward in coming up with their problems. Quite a number of discussions were held as to the myths and legends of the area, but unfortunately one of the foremost men in the area was a little hesitant to talk, and I feel that he was leading me up the garden path, as I think he did not wish to speak in front of the large crowd that had assembled. He promised me that he would come into the station where it would be quiet. A great deal was said by various people but it was very incoherent, so most of the information will be left to a later report, when something concrete is established.

Previously, a lot had been said about the degree of incompetency of the ex Village Constable, I found that underneath, this man showed a lot of basic, logical understanding of administration principles. This was apparent when the Village Advisory Committee was instituted with the advice he gave.

The reason for his non-participation in this committee was that he felt that it would be best left to a younger and

more energetic man.

The councillor for this area is MEKANAI from KOIA, approximately 1-20 minutes walk away. Quite an old man, but quite conversant with the aims of the council. Walking tracks in this area are the best in the sub-district. A request for spades was made, so upon return to Kagua the people were told to come to the station.

#### TAGUERE

A feeling of uneasiness experienced here. Still a lot of inter-tribal unrest, although no fighting. I am at a loss to put a finger on it, but one can generally sense uneasiness, and I feel that a more experienced officer should patrol this immediate area, i.e. TAGUERE-IMANI-TIBU-MAGUTA.

The IAPI PEOPLE, unfortunately, are one of these groups that are out on a limb. This does not seem to deter them, and they are keen, showing this through their unassisted road construction. They are pleased with the inclusion in the KAGUA Local Government Council, and realise that it will be a while before they see any return for their money. The only request they made was that for the tax patrol to stay at their village overnight.

The councillor from Taguere is not very impressive, and the councillor from Imani even less so. MARIA, the councillor from Imani has been lethargic in the post (according to village book) and still is.

Polling here on the whole was a little disappointing as shown by the attendance figures.

A large number are working under the Highland Labour Scheme. Most of these have gone in the last 3-4 months, probably to escape the construction of the KAGUA-POROMA road link.

#### SUMI

Good response to voting, but a large number of names left off the roll for no apparent reason. This necessitated checking through the Tax Census Sheets and on about 9 out of 10 were found. On one occasion five pages of the tax census sheets were just omitted from the roll.

A number of people from PAITA voted here in preference to voting at SARI, because of their close proximity to SUMI.

Councillor for SUMI is doing a fair job, but could be a little more enthusiastic.

An account for the high winds was given by several people. It appears that there is a cave in the side of Mt. Sumi, and if not adequately covered and battened down with timber and rope, high winds result, and will continue till the cover is renewed.

The water situation close to the rest house is not good at all, a few of the patrol team were ill.

#### UMA

Exceptionally good response and showed a high degree of political awareness, especially voting procedures, but still

this was apparent throughout the patrol. People tended to raze out the ballot paper to the first four places. I think this was a case of not knowing who the candidates were, rather than "four is enough".

Several discussions were held with the councillor KAMDABIRI of UMA (the largest village in the sub-district). He is an elderly man and for the age, he is one of these people who feel that people of his age will not reap the benefits from their labours, but think more of their children's children.

Some of the AKUNA people, for no reason at all, just didn't turn up, maybe as their councillor for their electorate was a candidate, and it may be interpreted as a motion of no confidence in him.

### IBI

Large numbers of IBI and TAGENDA village groups voted. PUTI like AKUNA, seemed disinterested. Fortunately village groups in this frame of mind were few and far between.

The IBI and TAGENDA people are strongly affiliated with the TUTAMA (Mendi sub-district) people, inter-marrying, trading, etc. These people sell produce at the market in Mendi in preference to the Kagua market, naturally because they are a lot closer to Mendi, being some 4 hours walk, compared with 8 to Kagua.

It appears that the people are a little upset over the Capuchin Mission catechist. It was stated that in order to receive baptism, they were to have intercourse with him. The councillor said this was the second such case with this mission.

The people also complained about the state of the aid post. It is more unmanned than manned, and when manned it has been only for short periods. The Lutheran Mission have a station in the vicinity, but that appears quite settled.

Once the road is through however, the situation will tend to settle down somewhat.

So in conclusion, the situation generally is fairly good throughout the whole area, but isolated pockets are a little unsettled.

## 2. ROADS AND BRIDGES

Not a great deal of work has been done on the LAGIRA-IAPI road that the Laurie and Montgomerie Engineers have marked out. They cannot complain that they have not got spades because 75% of the 1st and 2nd Quarters' allocation has been spent in this area. The IAPI people are the only ones that have done any work. The TIBU-MAGUTA people are definitely not fulfilling their obligation on this road; MARIA, the councillor, talks a lot, but does not carry out his work in the same fashion.

As stated in patrol report No. 5, the people of USA and IBI were instructed to construct a motor-cycle track - they obeyed this instruction for the first 100 yards, and now where they are reaching a difficult section, the track has been widened, and the grade has increased from an 6 degrees to 8 degrees slope, to a slope of 12-15 degrees. This is in the case of most unsupervised road construction.

Instructions were left to re-cut this section, and pegs were put in at 100ft. intervals. The previous marks are still standing, and one can see that even these were not adhered to.

Upon observation from various parts of the Western Sugu, a road could be built in the future, say in about 4 to 5 years time.

The proposal is:

From a spur running almost from the MUGIRI Rest House toward the IANGO Rest House could be followed in the direction of almost due south. Once at the IANGO Rest House, it turns west through a saddle behind the IANGO Rest House, and then down a gentle spur toward the Rest House at SUGIRI. Once at SUGIRI, the route follows the SUGU River valley to IAPI. From SUGIRI to IAPI is flat open kunai grassland. It would run the whole length of the large tract of land often referred to as the cattle land ~~the~~ of the Western Sugu (being some 3-4,000 acres in area). The building of this road would have several advantages -

- 1) Opening up a large area of vacant land,
- 2) Be of service to a population of some 4,000 people living in the Western Sugu Census Division.
- 3) And ultimately a more direct route from KOROBA-TARI to MARGARIMA to NIPA to POROMA, and from POROMA bypassing Kagua to Erave, a saving of perhaps 10 miles over the last section, i.e. Poroma to Kagua via Lagira.

The people from Twalamonda Koia and Sari, want to build a road from SUMI to PAITA, and thence on to TWALAMONDA, thus opening up another further area.

### 3. COURTS AND COMPLAINTS

Numerous civil courts heard, mainly under Section 16 and 17 of the Local Courts Ordinance. One of interest under civil claims was that the owner of a ~~cow~~ cow which broke out of the holding fence and entered a neighbour's garden, was the respondent in a claim for damages to the garden. Perhaps this is the first of many to come.

DINDI, and Migrant from USA now residing on his wife's land at TAGUMBE, was, to a degree, the basis of unrest in this area. He was charged on two counts of threatening behaviour and found guilty and sentenced.

NEKOLA from SUMI, the catechist at IBI was charged on 3 counts of adultery, found guilty and sentenced to imprisonment.

### 4. PERSONNEL

#### 1) M. M. Eoe

Clerical Assistant acting as Poll Clerk. The spell away from the station did wonders to this chap. After 10 years being at either Erave or Kagua, he has been granted a transfer, long overdue.

#### 2) R. W. TENARI

An Agricultural Assistant, young and very enthusiastic. An asset to the patrol.



3) Const I/C Yongomban

Good conduct, very deceptive in his attitude. Appears dull on the outside, but underneath has a very active mind.

4) Const. Unumbe

Slow but loyal. Here is one of these policemen that has given some 15 years of valuable service.

Both the policemen express their discontentment in various aspects of their conditions -

- 1) Boots - The rubber boots are useless in the Highlands, maybe they are good around town. Suggest they get the Australian Army Leather boot with "triconi" cleats. Have found these to be the best type of boot.
- 2) Do not know who is actually in charge. What is the position of their A.D.C., and what is the position of the Inspector in Mendi.
- 3) No visit from the Inspector in Mendi in the last 9 months, and only one visit in five years by the Commissioner, and even then he refused to listen to any ~~any~~ problems.

CONCLUSION

An interesting and rewarding patrol.

*B. McL. Williams*

B. McL. WILLIAMS  
(Patrol Officer)