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SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1965/1966

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of **SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS** ..... Report No. **KONO 1/65-6**

Patrol Conducted by..... **H. WRIGHT, PATROL OFFICER.**

Area Patrolled... **KONO SECTION OF TARI TO KONO ROAD.**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **A. D. C. MR. D. LAUREY, P. O. MR. J. HUNTER (1 DAY ONLY)**

Natives **3. R. F. H. C. C., 1 INTERPRETER.**

Duration—From **21 / 7 / 1965** to **22 / 7 / 1965**.

Number of Days... **2**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **NO**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **JUN / JUL 1965**

Medical .... **FEB/MAR/1965**

Map Reference. **REFER KONO REPORT 4/64-5 of 1/3/65.**

Objects of Patrol **INSPECT KONO SECTION OF TARI TO KONO ROAD WITH A. D. C. TARI.**

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MCRESBY.

Forwarded, please.

219/1965

*[Signature]*  
District Commissioner

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

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

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

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Department of Services  
Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
27th September, 1965.  
2nd September, 1965.

**The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
H.N.D.I.**

KING PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 1965/66

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a very  
brief patrol report by Mr. Wright, covered by your  
memorandum 67-3-5 of 2nd September, 1965.  
The brevity of the report makes it impossible  
to offer any comments.

(T. G. Aitchison)  
a/DIRECTOR

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of District  
Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI

2nd September, 1965.

Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU

KOMO PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 1965/66

Above-mentioned Report and comments of Assistant District Commissioner, Tari forwarded herewith for your information please.

The briefness of the report makes it impossible to make any comments. The feasibility of the construction of a road from KOMO to link with the TARI road will be investigated and reported on more fully at a later date.

(D. R. Marsh)  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

67-1-1

Sub-District Office,  
TARI.  
Southern Highlands District,  
18th August, 1965.

The District Commissioner,  
Department of District Administration,  
NERDI.  
Southern Highlands District.

KOMO PATROL REPORT No 1/65-66.

Please find enclosed:

Two (2) copies of the above report submitted by  
Mr. H. Wright, Patrol Officer.

One (1) claim for camping allowance.

COMMENTS ON PATROL.

There is little need to comment on such a short patrol. From memory I consider it will be impossible to build a vehicular road to cross the TIMARIA River in that area indicated on the Patrol Map forwarded with Komu report no 1/64-65. I will be discussing this matter with Mr. Wright on his next visit to TARI.

*M.R. Haywood*  
.....  
M.R. Haywood  
Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

KOMO Patrol Post,  
TARI Sub District,  
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS.

3rd August, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub District Office,  
TARI.

KOMO PATROL REPORT NO. 2/65-6.

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this patrol was to meet the Assistant District Commissioner, TARI, Mr. D. Lawrey at the TAGARI River and in company with him inspect the TAGARI River - KOMO Patrol Post section of the TARI - KOMO Road.

Patrol Officer Mr. J. Hunter from TARI also accompanied the patrol (see LAW and JUSTICE.).

DIARY:

Field Officer's Journal Folios No. 3, paras. 20-21 also refer.

Wednesday 21st July.

Departed KOMO at 9.30am walked to NOGORITOGORI Camp, near TAGARI Bridge site, via ANGORE and TAGITE R/HS. Arrived camp 4.45pm. A.D.C. Lawrey, P.O. Hunter and C.P.S. Meade already at camp. Slept Camp.

Thursday 22nd July.

Departed Camp at 6.45am with A.D.C. Mr. Lawrey and P.O. Mr. Hunter. Followed route of road to KOMO. Arrived KOMO at 4pm.

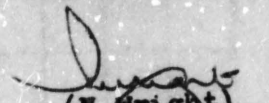
LAW and JUSTICE:

P.O. Mr. Hunter who was, at the time of the patrol, on patrol in the TAGARI area accompanied the patrol to KOMO. At KOMO several complaints between people from TARI and KOMO involving pig payments were amicably settled.

ROADS and BRIDGES:

This road is dealt with in detail in my recent patrol (Komo Patrol No. 4/64-5) so any great detail here would only be repetition.

The only section of road which will present any great problem will be the crossing of the TIMARIA River. I intend to return here in approx. 2 weeks to try and locate and survey a more suitable route down to the river than that previously surveyed. Also a more suitable bridge site is required.

  
(H. Wright)  
Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. lano 7/65-6

Patrol Conducted by N. WRIGHT P.O.

Area Patrolled last lano Admin Area

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans No.

Natives 2 P.O.N.G.C., 1 Interpreter

Duration—From 6/8/65 to 20/8/65 (broken Period)

Number of Days 13

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Service 26 Nov/65

Medical 26 Nov/65

Map Reference Map attached

Objects of Patrol 1. Inspect roads lano area.  
2. General Admin

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

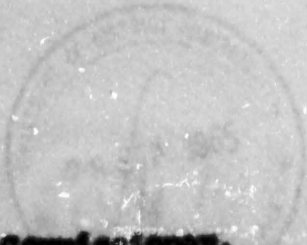
Forwarded, please.

21/9/65

[Signature]  
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... £.....  
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... £.....  
Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund ....  
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Department of Public Works  
Administration  
Southern Highlands District  
NSDL

12th October, 1965.

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
NSDL.

Road Patrol Report No. 2/1965-66

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a very brief patrol report by Mr. Wright, covered by your memorandum 67-3-6 of 21st September, 1965.

2. Your comments and those of Mr. Haywood are noted.

3. Mr. Wright apparently has accomplished the tasks set him and reports that road works are progressing satisfactorily. It is a pity that while Mr. Wright was traversing this country he did not firmly state whether the Timaria river could be bridged or not, whereas Mr. Haywood is of the opinion that it "will be nearly impossible" to get a crossing site. I eagerly await Mr. Haywood's assessment of the Timaria river, and your firm decision on the proposed road.

(T.G. Atchison),  
DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Mr.

Department of District  
Administration  
Southern Highlands District  
MEENDI  
21st September 1965



Director  
Department of District  
Administration  
KONEDOBU

KOMO PATROL REPORT NO 2 OF 1965/66

Forwarded herewith is a report of a patrol conducted by Mr N. Wright, Patrol Officer, together with comments of Assistant District Commissioner, Tari.

Some confusion seems to have arisen over the routing of the Tari/Komo road. In an area survey of the Komo area forwarded yours with my memo 72-5-8 dated 25th February, 1965 (Your reference is 40-2-15 dated 11th June, 1965) the then Officer in Charge, Mr Creedy stated that he had discovered a route to the Tagari River from Komo, and that the bridging of the TIMARIA and TAGARI Rivers would present no difficulty.

In Patrol Report No 3 of 1964/65, Mr McQuilty, then Officer in Charge, Komo surveyed part of a road from the Tari side to link with the proposed TAGARI bridge site and reported no difficulties.

The attention of the Assistant District Commissioner, Tari will be drawn to these previous reports, and it is expected that a firm decision on the proposed road will be made shortly.

Aspects of the remainder of the report are covered in the comments of Assistant District Commissioner, Tari.

  
(D. R. Marsh)  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

67-1-1

Sub-District Office,  
TARI,  
Southern Highlands District,  
15th September, 1965.

The District Commissioner,  
Department of District Administration,  
MENDI,  
Southern Highlands District,

KOMO PATROL No 2/65-66.

Please find enclosed two (2) copies of the above report submitted by Mr. N. Wright, two (2) patrol maps, and one (1) claim for camping allowance.

COMMENTS ON REPORT.

The general native situation in the MANANDA Area remains satisfactory.

It now seems that the best route for the TARI - KOMO road will be as originally planned through HIWANDA and crossing the Tagari River near its junction with the HANINU River. I thought that the route via HAMBURI and TAURI was worth checking - this used to be called the Lower Kutubu Road - especially as it would mean only one major bridge over the Tagari. I am still of the opinion that the proposed crossing site on the Timaria River will be nearly impossible and I understand Mr. Wright is taking a closer look at alternative sites here.

It can be seen from the patrol map that the shorter route to KOMO is via AGAU and the next best is via TAURI and HONAGA. Going via AGAU the road would follow the old patrol route, but would entail two (2) major bridges.

On my next visit to Komo I intend to walk over the proposed road and will be better informed about the progress made and the difficulties involved.

The comments under Agriculture can apply to most of the Tari Sub-District mainly because of the drought condition over the last three (3) months. I am sure the position is not yet serious.

*M.R. Haywood*

M.R. Haywood  
Assistant District Commissioner



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote

No 67-1-1

KOMO Patrol Post,  
TARI Sub-District,  
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS.

7th September, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
TARI.

KOMO PATROL REPORT NO. 2/65-66.

Patrol Conducted by : N. Wright, Patrol Officer.  
Area Patrolled : Part KOMO Administration Area  
Patrol Accompanied by : 2 R.P.N.G.C.  
1 Interpreter.  
Duration of Patrol : 6.8.65 to 28.8.65 (Broken Period)  
13 patrol days.  
Last Patrol to Area : D.D.A. - August, Feb/March, 1965.  
P.H.D. - Feb/March, 1965.  
Objects of Patrol. : Check on progress of roadworks  
throughout the area patrolled.  
2. General Administration.

  
N. Wright,  
Patrol Officer.

diary: KOMO PATROL NO. 2/65-6.

6th August.

Dept. KOMO 1000hrs. Four hours walk to PARA R/H via POROYANDALE and KURUKUMBUTEI.  
Talked with V.C.s from PARA, LAITE and AIJAGATE re roadworks and patrol program.  
Purchased fresh foods.  
Slept PARA.

7th August.

Four hours walk to NOGORITOGORI R/H.  
Inspected roadworks enroute.  
Talked with V.C.s from LAIJAUKO, HANDAMANDA and JAGWA on roadworks.  
Purchased fresh foods.  
Slept NOGORITOGORI R/H.

8th August.

Observed.  
Heard part C.N.M. case, adjourned to await witnesses.  
Purchased fresh foods.  
Slept NOGORITOGORI.

9th August.

Settled several complaints between TARI and KOMO people.  
Section of road between TAGARI RIVER and LAIJAUKO resurveyed and marked.

10th August.

Three hours walk to LAIJAUKO in company with V.C.s from JAGWA, KURU and HANDAMANDA inspecting roadworks.  
Supervised erection of new Police quarters.  
Slept LAIJAUKO.

11th August.

Three and Half hours walk to AIJAGATE in company with V.C.s from LAIJAUKO and LAITE inspecting roadworks.  
Purchased fresh foods.  
Discussed roadworks with V.C. from AIJAGATE.  
Slept AIJAGATE.

12th August.

Four hours to PAMI via route of new KUNGU - PAMI road.  
Discussions with V.C.s from EKAIBA and TEREJAGA enroute.  
Purchased fresh foods.  
Slept PAMI.

13th August.

Three hours to KOMO via route of new PAMI - PADUA road, 1/2 hour from KOMO to IANDA via new road.  
Purchased fresh foods.  
Arranged to have TAGARI River foot bridge rebuilt for my use on return from TARI.  
Slept IANDA.

14th August.

One and half hours walk to MIGILI.  
Discussions with V.C on progress of roadworks.  
Purchased fresh foods.  
Slept MIGILI.

15th August.

50 mins walk MIGILI to KOMO.

16th, 17th and 18th at KOMO.

19th August.

Dept Komo at 6.30 am and walked to HIWANDA via AGAU.

Met Mr. J. Hende at HIWANDA and drove into TARI.

Arrived in TARI at 3.30pm.

Slept TARI.

20th to 26th August in TARI and HAGA.

27th August.

Dept TARI by car with A.D.C. Mr. Haywood.

By car to TAURI R/H.

2 1/2 hours walk to HONAGA R/H.

Discussions with V.C. re pending petrol to that area.

Slept HONAGA.

28th August.

Dept HONAGA 7.30am.

Investigated possibility of road to and bridging of TAGARI River in this area.

Arrived TAGARI River llan.

Lunch.

Departed TAGARI River 12noon.

Arrived KOMO at 2.30pm.

END PATROL.

It was planned also to have Patrol Officer, ... of TAGARI, ... of the TAGARI administrative ...

... road by a route following the ... This ... to be completed ... unexpected illness.

Several minor complaints were ... of a ... nature being ...

There is a shortage of food in the area at present ... of a seasonal one ... by the lack of rain over the last three months ...

Shortage of food crops is taking place at the present ... but unless some reasonable falls of rain occur in the near future these gardens will be affected and consequently the supply of food for the next 3 - 5 months.

Some difficulty was experienced in obtaining sufficient food for the patrol's carrier ... drawing too heavily on the already depleted supplies of the people.

It was in the ... of a ... I have only made ... of these ... have ... since my previous ...

... please refer my report ... of the ...



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**INTRODUCTION:**

The purpose of this patrol was to follow up my two previous patrols and checkup on progress of roadwork throughout the KOMO Area. General routine matters of ~~GENERAL~~ Administration were also attended to.

**DIARY:**

Diary attached. My Field Officer's Journal folios 6 -10, paragraphs 34 - 43, 47, 52 and 53 also refer.

**NATIVE SITUATION:**

The native situation throughout the area is good and the patrol was cordially received at all centres.

**ROADS AND BRIDGES:**

Roadworks are progressing quite satisfactorily. Work on the TARI - KOMO road is well in hand and progressing slowly but surely. The route for a new road linking PADUA, PAMI and KUNGU R/Hs (refer P/R 4/64-5) was inspected and work is now under way. The IANDA - KOMO and MIGILI - KOMO roads are also well in hand.

On my return from MT. HAGEN Show I walked back to KOMO via HONAGA R/H, in the LOWER TAGARI C/D of the TARI Administrative Area, to investigate the possibility of a TARI - KOMO roadlink using this route. Unfortunately a road crossing of the TAGARI River in this area is virtually impossible due to the almost vertical descent to the river, also a bridge span of some 200' would be required.

It was planned also to meet Patrol Officer, Mr. D. Fanning, of KOROBA, at the junction of the HANIMU and TAGARI Rivers and check on the possibility of linking up KOROBA with the TARI - KOMO road by a route following the HANIMU River. This had to be scrapped due to MR. FANNING's unexpected illness.

**LAW AND ORDER:**

Several minor complaints were attended to during the patrol nothing of a serious nature being brought forward.

**NATIVE AGRICULTURE:**

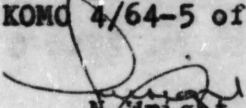
There is a shortage of food in the area at present, this shortage is a seasonal one aggravated to a large degree by the lack of rain over the last three months. The rainfall in the KOMO Area for the months of JUNE, JULY and AUGUST was 223, 120 and 131 points respectively instead of the normal fall of in the region of 800, 900 and 1100 points respectively.

Widespread <sup>planting</sup> of food crops is taking place at the present moment but unless some reasonable falls of rain occur in the near future these gardens will be affected and consequently the supply of food for the next 3 - 5 months.

Some difficulty was experienced in obtaining sufficient food for the patrol's carrier line without drawing too heavily on the already depleted supplies of the people.

**CONCLUSION:**

As this was in the main a follow up patrol and because of its short duration I have only made comments on things which have changed or crepped up since my previous visits. For comments under headings not included in this report and expansion of those included please refer my report KOMO 4/64-5 of the 1/7/65.

  
N. Wright,  
Patrol Officer.







TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of... **SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS** ..... Report No... **KOMO NO. 3/65-6** .....

Patrol Conducted by... **H. WRIGHT? PATROL OFFICER.** .....

Area Patrolled... **LOWER TAGARI and BENARIA C/D5** .....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans... **NO** .....

Natives... **3 R.P.N.G.C., 1 INTERPRETER.** .....

Duration—From **16** / **9** / **1965** to **28** / **9** / **1965** (Broken Period)

Number of Days... **12** .....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services... / **9** / **1964** ...

Medical ... / **5** / **1965** .....

Map Reference... **MAP ATTACHED** .....

Objects of Patrol... **1. REVISE ANNUAL CENSUS 2. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.** .....

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

26/10/1965

  
District Commissioner

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

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

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

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67-15-11

11th November, 1965.

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

Kcwo Patrol Report NO3/1965-66

1. Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a patrol report by Mr. Wright, covered by your memo 67-3-6 of 25th October, 1965.
2. Mr. Haywood's comments and yours have been noted.
3. Mr. Wright has quite ably done all the tasks set him on this patrol and he has submitted a well written report.
4. I wonder if the Kutubu people, who have migrated into Faside village, will make this area their final home. What is the position with regard to land. I would like to be informed of the results of investigations.
5. Please keep me well informed of road work in this area. Mr. Wright is correct when he says that road work should be commenced only after a careful survey.
6. It is pleasing to note that there is no food shortage in this area. Apparently the drought has not struck these people as it has in other Highland areas.

(T.G. Aitchison)  
A/DIRECTOR.

67-15-11 (B)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of District  
Administration  
Southern Highlands District  
MIENDI

25th October 1965

Director  
Department of District  
Administration  
KONEBOBU

KOMO PATROL REPORT NO 3 OF 1965/66

Forwarded herewith is a report of a patrol conducted by Mr N. Wright, Officer in Charge, KOMO, to the Lower Tagari and Benaria Census Divisions together with comments of Assistant District Commissioner, TARI. These two Census Divisions are administered from TARI but for reasons given in paragraph 2 of Assistant District Commissioner Tari's memo, the patrol was conducted from KOMO.

The report reveals a satisfactory state of affairs in the two Divisions. Although these people are somewhat isolated and are not visited as frequently as those in the Tari Basin, they regularly visit Tari.

The road proposed to the south could probably be extended to Lake Kutubu and eventually link up with a road further South.

Nothing is known of the proposed Unevangelised Fields Mission strip and Assistant District Commissioner, Tari, has been asked for more details. No application for land has been lodged by the Mission.

Officer in Charge, Kutubu, has been requested to forward the Record of Service of V.C. WABIRA/BARAMUNDI to Tari.

(D. R. Marsh)  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

the next patrol. There may be a possibility of extending this track further towards Lake Kutubu at a later date. It is considered that in the first instance only a 6 inch track should be cut and that this will save unnecessary work. The track should be changed later when the track is open for regular use.

4. I doubt very much if the people will be up to commercial standards but will write to the Unevangelised Fields Mission regarding whether they wish a D.O.M. inspection.

5. Although it would appear a large number of people evaded census the attraction of the pandemic season is very strong and I feel that if the next patrol takes full control that such evasions on this occasion should be taken only in extreme cases. As mentioned previously in the report these people have not had very close contact with the Administration and can not be expected to fully understand our requirements.

It can be seen from the District Map that the people are mainly accessible from Hoon and I hope that all future patrols

67-1-1 investigate the possibility of  
obstacles such as wire cables, with sol

Sub-District Office,  
TARI.  
Southern Highlands District,  
13th October, 1965.

The District Commissioner,  
Department of District Administration,  
MENDI.  
Southern Highlands District,

KOMO PATROL No 3/65-66.  
LOWER TAGARI AND BENARIA.

Please find enclosed two (2) copies of the above report together with patrol maps and claim for camping allowance, submitted by Mr. N. Wright O.I.C. Komo.

COMMENTS ON REPORT.

1. Mr. Wright was requested to patrol outside the Komo Administrative area because of the need to complete the Census revision of the Tari Sub-District and to fully utilize his services which are somewhat restricted at Komo. I do not anticipate any difficulty or confusion with the HURI people who must realise this is one Administration.
2. The people mentioned under Native Situation, paragraph 3, have been dealt with at Tari under the N.R.O's.
3. A full report will be made on the people who have migrated into the Benaria from the Kutubu Area following the next patrol which will be before December. I would agree that the V.C. WABIRA/BARAMUNDI could easily be transferred if this is suitable to the O.I.C. Kutubu.
4. Mr. Wright expects to mark out a graded track from TAURI and following the old Kutubu track into the Benaria, on the next patrol. There may be a possibility of extending this track further towards Lake Kutubu at a later date. I do consider that in the first instance only a 6 feet wide bench track should be cut and this will save unnecessary work if parts are to be changed later when the track is opened into a vehicular road.
5. I doubt very much whether the Mission airstrip at TAMIDE will be up to commercial standards but will write to the Unevanglised Field Mission regarding whether they wish a D.C.A. inspection.
6. Although it would appear a large number of people evaded census the attraction of the pandanus season is very strong and I feel that if the next patrol makes full contact then court action on this occasion should be taken only in extreme cases. As mentioned previously in the report these people have not enjoyed very close contact with the Administration and can not be expected to fully understand our requirements.

GENERAL.

It can be seen from the Patrol Map that both areas are easily accessible from Komo and I feel that all future patrols

can be handled from Komo. The only difficulty would be in maintaining the bridge over the Tagari River and I will ask Mr. Wright to investigate the possibility of using permanent materials such as wire cable, with solid anchors.

*In Reply  
Please Refer  
to 7/21-5*

*M.R. Haywood*  
.....  
**M.R. Haywood.**  
**Assistant District Commissioner.**

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
**T.A.M.S.**

KOMO PATROL NO. 3/55-6.

Patrol Conducted by:	S. Wright, Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled:	Lower Tagari and Benaria C/R.
Personnel Accompanying:	1 P.M.S.C. 1 Interpreter.
Duration of Patrol:	16.9.65 - 20.9.65 (Broken Periods) 12 patrol days.
Last Patrol to Area:	S.D.A. - September, 1964. P.M.S. - May, 1965.
Objects of Patrol:	1. Devise Annual Census. 2. General Administration.

*S. Wright*  
S. Wright,  
Patrol Officer.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
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No. 3/65-6

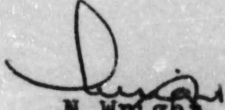
KOMO Patrol Post,  
TARI Sub-District,  
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS.

1st October, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
TARI.

KOMO PATROL NO. 3/65-6.

Patrol Conducted by;	N. Wright, Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled;	Lower Tagari and Benaria C/D.
Personell Accompanying;	3 R.P.N.G.C. 1 Interpreter.
Duration of Patrol;	16.9.65 - 28.9.65. (Broken Period) 12 patrol days.
Last Patrol to Area;	D.D.A. - September, 1964. P.H.D. - May, 1965.
Objects of Patrol;	1. Revise Annual Census. 2. General Administration.

  
N. Wright,  
Patrol Officer.

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KOMO PATROL NO. 3/65-6

DIARY:

16th September.

Dept. KOMO 0900hrs.  
2 1/2 hrs walk to, TAGARI River.  
1 hr spent transporting cargo across river.  
2 1/2 hrs walk to HONAGA R/H.  
Purchased fresh foods.  
Advised V.C.s of TAMBARUMA and YABAGARU of patrol timetable.  
Slept HONAGA R/H.

17th September.

Census Revised.  
Complaints heard.  
Purchased fresh foods.  
Slept HONAGA R/H.

18th September.

1 hrs walk to TAMBARUMA R/H.  
Purchased fresh foods.  
Census revised.  
General discussions with local people.  
Slept TAMBARUMA R/H.

19th September.

Observed.  
Slept TAMBARUMA R/H.

20th September.

1 hrs walk to YABAGARU R/H.  
Census revised.  
Purchased fresh foods.  
Discussions with locals on general matters.  
Slept YABAGARU R/H.

21st September.

2 1/2 hrs walk to BENARIA River.  
2 1/2 hrs walk to TANIDE R/H.  
Purchased fresh foods.  
One possible court case brought to patrols notice.  
Slept TANIDE R/H.

22nd September.

Census Revised.  
Fresh foods purchased.  
Investigations into court case.  
General discussions with locals.  
Slept TANIDE R/H.

23rd September.

1 hr walk to DAVIRAVI R/H.  
Fresh foods purchased.  
Census Revised.  
Slept DAVIRAVI R/H.

24th September.

1 1/2 hrs walk to LAU'U R/H.  
Purchased fresh foods.  
Census Revised.  
General discussions with locals.  
Slept LAU'U R/H.

25th September.

1 hrs walk to DIMU R/H.  
Census Revised.  
Purchased Fresh Foods.  
Slept DIMU R/H.

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26th September.  
Dept DINU at 0700 hrs.  
6 1/2 hrs walk to TAGIBI R/H.  
2 1/2 hrs walk to TARI.  
Slept TARI.

27th September.  
Day spent TARI.

28th September.  
Dept TARI by car 0830hrs  
Arrived HIWANDA 0915hrs  
Dept HIWANDA walking 1000hrs  
Arrived KOMO 1900hrs.

### END OF PATROL

#### INTRODUCTION:

The two census divisions covered by this patrol are normally patrolled from TARI, but due to the lack of staff in TARI the patrol was carried out from KOMO.

These two Census Divisions are just as easily patrolled from KOMO as from TARI, the divisions being cut off from KOMO by the TAGARI River. A newly constructed cane bridge over the TAGARI River now allows access to both areas.

The two Census Divisions cover a combined area of 260 sq. miles, a large part of which is unoccupied.

#### DIARY:

A diary is attached, Field Officer's Journal Folios 13-15, and paras. 68-80 also refer.

#### NATIVE SITUATION:

Both census divisions are fairly isolated, especially the BENARIA, and consequently contact with the Administration is quite infrequent. The people of the LOWER TAGARI C/T have slightly more contact with the TARI HURIS than the BENARIAS whose main contacts lay with the HURI speaking peoples of the UPPER KUTUBU Area.

Though there has been no District Administration patrol into either area since September, 1964 the reception extended to the patrol was friendly throughout.

The people in these areas, because of their comparative isolation, are unfortunately open to exploitation by the more sophisticated HURIS from the areas closer to TARI. During the patrol three men from URU A, in the SOUTH BASIN C/D, were taken into TARI. These men had been posing as rainmakers and were, as they put it, "helping heaven along." They claimed that as the Administration and the Missions obviously hadn't been able to do anything about the present drought that they were going to. As payment for these services money and pigs were extracted from the locals. I might add that the day after one of these ceremonies it started to rain and didn't stop for four days!

The men had said that they had been carrying out these ceremonies in the TARI area and that it was alright with the Administration, so the BENARIAS and LOWER TAGARIS accepted it as the done thing.

This sort of thing is to a large degree the Administration's fault, because of the length of time between visits by patrols

and the peoples consequent lack of knowledge of the Administrations , aims and methods. Talks were given to the people on the Administrations aims and it was explained why these men had come into their area, their isolation etc etc, and that they had no connection with the Administration. The only way this sort of thing can be overcome is by more frequent patrols so that the people get to know the Administration and vice versa.

There was some concern when they were notified of my pending patrol from KONO, as it was thought they were being handed over to KONO. When it was explained that it was only a temporary measure because of staff shortages, the patrol was received without any hesitation.

As verbally requested by you during my last visit to TARI, appendix A gives details of ground names for each Rest House plus names of clans and sub-clans censused at each Rest House.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS AND HOUSING:

The Village Officials throughout both Census Divisions are of a reasonable standard, and were very helpful during the patrols stay in their areas.

The Village Constable from TAMBERA, a rest house in the KUTUBU Area, has now migrated into the BENARIA with the rest of his group. A large number had previously migrated in. The majority of these people now live at TAMIDE. Rather than dismiss the V.C., whose name is WAPIRA/SARAMUNDI it would appear better to have papers transferred from LAKE KUTUBU to TARI and use him as a second V.C. for TAMIDE where he could look after his own group.

*where land are they?*

Rest Houses have now been constructed at all census centres, whilst most of these have been well constructed, design is poor.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

There are no made roads in the area, the existing bridle paths are kept in reasonable condition.

The people here are keen to build a road from TARI, in the SOUTH BASIN C/D, through the LOWER TAGARI C/D to the BENARIA Valley. Some work has been done under the supervision of local mission personnel. Unfortunately very little account has been taken of grades and much of this work will be of no use.

It is hoped to make another patrol into the area prior to Christmas and survey a route for a suitable road. Work can then commence on a 6' bench track, suitable for use by motor bikes. This can be widened at a later date to take larger vehicles.

This will ensure that the people's labour is channeled in the right direction rather than having roads constructed "higgledy-piggledy" all over the place.

*piggledy*

A list of walking times is attached. (Appendix B)

LAW AND ORDER:

Apart from the three gentlemen mentioned under NATIVE SITUATION, and census evaders against whom appropriate action will be taken when they can be located, no serious complaints were brought to the patrol's notice.

COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURE:

There is no commercial agriculture in the area at present and little hope for any in the near future.

#### NATIVE AGRICULTURE:

There is no real shortage of food in either Census Division. Several times when sufficient food had been purchased for the patrol's requirements quantities of food had to be refused.

The people of the BENARIA on clearing a new garden make heaps of the grass and small bushes, etc and plant the first Kau Kau crop in this. By the time this crop has matured the grass etc has decomposed it is then dug into the ground and a normal mound constructed, the second crop of Kau Kau is then planted in this.

Corn, beans, tomatoes and potatoes were obtained in small quantities in several places.

#### HEALTH:

There is one aid post in the LOWER TAGARI, at TAMBARUMA, and one in the BENARIA, at DAVIRAVI.

The aid post orderly from TAMBARUMA accompanied the patrol whilst it was in his area. Unfortunately the orderly from DAVIRAVI was in TARI hospital during the patrol's stay in the BENARIA and consequently no medical was done in this area.

The BENARIA has a natural increase of 2.8% or 28 more births than deaths. In the LOWER TAGARI the reverse is the case with nine more deaths than births or a 1.74% natural decrease.

The aid post has only been established 4 to 5 months in the LOWER TAGARI so it may be a bit early to expect its presence to have any great effect on the death rate.

#### EDUCATION:

There are no education facilities provided by either the mission or Administration. A total of 11 persons are attending both mission and government schools outside the area.

#### MISSIONS:

Small mission stations staffed by local and foreign natives are situated at points throughout both Census Divisions. The missions represented are Catholic, Unevangelised Fields Mission, and Seven Day Adventists.

Apart from "showing the flag" for the mission represented the worth of these small stations is debatable as they provide no facilities of any kind.

There is no marked identification with any of the missions and consequently no friction between religious adherents.

#### AIRFIELDS:

There is a strip at present under construction in the BENARIA, near TAMIDE. This work is being supervised by the U.F.M. mission worker stationed at TAMIDE. At present a strip area of approx. 1500' x 150' is nearing completion, this could be extended to 1800' if required.

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This strip could be quite useful to the Administration as it would allow easy access for D.D.A., P.H.D., and D.M.S.P. patrols wishing only to make short visits. All the people in the BENARIA live within three hours of the strip. Flying time from TARI would be about 10 minutes.

The strip is one way and unfortunately I don't think it would meet D.C.A. standards because of the approach which, to say the least, is "hairy". Still it may be worth while having DCA look at it at a later date. I doubt if the mission would have any objections to government charters using the strip.


CENSUS:

The turn up for census was excellent except for two centres DINU and LAU'U. The turn up at both these places was poor, at DINU 85 persons were absent, this included 15 adult males, at LAU'U 50 persons which included 10 adult males. The majority of these people were in the MT. KEREWA area collecting pandanus. This is only 1 1/2 days walk from the valley. Many people did come down from this area for census and as three weeks notice of my patrol had been given I feel there is no excuse for those who failed to appear. Appropriate action will be taken against these people when they can be located.

There was a total of 95 "migrations in" the majority of which were from TAMBERA and NAVIPO in the KUTUBU S/D.

CONCLUSION:

The aims of the patrol were achieved.

  
N. Wright,  
Patrol Officer.

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APPENDIX "B"

WALKING TIMES

KUNO → HONAGA..... 5 HOURS  
HONAGA - TAMBARUMA..... 1 HOUR  
TAMBARUMA - YABAGARU..... 1 HOUR  
YABAGARU - BENARLA RIVER..... 2½ HOURS  
BENARLA RIVER - TANIDE..... 2½ HOURS  
TANIDE - DAVIRAVI..... ½ HOUR  
DAVIRAVI - LAU'U..... 1½ HOURS  
LAU'U - DZNU..... 1 HOUR

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APPENDIX "A"  
GROUND NAMES FOR ALL REST HOUSES ALSO CLANS AND SUB-CLANS  
CENSUSED EACH REST HOUSE.

GOVT. NAME: HONAGA  
GROUND NAME: PERERO  
CLAN: HONAGA  
SUB-CLANS: FAGATA, HAMBUALI, PALABU, TARC, LEWA,

GOVT. NAME: TAMBARUMA  
GROUND NAME: TEIYA  
CLANS: TAMBARUMA HAGONI WABIAGO  
SUB-CLANS: URUA TIGINA  
URABI KARAIKIA  
TOBORENI  
HATANI

GOVT. NAME: YABAGARU  
GROUND NAME: LAU'IDJIA  
CLANS: JUA MAI'A YABAGARU  
SUB-CLANS: KEMBO HA  
JOKOLI  
AKOI'A

GOVT. NAME: TAMIDE  
GROUND NAME: PAUWATOGO  
CLANS: TAMIDE HOBI TOMA IBAHURI PALELI TOBE  
SUB-CLANS: KEPALI NALISA ANGA'IDEA  
HABATARU TIJA TEKIBA

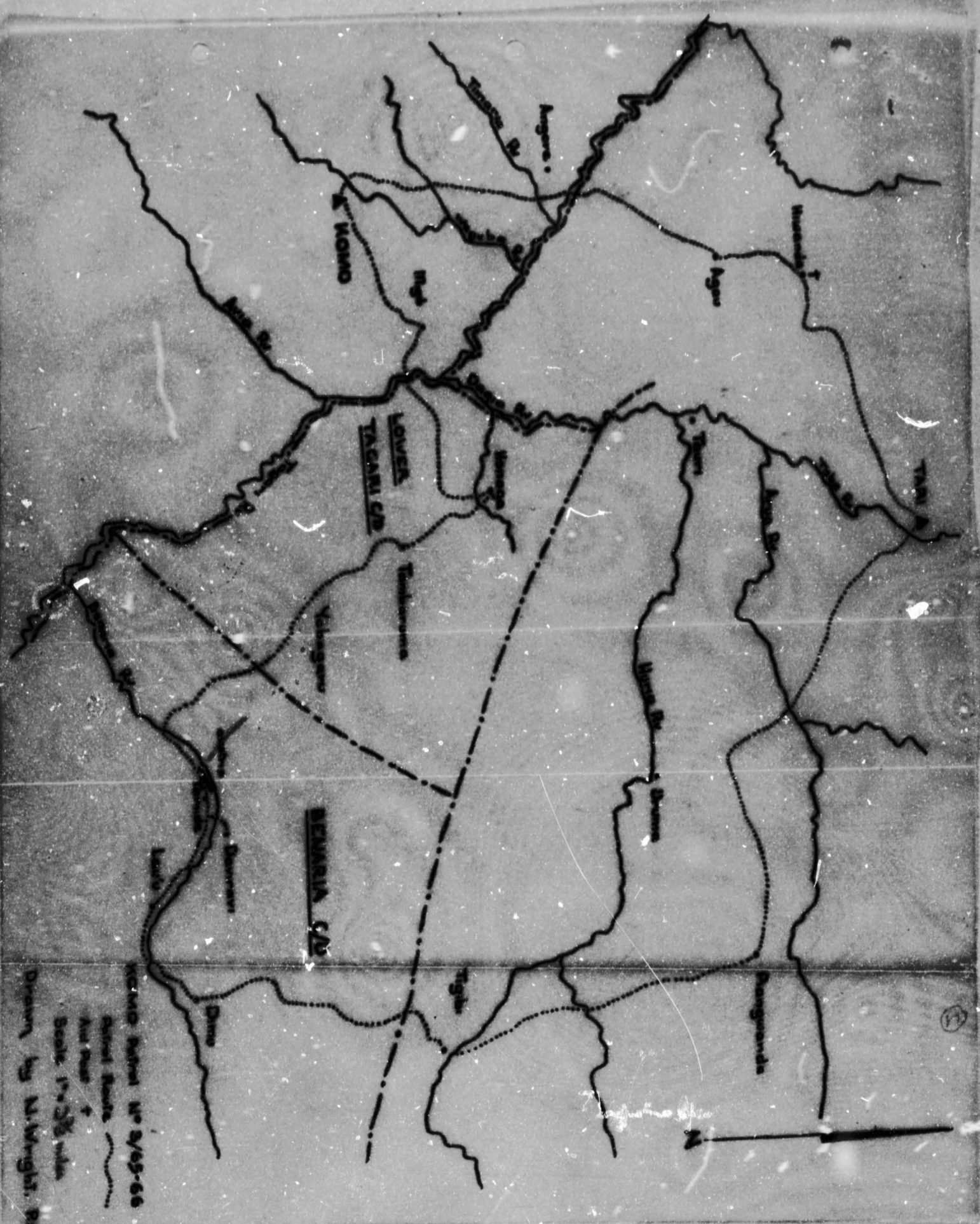
CLANS: MABIKI  
SUB-CLANS: PAWA  
LIVABE

GOVT. NAME: DAVIRAVI  
GROUND NAME: TABITABI  
CLANS: HALIJIABU HAREDA JIABO PAKANI  
SUB-CLANS: HATA WABIAGO  
WABIDJIA TIBA  
MINABE

GOVT. NAME: LAU'U  
GROUND NAME: HANABI  
CLANS: NADIMA PALELI  
SUB-CLANS: PETAWI ANGADIA  
WABIAGO SEKIBA  
PARAIJIA

GOVT. NAME: DINU  
GROUND NAME: HAROTE  
CLANS: GEO MUBI PIBI GELU





KONO Survey No. 2/63-66  
 Road Route  
 Air Route  
 Scale 1" = 2 1/2 miles  
 Drawn by M. Wright, B.A.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. KOMO NO. 5/65-6

Patrol Conducted by J. WRIGHT, PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled PART KOMO ADMIN AREA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans MR. M. R. HAYWOOD, A.D.C.

Natives 2. R.P.N.G.C., 1. INTERPRETER.

Duration—From 25/10/1965 to 27/10/1965

Number of Days 3

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 8/1965

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

Map Reference REFER MAP KOMO PA NO. 2/65-6 OF 7/9/65

Objects of Patrol 1. INSPECT TARI-KOMO ROAD

2. MAKE FINAL DECISION RE. TIMARIA RIVER CROSSING

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

22/11/1965

*[Signature]*  
District Commissioner

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

67-15-23. ⑤

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-15-23

5th January, 1966.

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
ENH.

KOMI PATROL REPORT NO. 1/66-26.

Receipt of the above report by Mr. N. Wright and your memorandum 67-3-6 of 22nd November, 1965 is acknowledged with thanks.

2. The decision to terminate the road at Terejaga Rest House officers to have been the only possible one under the circumstances.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Administration  
Southern Highlands District  
MENDI



22nd November 1965

Director  
Department of District  
Administration  
KONEDOBU

KOMO PATROL REPORT NO 5 OF 1965/66

Report submitted by Mr N. Wright, Patrol Officer,  
and forwarding memo from Assistant District Commissioner,  
Tari, forwarded herewith.

The report calls for little comment. Attempts to  
locate a suitable road between TARI and KOMO are still being  
made.

(D. R. Marsh)  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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Sub-District Office,  
TARI.  
Southern Highlands District,  
13th November, 1965.

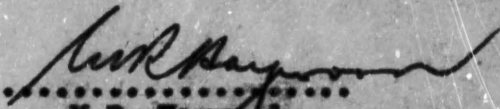
The District Commissioner,  
Department of District Administration,  
MENDI.  
Southern Highlands District,

KOMO PATROL No 5/65-66.

Please find attached two (2) copies of the above report submitted by Mr. N. Wright, Patrol Officer-in-Charge, Komo, together with claim for camping allowance.

Comments on report.

The report calls for little comment as I have covered the situation fully in my 10-4-16 dated 28th October, 1965 which also included a map of the area.

  
.....  
M.R. Haywood.  
Assistant District Commissioner.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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No. 5/65-6

KOMO Patrol Post,  
TARI Sub District,  
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS.

4th November, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub District Office,  
TARI.

KOMO PATROL REPORT NO. 5/65-66.

Patrol Conducted by:	N. Wright, Patrol Officer.
Europeans Accompanying:	M. R. Haywood, Assistant District Commissioner, TARI.
Personnel Accompanying:	<u>R. P. G. C.</u> 10916 Const. 3yr. WAINGE. 11056 Const. 1yr. BONNY. <u>Interpreter.</u> MONDORO/KEBALJIA.
Area Patrolled:	Part KOMO Administrative Area.
Duration of Patrol:	25.10.65 - 27.10.65. 3 Patrol Days.
Last Patrol to Area:	D.D.A. - August, 1965.
Objects of patrol:	1. Inspect TARI - KOMO Road. 2. Make final decision on whether TIMARIA River could be traversed or not.

.....  
N. Wright,  
PATROL OFFICER.

KOMO PATROL NO. 5/65-6.

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this patrol was to inspect the work done on the proposed TARI - KOMO road in company with the Assistant District Commissioner, TARI, Mr. N. R. Haywood and make a final decision on the crossing of the TIMARIA River.

DIARY:

Monday 25th October.

Departed KOMO at 8.30am with Mr. Haywood. Walked to the U.F.M. Mission at KANGARU, one hour spent in discussion with missionary Mr. Norman and wife. Walked to ALJAGATE R/H via proposed TIMARIA crossing. Discussions with local V. A. Slept ALJAGATE.

Tuesday 26th October.

Dept. ALJAGATE 7.45am and walked to NOGORITOGORI R/H, on the TAGARI River, inspecting new LAITE Aid Post and roadworks enroute.

Wednesday 27th October.

A.D.C. departed for TARI at 6.45am. Self departed at 7am for KOMO via ANCORE. Arrived KOMO 3pm. 6 1/2 hours actual walking.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

After inspecting the TIMARIA River bridge site it was decided that though it was possible to bridge the river at this point it would be impossible to build a reasonable road to the point. The road from KOMO will therefore finish at TEREJAGA R/H.

The site inspected here was the only other site available as I had previously inspected several other sites and found them unsuitable.

After discussions between the Mr. Haywood and myself it has been agreed that a route for a KOMO - TARI road should be investigated going direct from the Patrol Post to meet the TAGARI River below ANCORE R/H. This will present no problems as far as bridging is concerned as it will cross the TIMARIA River in flat country in the TARI Valley. This route had previously been investigated by Mr. Creedy but had been dropped in favour of the upper TIMARIA road due to the lack of population in the lower area. Though no population lives in the immediate vicinity of this road sufficient population for labour purposes can be obtained within one days walk.

The section of road already built between LAITE and ALJAGATE will not be wasted as later it can be linked up with the new road giving access to both KOMO and TARI.

I am due to a patrol of the whole KOMO area commencing on the 11th of ~~October~~ November and will survey and locate bridge sites during this patrol.

.....  
N. Wright,  
PATROL OFFICER.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of... SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS ..... Report No. KOMO NO. 6/55-66 .....

Patrol Conducted by... F. Wright, Patrol Officer .....

Area Patrolled... KOMO Administrative Area .....

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

Natives 2 RPNGC, 1 APO, 1 Interpreter.

Duration—From 9 / 11 / 19 65 to 4 / 2 / 19 66 .....

Number of Days... 37 .....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany 1.....  
No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... / 7 / 19 65.

Medical ... .. / 5 / 19 65.

Map Reference... Map Attached .....

Objects of Patrol 1. Agriculture Extension. 2. Decimal Currency Education.

3. Survey possible road route KOMO - TAGARI River. 4. General Administration.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

24/2/1966

  
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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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Southern Highlands District,  
HEMIL.  
24th February, 1966.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KORORONI, Papua.

Komo Patrol Report No. 6/1965-66  
Komo Administrative Area  
By: H. Wright, P.O.

Attached report with covering comments by the  
Assistant District Commissioner, Tari, refers.

The route for the Komo-Tari Road has been finally  
decided and work commenced. The distance is not great and  
as long as the Tugari River bridging goes forward as expected  
the road connecting the two stations should not take long to  
complete.



(D. R. MARSH)  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Encs.

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

67-15-36

23rd March, 1966.

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
KILIM.

ROAD PATROL REPORT NO. 6/1965-66

Thank you for your memorandum 67-3-6 of 24th February, 1966 together with Mr. Wright's patrol report.

2. Your comments and those of Mr. Haywood have been noted.
3. Mr. Wright has apparently spent a long time very usefully in the field, and submitted a neatly typed, well constructed report.
4. The road connecting HODD to TARI will be very beneficial to the people of this area and the Administration.

(J. K. McCAFFERTY)  
DIRECTOR.

67-15-38



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegram.....  
Our Reference 67-3-6  
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Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.  
24th February, 1966.

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

Komo Patrol Report No. 6/1965-66  
Komo Administrative Area  
Mr. N. Wright, P.O.

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complete.

  
(D.R. MARSH)  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Encs.

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

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Sub-District Office,  
TARI.  
Southern Highlands District,  
21st February, 1956.

The District Commissioner,  
Department of District Administration,  
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Southern Highlands District,

KOMO PATROL No 6/65-66  
KOMO Administrative Area.

Please find enclosed two copies of the above report submitted by Mr. N. Wright, P.O.I.C. Komo, together with patrol maps and claims for camping allowance.

Comments on report.

1. Native Situation.

The situation is satisfactory and a credit to the Officers who have been stationed at Komo Patrol Post. Prior to 1951 the Hananda people had a bad reputation, deserved or otherwise, but since Komo Patrol Post was established the area has responded well to direction from the Administration.

2. Roads and Bridges.

The main emphasis should now be on completing a vehicular road from Komo to Tari. Work has started on the Tari side from NIWANDA following in part the old patrol route to Komo. I consider this to be the shortest and best route possible. On the Komo side I understand the road has been pegged and villages are working on a rotation basis.

While the bridging of the Tagari River near ANOORE will be fairly difficult I see no problem as far as a motor-bike bridge goes and already have suitable cable at Tari.

3. Law and Order.

The people living in the Haniam River area have had a long history of trouble and it is rather difficult to understand why such a small scattered population can not settle down.

Co-operation between Tari and Koroha so that joint patrols visit the area is the best way to clear up the pig stealing and petty bickering that continues to cause discontent.

4. Agriculture.

I feel confident that it is only a matter of time before the Hananda people improve their gardening habits and the demonstration plots put in by this patrol will certainly do a lot towards teaching the people a better way of growing sweet potatoes.

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When I was stationed at Komo, the Tari people with me commented on the Mananda gardens as being similar to their own when the Tari area was involved in heavy fighting. Settled conditions and the introduction of spices should result in a better food supply. Soil conditions generally are as good as other areas.

5. Health.

I would agree that two more Aid Posts are needed in the area and perhaps the Assistant Medical Officer, Tari, could plan to establish these posts as soon as staff is available.

6. Education.

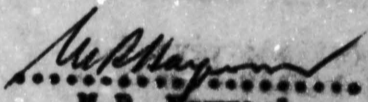
It would not seem unreasonable to hope that the Education Department could include a school for Komo in its present scheme of development. I realize the staff position is critical but a rather unfavourable comparison can be made with this area and the number of schools grouped around Hendi.

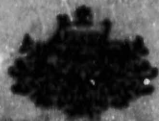
I feel that Tari should be considered as a boarding school but again I understand this is not Education policy. If Tari did have a boarding school then selected children including Komo station children, could be brought to Tari and to some extent this would overcome the present problem.

It does seem to me rather unrealistic to expect young children from Mananda to go to Hendi where there is a boarding school.

7. General.

The Officer-in-Charge, Komo has forwarded extracts of comments made under Health, Education and Agriculture. These are attached for the information of those departments in Hendi.

  
.....  
M.R. Haywood.  
Assistant District Commissioner.



REPORT NO. 6/65-66

**INTRODUCTION**

This patrol covers the area of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea, a right being...

**TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA**

The H.M.C. Administrative Area, administered by the H.M.C. Government an area of 140 sq. miles, of which the boundaries are defined by the TAGARI and the HARIKO RIVERS.

No. 6/65-66

The Patrol Post is approximately 2000 ft. during country ranges from 3,500 to 5,000 ft. in the HARIKO which is 2,000 ft.

**KOMO Patrol Post,  
TARI Sub District,  
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS.**

This patrol was conducted on 9th February, 1966.

**Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub District Office,  
TARI.**

**KOMO PATROL REPORT NO. 6/65-66.**

Patrol, Conducted by:	N. Wright, Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled:	KOMO Administrative Area.
Personnel Accompanying:	Police.
	8338 S/C FAIRBANKS.
	9633 Const. SHONG.
	<u>Interpreter.</u>
	PEBE/WAGIMA.
	<u>Medical.</u>
	Aid Post Orderly, TANDIAGO.
	9.11.65 - 4.2.66 (Broken Period)
	37 Patrol Days.
	D.D.A. - June/July, 1965.
	1. Agriculture Extension.
	2. Decimal Currency Education.
	3. Survey possible road route KOMO - TAGARI River.
	4. General Administration.

**Duration of Patrol:**

**Last Patrol to Area:**

**Objects of Patrol:**

1. Agriculture Extension.

2. Decimal Currency Education.

3. Survey possible road route KOMO - TAGARI River.

4. General Administration.

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N. Wright,  
**PATROL OFFICER.**

KOMO PATROL NO. 6/65-66

INTRODUCTION:

This patrol covered the complete KOMO Administrative Area, a night being spent at each rest house.

The KOMO Administrative Area, administered from KOMO Patrol Post, covers an area of 310 sq. miles, of which about 2/3 is populated. The boundaries are formed by the TAGARI and HANIMU Rivers and the KARIUS Range.

The Patrol Post is approximately 5000' ASL, the surrounding country ranges from 3,500' to 5,500' ASL. The highest mountain is MT. HARIAKO which is ± 9,000'.

This patrol was interrupted for a period of one month due to my temporary transfer to TARI. Rather than put in separate reports for the two sections of the patrol it was thought better to wait and submit a consolidated report.

The aims of the patrol were;

1. Set up demonstration kau kau plots at each rest house and give talks on subsistence gardening techniques.
2. Give talks on decimal currency.
3. Survey possible road route from Komo to the Tagari River.
4. General Administration.

The Common Roll for KOMO was revised during the patrol also, two copies under separate cover will be forwarded yours.

DIARY:

Field Officers Journal Folios Nos 20 - 26, 31, 32, paragraphs 117 - 128, 131 - 147, 182 - 189 also refer.

9th November, 1965.

One hours walk to NIGILI.  
Trial plots planted and talks on gardening technique given.  
Decimal currency talks.  
Slept NIGILI.

10th November.

1 1/2 hrs walk to IANDA.  
Trial plots planted and talks on gardening technique given.  
Decimal currency talks.  
1 1/2 hrs walk to KOMO and return for District Sched.  
Slept IANDA.

11th November.

1 1/2 hrs walk to TIUNTE.  
Trial plots planted and talks on gardening technique given.  
Decimal currency talks.  
Several minor complaints attended to.  
Slept TIUNTE.

12th November.

2 hrs 20 min walk to ATARE.  
Demonstration plots planted and talks on gardening technique given.  
Decimal currency talks.  
Slept ATARE.

13th November.

2 hrs 20 min walk to AIJAGAIBA.  
Demonstration plots planted, talks on gardening technique given.  
Decimal Currency talks.  
Slept AIJAGAIBA.

14th November.

40mins walk to TANI.  
Demonstration plots planted, talks on gardening technique given.  
Decimal currency talks.  
Slept TANI.

15th November.

2 1/2 hrs to EGAUWI.  
Located and marked site for new TANI rest house.  
Demonstration plots planted, talks on gardening techniques given.  
Decimal currency talks.  
Slept EGAUWI.

16th November.

1 1/2 hrs walk to PADUA.  
Demonstration plots planted, talks on gardening techniques given.  
Decimal currency talks.  
Slept PADUA.

17th November.

1 1/2 hrs walk to PAMI.  
Demonstration plots planted, talks on gardening techniques given.  
Decimal currency talks.  
Slept PAMI.

18th November.

2 1/2 hrs walk to KUNGU.  
Inspected new road en route.  
Demonstration plots planted, talks on decimal currency given.  
Talks on gardening technique given.  
Slept KUNGU.

19th November.

1 1/2 hrs walk to MINDIETE.  
Demonstration plots planted, talks on gardening techniques given.  
Decimal Currency talks.  
Slept MINDIETE.

20th November.

1 1/2 hrs walk to YANDALK.  
Demonstration plots planted, talks on gardening techniques given.  
1 1/2 hrs walk to KOMO, returned in answer to D.Cs message re transfer.  
Slept KOMO.

24th November.

Transfer cancelled returned to patrol.  
1 1/2 hrs walk to YANDALE.  
Decimal currency talks.  
1 1/2 hrs walk to EKAIBA.  
Slept EKAIBA.

25th November.

Demonstration kau kau plots planted, talks on gardening techniques and decimal currency given.  
45min walk to TEREJAGA.  
Demonstration plots planted, talks on gardening techniques given.  
Decimal currency talks.  
Slept TEREJAGA.

26th November.

1 1/2 hrs walk to TURUBI.  
Demonstration plots planted, talks on gardening techniques given.  
Decimal currency talks.  
Slept TURUBI.

27th November.

1 1/2 hrs walk to TAWANDA.  
Work commenced on new rest house and police quarters.  
Slept TAWANDA.

28th November.



28th November.

Frame for rest house and police quarters completed.  
Demonstration plot planted, talks on gardening techniques given.  
Decimal currency talks.  
Slept TAWANDA.

29th November.

1 1/2 hrs walk to AIJAGATE.  
Demonstration plot planted, talks on gardening techniques given.  
Decimal currency talks.  
Slept AIJAGATE.

30th November.

1 1/2 hrs walk to PARA.  
Demonstration plot planted, talks on gardening techniques given.  
Decimal currency talks.  
Slept PARA.

1st December.

1 1/2 hrs walk to LAITE.  
Demonstration plot planted, talks on gardening techniques given.  
Decimal currency talks.

2nd December.

1 1/2 hrs walk to LAIJAUKO.  
Demonstration plot planted, talks on gardening techniques given.  
Decimal currency talks.  
Some minor complaints attended to.  
Slept LAIJAUKO.

3rd December.

1 1/2 hrs walk to HANDAMANDA.  
Demonstration plot planted, talks on gardening techniques given.  
Decimal currency.  
Some minor complaints attended to.  
Slept HANDAMANDA.

4th December.

1 1/2 hrs walk to JAGWA.  
Demonstration plots planted, talks on gardening techniques given.  
Decimal currency talks.  
Some minor complaints attended to.  
Slept JAGWA.

5th December.

1 1/2 hrs walk to KURU.  
Demonstration plots planted, talks on gardening techniques given.  
Decimal currency talks.  
Some minor complaints attended to.  
Slept KURU.

6th December.

3 1/2 hrs walk to TAGITE.  
Demonstration plots planted, talks on gardening techniques given.  
Decimal currency talks.  
Some minor complaints attended to.  
Slept TAGITE.

7th December.

1 1/2 hrs walk to ANGORE.  
Demonstration plot planted, talks on gardening techniques given.  
Decimal currency talks.  
Some minor complaints attended to.  
Slept ANGORE.

8th December.

1 1/2 hrs walk to the TIMARIA River.  
Set up camp.  
Preliminary survey for bridge sites.  
Slept TIMARIA River.

9th December.

Surveyed section of road between the TAGARI and TIMARIA Rivers.

10th December.

3hrs walk to KOMO.

Returned to KOMO on temporary transfer to TARI.

28th January, 1966.

3hrs walk to TIMARIA River camp.

Set up camp.

Discussions with local Village Constables.

Slept camp.

29th January.

Surveyed section of new road.

Attended to several minor complaints brought into camp by local natives.

Slept Camp.

30th January.

Observed.

Slept camp.

31st January.

Surveyed section of road.

Attended to several minor complaints.

Slept camp.

1st February.

Surveyed section of new road.

Slept camp.

2nd February.

2hrs walk to KURUKUMBUTEI.

Demonstration plots planted, talks on gardening techniques given.

Decimal currency talks .

Slept KURUKUMBUTEI.

3rd February.

1hr 10min walk to POROYANDALE.

Demonstration plots planted, talks on gardening techniques given.

Decimal currency talks.

Slept POROYANDALE.

4th February.

1hrs walk to YANDALE.

Inspected new YANDALE - MINDIETE Road.

1hrs walk to KOMO.

END OF PATROL

NATIVE SITUATION:

The situation throughout the area is quiet and settled. Whereas on previous patrols permanent carrier lines were used carriers were recruited at each rest house during operation of this one. This proved quite successful so in this procedure will be followed.

Talks on decimal currency were given at each rest house, these were kept short and simple covering how and when the change over was to take place, equivalents in the old and new currency and its use. More involved explanation would have resulted in confusion rather than enlightenment. These talks helped to allay the fears that the present currency was to be completely useless once decimal currency came into use and that it could not be converted.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS AND REST HOUSES:

Village Officials are carrying out their duties in a satisfactory manner though the general standard overall is not high. No changes were made during this patrol.

The TANI Rest House has been relocated and will be rebuilt in the near future. The TANI people have now all moved to the rim of the MANANDA Basin. This land belongs to the TANI people they were pushed off it in fighting prior to the establishment of the Patrol Post.

Instructions were given for the rebuilding of several rest houses, apart from these, rest houses throughout are kept in reasonable repair.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

The latter part of this patrol was spent investigating a possible road link from KCOMO to the TAGARI River, below ANGORE Rest House, this to link up with a road, now under construction, from HINANDA in the TARI Area.

A reasonable route was located, apart from the climb out of the TAGARI Valley the road will traverse undulating country. The present cane bridge site, on the main walking track to TARI, is the best available in this area for a road bridge. A ford site over the TIMARIA River has been located, this is below the ALO River and TIMARIA River junction and therefore negates the need for another bridge. Efforts to locate a suitable bridge site below the TIMARIA Junction on the TAGARI River were unsuccessful.

Arrangements for the clearing of the new route will be made in the next couple of weeks. When clearing is completed grades will be rechecked and work commence on a 6' bench.

With the exception of some bridges work has now been completed on the PADUA - KUNGU and the IANDA - KOMO Roads (refer P/R 2/65-66). A road from MIKDIETE to YANPALE has also been completed. Work on the KOMO - MIZILI road is still progressing.

LAW AND ORDER:

Apart from minor complaints, bride price payments etc, the only other cases dealt with were pig stealing.

Pig stealing is rife in the HANIMU - TAGARI River area between people from KOROKA, KOMO and TARI areas. Because the population in this area is scattered it is difficult to catch the culprits as they are very rarely seen. In the vicinity of 50% of all cases leading to imprisonment, at KOMO, originate in this area.

Because of the distance, from the station, people in this area tend to straighten any troubles themselves rather than bring it to the station. Talks were given on the roll of the Administration and the courts in dealing with breaches of the law, to ensure that these complaints are brought more frequently to the station.

AGRICULTURE:

During this patrol 27 demonstration kau kau plots were established, all of  $\frac{1}{4}$  -  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre in size. These are all situated in the vicinity of rest houses. These gardens consist of the large mounds recommended by the District Agricultural officer during his visit in 1964.

The ground for these was prepared prior to the patrols arrival, mounds were then constructed under supervision. One mound was then planted by way of a demonstration, the locals then planted up the others under supervision. Talks were also given on gardening technique, preparation of these mounds, drainage and planting. At a later date the mounds will be harvested and the local people will be able to see the results using improved techniques.

It was noted during this patrol that the number of round mounds, as against the traditional low bed, is increasing. Though these mounds aren't as large as has been recommended it is none the less a step in the right direction.

Five people are being sent, within the next week or so, to the KAGUA Agriculture Station where they will be taught improved gardening techniques. They will then return to KOMO after a period of 9 - 12 months and, it is hoped, pass on their knowledge. They could possibly be employed at KOMO as casual workers and tour around the area doing agriculture extension work.

The severe dry experienced during 1965 has now passed. So far this year 19" of rain have fallen. Though food is still short at present, supplies will increase and should by April be plentiful.

Peanuts were also planted in the demonstration plots as supplies were not sufficient to allow for general distribution. As more become available they will be distributed among local villagers.

Two teams of pitsawyers have been working in the area over the last couple of months, the timber is being purchased by the Administration and the Unevangelised Fields Mission for building purposes.

#### HEALTH:

Since the last patrol a new aid post has been erected at LAITE, there are now two aid posts within the KOMO area to attend to 4,500 people, though the U.F.M. Mission at MINDIETE do some medical work. The new aid post looks after the area to the West of the TIMARIA River, whilst the aid post at KOMO the area to east. There is a definite need for at least two more aidposts in the area, one in the vicinity of AIJAGATE and one at the eastern end of the basin between EGAUJI and TIUNTE.

The Leprosy Control Unit in MT. HAGEN had hoped to carry out a survey of the area early this year, but, due to staff shortages, it appears to have been postponed indefinitely. Reports from previous medical patrols show the incidence of leprosy to be fairly high throughout.

The aid post orderly from LAITE, TANDIAGE, accompanied the patrol and treated many minor complaints, major complaints were in small number.

#### EDUCATION:

The District Inspector has now advised that there will be no school put in at KOMO, but that a certain number of children from KOMO could attend boarding school at MENDI. Due to the low age required the parents are very reluctant to send their children away, also the adults then have no control over their children. The fact that no school can be put at KOMO is unfortunate as a local school would, without doubt, attract many children.

The Unevangelised Fields Mission, at MINDIETE, runs literacy classes to teach the local people to read and write in their own language, HURI. Though personally I don't agree with this, it is at least initiating the people in a form of schooling. The Officer-in-Charge of the Mission, Mr. A. NORMAN, advises that good progress is being made and quite a few people are now reading and writing in HURI, unfortunately these people are too old to attend school. The attendance at these classes tops the 100 mark.

I have at different times had discussions with representatives of the three missions in the area, CAPUCHIN, SEVEN DAY ADVENTISTS and UNEVANGELISED FIELDS MISSION, re the possibility of a school. The

CAPUCHIN and SEVEN DAY ADVENTISTS were unable to promise anything in the foreseeable future because of lack of staff. Mr. NORMAN is hoping to establish a school late this year (1966) or at least early next year, he also intends to teach carpentry to a limited number of pupils as soon as he can complete the workshop he is at present building. He is a qualified carpenter.

MISSIONS:

There are three missions in the area, SEVEN DAY ADVENTISTS, CAPUCHIN and UNEVANGELISED FIELDS MISSION. The U.F.M. Mission at MINDISTE is the only mission with Europeans resident in the area, the others being represented by native personnel. Infrequent visits are made to these by European personnel from KOROBA and TAXI.

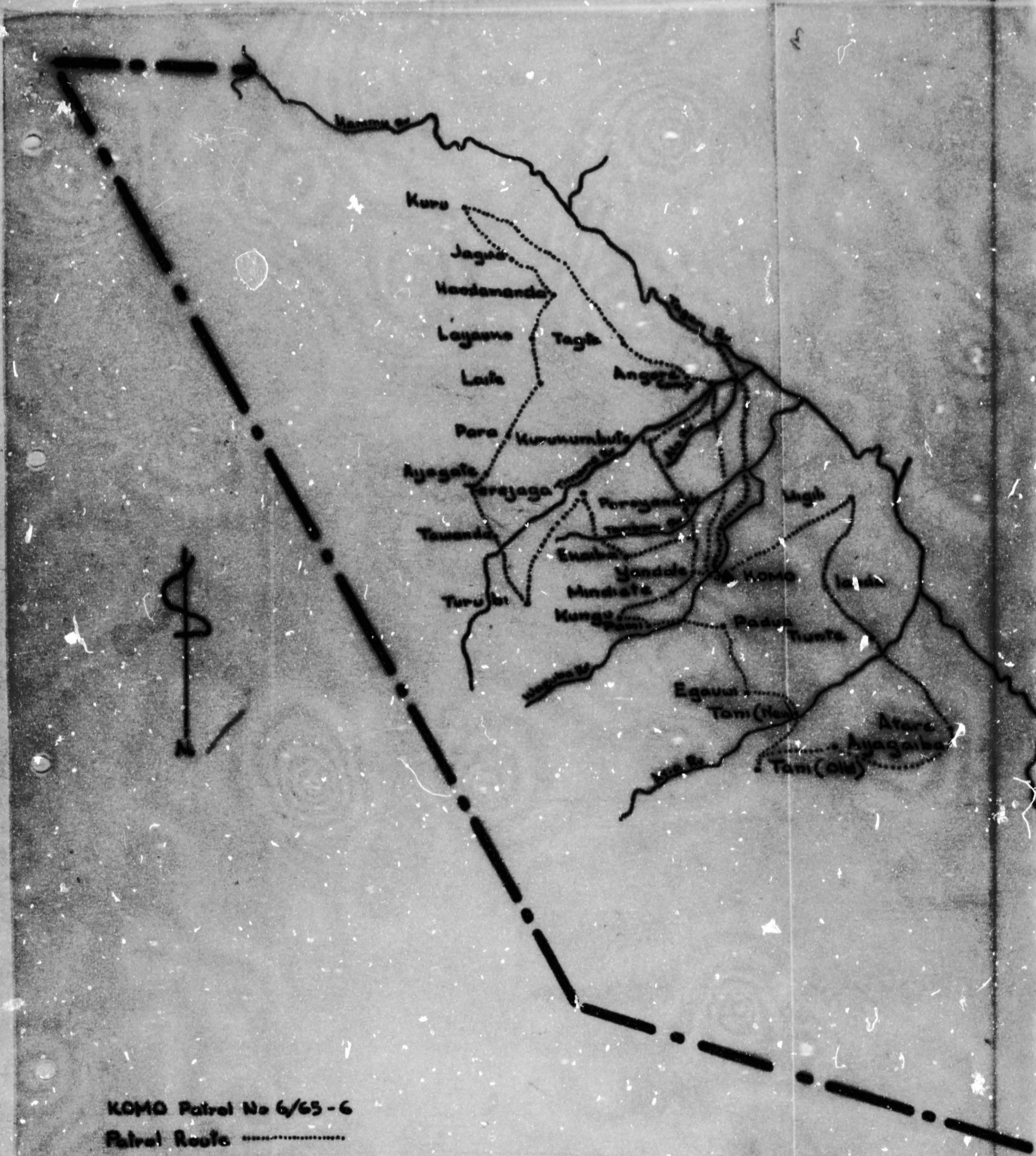
Apart from the spiritual context, the U.F.M. Mission is the only one that has made any material contribution to the area. (See EDUCATION)

Relations between the administration and the missions and between the missions themselves are extremely good.

CONCLUSION:

The aims of the patrol were fulfilled. Though no great changes are taking place the area is moving slowly in the right direction.

  
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N. Wright  
PATROL OFFICER



KOMO Patrol No 6/65-6  
 Patrol Route .....  
 New Road - - - - -  
 Scale 1" = 2 1/2 miles  
 Conducted by N. Wright, P/O



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. KOMO NO. 7/65-66

Patrol Conducted by N. Wright, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Part IUNU, LOWER TAGARI and BENARIA Census Divisions

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans No.

Natives 2 RPNGC, 1 Interpreter

Duration—From 17./2./1966 to 12./3./1966

Number of Days 23

Did Medical Assistant accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by District Services Sept/Oct/1965

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

Map Reference Map Attached

Objects of Patrol 1. Survey road into Benaria Census Division. 2. Contact census evaders from previous patrol 3. General Administration.

Director of District Administration  
FORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

20 / 4 / 1966

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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3rd June, 1966.

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
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ROAD PATROL REPORT NO. 7/1966-66.

Thank you for your memorandum 67-3-6 of 20th April, 1966, together with Mr. Wright's patrol report.

2. Apparently Mr. Wright has done a commendable job in the field surveying a road route into the lower Tagari and Mearin Census Divisions, and submitted a brief but adequate report of his work. The opening up of these roads will no doubt assist administration in these areas.

(J. E. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

20th April, 1966.

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

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



Komo Patrol Report No. 7/1965-66  
Part Iumu, Lower Tagari and  
Benaria Census Divisions  
Mr. N. Wright, P.O.

The abovementioned report with covering memorandum 67-1-1 of 7th April, 1966 from Assistant District Commissioner Tari refer.

The object of this patrol was initially to find a road route into the Lower Tagari and Benaria Census Divisions. These areas, which are sparsely populated, have been isolated in the past through lack of communication and consequently neglected in relation to the remainder of the Tari Administration Area. The opening up of the road will impose administration enormously and permit of some badly needed economic developments. This in turn will permit the people of the area to be incorporated into the Tari Local Government Council during 1967 and enable Area Administration of the whole of the Tari area as one unit.

The long range plan is for the extension of the road through Lake Kutubu to link up with the Mt. Hagen-Brave-Middletown Road. This will give access to the coast and markets to the people of the potentially rich Tari Basin.

The construction of a 6' carriage way in the first instance, suitable for motor cycles permits immediate access and enables direct supervision to take place. In addition if at a later date diversions are necessary these may be completed without a great deal of wasted effort.

A further excellent piece of work as has come to be expected by Mr. Wright.

(D.R. MARSH)  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Encs.

c.c.  
Assistant District Commissioner, TARI.  
Officer-in-Charge, KOMO.

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Sub-District Office,  
TARI S.H.D. PAPUA

7th April, 1966.

The District Commissioner,  
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KOMO PATROL No. 7 OF 1965/66

PART IYUNU, LOWER TAGARI, BENARIA C/Ds.

Please find enclosed two copies of the above report submitted by Mr. N. Wright, P.O.I.C. Komo together with claim for camping allowance and patrol maps.

Comments on report

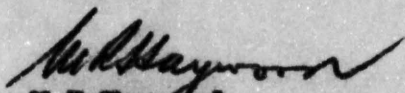
This patrol was concerned mainly with marking out a vehicular road from the South Basin or the Iuna Census Division to extend as far as the Tari Administrative border with Lake Kutuba. It is expected that this road will link-up most of the census centres in the Lower Tagari and Benaria Census Divisions, and possibly can be extended further towards Lake Kutuba.

Mr. Wright has taken a lot of care to get the best possible route and has used an almy level to ensure proper grades. Following the report made by Mr. J. Hunter A.D.O. - Patrol No. 9 of 1965/66 - it is pleasing to note that a road is possible at least into the Benaria, although I understand the section from the Benaria on towards Lake Kutuba is much more difficult and may be beyond our capabilities using local labour.

The road marked by Mr. Wright will be listed as the URUBA-YANAGANU-TANIDE Road and separate correspondence will be forwarded concerning funds and tools. I have marked the patrol maps to show the road link-up with Tari.

It can be appreciated that this road, being about thirty (30) miles long and going through a rather small and scattered population, will take some time to complete and will be rather more than can be usually expected on the self-help basis.

Mr. Wright has done a good job and follow-up patrols will ensure that the marks put in are followed and work is started without delay to clear the route.

  
H.B. Hayward  
(Assistant District Commissioner)

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 7/65-66

KOMO Patrol Post,  
TARI Sub District,  
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS.

26th March, 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub District Office,  
TARI.

KOMO PATROL NO. 7/65-66

Conducted by	: N. Wright, Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled	: Part IUMU, LOWER TAGARI and BENARIA Censu Divisions.
Personell Accompanying	: <u>R.P.N.G.C.</u> Const. HIANI. Const. SOUWEI. <u>Intexpreter.</u> MONDOBO/KEBAIJA.
Duration of Patrol	: 17.2.66 - 12.3.66 23 days.
Last Patrol to Area	D.D.A. - Sept/Oct, 1965.
Objects of Patrol	1. Survey road into BENARIA C/D. 2. Contact census evaders from previous patrol. 3. General Administration.

*N. Wright*  
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N. Wright.  
PATROL OFFICER.

INTRODUCTION:

This patrol covered in part the IUMU, LOWERE TAGARI and BENARIA Census Divisions. The patrol's main aim was to survey a road to give access to the LOWER TAGARI and BENARIA Census Divisions.

As I patrolled the above areas in September and October ( Komo P/R No.3 and Tari No.6 ) I have only commented on changes which have occurred since these patrols. For further comments refer the above reports.

DIARY:

Refer also Field Officers Journal folios 33 - 37, paras. 200 - 222 inclusive.

17th February, 1966.

Departed Komo 0845, Arrived Agau. 1600.  
Slept AGAU.

18th February.

Dept. AGAU 0745, Arrived TELAO Road 0850.  
A.D.C. arrived 0905.  
Discussions re BENARIA Road.  
Dept. 0955.  
Arrived AGAU 1100.  
Discussions with local V.C.s.  
Slept AGAU.

19th February.

Dept AGAU 0810.  
Arrived TAURI 1400 via UNDUBI.  
Slept TAURI.

20th February.

2hrs walk to TARI.  
Observed.  
Slept TARI.

21st February.

Waited in TARI to see D.D.C. Mr. Bell.  
Returned to TAURI 1430.  
Discussions with Councillors re road route to HONAGA.  
Slept TAURI.

22nd February.

Dept. TAURI 0845.  
Investigated possible road route URUMA - HONAGA.  
Returned TAURI 1615.  
Slept TAURI.

23rd February.

Dept TAURI 0830.  
3hrs walk to HONAGA.  
Discussions with local V.Cs.  
Slept HONAGA.

24th February.

Dept HONAGA 0830.  
2hrs walk to camp site mid way to URUMA.  
Set up camp.  
Commenced road survey.  
Slept Camp.

25th February.

Road Survey.  
Slept Camp.

26th February

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24th February.

Road Survey.  
Slept Camp.

27th February.

2 1/2 hrs walk to URUMA.  
Observed.  
Slept URUMA.

28th February.

Road survey from URUMA.  
Returned to camp.  
Slept Camp.

1st MARCH, March.

Road survey to HONAGA.  
Slept HONAGA.

2nd March.

Patrol ahead to TAMBARUMA.  
Road Survey HONAGA - TAMBARUMA.  
Slept TAMBARUMA.

3rd March.

Patrol ahead to YABAGARU.  
Road survey TAMBARUMA - YABAGARU.  
Slept YABAGARU.

4th March.

Patrol ahead to BENARIA River to set up camp.  
Road survey part YABAGARU - BENARIA River.  
Slept BENARIA River Camp.

5th March.

Completed YABAGARU - BENARIA section of survey.  
Slept BENARIA River Camp.

6th March.

Patrol ahead to TAMIDE.  
Survey part BENARIA River - TAMIDE.  
Slept TAMIDE.

7th March.

Completed survey to TAMIDE.  
Slept TAMIDE.

8th March.

1 1/2 hrs walk to LAU'U.  
One local court case, checked on previous census evaders.  
Slept LAU'U.

9th March.

40 mins walk to DIMU.  
Checked on census evaders.  
One Local Court case.  
Slept DIMU.

10th March.

Dept DIMU 0630.  
Set up camp above the TAGARI River 1600.  
Slept Camp.

11th March.

Dept camp 0800.  
Arrived KCMO via IANDA 1530.

END PATROL

NATIVE SITUATION:

Two of the three people mentioned in my last BENARIA

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report, KOMO P/R No. 3 who had been causing trouble in the area with wild stories and who had been gaoled in Tari were at it again. Court action has once again been taken against them. This once again underlines the gullibility of these people, mainly because of their isolation, another good reason for a road into the area.

Apart from this incident all areas are quiet and the reception extended to the patrol throughout was good.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

The main purpose of this patrol was to survey a graded track through the Lower Tagari into the Benaria Census Division. Three possible road heads were considered AGAU (Iumu C/D), TAURI (South Basin C/D), and URUMA (South Basin C/D). After looking at the possible routes between these places and HONAGA (Lower Tagari C/D), URUMA - HONAGA presented, possibly not the shortest but the easiest of the three routes so this route was chosen. A graded track was then surveyed from URUMA to TAMIDE via HONAGA, TAMBARUMA and YABAGARU. At a later stage this could be extended to DIMU at the head of the BENARIA Valley.

There are a couple of steep hills to negotiate but with a little care these should present no great problem. Two large rivers have to be crossed, the WATA near YABAGARU and the BENARIA near TAMIDE. In both cases suitable bridge sites have been located.

The people have been told to build a 6' track only, 6' marks have been distributed throughout the area.

A visit should be made in 3 - 4 months to check on progress and to make sure the people are following the surveyed route.

KUTUBU IMMIGRANTS:

In response to the Director's remarks in his 67-15-11 of the 11/11/65 I investigated the position in regard to the land on which the immigrants from the Kutubu Area are settled. Investigations revealed that the TAMIDE and TAMBERA people belong to the same clan and the TAMBERA people are actually living on their own land.

These people are now completely settled in the area, gardens, houses etc now having been completed. They assured me that they are there to stay and that they have no intention of returning to TAMBERA.

LAW AND ORDER:

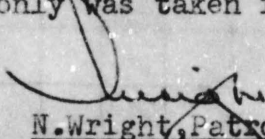
Court action was taken against 4 persons under the N.R.O.S., several other complaints of a minor nature were also attended to.

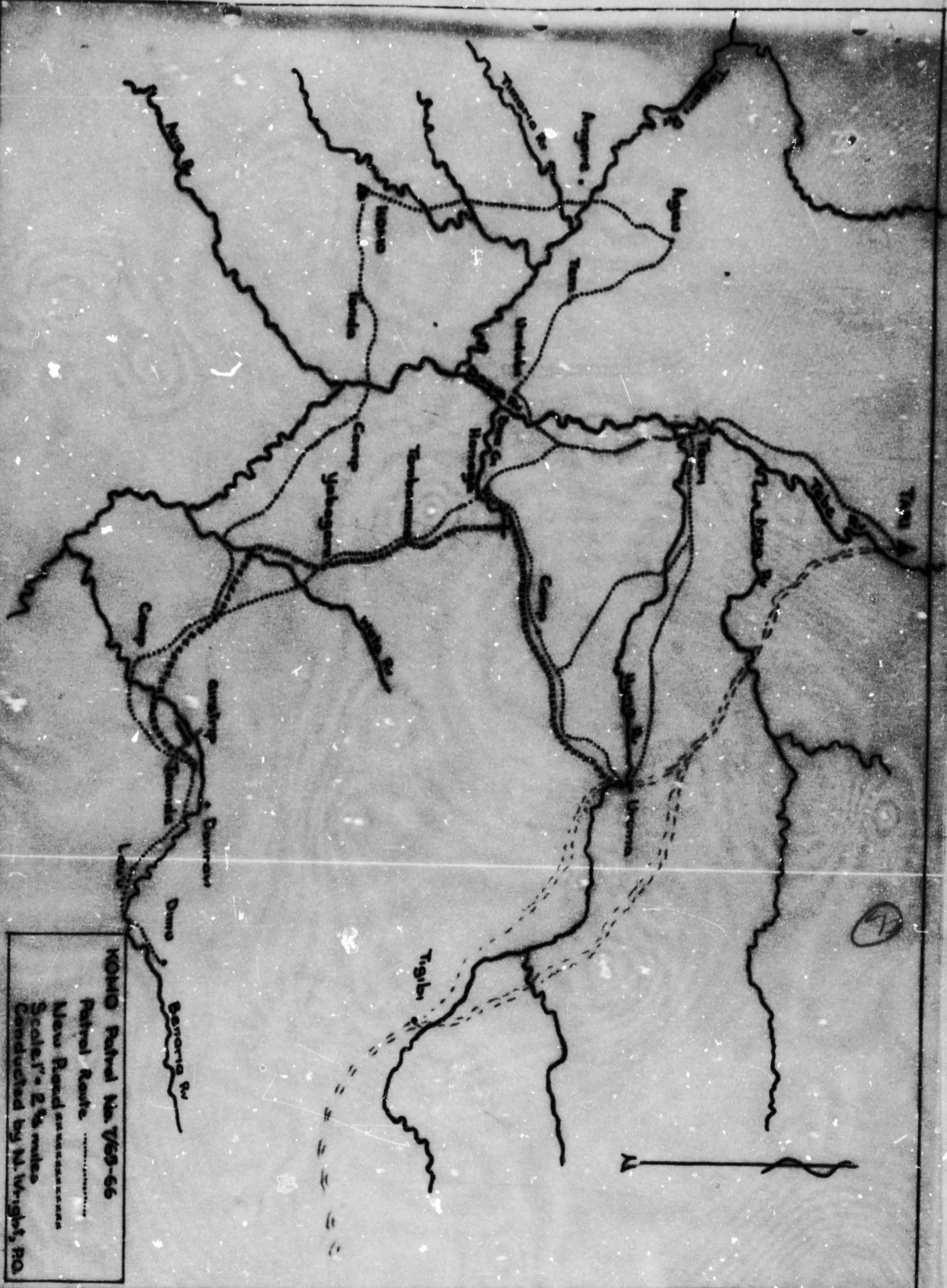
AIRFIELDS:

The airstrip at TAMIDE has now been completed and I believe that the Mission Aviation Fellowship intend making a landing on it within the next couple of weeks.

CENSUS:

During this patrol all the census evaders mentioned in my Komo P/R No. 3 from DIMU and LAU'u were contacted. They were given warnings that future evasion would result in gaol sentences. Administrative action only was taken in this instance.

  
N. Wright, Patrol Officer.



**KOHMO Patrol No. 769-66**  
 Patrol Route .....  
 New Road -----  
 Scale 1" = 2 1/2 miles  
 Conducted by M. Wright, PO





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....Southern Highlands.....Report No...Komo No.8/65-66.....

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

Area Patrolled.....KOMO section of the TARI - KOMO Road.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..Mr.B.Bell,D.D.C.,Mr.M.Haywood,A.D.C.

Natives...3 R.P.N.G.C., 1 Interpreter.

Duration—From..21./3.../1966...to..23./3.../1966..

Number of Days.....3.....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../..Jan 19..66.

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

Map Reference..See..Komo P/R No.6/65-66..of..the..9th..February,1966.....

Objects of Patrol..1..Inspect road in company with D.D.C., Mendi and A.D.C., Tari.

2..Place level markers on cleared section of road...3..General Administration.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

13 / 4 / 1966

District Commissioner

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

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

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

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67-15-46  
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Sub-District Office,  
TARI.  
Southern Highlands District,  
21st June, 1966.

The District Commissioner,  
Department of District Administration,  
MFENDI.  
Southern Highlands District,

Komo Patrol Report No 8/1965-66.

Please refer to 67-15-46, dated the 2nd June, 1966 from the Director.

2. In answer to the queries raised under paragraph 3, the following information is supplied.

3. (a) Bridges.

The Tagari River will require a suspension bridge of approximately 100 feet. I consider we can design and construct this bridge with the assistance of Public Works Department.

The Timaria River could be forded, or else again a suspension bridge of approximately 100 feet.

4. (b) Population.

The area between the Tagari River and Komo Patrol Post and being on the proposed Tari-Komo road route is mostly uninhabited.

Constructive work is being carried out by people from all over the Komo area, on a rotation basis and without hardship.

I do expect that when the road is completed there will be some movement to live near the road. However, maintenance will be a problem and can only be done on the same basis as the actual construction - ie by rotation of people from all of the Komo villages.

I realised at the time of survey that this route would be difficult because of the lack of people, but is still appears to be the shortest and best route available.

The alternative route proposed by the then Officer-in-Charge, Komo, Mr. B. Creedy, did follow the population centres but I considered it impractical as we could not get across the Timaria River (at that point on the route), and again was far too long. Reference can be made to my 10-4-16 dated the 28th October, 1965.

~~Attached is a map showing details of population and road route.~~

67-3-6

*M.R. Haywood*  
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M.R. Haywood.  
Assistant District Commissioner.

*noted by SH*

→ The Director  
Dept District Administration  
Korohepu

For your information please

*SH*  
27/6/66

67-15-46

2nd June, 1966.

District Commissioner,  
MSNDI,  
Southern Highlands District.

Komo Patrol Report No. 8/1965-66:

Thank you for your memorandum 67-3-6 of 13th April, 1966 together with Mr. Wright's patrol report.

2. I am pleased to note that the road work is progressing well.

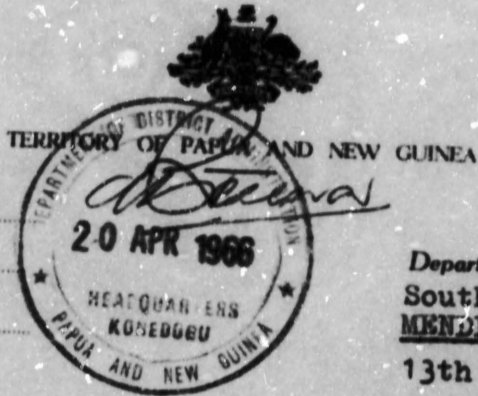
3. I know that there are no problems for the Section between TARI and KOMO but I have queries about the following:-

- (a) the bridges over the TAGARI and TINARIA Rivers.
- (b) the sparseness of the population in that area to do the construction and maintenance work.

(J. K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

67. 15. 46

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

Department of District Administration,  
 Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.  
 13th April, 1966.

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

Komo Patrol Report No. 8/1965-66  
 Komo Census Division  
 Mr. N. Wright, P.O.

Abovementioned report with covering comments by  
 the Assistant District Commissioner, Tari attached refer.

DEPT.

This was a special patrol mounted simply for the  
 Officer-in-Charge, Komo to show his survey line for the Tari-  
 Komo Road to the Assistant District Commissioner, Tari and  
 Assistant District Commissioner, Mendi.

The road is quite feasible as it at no time exceeds  
 a 1 in 12 grade. Originally it is only to be bench cut  
 sufficient for a motor cycle track. A flying fox will be  
 constructed over the Tagari River to transport the machines.  
 Later when opened to full road width a suspension bridge of  
 100' span will be required to permit of through travel.

Road communication between Komo and Tari is  
 essential for good Administration. It is expected that it  
 will be completed by the end of the current year.

For your information and advice please.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
 (D.R. MARSH)  
 DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Encs.  
 c.c.  
 Assistant District Commissioner, TARI.

*Return TARI  
 Komo no problem  
 good but survey  
 1) bridge over Tagari River  
 2) P.O. to maintain  
 combined road  
 Please to note  
 next in long run  
 as well.*

67-1-1

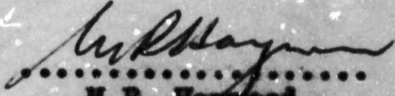
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Sub-District Office,  
TARI.  
Southern Highlands District,  
4th March, 1966.

The District Commissioner,  
Department of District Administration,  
MENDI.  
Southern Highlands District,

Komo Patrol No 7 of 1965/66

Please find enclosed two (2) copies of  
the above report submitted by Mr. N. Wright, Patrol Officer  
in Charge, Komo, together with the claim for camping allowance.

The report calls for little comment,  
except that work is progressing well on the Tari-Komo Road.

  
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M.R. Haywood,  
Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPIA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 8/65-66

KOMO Patrol Post,  
TARI Sub District,  
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS.

26th March, 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub District Office,  
TARI.

KOMO PATROL NO. 8/65-66.

Conducted by;	N. Wright, Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled;	KOMO section of the TARI - KOMO Road.
Personell Accompanying;	<u>R.P.N.G.C.</u> Const. SHONG. Const. DIWE. Const. KUHIEA. <u>Interpreter.</u> MONDORO/KEBAIJA.
Duration of Patrol;	21.3.66 - 23.3.66. 3 days.
Objects of Patrol;	1. Inspect road in company with D.D.C. Mendi and A.D.C. Tari. 2. Place level markers on cleared sections of road. 3. General Administration.

*N. Wright*  
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N. Wright,  
PATROL OFFICER.

INTRODUCTION:

The patrol covered the Komo section of the new TARI - KOMO Road only. The patrol met Deputy District Commissioner Mr. B. Bell of Mendi and Assistant District Commissioner Mr. M. Haywood of Tari at the TAGARI River. They returned to Komo with the patrol inspecting the road enroute.

DIARY:

Refer also my Field Officers Journal Folios 38, paras. 230 - 232 (inclusive).

Monday 21st March.

Patrol departed Komo 0845.  
Cargo ahead to the TAGARI River Rest House.  
Self put in level marks on the cleared sections of the road.  
Arrived Rest House 1500.  
Slept TAGARI River R.H.

Tuesday 22nd March.

Supervised roadworks between TAGARI and TIMARIA Rivers.  
Put level marks in, between TAGARI River and R/H.  
Walked up Tari track and met Messers Bell and Haywood.  
Slept TAGARI River R/H.

Wednesday 23rd March.

Dept TAGARI River 0750.  
Inspected road.  
Arrived KOMO 1230.

END PATROL


ROADS AND BRIDGES:

Work on the new road is proceeding well. Two miles have been cleared, and levels marked, from the Komo end. One mile has been completed and a further mile cleared from the TAGARI River. Approximately 125 people from all over the MANANDA C/D work each week on the road. Clearing should be completed within 6 weeks and work started on the road proper.

Mr. Haywood had talks at the Patrol Post and the TAGARI River on the road and everybody expressed their enthusiasm in the project. If this enthusiasm continues work should be completed by June or July.

GENERAL:

For comments under other headings and more information regarding the above road please refer my report Kom: No. 6/65-66 of the 9th February, 1966 and the map attached thereto.

  
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N. Wright  
PATROL OFFICER.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of..... Southern Highlands... Report No... Koma No. 9/65-66.....

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

Area Patrolled..... South East Section of MANANDA C/D.....

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

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

Duration—From 19./4./1966 to 24./4./1966..

Number of Days... 6.....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../19.....

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

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

Objects of Patrol... Feasibility survey road route ATARE to TAGARI River...  
and crossing of same.....

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

10/6/1966

District Commissioner

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

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

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

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67-15-56

26th July, 1966.

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

KOMO PATROL REPORT NO. 9/1965-66:

Thank you for your memorandum 67-3-6 of 9th June 1966, together with Mr. Wright's Patrol Report.

2. Mr. Wright seems to have done a good job considering the terrain in this part of the country. All routes connecting Tari/Komo to Lake Kutubu need to be studied carefully, before a firm decision can be reached.

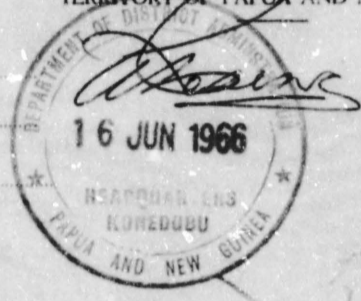
3. Mr. Wright seems to have conducted this patrol in a competent manner and has listed in his report some of the difficulties which face a road survey team.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

67. 15. 56 (7)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



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

Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

9th June 1966.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONE DOBU Papua.

KOMO PATROL REPORT NO.9/1965-66  
SOUTH EAST MANANDA CENSUS  
DIVISION  
Mr. N. Wright, P.O.

The abovementioned report with covering comments  
by the Assistant District Commissioner Tari attached refers.

The patrol was a special one to look into the best  
route for a road connecting Tari/Komo to Lake Kutubu and the  
Southern Highway to the Gulf Coast. The project is not one  
which must be commenced immediately and we will await the  
outcome of the Assistant District Commissioner's survey of  
the numerous routes.

This report which lists some of the difficulties  
existing has improved our knowledge of the whole area.  
Mr. Wright has carried it out in his usual competent fashion.

(D. R. MARSH)  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

67-1-1

Sub-District Office  
TARI.Southern Highlands District,  
3rd June, 1966.The District Commissioner,  
Department of District Administration,  
NENDI.

Southern Highlands District,

Komo Patrol No 9/65/66

South East Section Mandanda C/D.

Please find enclosed two (2) copies of the above report together with patrol maps and claim for camping allowance.

Comments on Report.

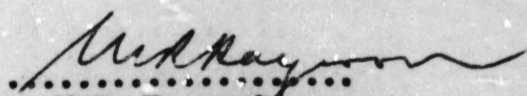
The object of this patrol was to investigate the area between Komo and HAILNANA with a view to making a road connection with Lake Kutubu. It now seems feasible to build a road from Komo to HAILNANA but a major bridge is required to cross the Tagari River.

Reference should also be made to Tari Patrols No's 8 and 15, and Komo Patrol No 7, all of 1965/66 which dealt with a road route from Tari through the Benaria to Lake Kutubu. These patrols found that the terrain south of the Benaria River presented serious difficulty for road building.

Bearing in mind the difficult terrain south of the Benaria, the Officer-in-Charge, Komo was requested to investigate the possibilities through Komo to Lake Kutubu.

As I understand it the main object of getting a road from the Tari Sub-district to Lake Kutubu is to join in with the District road network and eventually have the outlet to the Papuan coast via Samberigi.

Before making any firm decision on what is the best road route from Tari to Lake Kutubu I would prefer to investigate the Benaria area myself.



M.R. Haywood  
Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote

No.9/65-66

KOMO Patrol Post,  
TARI Sub District,  
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS.

30th April, 1966.

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

KOMO PATROL NO.9/65-66.

Conducted by:

N.Wright, Patrol Officer.

Area patrolled:

South East section of  
MANANDA C/D.

Personell accompanying:

R.P.N.G.C.

Const. OPEHEMA.

Const. DIWE.

Interpreter.

PEBE/WAGIMA.

Duration of patrol:

19.4.66 - 24.4.66.

6 days.

Objects of patrol:

1. Feasibility survey  
road route ATARE to  
TAGARI River and crossing  
of same.

  
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N. Wright,  
PATROL OFFICER.

INTRODUCTION:

This patrol visited the uninhabited south east section of the MANANDA C/D to investigate the feasibility of a road through this area to LAKE KUTUBU as a possible alternative to the road from TARI through the BENARIA and LOWER TARI C/Ds of the TARI and LAKE KUTUBU C/Ds, respectively.

DIARY:

Refer also my Field Officers Journal, folios 41 and 42, paragraphs 252 - 257 (inclusive).

Tuesday 19th April.

Patrol departed KOMO 1100.  
Inspected KOMO - TIUNTE Road in company with various V.C.s.  
Instructions re repairs given.  
Arrived TIUNTE 1330.  
Lunch.  
Departed TIUNTE 1400.  
Arrived ATARE 1515.  
Purchased fresh foods, paid carriers, arranged carriers for next day.  
Slept ATARE.

Wednesday 20th April.

0730. Patrol departed ATARE.  
Track running in a S.E. direction through quite reasonable country, except for several sharp descents to rivers. Numerous small creeks crossing the track.  
1400. Met up with the TAGARI River. Followed river.  
1630. Set up camp approx. 2500' - 3000' ASL.

Thursday 21st April.

0730. Departed camp.  
0900. Arrived HAILNANA bridge site.  
Area inspected and measurements taken.  
1200. Arrived back at camp.

Friday 22nd April.

0730. Departed camp.  
1615. Arrived ATARE.

Saturday 23rd April.

Spent ATARE.

Sunday 24th April.

0700. Departed ATARE.  
1400. Arrived KOMO, via TIMTANI and AIJAGATBA.

END OF PATROL.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

There are three possible routes to ATARE, the starting point of the new road. They are from PAMI, TANI and TIUNTE, all of these places are already connected by road to KOMO. I favour the TANI - ATARE route as it is the shortest route to KOMO, though it would be possible to build a road using any of the three routes.

The patrol followed the only existing track from ATARE to the bridge site on the TAGARI River, at HAILNANA. This route had apparently been used by early patrols from LAKE KUTUBU through the MANANDA Area. The track descends from approx. 6,000', at ATARE, to approx. 2,500' asl., at HAILNANA.

The track runs in a S.E. direction following a ridge to the south of the WAGANA river gradually descending to the junction of the TAGARI and WAGANA rivers. It then follows the south bank of the TAGARI River to HAILNANA.

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Except in two or three places the tracks descent is gradual, the most difficult sections are a 500' descent to the HOCSEA river approx. two hours walk from ATARE and a 600' descent to the ~~WICHA~~ river, part of which traverses an old land slide, two and threequarter hours walk from ATARE. Another section which would present some difficulties is a 300' ascent and descent around a large land slip one hours walk below the camp site.

The bridge site at HAILNANA would require a bridge span of 250 ft, it would appear then that the cost of such a bridge would be prohibitive unless the road was a major one.

The locals state that there is another bridge site some two days further down stream. From my observations and from what I was told by these people it appears that the country becomes very broken in this area and would therefore make this a poor proposition.


The following points would make construction of a road through this area both a long and difficult operation.

1. The population ends one hours walk from ATARE, the rest of the area is completely uninhabited. Use of people from the MANANDA Area as labour at this low altitude would result in sickness from malaria.

2. The area is heavily infested with limestone making excavations difficult. Some sections would probably require blasting .

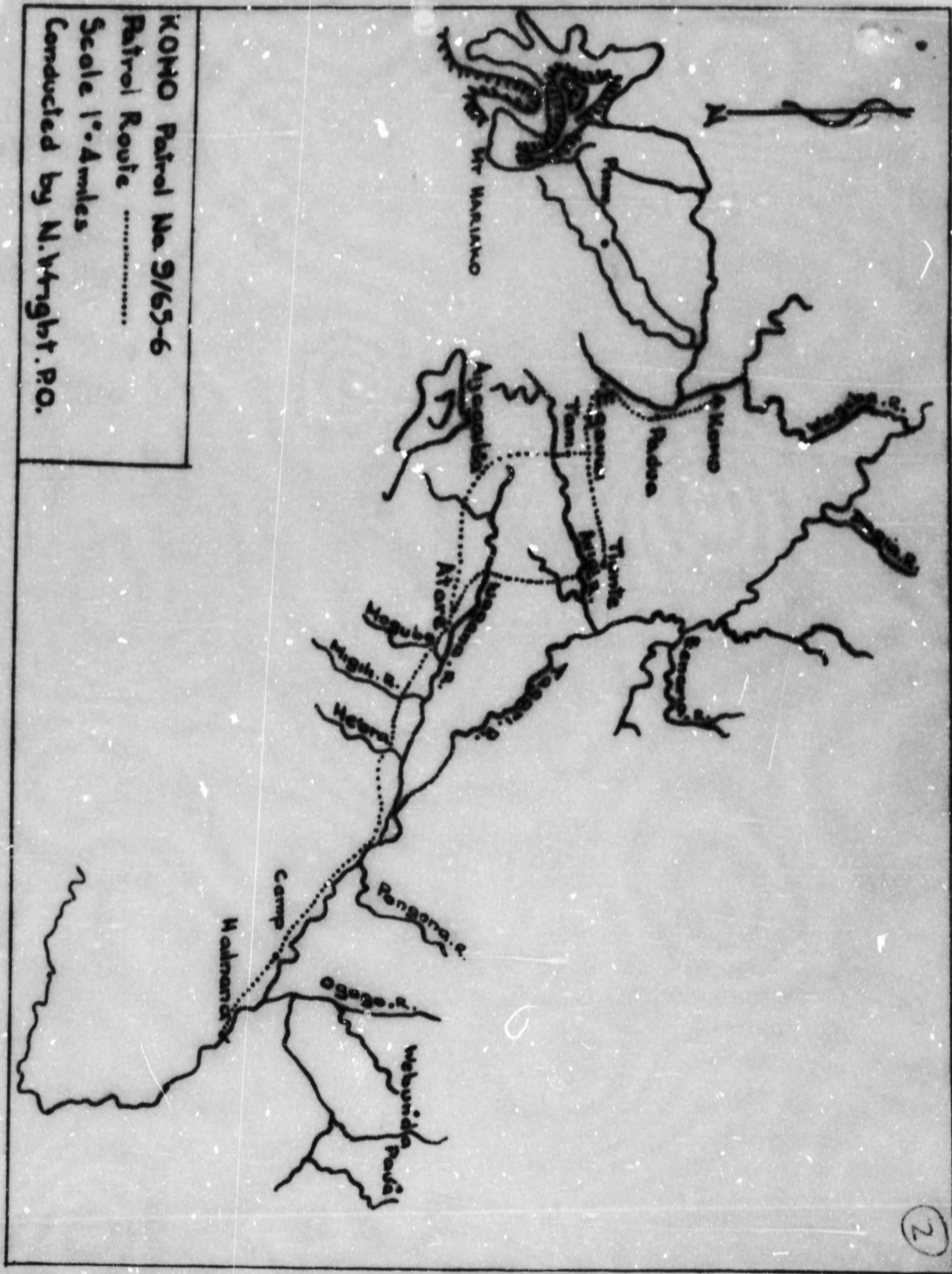
3. Rivers small and large are numerous, some 40 bridges would be required, at least 6 of which would be more than 60' in length.

Notwithstanding the above points I consider a road from ATARE TO HAILNANA is feasible though it would require careful surveying. The crossing of the TAGARI River would also be feasible though the cost quite prohibitive.

  
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N. Wright  
PATROL OFFICER.

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KONO Patrol No. 9/65-6  
Patrol Route .....  
Scale 1"=4 miles  
Conducted by N. Wright, P.O.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. KOMQ/65-66

Patrol Conducted by M. Wright, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled MANANDA Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans No.

Natives 5 RPNCG, 2 Interpreters, 2 APOs.

Duration—From 4/5/1966 to 8/6/1966 (Broken Period)

Number of Days 33

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Dec/Jan/1965/66

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

Map Reference Map attached and District Map.

Objects of Patrol 1. Census Revision. 2. Collect Information for Local Government Survey. 3. Commonwealth Census Educ. 4. Routine Admin.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

31/8/1966

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 ....



67-3-6

Southern Highlands District,  
MEMBI.

31st August, 1966.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEBOBU.

Subject:- Komo Patrol No 10 of 1965/66.

Attached please find the following documents relating to the above patrol conducted by Mr. N. Wright, Patrol Officer, to the Mananda Census Division.

(1) Patrol Report.

(ii) Covering memorandum, 67-1-1 of 23rd July, 1966 from the Assistant District Commissioner, Tori.

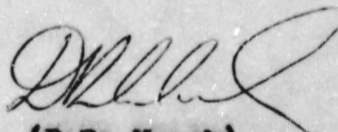
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<u>Number</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Area Visited</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
No 9	19/4 to 24/4/66	S.E. Section MANANDA Census Division	Feasibility Survey.
No 10. (present report)	4/5 to 8/6/66 (33 days)	MANANDA Census Division	Census Revision L.G. Survey.
No 11	23/6 to 4/7/66 (12 days)	Part MANANDA Census Division.	C'wealth Census

Submission of this report was delayed due to involvement in the Commonwealth Census.

3. Compilation of the Local Government Survey report has been delayed due to necessity of Mr. Wright undertaking a patrol to the Mt. BOSAVI Area which has recently been transferred to the Komo Administrative Area.

4. A well conducted patrol.



(D.R. Marsh)  
District Commissioner.

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67-15-70.

18th October, 1966.

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
HEHELE.

HOME PATROL REPORT NO. 10 OF 1965/1966.

Receipt of the above-mentioned report by Mr. H. Wright and covering memoranda is acknowledged.

2. Progress on extensions to the road network appears satisfactory. Once the roads are used the people will be able to see why they are so necessary for the development of the area.

3. It is pleasing to note that the effects of last year's drought have disappeared and that trial plots of sweet potato appear to have been successful.

4. A pleasing report of a well conducted patrol, adequately documented.

(J. K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR

67. 15. 70 (13)



TEPRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....  
Our Reference..... 67-3-6  
If calling ask for  
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Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

31st August, 1966.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEBOBU.

Subject:- Komo Patrol No 10 of 1965/66.

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(D.R. Marsh)  
District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



Department of District Administration,  
Sub-district Office,  
TARI,  
Southern Highlands District.

16th July, 1966.  
23rd July, 1966.

Reference 67-1-1

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub District Office,  
The District Commissioner,  
MENDI Southern Highlands District.

Komo Patrol No. 10 of 1965/66

Conducted by Mananda Census Division N. Wright, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: MANANDA Census Division.

- Personnel Accompanying:
- Please find enclosed :
  - 2 copies of the above report submitted by Mr. Wright.
  - 2 patrol maps
  - 3 copies of Village Population Register
  - 1 claim for camping allowance

Comments on report

1. Native Situation

Mr. Wright should be able to forward the Local Government Survey report after he returns from the Mt. Bosavi patrol. I expect that the whole of the Mananda Census Division will be formed into a council by June 1967.

The combined Komo and Koroba patrol in the Hanimu Valley is an arrangement that will be continued in the future so that these people can not evade justice by moving backwards and forwards from Komo or Koroba. Such a small population living in this area should be able to live in peace but there has been a long history of bickering and pig stealing.

2. Roads and bridges

Objects of Patrol: Progress is satisfactory on the Tari - Komo road considering the lack of labour. On the Tari side it is not possible to drive 16 miles - as far as IDAUWI. I expect to complete the Tari section by the end of this year.

3. Agriculture

The demonstration sweet potatoe blocks at each centre should set a good example for the people. The basic fault in the past seems to have been not making the mounds big enough.

4. Education

There should be an Administration school at Komo and I fail to see where there is a shortage of staff when a new school can be started at ITAPU which already has the opportunity to send children to the Methodist Overseas Mission nearby or into Tari.

*M.R. Haywood*  
M.R. Haywood  
(Assistant District Commissioner)



INTRODUCTION:

This patrol covered the MANANDA Census Division which, prior to the inclusion of the MT.BOSAVI Census Division, represented the KOMO Administrative Area. A night was spent at all rest houses in the census division.

The MANANDA Census Division, patrolled from KOMO Patrol Post, covers an area of approximately 310 sq. miles, of which about 2/3 is inhabited. The boundaries are formed by the TAGARI and HANIMU Rivers and the KARIUS Range.

The patrol post is 4,800'ASL. The surrounding country ranges, in general, between 3,500', in the TAGARI Valley, to 5,500'asl in the KARIUS Range area. The highest mountain in the area is MT.HARIAKO which is approximately 9,000'ASL.

The aims of the patrol were as follows;

1. Annual Census revision.
2. Commonwealth Census education.
3. Collect information for a Local Government Survey.
4. Inspect work on the TARI - KOMO Road.
5. General Administration.

DIARY:

Field Officer's Journal Folio Nos. 44 -47, 49, 50, paras. 265 - 289, 291 - 299 also refers.

4th May, 1966.

0900 Cargo departed station for MIGILI, self at station awaiting aircraft.  
1250 Self departed station.  
1315 Arrived MIGILI.  
Revised census, Discussions re Commonwealth Census, Local Government Council Survey, Roads.  
Slept MIGILI.

5th May.

0815 Departed MIGILI.  
0930 Arrived IANDA.  
Revised Census of IANDA and EMBETALI. Discussions re Commonwealth Census, Local Govt Survey.  
Slept IANDA.

6th May.

0815 Departed IANDA.  
0930 Arrived TIUNTE.  
Revised census. Discussions re Commonwealth Census, Local Government Survey. New Village Censtable appointed.  
Slept TIUNTE.

7th May.

0750 Departed TIUNTE.  
0905 Arrived ATARE.  
Census revised. Discussions re Commonwealth census. Local Government Survey. Some minor complaints attended to.  
Slept ATARE.

8th May.

Observed.  
Slept ATARE.

9th May.

0805 Departed ATARE.  
0935 Arrived AIJAGAIBA.

9th May (cont'd)

Census revised. Discussions re Commonwealth Census. Local Government Survey. Some minor complaints attended to. Slept AIJAGAIBA.

10th May.

0830 Departed AIJAGAIBA.

0945 Arrived TANI.

Census revised. Discussions re Commonwealth Census. Local Government Survey. Several minor complaints. Slept TANI.

11th May.

0820 Departed TANI.

0920 Arrived EGAUWI.

Census revised. Discussions re Commonwealth Census. Local Government Survey. Minor complaints attended to. Slept EGAUWI.

12th May.

0900 Departed EGAUWI.

0930 Arrived PADUA.

Census revised. Local Government Survey. One Local Court Case. Inspected road. Slept PADUA.

13th May.

0810 Departed PADUA.

0910 Arrived PAMI.

Census revised. Local Government Survey. One Local Court Case. Slept PAMI.

14th May.

0810 Departed PAMI. self to inspect road and bridge works.

0930 Arrived KUNGU.

Census revised. Local Government Survey. Some minor complaints. Slept KUNGU.

15th May.

Inspected road works.

Slept KUNGU.

16th May.

0805 Departed KUNGU.

0900 Arrived MINDIETE.

Census revised. Local Government Survey. Some minor complaints. Slept MINDIETE.

17th May.

0800 Patrol departed MINDIETE.

0840 Arrived YANDALE.

Census revised. Local Government Survey. Some minor complaints. Slept YANDALE.

18th May.

0745 Departed YANDALE.

0805 Arrived KOMO.

Day spent attending to station duties and re provisioning patrol.

1700 Returned YANDALE.

Slept YANDALE.

19th May.

0815 Departed YANDALE.

Inspected road in company with Village Constables of YANDALE, MINDIETE, POROYANDALE, TERBJAGA and EKAIBA, instructions for repairs and maintenance given.

1015 Arrived EKAIBA.

Census revised. Local Government Survey. Slept EKAIBA

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20th May.

0815 Departed EKAIBA.  
0930 Arrived TEREJAGA.  
Census revised. Local Government Survey.  
Slept TEREJAGA.

21st May.

0800 Departed TEREJAGA.  
0930 Arrived TURUBI.  
Census revised. Local Government Survey.  
Slept TURUBI.

22nd May.

0815 Departed TURUBI.  
0930 Arrived TAWANDA.  
Census revised. Local Government Survey.  
Slept TAWANDA.

23rd May.

0805 Departed TAWANDA.  
0910 Arrived AIJAGATE.  
Census revised. Local Government Survey. Some Minor complaints.  
Slept AIJAGATE.

24th May.

0845 Departed AIJAGATE.  
0915 Arrived PARA.  
Census revised. Local Government Survey. Some complaints.  
Slept PARA.

25th May.

0835 Departed PARA.  
0910 Arrived LAITE. Inspected Aid Post enroute.  
Census revised. Local Government Survey. One Local Court Case.  
Slept LAITE.

26th May.

0800 Departed LAITE.  
0900 Arrived LAIJAUKO.  
Census revised. Local Government Survey. One Local Court case. Some minor complaints.  
Slept LAIJAUKO.

27th May.

0830 Departed LAIJAUKO.  
0930 Arrived HANDAMANDA.  
Census revised. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Local Government Survey.  
Slept HANDAMANDA.

28th May.

0615 Departed HANDAMANDA.  
1315 Arrived KOMO.  
Returned to KOMO to investigate alleged killing.  
1600 Discussions with Assistant District Commissioner re his and Doctors visit for coronial inquiry.

31st May.

1115 Departed KOMO.  
1515 Arrived ANGORE.  
Slept ANGORE.

1st June.

0700 Departed ANGORE.  
1200 Arrived KURU.  
No census done as people not expecting patrol.  
Slept KURU.

2nd June.

Census revised. Local Government Survey.  
1330. Assistant District Commissioner, KOROBA, Mr. Mulcahy

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ranging from one to three months.

The people of the area were advised that stealing, which has been rife for some time, would have to stop and that future offences would be severely dealt with. It is to be hoped that this visit will have some effect and the area become a little more law abiding than it has been in the past.

Four other persons were given gaol sentences, in the Local Court, ranging from two to six months, for various offences.

Many complaints of a minor nature were also dealt with during the patrol, in the majority of these cases amicable settlements were reached.

AGRICULTURE:

The majority of the demonstration kau kau plots, planted during a previous patrol, are flourishing and are being well looked after. These will be due to be harvested within the next couple of months. The locals are awaiting with interest the results of these plots.

The affects of last years drought have now disappeared and food is now in abundance. The patrol experienced no difficulty in purchasing its food needs, large amounts of food had to be refused.

Apart from the staples of the area, kau kau, bananas, pit pit and leafy greens, other produce in reasonable supply were tomatoes, corn, shalots, cabbage and some potatoes. Plantings of the latter vegetables are increasing.

Earlier in the year five men were sent to the KAGUA Agriculture Station for training in improved subsistence gardening techniques.

HEALTH:

Since the last patrol another aid post has been completed, at EGAUWI. There are now three aid posts in the census division, EGAUWI, KOMO and LAITE. The Medical Officer from TARI has promised another Aid Post Orderly in the near future, a fourth aid post will then be constructed, at AIJAGATE. and the LAITE Aid Post will be moved to LAIJAUKO. This will then afford the whole census division reasonable medical coverage.

The Aid Post Orderlies TIMU, from EGAUWI and YAMBARI, from LAITE, accompanied the patrol in their respective areas. Most treatments given were of a minor nature.

In the twelve months since the last census patrol there were 83 deaths which is a decrease of three on the figures for the twelve months prior to the 1965 census. Births have jumped from 102 to 145 in the same period. These figures are indicative of the increasing use which is being made of the available medical facilities.

The Unevangelised Fields Mission at KANGARU (MINDIETE) also does some medical work mainly in the child welfare line though some general work is also done.

EDUCATION:

There is little which can be said under this heading as education is virtually non existant in this area.

The Unevangelised Fields Mission at KANGARU runs literacy classes, that is teaching reading and writing in the HURI language. These classes are for both adults and children.

They are also running short courses on pit sawing.

This is the only education available in the area.

The Department of Education policy of developing existing schools only and the shortage of teaching staff has precluded the establishment of a school in the KOMO area. The situation is, then, that KOMO is the only area in the SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS without any formal educational facilities whatsoever, mission or administration, and I would say probably one of the few in the TERRITORY.

Educational facilities have been offered at both TARI and MENDI for a certain number of children from KOMO, but as these children are required to be in the 5 - 7 years age range parents in the area are not interested in this proposition. All that is required is a school teaching up to Standard 3 or 4, the children will then be 9 - 10 years of age and the parents not so reluctant to send them to another centre to further their education.

The census shows that 7 persons are attending school at either TARI or KOROKA. Though their parents state that all of these are receiving a formal education I feel further investigation would reveal that the majority of those attending mission schools are receiving religious training only.

MISSIONS:

There are three missions represented in the ~~Mission~~ census division, UNEVANGELISED FIELDS MISSION, SEVEN DAY ADVENTISTS and CAPUCHIN (Catholic) Missions. Of these only the U.F.M. has a permanent station, this is staffed by two Europeans. The other two missions have several small stations staffed by native personnel.

The U.F.M. is very active in the religious sphere but has as yet bestowed little in the way of material benefits on the area.

Periodical visits are made by the CAPUCHIN and S.D.A. missions from their KOROKA and TARI centres respectively.

Mission influence is not strong as the missions have only been established for 4 - 5 years and apart from the U.F.M., missions have shown little interest in the area.

AIRFIELDS:

There is only one airstrip in the Census Division, that is the one on the Patrol Post. This strip is 2,600' long and is at present open to category "c" operations. It was recently inspected by D.C.A. who have agreed to upgrade the strip to category "b" as soon as strip markers are repositioned to allow for a displaced threshold. This work is at present underway.

GENSUS:

This census has once again shown an increase in the Natural Increase. The Natural Increase has risen by 1.027% to 1.383%, this consists of an increase of 0.96% in the birth rate and a decrease of 0.060% in the death rate.

Though this natural increase is still small it must be realised that it has risen from a natural decrease of 1.37% to its present level in a space of three years. I feel sure that we can expect these figures to improve considerably over the next couple of years.

CONCLUSION:

As far as time permitted the aims of the patrol were fulfilled.

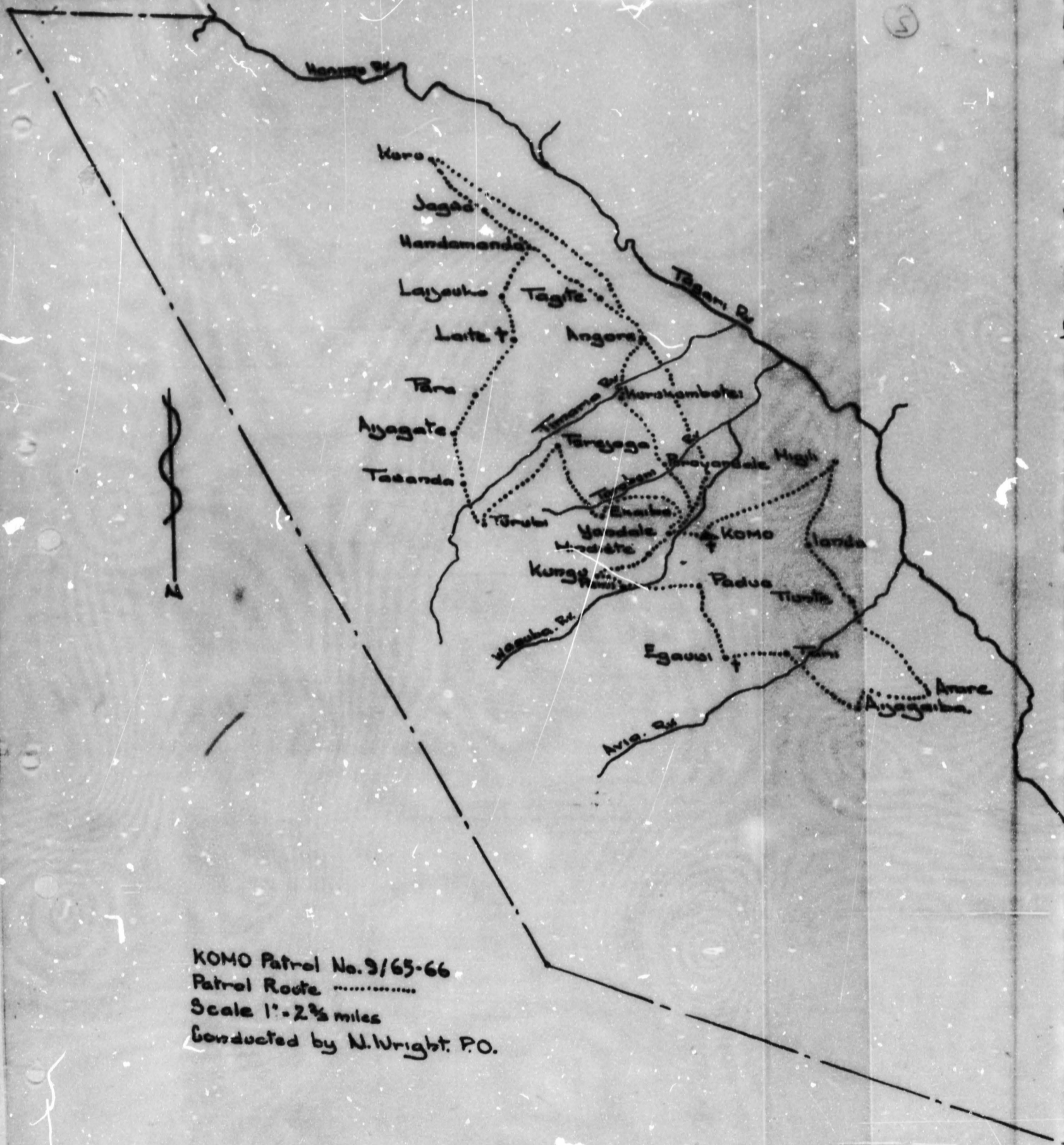
Please note that the late submission of this report was occasioned by my involvement in the Commonwealth Census. (KOMO P/R 1965-6refers).

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