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1970-1971

MARGARIMA

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. 1 of 1970/71

Patrol Conducted by B. Munn Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Margarima Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Finance Committee of M.L.G.C.

Natives 1 member of R.P.N.G.C. 1 Interpreter

Duration From 24/8/1970 to 5/9/1970

Number of Days 13

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by District Services Apr./May/1970

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Map Reference Patrol Map Attached

Objects of Patrol 1. Tax Collection. 2. Roadwork.

Director of District Administration, PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund \$

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

KJH:LB

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2nd August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MEKILA.

MARGARIMA PATROL NO. 1 of 1970/1971

Your reference 67-3-13 of 23rd June, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report
by Mr. B. Mann of Margarima Census Division.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary



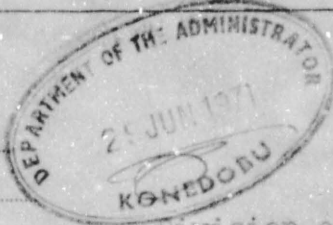
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Department of the Administrator,

Division of District Administration,
District Office,
MENDI

23rd June, 1971

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBUI

REPORT: MARGARIMA PATROL NO. 1 of 1970/71

Please find attached two copies of the report on the above patrol conducted by Mr. Munn, P.O.

The inadequacies of the report in regard to comments on tax collection and the lack of political education have been adequately covered by the A.D.C. Nipa.

D. J. Clancy

D.J. CLANCY
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. A.D.C. Nipa

c.c. C.I.C. Margarima

c.c. Mr. B. Munn

67-3-3

Division
~~XXXXXXXX~~
Sub-District Office,
NIPA,
Southern Highlands District.

4th November, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
MENDI,
Southern Highlands District.

Margarima Patrol No. 1/70-71 -
Mr. B. Munn, Patrol Officer.

Attached please find three (3) copies of the above report.

My comments are:

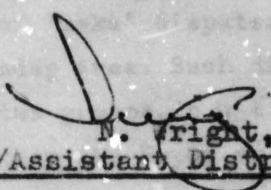
Mr. Munn appears to be a little confused as to what constitutes a special report and situation report. He has classified his report as being a special one but has submitted a situation type report.

The special purpose of the patrol - tax collection - has not been reported upon.

Though the patrol was completed on the 5th September and the report is dated 10th September, it was not received at Nipa until 29th October. The delay is excessive for a short report such as this, allowing for the vagaries of our mail system, reports should be received at this office within three weeks of completion of the patrol covered by the report.

There is a definite need for a "particular effort" to be made towards politically educating these people. Their lack of interest is mainly a defence mechanism; their attitude appears to be "if we don't know about it, it can't happen", i.e. self government and independence. The only way we can overcome this outlook is to make them realise that political education is for their benefit and they should not fear the inevitable future.

The report, though short, adequately covers a useful patrol, apart from the absence of a special report as such.


N. Wright,
A/Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Mr. B. Munn, Patrol Officer, Margarima.

c.c. Officer-in-Charge, Margarima.



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Department of the Administrator.
Division of District Admin.
Margarima Patrol Post,
Nipa Sub-district,
Southern Highlands District.

10th September, 1970.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Nipa Sub-district,
Southern Highlands District.

Margarima Patrol No. 1 of 1970/71.

Part Margarima Census Division.

Special Patrol.

1. This patrol was conducted for the purpose of collecting tax for the Margarima Local Government Council. Other work done during the patrol was the marking of part of a road which will eventually link the upper Wage Valley with the remainder of the Margarima area.
2. Because of the nature of the patrol, little more than basic Administration tasks were carried out. Disputes and local courts were heard and discussions held with village leaders at all centres.

Situation Report:

Political Situation;

3. Since my last patrol through this area in April, nothing has occurred to change the general situation. There is a growing but faint and grudging co-operation between the five villages in the upper Wage Valley. These villages will be working together on the road which is to be built into their area. There is also a growing mission influence in the valley. The Seventh day adventist mission is represented by one station near Tundaka but it is the United Church Mission which has most influence. This mission has a large station at Panduaka 2 which also incorporates a school and a clinic.
4. There are a large number of 'moka' disputes between the people of this area and the people of the Kandep area. Such disputes are in themselves the cause of friction between the two groups, but they also add to the rivalry between the groups and further the Papua vs New Guinea feeling in the area.
5. No particular effort was made to conduct large scale political education discussions during the patrol. Talks were held with Councillors and other people but these were only on a question and answer level and dealt mainly with Council and local matters. The people showed no interest in matters outside their own area and continually brought the discussions back to proposed work in the Margarima area.

Economic:Agriculture;

6. There is virtually no economic development in the upper Wage Valley. Pyrethrum was planted there during 1968 but there are now only 114 small gardens still being tended and if the people wish to sell flowers from these gardens they must carry them to the Margarima - Kandep road to meet the D.A.S.F. officer from Margarima. There have been no D.A.S.F. patrols to this area in two years.

7. Never - the - less the area would seem to have agricultural potential. The valley is wide with an undulating pit-pit and kunai covered floor. It has an area of at least 5,000 acres and only a small part of this is used by the local people for gardens. Vegetables grow well and there is always a good supply of these for purchase.

8. The valley walls are well covered with timber and present a possible source for later use. The United Church Mission has established several pit-saw teams in the valley.

Roads and Bridges;

9. One day was spent marking a section of the road into the upper Wage Valley. About 1½ miles was marked and all villages from the valley will work on the construction of the road. When this section is completed I will visit the road again to mark a further section and to inspect the work done.

10. I decided to mark the road, section by section as it was built, so that I could keep a close watch on it and ensure that the route, once marked, would be followed.

11. The section to Tundaka from the Margarima - Kandep road is the most difficult because it is mountainous and heavily timbered. Past Tundaka and along the valley the route runs over undulating country with only pit-pit cover.

Social:Law and Order;

12. Only six local courts were heard during the patrol however these involved nineteen people. Many disputes over 'moka' payments were brought forward and several were settled. At all rest houses the presence of the patrol was used by the people as a chance to try and settle the disputes. If they were successful, a note was taken of the names of the people involved and of the decision.

Conclusion:

13. The patrol completed its task .

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PATROL DIARY.

24th August, 1970.

Departed station 0930 and drove to road-head on Kandep road. Started group cutting bush and spent remainder of day clearing route. Disputes and talk in afternoon. Slept Road Camp.

25th August, 1970.

Departed camp 0930 hrs. and walked to Tundaka 1100 hrs. Tax collected in afternoon. Slept Tundaka.

26th August, 1970.

Self stricken by illaess. Day spent Tundaka. Slept Tundaka.

27th August, 1970.

Departed Tundaka 0930 hrs. and arrived Liu-Liu 1130 hrs. Tax collected in afternoon. Slept Liu Liu.

28th August, 1970.

Departed Liu Liu and walked to Panduaka 1 arriving 1230 hrs. Tax collection prevented by rain. Slept Panduaka 1.

29th August, 1970.

Tax collected in morning. Three minor disputes heard in afternoon. Slept Panduaka 1.

30th August, 1970.

Sunday. Observed. Slept Panduaka 1.

31st August, 1970.

Walked to Panduaka 2 in 1½ hrs. Tax and disputes in afternoon. 1 local court. Slept Panduaka 2.

1st September, 1970/

Walked to Ariaka in 1½ hrs. Tax and disputes in afternoon. Slept Ariaka.

2nd September, 1970.

Day spent Ariaka. Several "moka" disputes heard and settled. Tax money balanced with receipts. Slept Ariaka.

3rd September, 1970.

Departed Ariaka 0900 hrs. and walked to Ugu 3 hrs. Afternoon spent with disputes. Slept Ugu.

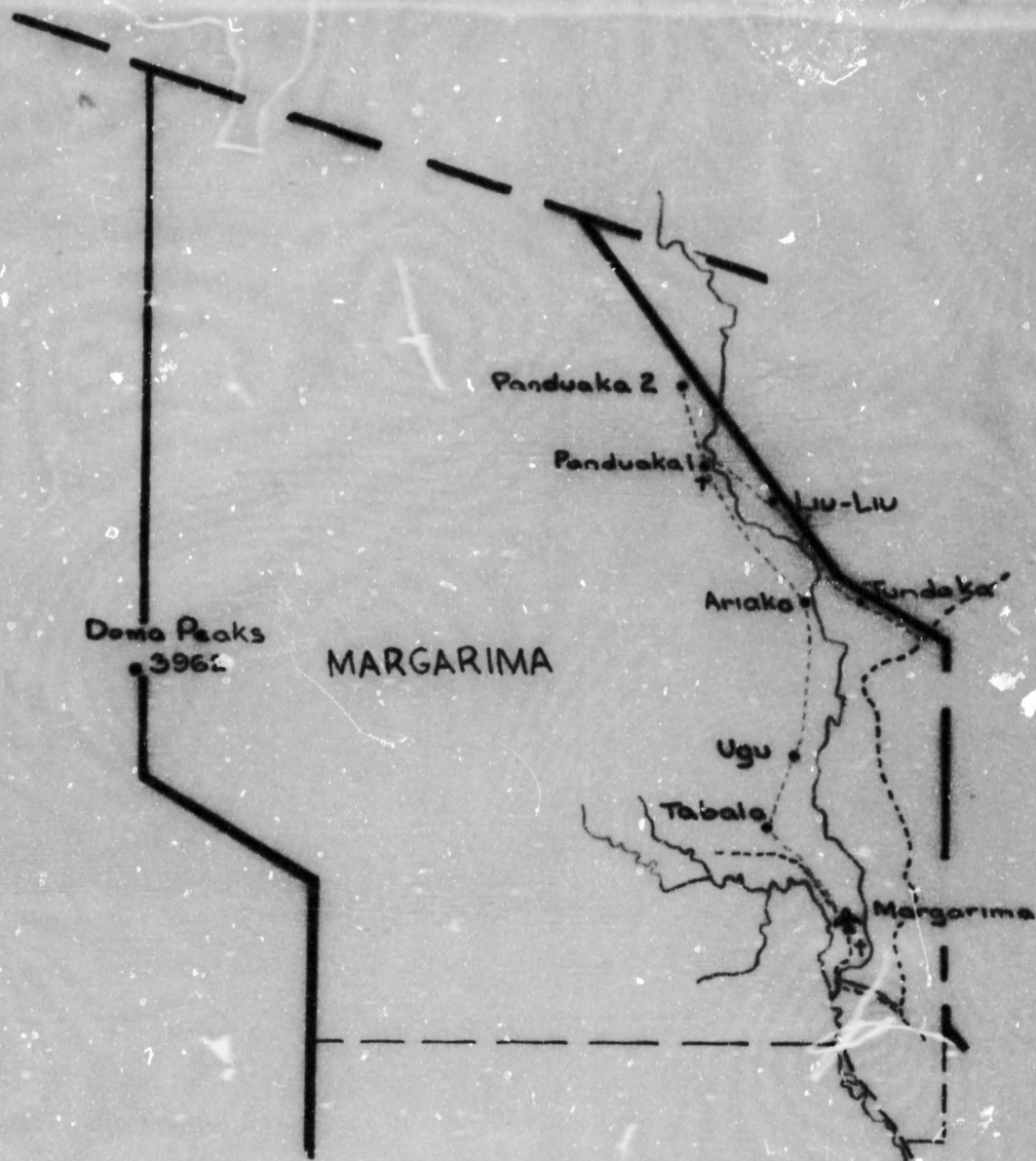
4th September, 1970.

Tax collected until 1430 hrs. Walked to Tabakla. Talks and courts with councillors. Slept Tabala.

5th September, 1970.

Walked to station. Patrol stood down.

*****END OF DIARY*****



- Patrol Route
- District Boundaries: - - - -
- Sub District Boundaries: ———
- Census Division Boundaries: ———
- Missions: †
- Airstrips: ▲
- Road - - - - -



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. MARGARIMA 2/70-71

Patrol Conducted by N. WRIGHT, A/Assistant District Commissioner

Area Patrolled Wage and Margarima Census Divisions

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Mr. B. L. Munn, P.O. (part)

Natives 1 Police, 1 Interpreter

Duration—From 12/10/1970 to 21/10/1970 (B/P)

Number of Days 9

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? no

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 9/1970

Medical / /19

Map Reference Map attached

Objects of Patrol 1. Familiarisation 2. Political Education

3. General Administration

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund \$.....

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

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FJM:MG

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24th August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

MARGARIMA PATROL NO.2 OF 1970/71.

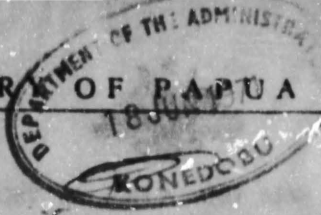
Your reference is 67-3-13 of 15th June, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol
Report by Mr. F. Wright.

T. W. Ellis
(T. W. ELLIS)
Secretary



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15th June, 1971

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU

MARGARIMA PATROL NO. 2 of 1970/71
PART WAGE AND MARGARIMA CENSUS DIVISIONS.

Please find enclosed the original and one copy of the above report submitted by Mr. N. Wright, A.D.C. The delay in forwarding is regretted.

Comments:

I am very surprised that Agriculture is not taking an interest in pyrethrum. The comments on Page 3 will be brought to the attention of the D.R.D.O. Mendi.

A clear well-written report from Mr. Wright.

D.J. Clancy

D.J. CLANCY
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. A.D.C. Nira
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Sub District Office,
NIPA
Southern Highlands District.

12th November, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI

MARGARIMA Patrol No.2/ 70-71

Sub District	:	Nipa
District	:	Southern Highlands
Type of Patrol	:	Situation
Patrol Conducted by	:	N.Wright, A/A.D.C., Nipa
Area patrolled	:	Wage Cersus Division Margarima Censur Division
Council Area	:	Margarima L.G.Council.
Personell Accompanying	:	Const. 1/c Demak Patrol Interpreter
Duration of Patrol	:	12.10.70 - 16.10.70 18.10.70 - 21.10.70 9 days.
Last patrol to area	:	September, 1970.
Map reference	:	Map attached
Objects of patrol	:	Familiarisation Political Education General Administration.

N. Wright,

A/Assistant District Commissioner

INTRODUCTION.

The basic purpose of the patrol was to familiarise myself with the Margarima area, its people and its problems. The patrol covered most villages in both the Margarima and Wage Census Divisions inaccessible by road. The patrol was carried out in two sections combined with a station inspection and attendance at a meeting of the Margarima Local Government Council, with the result that I have obtained quite a good overall picture of the Margarima administrative area. The only area of importance not seen during my visit was the new Margarima-Tari road, I hope to carry out an inspection of this road with the Officer-in-Charge, Margarima, Mr. Munn, during November.

The patrol was accompanied by Mr. Tegi Ebe'ial, Member of the House of Assembly for the Nipa Open electorate; Mr. Ebe'ial's help was invaluable in the field of political education. The Officer-in-Charge, Margarima, Mr. Munn, also accompanied the patrol during its latter stages.

SITUATION REPORT.POLITICAL.Political Education.

I had intended carrying out a political awareness survey of the villages visited in an attempt to gauge the depth of political understanding. This task was thwarted by the people's reaction; "why ask us, we don't know anything about these things". This I find hard to believe considering the amount of political education which has been done in this area, my impression is that this is a defense mechanism, their attitude being; "if we don't know about it, it can't happen", i.e. self government and independence. It is obviously our task to shake these people out of this complacent attitude and make them realise that self government and independence are inevitable. To this end political education in this area will have to be intensified and the people made to realise that such education is to their benefit.

All of the nine points were covered either by myself or by Mr. Ebe'ial, quite large audiences were in attendance at all villages visited.

From these talks the most common fear was that of localisation following independence. This was based on the usual premise of domination by the better educated coastal and island people. It was suggested at several villages that the coast be given independence prior to the highlands, who would receive independence at some later date. These people were told by Mr. Ebe'ial that there were some highlanders now who considered that they were ready for independence in the near future.

Continued political education both by patrols and through seminars should gradually overcome their fears, it will be, though, a long slow process. Every effort should be made to encourage mission co-operation in the field of political education, for too long they have held the attitude that it is purely the responsibility of the Administration.

Local Government.

The Council, whilst not large (covers a population of a little over 9,000) is quite vocal. Its meetings are well attended and all Councillors actively participate. Much of the active participation, both by Councillors and people, appears to finish at the vocal level. Many Councillors and most of the people are reluctant to give "their all" without fairly immediate remuneration,

they do not yet accept the principle of doing things because they are good for themselves and for the area.

There is also a lack of communication between the Council and the people, many of the Councillors look on the Council as some sort of club the secrets of which are theirs and theirs alone. Though attendance at meetings by non Councillors is encouraged in an effort to overcome the communications problem attendance is small, whether from lack of interest or discouragement by Councillors is not known.

These problems can and will be overcome in time by political education.

ECONOMIC.

Pyrethrum.

Quite a large number of gardens were seen during the patrol, very few of which were being kept clean. There is a general lack of interest in pyrethrum throughout the area patrolled mainly due to the very low cash return per man day input, this disinterest I feel is compounded by the lack of interest shown by local Department of Agriculture Stock and Fisheries staff.

There have been no D.A.S.F. patrols for nearly two years to most of the areas visited, nor any encouragement by D.A.S.F. to increase plantings. At present little else is being done except maintain the status quo, that is, buying what is being produced. le

The people's excuse for their own lack of interest is D.A.S.F.'s apparent lack of interest, which they see as supporting their own contention that the crop is not worth the trouble.

As this is one of the few crops suited to Margarima's high altitudes, a mean of 6,500' A.S.L., there is a definite need for Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries to formulate some sort of policy towards it, either discouragement or encouragement, and instruct their staff to pursue this policy.

In the villages visited there are approximately 616 gardens, the largest plantings being Tabala, 157 gardens; Songura, 91; Solapem, 73 and Panduaka, 51. The best area appears to be Tabala.

Cattle.

There are three stocked projects, Ombal, Herep and a Margarima Council project on Margarima Patrol Post, total stock amounts to 10. One other project is in the process of being established at Pingi. A couple of other projects are being held up due to land disputes.

Cattle are in their infancy in this area and are considered a status symbol rather than an economic enterprise. This situation will exist until a return is received from the sale of stock or meat.

The area possesses great potential for many more cattle projects, one area in particular to the north of Margarima, in the Upper Wage Valley near Panduaka, would appear to lend itself admirably to such development. Upwards of 3,000 acres of lightly inhabited land exists in this area.

Sheep.

Experiments are at present being carried out at Kagua with crossbred high altitude Javanese long haired sheep, I believe that some of these are destined for the Margarima area if they are found to be a success.

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Roads and Bridges.

(a) Tundaka-Panduska-Tauwanda.

Some of this road between Tauwanda and Panduaka has already been built, work is now underway on the Tundaka-Liu Liu section, some of which has already been surveyed by the Officer-in-Charge, Margarima.

This road will provide access to the Upper Wage Valley which has good potential for cattle development.

(b) Mabera-Songura-Sebiba.

The section between Mabera and the Wage River has been completed, several sections between Songura and Sebiba have also been completed.

Some difficulty has been experienced in preparing bridge abutments, on the Wage River; heavy rain over the last couple of months has raised the level of the river and carried away much of the stonework. Further attempts will be made in the near future to construct permanent abutments so that a bridge works can commence.

This road will provide access to the proposed Capuchin Mission primary school at Songura. It will also provide access to a large section of the Wage Census Division at present only accessible by foot.

SOCIAL.

Health.

The area is well endowed with aid posts, there being staffed posts at Liu Liu, Ugu, Mabera, Tingo and Panduaka (United Church). The Apostolic Christian Mission with assistance from the Margarima Council is constructing a semi-permanent aid post at Sebiba.

These aid posts provide a good coverage for both census divisions, very few people would be more than 1½ hours walk from medical facilities.

From enquiries and observations there is no evidence of influenza, though the ubiquitous common cold abounds. General health throughout appears to be good.

Law and Order.

Several minor courts were heard during the patrol, apart from a preoccupation with "moka" courts - which are time consuming and at times the cause of minor clashes between the groups involved - the general situation throughout appears quite stable.

MISSIONS:

Three Missions have staff in the area, two, the Capuchin Friars Minor Mission and the United Church are well established the third, the Sevenday Adventists, have several small village churches only.

Both the Capuchins and United Church have mission stations adjacent to Margarima Patrol Post, the United Church also has a station at Panduaka which includes medical facilities and a primary school.

Relations between the Missions and the people appear to be quite amicable.

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CONCLUSION.

This patrol, though short, achieved its aim; to familiarise the writer with the area, its people and its problems.

I hope to carry out another similar patrol within the next six months so as to keep myself abreast of developments in this area.

1. The area is a typical one of the...
 2. The people are...
 3. The problems are...
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MARGARIMA Patrol No. 2/70-71

Diary:

12th October, 1970.

- 0930 Departed Margarima by Land Rover.
1120 Arrived at TUNDAKA road head.
Recruited carriers.
1140 Departed for TUNDAKA.
1240 Arrived TUNDAKA
Political education talks, discussions on roads
economic development and local problems.
Slept TUNDAKA

13th October

- 0755 Departed TUNDAKA
0930 Arrived LIULIU
Political education talks, discussions on roads,
economic development and local problems.
Inspected aidpost.
1155 Departed LIULIU
1315 Arrived PANDUAKA
No talks because of heavy rain.
Five local court cases heard.
Spoke with Head Teacher, Panduaka Primery School.
Slept PANDUAKA

14th October

- 0500 Earth tremor lasting 30 secs
Political education talks, discussions on roads,
economic development and local problems with PANDUAKA
and TAUWANDA people. Inspected primary school.
1130 Departed PANDUAKA
1245 Arrived ARIAKA
Political education talks, discussions on roads,
economic development and local problems.
Several local court cases heard.
Slept ARIAKA

15th October

- 0750 Departed ARIAKA
1050 Arrived UGU
Political education talks, discussions on roads,
economic development and local problems.
Slept UGU

16th October

- 0830 Departed UGU
0915 Arrived TABALA
No people in attendance so continued onto Margarima
1030 Arrived MARGARIMA
Attended meeting of Margarima L.G. Council with S.L.G.O,
Mr. Duffy and A/D.D.C., Mr. Mulcahy.

18th October

1500 Departed Margarina by car
1530 Arrived MABERA
Slept MABERA

19th October

0830 Departed MABERA
Inspected MABERA - SOLAPEM road and WAGE River bridge site
1030 Arrived SONGURA
Political education talks, discussions on economic development, roads and local problems with SONGURA and SOLAPEM groups.
1230 Departed SONGURA
1330 Arrived OMBAL
No work due heavy rain.
Slept OMBAL

20th October

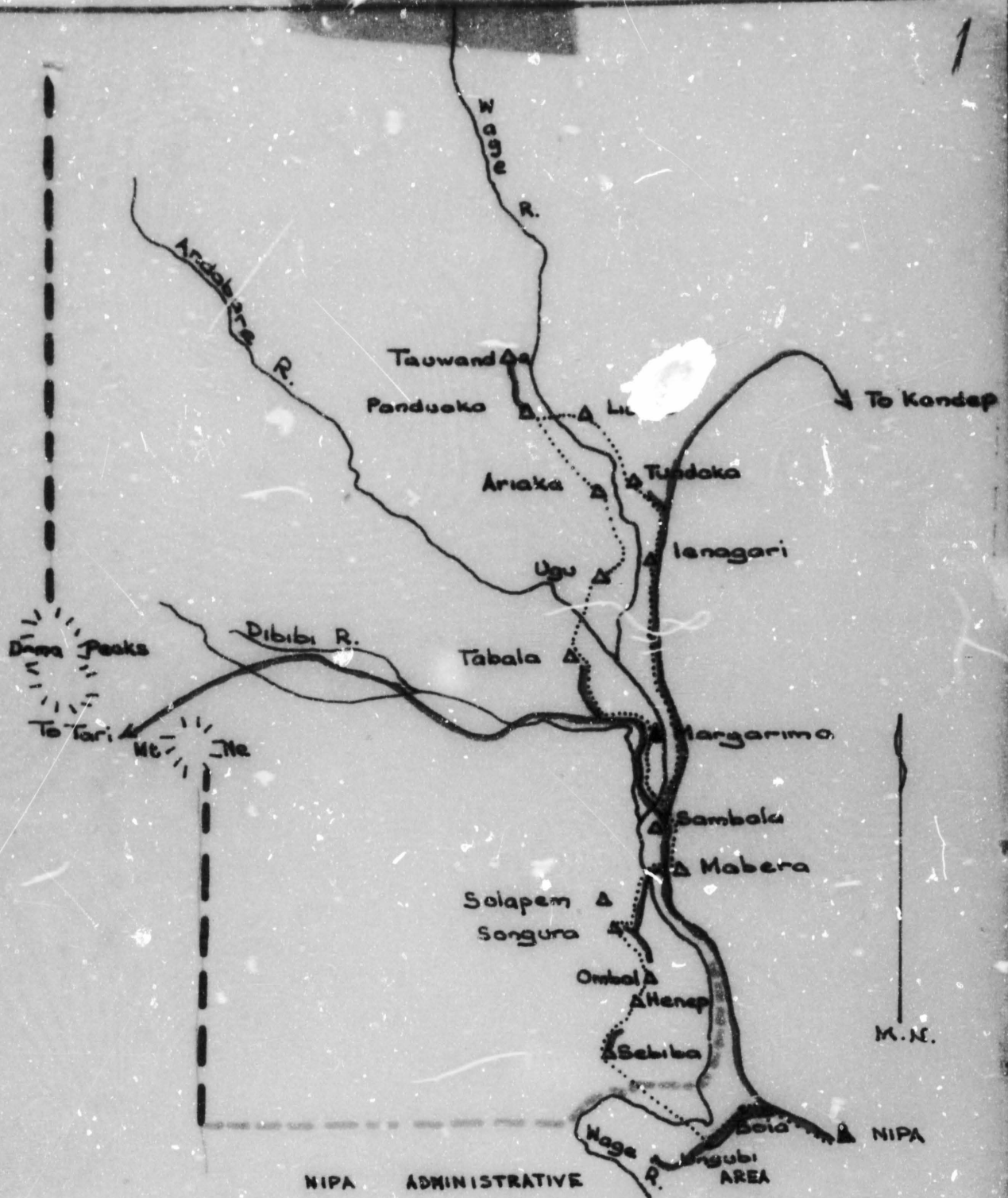
Political education talks, discussions on roads, economic development and local problems with OMBAL and HENEP groups.
1030 Departed OMBAL
1145 Arrived SEBIBA, inspected A.C.M. aidpost enroute.
Talks given
Slept SEBIBA

21st October

0800 Departed SEBIBA
1230 Arrived NIPA via BOIA

Patrol Stood Down

TARI SUB DISTRICT



MARGARIMA Patrol No.2/ 70-71
 Conducted by N.Wright, A/AID.C.
 Scale: Fourmile
 Patrol Route:
 Roads: ~~~~~
 Rest Houses: ▲



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of... SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 2.3 of 1970/71

Patrol Conducted by... B. Munn Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Wage Census Division and part Margarima Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Mr. Wright. A/ADC Nipa. (part

Natives 2 Police 1 Interpreter

Duration—From 18/10/1970 to 3/12/1970.

Number of Days..... 12

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Sept....../1970..

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

Map Reference..... Map attached

Objects of Patrol..... General Administration, Road Maintenance and survey.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund \$.....

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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The Secretary,
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REPORT OF MARGARIPA PATROL NO. 3 OF 1970/71

Please find enclosed two copies of the report on the above patrol submitted by Mr. B.L. Munn, P.O.

Mr. Munn's comments on his lack of success with large group discussions are valid and officers should adapt their approach to suit the group they are dealing with. As the district programme for Political Education has been in operation nearly twelve months (at the time of the patrol) I am a little surprised that Mr. Munn had not experienced difficulty prior to this. Mr. Munn has attended two seminars and his expertise in keeping his audience interested should have improved.

In relation to the Mabera - Sebibi road it is hoped that the lack of a school will not cause disinterest in the project.

D.J. Clancy
D.J. CLANCY
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. A.D.C. Nipa
c.c. Mr. B.L. Munn

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Division of District
Administration,
Sub-District Office,
NIPA,
Southern Highlands District.
24th December, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
MENDI.

Margarima Patrol No. 3/70-71.
Mr. B. Munn, Patrol Officer.

Attached please find three (3) copies of the above report.


My comments are:

Mr. Munn's comments on the merits of large group versus small group discussion are quite valid. The active discussion during the Margarima Seminar is to some extent indicative of the greater willingness of people to participate when the groups involved are small.

The only disadvantage in using small groups, is that of necessity the spread of information is slower. It can be agreed though that by using small groups a greater retention of knowledge results.

The Maberu-Sebba road is being constructed in the first instance to provide access to a proposed Canuchin Mission primary school at Solapem. This school was to open in 1971, unfortunately the District Inspector has advised that the Mission cannot go ahead due to lack of staff.

A short but useful patrol concisely reported.


N. P. Singh,
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Officer-in-Charge,
Margarima.

Mr. B.L. Munn,
Patrol Officer,
Margarima.



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8th December, 1970

Assistant District Commissioner,
Nipa Sub-district,
Southern Highlands District.

Margarima Patrol No. 3 of 1970/71

Sub-district	: Nipa
District	: Southern Highlands
Type of Patrol	: Situation.
Patrol Conducted by	: B.Munn. P.O.
Area Patrolled	: Wage Census Division and Part Margarima Census Division.
Council Area	: Margarima L.G. Council.
Personell Accompanying.	: Const. 1/C Demak. (part) Const. Andrew (part) Patrol Interpreter.
Duration of Patrol	: 18 - 10 - 70 to 21 - 10 - 70 26 - 10 - 70 to 29 - 10 - 70 30 - 11 - 70 to 3 - 12 - 70 12 days.
Last Patrol to Area	: September 1970
Map reference	: Map attached.
Objects of Patrol	: General Administration. Road Maintenance and Survey.

B.Munn.

Patrol Officer.

INTRODUCTION.Introduction.

1. This patrol had several purposes. Though it was broken several times in order that matters at Margarima be attended, these tasks were completed.
2. The first section of the patrol, spent with Mr. Wright. ADC Nipa and Mr. Ebe'ial Member of the House of Assembly, for general administration purposes. To allow both Mr. Wright. and Mr. Ebe'ial to become familiar with both the Wage Census Division and the views of the people.
3. The second section, though only short, was used to undertake some necessary maintenance of roads and bridges in the Mabera - Woia section of the Margarima - Nipa road.
4. The third part of the patrol was used to survey a new road route from the Wage River to Sengura.
5. At all villages, disputes and local courts were heard and Political Education discussions were held.

Situation Report.POLITICAL.Political Education.

6. On the 16th and 17th November, 1970 a Political Education Seminar was held at Margarima. Though the attendance was small the participation in discussion by the local people was most active.
7. During the patrol, discussions were held at all villages visited. Participation here was less encouraging.
8. During public discussions the people who do speak, stick closely to the one argument.
 - (a) They don't know what this (Political education topics) is all about.
 - (b) Their children may be ready in a few years time to listen to talk of this nature.
 - (c) They don't want the Europeans to leave.
9. These are sentiments which are endorsed by the crowd as being the group opinion.
10. In discussion with a smaller group drawn from the same people, the views expressed are more open. Questions are asked, more advanced opinions concerning self government etc. are expressed and the people appear to be more ready to accept the views under discussion.

11. It seems therefore that at the moment large crowds inhibit those people who may wish to ask questions or express 'radical' views. Those statements made are the ones decided by the majority.

12. For this reason I have attempted to encourage the smaller groups rather than crowd discussion. If the smaller groups are reached by the more relaxed form of discussion than they will begin to spread opinions which will eventually be brought forward in large group discussion.

ECONOMIC.

Pyrethrum.

13. This crop has been established for about three years in the Wage Census Division, however the lack of an active planting programme, the lack of education about the crop and the low price for the flower have all contributed to the general dissatisfaction with pyrethrum. A new system of fertilization of the flower will soon be introduced to the Margarima area but it is not yet known whether this will affect the Wage Census Division. The terrain and soil may be against the success of this new system as it has been against the flower planted to date.

Cattle.

14. There are two cattle projects in the Wage. One at Ombal and one at Henep. The two projects have a total of seven cattle. The terrain would appear to restrict the size of projects in this ~~this~~ area but areas of between 5 and 7 acres can be obtained.

Roads and Bridges.

15. Work is at present being carried out on a road to link Mabera - Songura - Ombal - Henep - Sebiba. Several sections of this road have been completed and work is now being carried out on a new route from the Wage River to Songura. This section was marked during the patrol.

16. The bridge site at the Wage may cause some difficulty as it lies across a narrow section of the river. At times of flood the river has great force at this point. Preliminary stone - work has once been swept away but the placing of posts and large boulders should ensure the permanence of the abutments.

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SOCIAL.

II. Health.

17. The Wage Census Division is well served by Aid Posts at Mabera and Sebiba. At Sebiba the Apostolic Christian Mission has assisted the Council in the construction of a semi-permanent Aid-Post. This means that no-one in the Wage Census Division is more than 2½ hours walk from medical facilities.

Law and Order.

18. During the patrol only four disputes were heard which resulted in local court hearings. Though this area is has no road link with Margarima and is therefore relatively isolated, it appears that most cases are brought forward for hearing.

Conclusion.

19. The patrol fulfilled its tasks and, though disrupted several times, carried out useful work.

B. Munn

B. Munn.
Patrol Officer.

Patrol Diary.

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18th October 1970.

Departed Margarima 1430 hrs and drove to Maberá.
Slept Maberá.

19th October. 1970.

Departed Maberá 0830 hrs. Self and Mr. Wright ADC Nipa and Mr. Ebe'ial. Member of the House of Assembly.
Inspected road to Solapom and bridge site on Wage river.
Continued on to Songura. Mr. Wright and Mr. Ebe'ial spoke to people re. House of Assembly.
Departed 1300 hrs and walked to Ombal in rain arriving 1400 hrs.
Rain prevented talks in afternoon.
Slept Ombal.

20th October. 1970.

Talks with Ombal and Henep people at Ombal.
Departed Ombal 1030 hrs. Inspected cattle project Henep.
Arrived Sebiba 1145 hrs. Mr. Ebe'ial spoke with people but heavy rain prevented further talks.
Some local courts heard in afternoon.
Slept Sebiba.

21st October. 1970.

Departed Sebiba 0830 hrs. and walked to Nipa arriving 1230 hrs.

22nd and 23rd spent at Political Education Seminar Nipa.
Returned to Margarima.

26th October 1970.

Departed Margarima 1000 hrs. and drove to Maberá.
Day spent on courts and discussions with village people re. Political Education.
Slept Maberá.

27th October. 1970.

Day spent repairing bridge on Woia section of road.
Slept Maberá.

28th October. 1970.

Drove to Nipa to attend Sub-district staff conference.
Returned Maberá in afternoon.
Slept Maberá.

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29th October 1970.

Patrol returned Margarima to assist Mr. Riley P.W.D. with Preparations for construction of two bailey bridges.

30th October to 29th November 1970.

Spent Margarima. Political Education Seminar. Station inspection by District Commissioner and inspection of road from Margarima to Tari.

30th November. 1970.

Departed station 1500 hrs. and drove to Mabera.
Discussion with villagers.
Slept Mabera.

1st December. 1970.

Patrol moved to Songura. Four hours spent inspecting bridge site Wage river and marking new road from river to Songura.
Local courts and Political Education discussions in afternoon and night.
Slept Songura.

2nd December. 1970.

Departed Songura 0915 hrs. and arrived Kabenda 1115 hrs.
Local Courts and discussions on Political Education during afternoon and night.
Slept Kabenda.

3rd December. 1970.

Departed Kabenda 0845 hrs. and arrived Margarima 1145 hrs.
Patrol stood down.

END OF DIARY.

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Margarima

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Ombel

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Scale : Four miles

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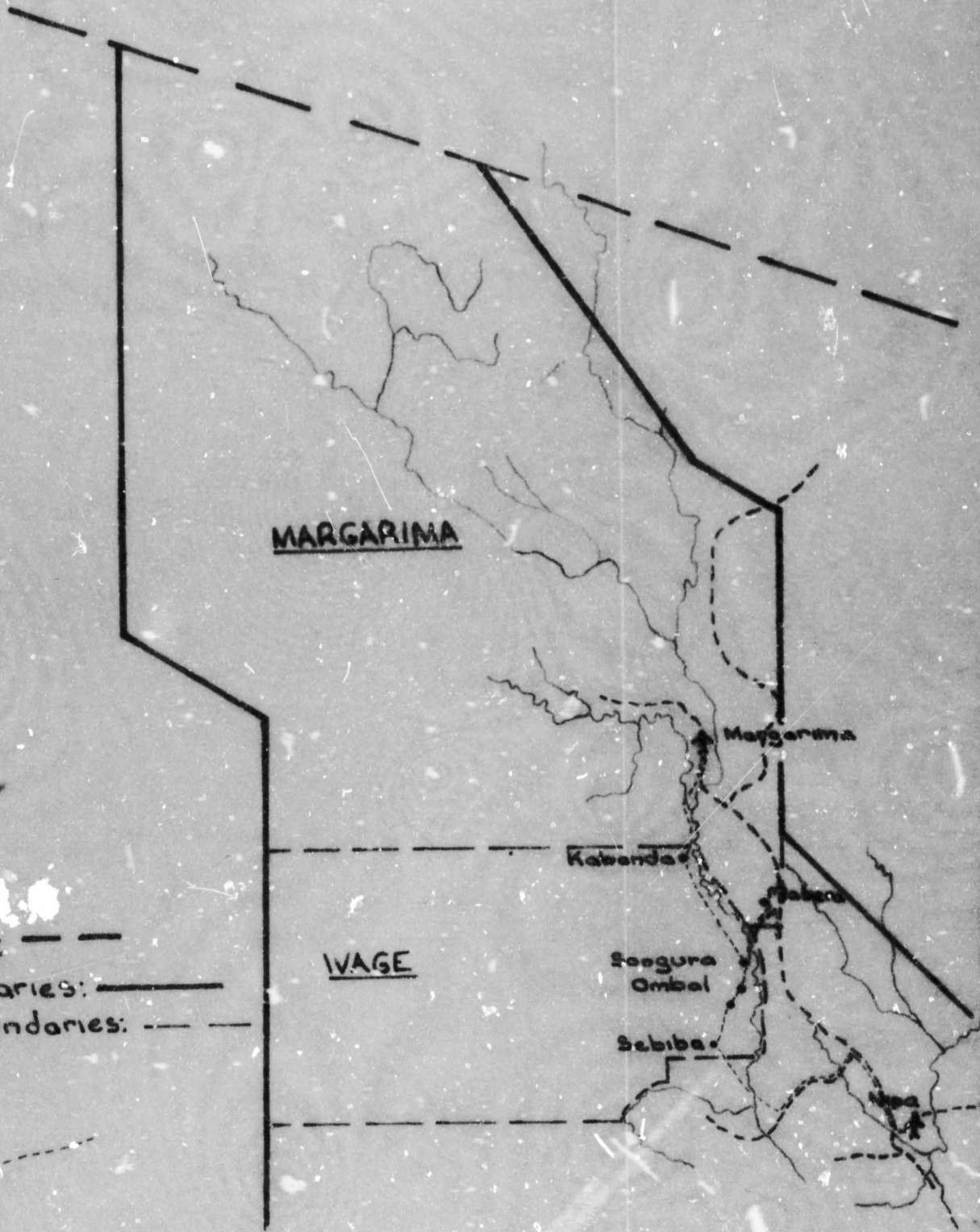
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....Southern Highlands..... Report No.....4 of 1970/71.....

Patrol Conducted by.....B.Munn..... Patrol Officer.....

Area Patrolled.....Part Margarima Census Division.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....nil.....

Native.....1 RPNGC..... 1 Patrol Interpreter

Duration—From.....17./12./19.70.....to.....22./12./19.70.....

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

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services.....Sept...../19.70.....

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

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

Objects of Patrol Inspection Tundaka - Tauanda road: Apprehend Local

Court fine defaulters: General Administration.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund \$.....

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MONROVIA.

67-15-21.

24th August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MONROVIA.

MARG RING PATROL NO. 4 OF 1970/1971.

Your reference is 67-4-11 of 7th June, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report
by Mr. B. Mann.

T. W. E.
(T. W. ELLIS)
SECRETARY.

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7th June, 1971

The Secretary,
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REPORT: MARGARINA PATROL NO. 4 of 1970/71

Please find attached 2 copies of the Report on the above patrol submitted by Mr. B.L. Munn, P.O.

My specific comments are:

Law and Order.

Every effort should be made to apprehend defaulters. If defaulters are allowed to stay one jump ahead of the patrol then defaulters will obviously become more prevalent and eventually the accepted practice.

Political Education

Mr. Munn has stated that there is an acceptance of self-government provided there are Europeans who will remain in the Territory. This is a very heartening change in attitudes. Mr. Munn should have tried to ascertain the reason, if any, for this change and included it in his report.

It could well be that through political education the people have absorbed the information given them and this may account for the change in attitudes.

Mr. Munn's patrol would have been more effective had he had more success with his arrests of defaulters and his report of more value had he been able to give some reasons for the change in attitudes he found during his political education.

B. J. CLANCY
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

c.c. A.D.C. Nipa
c.c. Mr. B.L. Munn

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29th December, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

Margarima Patrol No.4/70-71,
Mr. B.L. Mann, Patrol Officer.

Attached please find three (3) copies of the above report, plus
map.

My comments are:

Law and Order.

The problem of people absconding from the Margarima area to adjacent administrative areas to avoid court action, etc., has been a problem for some time. There is a need to establish close liaison with the Officers-in-Charge of the various areas to ensure that these people do not go unpunished.

Political Education.

The information contained in paragraphs 12 and 13 is most interesting as it represents a complete about face on the part of the Margarima's - that is if this is a widely held opinion. If the Margarima's are now going to accept the inevitability of independence it is to be hoped that they make an effort to prepare themselves for it; by listening to and learning from political education talks. The point that it is not enough only to accept independence but that it is also necessary for them to absorb the information given to them in political education talks for their own future good should be impressed upon them by forthcoming patrols.

Conclusion.

The report though short, covers adequately a useful patrol, Mr. Mann is to be commended on the prompt submission of same.

N. Wright,
Assistant District Commissioner.



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24th December, 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Nipa Sub-district,
Southern Highlands District.

Margarima Patrol No. 4 of 1970/71.

Sub-district	:	Nipa
District	:	Southern Highlands
Type of Patrol	:	Special
Patrol conducted by	:	B.Munn.
Area Patrolled	:	Part Margarima Census Division.
Council Area	:	Margarima L.G. Council.
Personell Accompanying	:	Const. 1/C Poporo Patrol Interpreter.
Duration of Patrol	:	17th December to 22nd December 1970. 6 days.
Last Patrol to Area	:	September 1970.
Map Reference	:	Patrol Map attached.
Objects of Patrol	:	Inspection Tundaka - Tauanda road. Apprehend Local Court Fine defaulters. General Administration.

B. Munn

B.Munn.
Patrol Officer.

Introduction:

1. The main purpose of the patrol was to inspect the work done so far on the road from the Margarima - Kandep road near Tundaka to Tauanda in the Upper Wage valley. The patrol also hoped to apprehend several people who have failed to pay local court fines.

Tundaka - Tauanda Road.

2. As I am to go on temporary transfer to Mendi in mid-January, I wished to see the Tundaka - Tauanda road to inspect the work thus far done and, if necessary, to mark the next section of the road.

3. About half a mile of the road has been cleared of all timber and grass however as the route was surveyed at the end of August, it is obvious that very little effort has been put into the work.

4. Though the Councillors and people were spoken to about the need for the road, a need which they have felt for some time, it is probable that a patrol will be required next year to ensure that progress is made.

Law and Order.

5. A number of people who were fined in the local court in October have not yet paid their fines. Though they have been advised that the fines are due, they have thus far refused to pay, or to come to Margarima station.

6. At each village visited by the patrol, enquiries concerning these people were made. One man was arrested for having failed to pay a fine. The remaining men had, on hearing of the patrol approach, gone to Kandep, Tari and Porgera to escape.

7. Arrangements will be made prior to the Census Patrol in March or April of next year, to follow these people if necessary and apprehend them. The Officers in Charge of Kandep, Tari and Porgera will also be asked to assist in this matter.

Situation Report:POLITICAL.Political Education.

8. At all rest houses the people were spoken to about the Local Government Council. The House of Assembly and Self-Government were also dealt with briefly.

9. The main discussion concerned the need for people other than the Councillors, to attend Council meetings and to gain an understanding of the work of the Council. It will not be known until the next meeting whether or not anyone was convinced of that need.

10. A pleasing amount of discussion, as opposed to talking to a silent gathering, was experienced at all rest houses. This was achieved mainly by questioning as many people as possible until a number of people had expressed opinions.

11. In my last patrol report I said that I have found a better response from smaller groups than from large groups. Perhaps it is because the groups visited are only small and only a part of the population attended the discussions, that the response was so good.

12. For the first time at such discussions in the Margarima area I was told that Self-Government did not worry the people and that if necessary they are ready for it. A condition being that the Europeans continue working as before.

13. This opinion was expressed by an old man at Ariaka village. He was not abused by anyone for his statement and I can only assume that his is an opinion which, if not actually supported or expounded by many, is still acceptable to the majority. I expect to find that as discussion becomes more free, this opinion will be found to be wide-spread in other groups.

14. I do not believe that the opinion is based on an understanding of what Self-Government entails, but it may be prompted by the belief that, regardless of what Self-Government and Independence may mean, if the Europeans remain then all will be well.

15. Never-the-less it is an interesting development and indicates a possible readiness on the behalf of the people to accept their changing situation.

ECONOMIC.Agriculture.Pyrethrum.

16. Pyrethrum in the area visited is a practically non-existent crop. The crop was planted in 1968 by Agriculture staff from Kandep, and since then no-one from Agriculture has visited the area.

17. Those people who are still interested can carry their flowers for up to seven hours to the Margarima - Kandep road to meet the Agriculture vehicle. Most however have lost interest, and most of the gardens seen are overgrown and neglected.

Land.

18. There is possibly as much as 5,000 acres of land available for agricultural purposes in the Upper Wage Valley. This land is grass covered, gently undulating and with good black soil. There is a great deal of drainage from the western side of the valley.

19. The completion of the Tundaka - Tauarda road and the possible road link to the Kandep area will make the area accessible to development.

SOCIAL.

20. The social situation has not changed since my last patrol. There are two aid posts which give adequate service to the people of the area. One at Liu-liu and one at Panduaka.

21. There is a school at Panduaka run by the United Church mission. Relations between the various groups and between the people and the mission appear to be good.

Conclusion.

A short patrol which accomplished its tasks.

B. Munn.

B. Munn.

Patrol Officer.

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Patrol Diary.

17th December, 1970.

Departed station 1130 hrs. by car.
Walked from Ienagari to Tundaka arriving 1900 hrs.
Margarima - Kandep and Tundaka road inspected en route.
Slept Tundaka.

18th December, 1970.

Political Education discussions held with local people.
One local court heard.
Walked to Liu-liu in two and a half hours.
Heavy rain prevented talks.
Slept Liu-liu.

19th December, 1970.

Political Education discussion held in morning.
Arrived Panduaka 1330 hrs.
Political Education discussions and one local court.
Slept Panduaka.

20th December, 1970.

Walked to Ariaka arriving 1300 hrs.
Political Education discussion.
Slept Ariaka.

21st December, 1970.

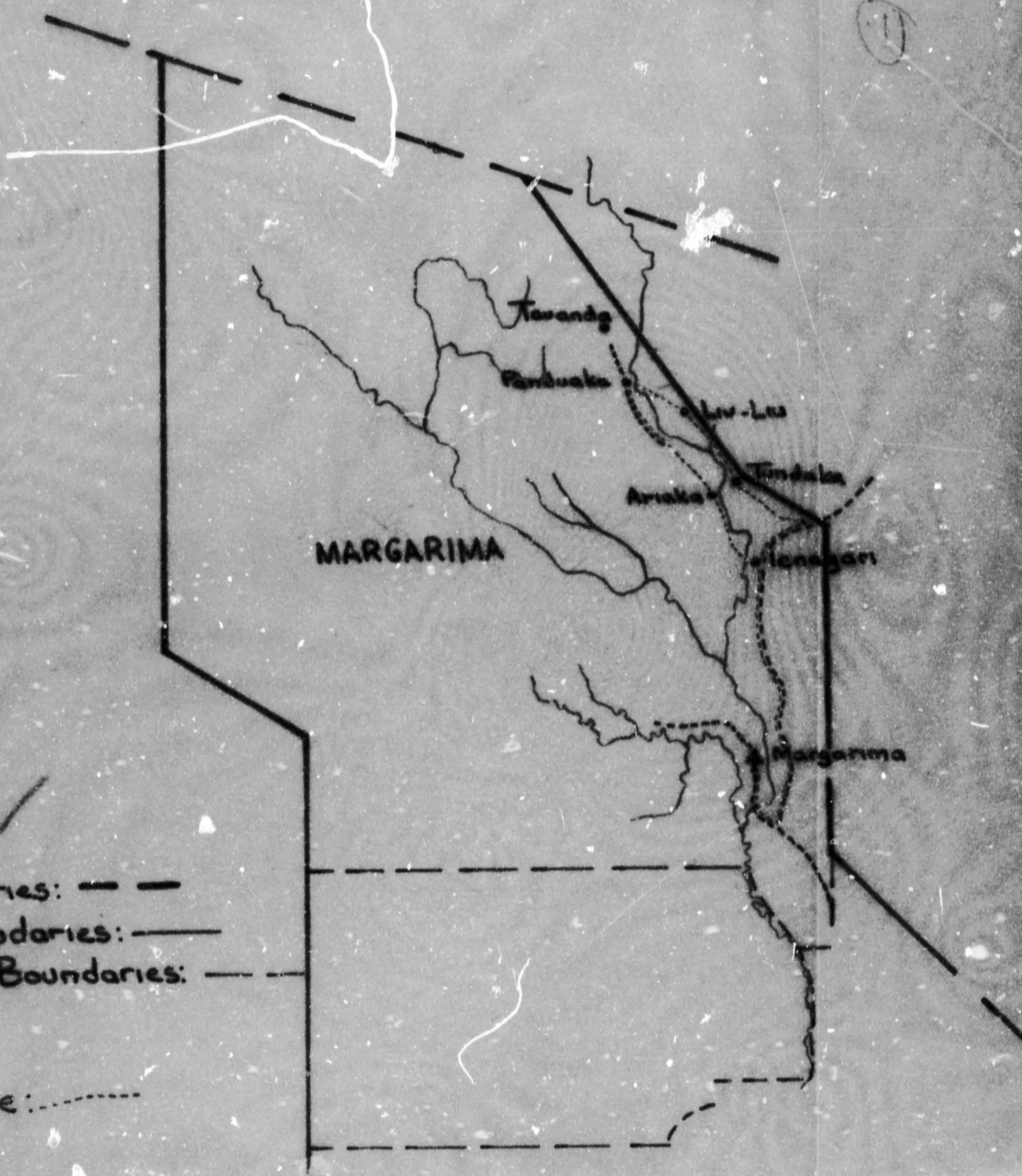
Day spent at Ariaka.
Discussions with locals and some disputes heard.
Slept Ariaka.

22nd December, 1970.

Departed Ariaka 0815 and walked to Ienagari 1320 hrs.
Travelled by car to Margarima.
Patrol stood down.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. MARGARIMA NO. 5 OF 1970/71

Patrol Conducted by A.G. SMEDLEY ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled PART MARGARIMA CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NONE.

Natives 3 R.P.&N.G.C. 2 INTERPRETERS.

Duration—From 17./1./1971 to 19./2./1971

Number of Days 24

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO.

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

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

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF PART OF
MARGARIMA TARI ROAD.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$.....
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2nd September, 1971

The Secretary,
 Department of the Administrator,
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MARGARIMA PATROL NO. 5 of 1970/71

1. Please find enclosed the original and one copy of the above report submitted by Mr. A.G. Smedley, APO, together with covering memoranda 67-3-3 dated 9th June, 1971 and 11th August, 1971 from the ADG Nipa and 67-2-3 dated 1st June, 1971 from the OIG Margarima.
2. On the 16th June, 1971 I returned the report to the ADG Nipa for Mr. Smedley to resubmit and explain all queries raised by the ADG and the OIG.
3. Because of the long delay in submission - extended further by the need to resubmit - I feel there is little purpose in making any comment.

B.J. Clancy
 B.J. CLANCY
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

- c.c. ADG Nipa
- c.c. OIG Margarima
- c.c. Mr. A.G. Smedley, APO, Nipa.

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The District Commissioner,
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Margarina Patrol Report No. 5/71-71
Mr. A.G. Smedley, A.P.O.

Attached please find three copies of the above patrol report with comments from the Officer-in-Charge, Margarina.

There is little I can add to the Officer-in-Charge, Margarina's comments except to say that I fail to understand why a report of this length should take over three months to prepare. Mr. Smedley has previously been advised of the need to submit patrol reports promptly, and in this period this report has lost any value it may have originally had.

Mr. Smedley is at present on patrol I will try to obtain his patrol instructions for this patrol when he returns.


Assistant District Commissioner

c.c. Officer-in-Charge,
MARGARINA

c.c. Mr. A.G. Smedley,
Assistant Patrol Officer,
NIFA

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Sub District Office,
NIPA
Southern Highlands District.

11th August, 1971.

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
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Margarina Patrol Report No. 5/ 1970 - 71

Mr. A. G. Snedley, A.P.O.

Your 67-3-13 of the 16th June, 1971 refers.

Returned herewith please find the following:

- (a) Three copies of the above report as requested.
- (b) Three copies of the O.I.C., Margarina's 67-2-3 of the 1st of June, 1971.
- (c) A memo from Mr. Snedley detailing reasons for the late submission of the above report.

Because of the time factor I have not returned the report to the O.I.C., Margarina for further comment.

Mr. Snedley has included an adequate situation report which requires no comment. The reasons given for late submission are not valid as Mr. Snedley was told to complete the report whilst on patrol, as the patrol was a stationary one this should have posed no problems.


F. Wright,
Assistant District Commissioner

c.c. Mr. Snedley, NIPA

c.c. O.I.C. MARGARINA

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Division of District Admin.
Margarima Patrol Post,
Southern Highlands District.
1st June, 1971.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Mipa Sub-district,
Southern Highlands District.

Margarima Patrol Report No.5 of 1970/71.

Returned herewith please find Mr.Smedleys report and my comments.

Though there is no date on the report to show when it was typed, Mr.Smedley told me on the 18th February that the report had been written and needed only to be typed. Assuming that to have been true it has taken Mr.Smedley two and a half months to type the report.

The report does not contain the Situation Report section required by the Secretaries circular 67-1-0 of the 21st June, 1969. This is unfortunate as Mr.Smedley should have been able to offer some information on the Social, Economic and Political situation in the area.

Mr.Smedley mentions in the Patrol Diary that he held political education discussions with labourers on several occasions. These discussions should have been mentioned in the report and an evaluation made of their success.

Patrol instructions were handed to Mr.Smedley prior to the patrol. I imagine that he still has these and will be able to add them to the report prior to its being forwarded from Mipa.

No camping allowance claim was included with the report.

The work carried out during the patrol was most satisfactory. The eight mile section of the Tari road repaired by the various village groups has remained in fairly good condition since the patrol.

The section passed Fenga has improved as it has drained. The surface is now quite solid and the section stoned during the patrol has been extended by village labour.

The number of 150 men who worked with the patrol has been maintained since then. They are still hampered by the lack of shovels but enquiries are now being made of Madang to discover where the shovels may be.

In short, the patrol accomplished all that could be expected of it, considering the conditions in which the work was carried out.

B. Huan.
Officer in Charge.



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MARGARINA PATROL NO.5 OF 1970/71.

Enclosed herewith please find the original and three copies of the above report.

The reason for the late submission is as follows; Upon my return from this patrol I took over as Adviser to the Nipa Local Government Council, consequently the majority of my time until mid-March was spent with council duties.

This report was subsequently completed and typed by 14th April.

As there was no tracing paper at this office the report then waited until 10th May when tracing paper was procured and the map drawn. The report was forwarded to Margarina for comments on 11th May 1970.

Yours faithfully,

Arthur G. Smedley
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MARGARINA PATROL NO. 5 OF 1970/71.

Sub-District: Nipa.

District: Southern Highlands.

Type of Patrol: Special.

Patrol Conducted By: A. G. Snedley.

Designation: Assistant Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: Part Margarina Census Division.

Council Area: Margarina Local Government Council.

Personnel Accompanying: Rogera, Interpreter.
Mendoro, Interpreter.
Constable 1/c Poporo.
Constable 1/c Wainge.
Constable Andrew.

Duration of Patrol: 17.1.1971 to 19.2.1971 (broken period)

Number of Days: 24 Days.

Last Patrol to Area: Margarina Patrol No. 8 of 1969/70.

Duration: 49 Days.

Map

Map Reference: Patrol Map Attached.

Arthur G. Snedley
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16th January 1971.

Mr. A. G. Smedley, A.P.O.
Margarina Patrol Post,
Nipa Sub-District,
Southern Highlands District.

Margarina Patrol No. 5 of 1970/71.

Margarina - Tari Road.

1. Please prepare to depart on patrol to the Margarina - Tari road on the 17th January 1971. You will be accompanied by Interpreters Mogera and Mondorr. I refer you to, the District Commissioner's letter concerning Mondorr.
2. Const. 1/C Wainge and Const. Andrew will accompany you until the 12th February when they will both return to the station and Const. 1/C Poporo will join you. You will also have the use of a Council tractor for the duration of the patrol. Please ensure that you take a sufficient supply of diesel with you as the tractor will not be returning to Margarina until the patrol finishes.
3. It is hoped that the stone crusher now at Margarina will be assembled next week. You can set the crusher up at any point along the road where stone is available - the proximity of the river to the road will facilitate the supply at several places - and use the stone as either surfacing or fill.
4. As discussed during our visit to the road, you will work from Tingo, repairing the bridges as required and if the work proceeds at a good rate, move to the road camp when necessary.
5. The work to be done has been discussed already but I will list the main tasks for your reference.
 - (a) Carry out earthworks as directed in the 'Investigation of Sub-grade drainage' report by Mr. K. Wallace of the Technological Institute, Lae.
 - (b) Repair bridges along the road. These will have to support both the tractor and the stone crusher during your patrol.
 - (c) Discover and develop as many red earth and stone deposits as possible. Those which cannot be used during the patrol should be listed and their location described in your patrol report.
 - (d) Make as much use of cordoruy as is possible. Without cordoruy it is probable that even the sections of red soil will break up under traffic.

(a) The people from Margarima to Tingo will all be given Road Maintenance Instructions which will require them to make sections of the road passable within 30 days of the issuing of the instruction. You should occasionally inspect the work being done by these groups to ensure that they are not wasting their time.

6. Because of the present food shortage in the Margarima area it will be necessary for the Council to arrange the purchase of rice. I will do this in Mendi. The Council tractor at Margarima will also buy as much fresh food as is available and carry it to the road camp. Please ensure that this food is rationed fairly to all labourers as conditions will not be easy for them and an inadequate supply of food will aggravate their discomfort.

7. Though chances^s will be limited by the nature of the patrol use every opportunity to discuss political education with the labourers on the road.

8. Mr. H. Wright, A.D.C. Nipa has already spoken to you about your outstanding patrol report. You should have ample time to complete that report and even draft out the report for this patrol before your return.

8. Should you require advice or assistance with any aspect of the work, send a note to the station and word will be passed to Nipa.

I wish you well with the patrol and trust that you will find it an interesting and satisfying task.

B. Munn

B. Munn.

RAI A.C.S.

Officer in Charge.

MARGARIMA PATROL NO. 5 OF 1970/71

PATROL DIARY

Sunday, 17th January.

Departed Margarima 1600 by Toyota. Arrived Tingo 1800. Set up camp.
SLEPT TINGO

Monday, 18th January

0730 recruiting labourers and roll call.
Supervision of road work.
1130 to 1400 heavy rain.
1430 to 1545 Police investigation of alleged rape, minor complaints.
Inspecting road work until 1630. SLEPT TINGO

Tuesday, 19th January.

0630 roll call and supervision of road work until 0930.
0930 to Margarima.

Monday, 25th January.

1000 Departed Margarima for Tingo - inspection of road enroute.
1100 Arrived Tingo - inspection of progress on road and further supervision. SLEPT TINGO

Tuesday 26th January.

0630 Roll call assigning and supervision of work until 1300.
Heavy rain 1300 to 1645. Political education talks with labourers.
Minor disputes mediated. SLEPT TINGO

Wednesday, 27th January.

0630 to 1400 Roll call and supervision of road work.
1400 to 1730 heavy rain. Political education talks with labourers.
SLEPT TINGO

Thursday, 28th January.

0630 to 1230 Roll call and supervision of road work.
1230 to 1800 Heavy rain - Minor disputes mediated. SLEPT TINGO

Friday, 29th January.

0630 to 1200 Roll call and supervision of road work.
1200 to 1430 Inspected road with P.O. J.R. Bullock who had arrived from Nipa.
1500 to 1900 Heavy rain. SLEPT TINGO

Tuesday, 2nd February.

Margarima to Tingo inspection of progress of road construction enroute.
Supervision of road work. SLEPT TINGO

Wednesday, 3rd February.

0630 - 1345 Roll call and supervision of road work.
1345 - 1715 Heavy rain. Heard disputes. SLEPT TINGO

Thursday, 4th February.

0630 - 0930 Roll call and supervision of road work.
0930 to Margarima with courts. SLEPT TINGO

Friday, 5th February.

Supervision of road work.

Monday, 8th February.

Supervision of road work. SLEPT TENGO

Tuesday, 9th February.

0630 - 1630 Roll call and supervision of road work.
Heard minor disputes until 1930. SLEPT TENGO

Wednesday, 10th February.

1630 - 1700 Roll call and supervision of road work.
SLEPT TENGO

Thursday, 11th February.

0630 - 1215 Roll call and supervision of road work.
1215 - 1500 Heavy rain.
1500 - 1700 Supervision of roadwork.
Discussion with local people until 1930. SLEPT TENGO

Friday, 12th February.

0630 - 1130 Roll call and supervision of road work.
1130 - 1730 Heavy rain. Discussions with local people.
SLEPT TENGO

Saturday, 13th February

Observed Tingo SLEPT TENGO

Sunday, 14th February

Observed Tingo SLEPT TENGO

Monday, 15th February

0630 - 1330 Roll call and supervision of road work.
1330 - 1515 Heavy rain.
1515 - 1730 Supervision of road work. SLEPT TENGO

Tuesday 16th February

0630 - 1130 Roll call and supervision of road work.
1130 - 1430 Heavy rain.
1430 - 1700 Supervision of road work. SLEPT TENGO

Wednesday, 17th February

0630 - 1330 Roll call and supervision of road work.
1330 - 1545 Heavy rain.
1545 - 1800 Supervision of road work. SLEPT TENGO

Thursday, 18th February

0630 - 1100 Roll call and supervision of road work.
1100 Mr. B. Mann arrived - inspection of progress on road.
1400 - 1830 Assisted Mr. B. Mann with court hearings.

Friday, 19th February.

0630 - 0900 Roll call - disputes with labourers.
0900 Departed Tingo for Margarina. SLEPT TENGO

PATROL STOOD DOWN.

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MARGARIMA PATROL NO. 5 OF 1970/71.

SITUATION REPORT

MARGARIMA CENSUS DIVISION

POLITICAL.

Political Education.

During the patrol political education talks were given to the road labourers on various occasions. Initially questions were put to the labourers to find out what aspects of both central government and local government they knew least about so that talks could then be given on the subjects of which they had least knowledge.

It was found that with the exceptions of one or two people that they generally knew very little of systems of government and of functions of Local Government Councils.

Their knowledge of the House of Assembly seemed to extend to the fact that they have a member, Mr. Tegi Ibe'ial who went to Port Moresby every few months to attend meetings, but as for why they had a member what his duties and functions were or what he did at Port Moresby apart from attending meetings of the House they had little or no idea.

As far as their own Local Government Council was concerned they seemed to be just as much in the dark.

Talks consequently ensued, with explanations of the functions and duties of the House of Assembly and its members and Local Government Councils and Councillors.

However it was obvious during these talks that there was a general lack of interest in what I had to say, with some people holding their own discussions on other subjects.

Consequently I tried to stimulate group discussion which was done with some limited success, the main problem seems to be that they are little interested in events progress or happenings outside of their own area.

In spite of the people's apparent lack of interest the political education talks were not without success, and some of the people did definitely benefit from them.

ECONOMIC.

Pyrethrum.

The only cash crop in the area is pyrethrum and several

people in the area patrolled have gardens with pyrethrum planted.

However generally there seems to be a lack of enthusiasm in this crop with many people having lost interest and not bothering to tend their gardens or to pick the pyrethrum flowers.

Amongst the people with whom pyrethrum was discussed the general feeling seems to be that the Department of Agriculture Stock and Fisheries are not interested in pyrethrum and therefore the crop cannot be any good.

As pyrethrum is the only economic crop in the area I feel that the Department of Agriculture Stock and Fisheries should make a definite effort to actively encourage its propagation.

ROADS.

The only road in the area is that on which the patrol was working. This road extends from Margarina Station to Tari, a distance of some miles.

From the Margarina Station to Tingo Village approximately fifty percent of the road has been surfaced and is in quite good condition, the remainder varies in condition from fair to very poor.

Proceeding towards Tari from the Tingo village the initial 4,550 feet of roadway was surfaced during this patrol, however the next five or six miles has only been formed with no surfacing having been commenced.

The drainage in the area is very poor and will be a major problem in making this road passable to four wheel drive vehicles. The areas worst affected are those where the road consists of black top-soil, in these sections the black earth has to be removed and replaced with a red soil as per the report by Mr. K. Wallace of the Iae Institute of Technology in May 1970.

In other sections where the road is not comprised of this black top-soil the drainage should improve as suitable drains are put in. However due to the sparse population in the area maintenance and upkeep may be a problem once this road has been upgraded. Tingo village, where the patrol was based, is the last centre of population before reaching Tigibi in the Tari Sub-District, some twenty-two miles away.

SOCIAL.

Health.

The only aid post in the area patrolled is situated at

Tengo, the people of the surrounding area had just finished construction of a new native materials ward when the patrol arrived there in January.

There are quite a number of people coming to the aid-post as out-patients each day, generally for minor treatment such as the dressing of cuts and sores etc.

Law and Order.

Several minor complaints were brought to the patrol and were generally cases which required mediation. The only court case of any consequence was a case in which fourteen men were convicted for card playing. Two of those convicted were policemen, Constable $\frac{1}{2}$ c Waingo and Constable Andrew, and one an interpreter Mendero. The others were all road labourers who were working with the patrol.

The two policemen's cases were heard by Mr. H. Wright, Assistant District Commissioner Nipa, the other cases were heard by Mr. B. Munn O.I.C. Margarina.

Any other minor disputes that required a court hearing were referred to Margarina as the writer does not have court powers.

CONCLUSION.

I feel that the patrol was quite successful, and that it achieved all that it set out to do despite the difficult conditions such as the continuous rain and cold that hampered the roadwork.

Arthur G. Smedley

Arthur G. Smedley.
Assistant Patrol Officer.

SPECIAL REPORT

MARGARIMA CENSUS DIVISION

Before the start of this patrol I visited many villages in the Margarima area and recruited approximately 150 men as labourers in the construction of the Margarima - Tari road.

The Margarima Council purchased rice for the labourers and one of the council tractors brought out kau-kau three times a week.

The original intentions of this patrol were to construct and repair the bridges and to repair the worst sections of the Margarima - Tari road, thereby making it passable to four wheel drive vehicles. However due to the much heavy rain encountered the condition of the road was such that this became impossible and it became apparent that we would have to start at TENGO village and surface the road with stone as we went.

By the 18th February, 4,650 feet of road had been surfaced, this included a 210 foot section of black earth that had been removed and replaced with red soil as per the recommendation of Mr. K. Wallace of the Lae Institute of Technology in his report of May 1970.

Deposits of red earth were found to be readily available beside the road in most instances. Stone and gravel for road surfacing however was more scarce, with the best deposit being found near the Margarima River bridge on the Tingo Margarima road. This deposit was found to contain good quantities of gravel as well as stone. However because of the distance involved in carrying stone from this deposit to Tingo where the roadwork is in progress a tractor is required.

There is a river within easy access to most section of the road from which quantities of stone are obtainable, but to construct an effective surface this stone needs to be used with gravel.

Progress was hampered to some extent by the fact that there were only 21 shovels for use by the entire labour line of 150 to 160 men. The Margarima Council had ordered shovels some time ago but these had still not arrived at the end of this patrol. On this patrol we had the use of one of the council tractors which helped speed up the work considerably, but as the other Council tractor broke down mid-January the tractor working with us had to return to the station and we were without a tractor for the last four weeks of the patrol.

A Public Works Department stone crusher was flown to Margarima ^{from} to Tari in early January for use on the road, but was only finally assembled and put into running order on 17th February which was too late for it to be used on this patrol.

Heavy rain was encountered on most afternoons and the nights were very cold but in spite of these difficult conditions the labourers generally worked well and morale was quite high.

The villages of PIBI, HONE, MABERA, TABAIA and WENGO had been given road maintenance instruction which required them to make sections of the road passable within 30 days. I inspected the progress that they were making on several occasions during the patrol and progress was generally found to be quite satisfactory.

Two interpreters Mogera and Mondoro accompanied me for the duration of the patrol, Constable 1/c Wainge and Constable Andrew accompanied the patrol until 12th February when Constable 1/c Poporo joined the patrol.

Interpreter Mogera was found to be an excellent workers and assisted in every possible way. Interpreter Mondoro's conduct was generally very good however just before the end of the patrol he was charged with card playing together with Constable 1/c Wainge and Constable Andrew after which he refused to assist with any police investigations.

Constable 1/c Wainge found to be a very good worker and very helpful. Constable Andrew also worked well but was prone to be moody and quite sullen and would on occasions question orders.

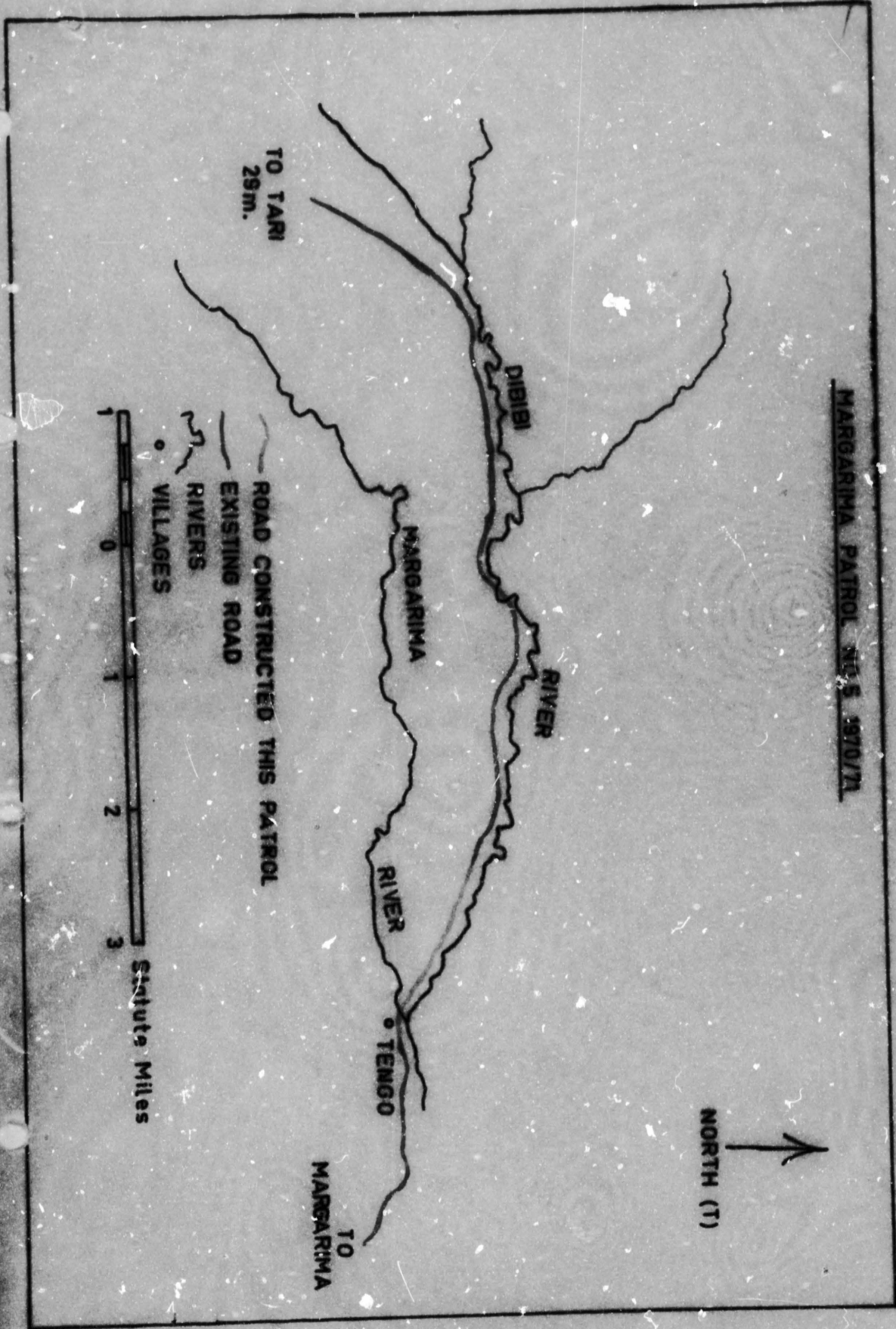
As mentioned previously both Constable 1/c Wainge and Constable Andrew were charged together with approximately 65 labourers with card playing during the last weeks of the patrol.

Constable 1/c Poporo replaced Constable 1/c Wainge and Constable Andrew on 12th March and stayed with the patrol until its conclusion. I found Constable 1/c Poporo to be an excellent worker and thoroughly reliable.

Arthur G. Snedley.

Arthur G. Snedley
Assistant Patrol Officer

MARGARIMA PATROL SEP 5 1970/71



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... 6 of 1970/71.

Subdistrict..... Nipa

District..... Southern Highlands

Type of Patrol..... Situation

Patrol Conducted by..... B. Munn. Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled..... Margarima Local Government Council Area

(Council and/or..... Part Margarima Census Division.

Census Division/s.)

Personnel Accompanying Patrol..... Const. Yure. (part)

Const. 1/C Poporo (part)..... Const. Andrew. (part)

Const. 1/C Waisime (part)..... Mogca Kibura. Interpreter

Const. 1/C Demok (part)..... Mondoro Kepaidia. Interpreter

Duration of Patrol—from..... 18 / 2 / 71 to 27 / 4 / 71 Broken period

No. of Days..... 13

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: Margarima Patrol No. 5 of 1970/71

Date..... 17 / 1 / 71 to 19 / 2 / 71 Duration..... 25 days

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... 1. Continue work on Margarima - Tari road.

..... 2. Supervise work on Margarima Local Government Council Agriculture block.

..... 3. General Administration.

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 1167

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

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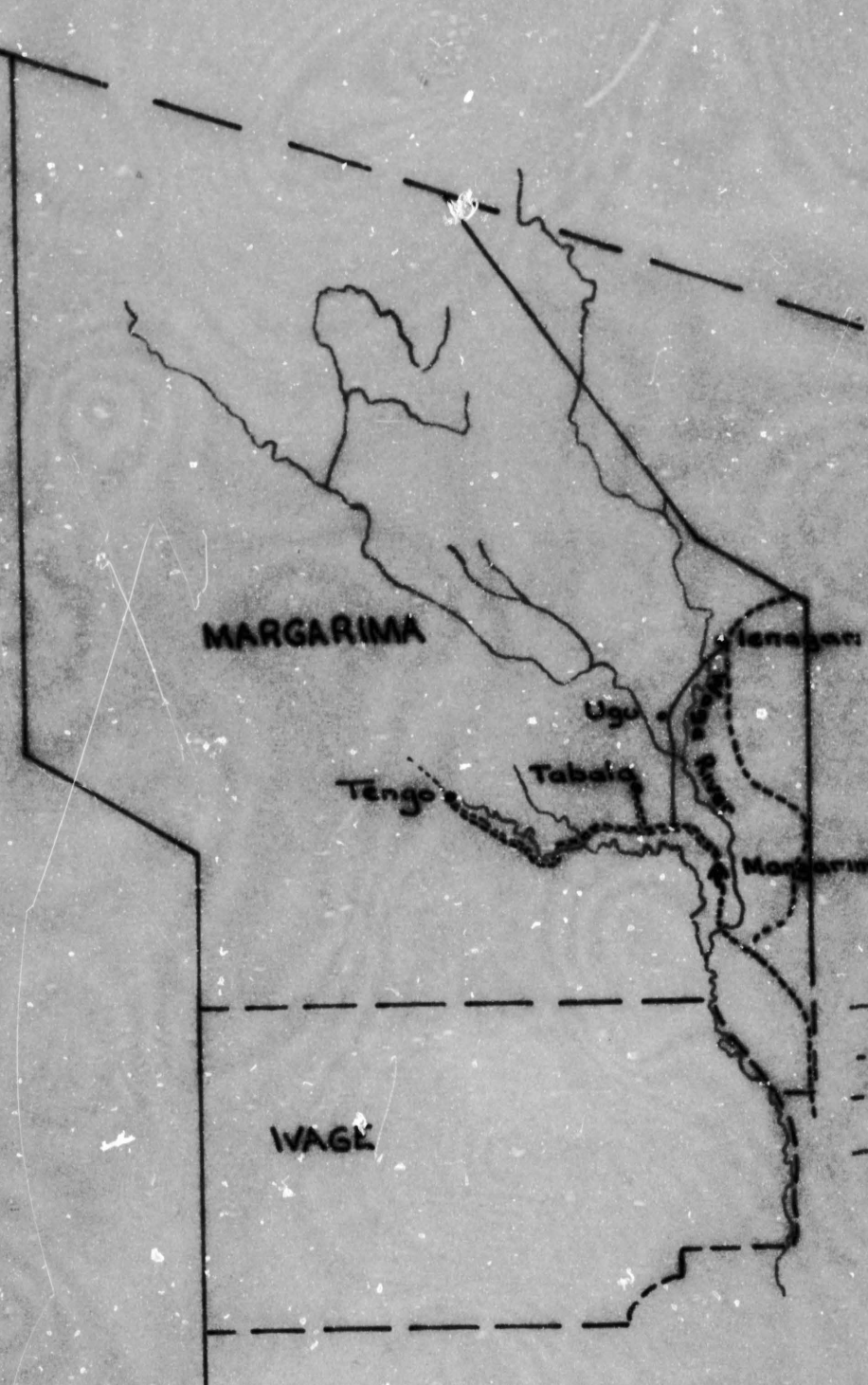
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I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report
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(T.W. BLISS)
Secretary.



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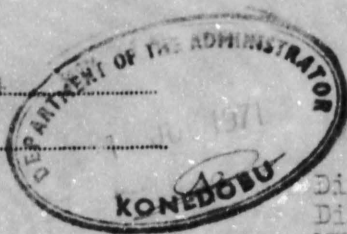
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REPORT: MARGARINA PATROL NO 6 OF 1970/71

Please find enclosed two copies of the report on the above patrol submitted by Mr. B. Munn, P.C.

The comments by the A.D.C. Nipa are headed Patrol No. 5, however Mr. Munn's report is headed Patrol No. 6, and I have followed his numbering.

Mr. Munn's proposal to have the various missions held in the Political Education Programme is most heartening. The use of informal talks (page 20) would seem to be the answer in overcoming the lack of interest in "formal" type gatherings.

Mr. Munn should continue to encourage the attendance at Council meetings of interested persons and also try to break through the sura that Councillors have built around themselves.

It is to be hoped that the Council block and the fertilization test will inject new life into the pyrethrum industry.

A sound report from Mr. Munn.

B. J. Glancy
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DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

- c.c. A.B.C. Nipa
- c.c. O.I.C. Margarina.
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Margarima Patrol No. 5/1970-71.
Mr. B. Munn, Patrol Officer.

*Amended
& returned to
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My comments are:

A check of the patrol diary shows that the duration of the
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Work on the Tari road is progressing well considering the
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Agriculture.

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H. Wright,
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Mr. B. Munn,
Patrol Post,
MARGARITA.

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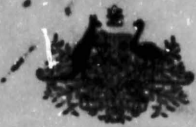
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Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Mr. E. Mum,
Patrol Post,
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Margarima Patrol No. 6 of 1970/71.

Part Margarima Census Division.

1. This patrol was begun initially to continue the work on the Margarima - Doma Peaks section of the road to Tari, begun by Margarima Patrol No. 5 of 1970/71. Its purpose was later extended to include work on the Margarima Councils Agricultural block.
2. A section of a new road from Margarima to Ienagari was also marked during the patrol.
3. Because I am the only officer at Margarima the patrol was frequently broken in order that I might attend Local Government Council meetings, talk with visitors to the station or carry out urgent station work.
4. In spite of these interruptions the amount of work achieved by the patrol was most satisfactory.
5. The work begun by the patrol will continue if the local people can retain their interest. Future patrols and day trips will endeavour to encourage them.
6. During the patrol there were:-
 - 3 Council meetings
 - 2 meetings of the Council Finance Committee
 - 1 station staff meeting
 - 1 sub-district staff meeting
 - 1 station inspection by a District Inspector
 - 1 station inspection by the Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa.
 - 1 inspection by a Council Auditor.
 - 2 visits by the Officer in Charge of Police, Mendi
7. These account for some of the interruptions to the patrol.

Patrol Diary.18th February, 1971.

Morning spent in preparation for patrol. Departed station 1030 hrs and drove to Tingo. Inspected road work with Mr.Smedley. APO. Local Courts all afternoon.

Slept Tingo.

19th February, 1971.

Roll call of labour line. Departed by car to Margarima with Mr.Smedley. Mr.Wright. ADC Nipa and Mr.Ebel'el. MHA Nipa arrived for Council meeting. Remainder of day spent in Council meeting. Returned to Tingo 1800 hrs.

Slept Tingo.

20th February, 1971.

Saturday. Weekend supervision of labour and issue of rations.

Slept Tingo.

21st February, 1971.

Sunday.

Slept Tingo.

22nd February, 1971.

Roll call of labour line. Walked along road to Margarima inspecting work being undertaken by village groups. Returned to Tingo and issued rations.

Slept Tingo.

23rd February, 1971.

Roll call of labour line. Inspection of work passed Tingo. Supervision of labour until afternoon. Local courts in afternoon.

Slept Tingo.

24th February, 1971.

Roll call. Instruction for work given and work inspected. 1000 hrs received advice that Police Inspector was at Margarima. Drove to station and spent 4 hours in discussion with him. Returned Tingo 1620 hrs and issued rations.

Slept Tingo.

25th February, 1971.

Roll call. Spent day at work site. Rain 1400 hrs halted work.

Slept Tingo.

26th February, 1971.

Roll call. Morning spent at work site. Local courts in afternoon. Rations issued.

Slept Tingo.

27th February, 1971.

Saturday. 0900 hrs drove to Margarima and thence to Nipa to cash Council cheque to pay labourers. Returned to Margarima in afternoon.

28th February, 1971.

Drove to Tingo 1030 hrs.

Slept Tingo.

1st March, 1971.

Roll call. Morning spent paying old labour lines and taking new names.
Worked on road 1200 to 1430 when rain halted work.

Slept Tingo.

2nd March, 1971.

Roll call. Walked along road to Dibibi river. Returned to work site.
Rain 1510.

Slept Tingo.

3rd March, 1971.

Roll call. Inspected work site and then walked to the Margarima river
bridge site. Inspected work being undertaken by Tingo group.

Slept Tingo.

4th March, 1971.

Roll call. Morning spent working on road. Mr. Jones. RDO. Nipa arrived
1230. Discussed proposed cattle project at Tingo. Returned with him
to Margarima. 1500 hrs.

5th March, 1971.

Day spent on station. Station staff conference.

6th March, 1971.

Saturday. Returned to Tingo.

Slept Tingo

7th March, 1971.

Sunday.

Slept Tingo.

8th March, 1971.

Morning Roll call. Patrol moved to Tabala. Camp set up and discussions
with Councillors from Tabala and Ugu.

Slept Tabala.

9th March, 1971.

Spent day supervising work on Council Agriculture block.

Slept Tabala.

10th March, 1971.

Drove to Nipa in morning for sub-district staff conference. Returned
to Margarima and thence to Tabala.

Slept Tabala.

11th March, 1971.

Day spent supervising clearing of land.

Slept Tabala.

12th March, 1971.

Supervised work until 1000 hrs. Drove to Margarima. Spent until 1600
on necessary office work. Returned to Tabala.

Slept Tabala.

13th March, 1971.

Saturday.

Slept Tabala.

14th March 1971.

Sunday.

Slept Tabala.

15th March, 1971.

Gave instructions for work. Drove to Dadabe to collect information for land investigation. Spoke with missionary re. purchase of timber from mission mill. Returned to Tabala in afternoon. Slept Tabala.

16th March, 1971.

Day spent supervising work.

Slept Tabala.

17th March, 1971.

Mr. Jones RDO. Nipa arrived 1030 hrs. Inspected Council block with him until 1420 hrs.

Slept Tabala.

18th March, 1971.

Drove to station and spent the day with Council Finance Committee on Draft Estimates 1971/72.

19th March, 1971.

Day spent with Finance Committee on Second Revised Estimates 1970/71.

20th March, 1971.

Saturday.

Slept Tabala.

21st March, 1971.

Sunday.

Slept Tabala.

22nd March, 1971.

Drove to station to await inspection by Mr. D. Faithful. District Inspector. Spent day doing correspondence. No inspection.

23rd March, 1971.

Drove to mission sawmill to begin survey for land dispute. Messrs Wright. ADC Nipa and Faithful arrived 1030 hrs. Returned to station for inspection. Inspection completed 1430 hrs. Returned to Tabala.

Slept Tabala.

24th March, 1971.

Drove to sawmill and continued survey, 0800 to 1320. Drove to Nipa for meeting with P.S.A. representative.

25th March, 1971.

Messrs. Clancy, Williams and Rolfe arrived for meeting. Meeting until 1215. Returned to Tabala in afternoon and inspected work.

Slept Tabala.

26th March, 1971.

Drove to station. Day spent in Council meeting. Returned to Tabala in afternoon.

Slept Tabala.

27th March, 1971.

Saturday.

Slept Tabala.

28th March, 1971.

Sunday.

Slept Tabala.

29th March, 1971.

Day spent supervising work at Tabala.

Slept Tabala.

30th March, 1971.

Supervised work until 1030 hrs then drove to station. Mechanic arrived to repair transport vehicles. Business Advisory officer arrived to inspect Sura trade store. Discussions with him. Returned Tabala 1500 hrs and spent remainder of day inspecting work.

Slept Tabala.

31st March, 1971.

Spent day working Tabala.

Slept Tabala.

1st April, 1971.

Departed Tabala 0630 hrs and drove to Tengo to inspect work and check labour. Returned to Tabala and moved patrol personnel to Margarima. Remainder of day spent on road inspection.

2nd April, 1971 to 18th April, 1971. patrol broken.

19th April, 1971.

Departed station 1030 and drove to Tabala. Despatched cargo and continued to sawmill site to arrange for timber to be cut. Returned to Tabala and spent remainder of day on Agriculture block.

Slept Tabala.

20th April, 1971.

Day spent surveying agriculture block for purchase investigation.

Slept Tabala.

21st April, 1971.

Drove to Tengo to inspect roadwork. Returned Tabala 1030 hrs and spent remainder of day at Tabala. Political Education discussion.

Slept Tabala.

22nd April, 1971.

Day spent marking section of new Margarima - Ienagari section of the Kandep road. Some work on the agriculture block during the afternoon. Discussions with villagers during afternoon.

Slept Tabala.

23rd April, 1971.

Returned to station. Day spent in local court hearings.

24th April, 1971.

Saturday.

25th April, 1971.

Sunday. Anzac Day.

26th April, 1971.

Holiday.

27th April, 1971.

Drove to Tabala to arrange movement of patrol to Margarima. Continued to sawmill to check on timber supply. Returned to station and patrol stood down.

END OF DIARY.

POLITICAL:Political Situation.

8. The political situation in the Margarima area is basically the same as that reported by me in May, 1970.
9. The people lead a stable social existence. Though there is a continuous run of thefts, marital disputes and other minor breaches of the peace these are only part of the normal society.
10. There is no rivalry or ill-feeling between groups, there have been no murders since March, 1970 and there have been no serious crimes or disturbance since March, 1970.
11. Work in the area is being carried on at a steady pace and there are few places where the people cannot see signs of progress.
12. In the small area visited by the patrol the situation is as reported above.
13. There seems to be no obvious interest in the Political happenings within the Territory and unless called upon to discuss this subject, no-one mentions it.
14. The people are concerned with local events and are unable or unwilling to realize the importance of events outside Margarima.

Political Education.

15. Political Education talks were given on two occasions during the patrol. One talk was given at Tingo and one at Tabala.
16. As is usual during talks of this nature, the people sat listening quietly, some smoked, some slept at the back of the group and some talked amongst themselves.
17. On both occasions I asked if there were any questions, on both occasions there were none. I asked questions and was told that nobody knew the answers.
18. At each talk, though nobody asked questions, several people made speeches about the things that were needed in the area. A business, more money, more Administration staff. They also said that they did not understand what I was saying.
19. They know what a member of the House of Assembly is, they know what the Council is and the work it does. There is a feeling that once Councillors are elected the Council becomes a 'Business' closed to the ordinary ^{PEOPLE} and un-affected by the needs of the people. This is a feeling generated by the present Councillors. The people do not understand such matters as the voting system, what happens to their tax money. All these points were raised by various speakers. The points raised were explained

but it is doubtful that much was understood.

20. Though only these two general talks were given, several nights were spent in discussion at each rest house with as many people as were interested in talking. Though these discussions were more free and perhaps more successful in imparting knowledge, it was obvious that very few people were willing or able to understand any more than the most basic facts.

21. A common attitude seems to be that if the 'kip' runs the Council and tells the people what to do then all will be well. The councillors can tell the people what is happening and sometimes tell the meetings what the people think. Apart from that there is nothing more that need be done.

22. During the patrol Mr. Esei'el, MHA nipa came to Margarima to address the Councillors. He spoke to them about political parties and the party of which he is a member. He also spoke about matters which were discussed during the last meeting of the House.

23. Because of the seeming inability of the local people to understand the matters discussed in Political Education talks, I have employed the services of the missions in this area in an attempt to take the information to the villagers. Rather than have it given at mass meetings with myself addressing a crowd of dis-interested people. My doubts about the worth of large meetings have been expressed in previous reports.

24. The Political Education pamphlets received in this office are distributed to all departments on the station and to the two missions as well. The missions have instructed their pastors and catechists to take every opportunity to read these pamphlets to the people in the village and to initiate discussions.

25. Regular meetings are held at both the United Church and the Catholic mission and matters mentioned in the pamphlets are explained. It is now planned that I will attend future meetings to give talks and offer further explanation of points raised.

26. In this way a more regular flow of information can be fed to the local people and, though the catechists and pastors may not understand all that they read, they have access to further information and can in a small way, offer some assistance to the understanding of the people.

Local Government Council.

27. During the patrol three general meetings of the Margarima Council were held. Second Revised estimates and Draft estimates were passed by the Council.

28. The only other contact with the Council during the patrol was through the Councillors at Tingo and Tabala.

29. Council elections will be held in September of this year and it is interesting to note that there is some talk of removing several of the Councillors now in office. Many of the present Councillors are ex - Village Constables or village 'komitis'. They do not speak pidgin and seem to be largely dis-interested in the work of the Council. They are more concerned with their position as Councillors.

30. It is rumoured that they will be replaced by younger men who are able to speak pidgin, who have perhaps been to the coast, and who are more able to understand what is expected of them. Whether or not this will improve the work of the Council is yet to be seen. If younger men are elected they may not be held in sufficient respect by their group, even though the position of Councillor carries its own aura of power. Also, young men who have been to the coast and worked there as labourers are not always the most trusted or enterprising members of the community.

31. Following a program of encouraging village people to attend Council meetings there are now more people coming forward for meetings. Previously there were rumours that Councillors attempted to discourage this. Patrol throughout the last year have concentrated on explaining the responsibilities of Councillors and the work that a conscientious Councillor should be doing. By asking questions of the village people I have been able to discover how much of the matters discussed in meetings is being conveyed to the people.

32. When details and items of which they have not been told have been explained to them they have frequently expressed dissatisfaction with the Councillor and occasionally called upon him to explain to them why he has not spoken to them about these subjects before.

33. I have also approached both missions in the area and asked them to persuade their pastors and catechists to attend all meetings and to bring people with them. These pastors and catechists, some of them are partially educated, seem to be able to understand more of what is being discussed than do the Councillors. They will be able to convey what they hear to the people in the villages. This, it is hoped, will cause a rise in interest and understanding amongst the people.

34. Another development which will perhaps lead to widening interest in the Council is the fact that in September when the elections are held, the women of each ward will be asked to vote unofficially for a woman to represent them at meetings. These women will have no position in the Council but it is hoped that they will understand enough of the business of the meeting to convey it to the women of their villages. This may assist in overcoming the present neglect of women in the political life of the area.

ECONOMIC:

Roads and Bridges.

35. The patrol spent two weeks at Tingo, working on the Margarima - Doma Peaks road. The work from Tingo onwards was begun by Margarima Patrol No. 5 of 1970/71 in January and this patrol continued that work. Prior to January work was carried out only on that section of road from Margarima to Tingo. A labour line was used to re-shape some of the road and to stone a section of road about two miles in length. During the patrols 5 and 6 village labour was used to re-shape and repair the entire Margarima - Tingo section. This work is continuing.

36. The labour line which worked with the patrol, began at Tingo and worked towards the Doma Peaks. Approximately 150 men worked for five weeks with the No. 5 patrol and the work carried out by them will be described in the report of that patrol. This line was paid off at the end of the five weeks and a new line enlisted. Only forty of the first line re-enlisted but the number soon grew to one hundred. Following payment of this second line at the end of March, the full number re-enlisted.

37. Rather than continue stoning the road from Tingo onwards I put the labour line to work improving drainage and, as the road moved out into swampy land, carrying out earthworks as suggested in the ~~drainage report~~ report on drainage of the road done by the Lae Technological Institute.

38. The tractor which began work with the previous patrol was taken off the work because the road could not carry it. The tractor has ~~not~~ not returned to this work yet and it is unlikely that, until the effect of the drainage works is noticeable, it will return.

39. As directed in the drainage report, in those sections of the road where black topsoil is less than thirty inches in depth, it will be removed and replaced with red soil and allowed to compact. If necessary cordoroy will also be laid down. In sections where the black topsoil exceeds fifty four inches in depth it will be removed to a depth of three feet and replaced with red soil.

40. Large side drains have been dug in that section of the road already worked on in the swampy section. Double drains have been constructed and also a number of run-off drains have been constructed at forty five degrees to the road.

41. In the eight weeks since the patrol departed from Tingo I have visited the site on five occasions to inspect the work. The labourers are now about three hundred yards into the swamp and, though hampered by a shortage of shovels, are working well. The drains have been improved as previously described and grass and foliage has been cleared from the side of the road for a distance of about twelve feet.

42. All black soil has been removed and the road is being allowed to dry out before red fill is used. The villagers of Tingo have contracted to stone the road to the edge of the swamp and when this is completed the tractor may be able to start work again.

43. Shovels for the work were ordered by Public Works Mendi in January however they have not yet arrived at Mendi. When they do arrive the work will be able to proceed at a much faster rate than at present.

44. Whilst at Tingo I inspected the road for a distance of three miles past Tingo and into the Dibibi valley. Of this three miles about one and a quarter miles of the road is constructed on black soil which will need to be removed. Other sections, though soft at the moment, will improve greatly when the drains are improved. Much of the blame for the poor condition of the road at present can be laid on the fact that the drainage is poor.

45. Though the work being undertaken at present is slow and perhaps more thorough than would be thought necessary at this stage of the roads development; to do less than is being done would mean that the road would shortly be impassable once traffic began to use it. The trouble being taken now will ensure that less maintenance will be required in future.

46. The g village groups working on the Margarima - Tingo section have re-constructed drains, cordoned some sections, carried out minor maintenance to the surface of the road and generally improved the full eight miles of road. Logs are now being pulled so that a new bridge over the Margarima River may be built. Payment for the work on the road will be made within the next two weeks and payment for specific work will be made in June.

Margarima - Kandep Road - New Route.

47. It has been acknowledged for several years by the people of Margarima and previous Administration Officers, that the present Margarima - Kandep road is too long and poorly constructed to allow proper maintenance.

48. A second route has been known for several years but no funds have been allocated for construction of a road along the route. This has prevented work being carried out on the road and until this patrol, no proper survey of the route has been carried out. The local people have now decided that with or without money, they will undertake construction of the road.

49. During the patrol, part of the route was investigated and work begun on clearing bush along that section so that a route may be marked.

50. When constructed the road will run from Margarima to Ugu and thence to Ianagari. This will make the road about three miles shorter than the present one and will by-pass two very steep and difficult hills. It will also give vehicular access to sections of land which are ideal for either cattle or vegetable gardening.

Agriculture.

Council Agriculture Block.

51. The Local Government Council is at present undertaking the development of an Agriculture block. This block is situated at Tabala about two miles from the station on the Margarima - Taro road. When completed the block will have a section for cattle, a forestry section and sections in which fresh vegetables will be grown for sale. The block is about fifty to sixty acres in area and contains very good soil.

52. During the patrol, people from villages near Tabala worked on the block, clearing pitpit and kunai and draining the land. In the seven weeks that the people worked with the patrol they succeeded in clearing about twenty five acres. On fifteen acres of this which is to be used for cattle, they also succeeded in digging drains and beginning the work of making the land ready for fencing. The R.D.O. Nipa, Mr. Jones visited the work several times to give advice.

53. It is proposed that the Council will use the land more as a central holding yard for the Margarima area than as a cattle project for the sake of monetary gain. People within the area who wish to start projects but who have not yet prepared their land will be able to purchase cattle when they become available, and put them on the Councils land until their own land is ready. The Council will charge a small fee for the service so that nobody loses interest in preparing his own block.

54. The yard can also be used as a gathering place for cattle during stock inspections. This will save much time now spent in flying from one project to the next.

55. The yard may also be used as a holding yard for cattle being walked to Tari and Koroba.

56. The Council has two steers, a heifer and a bull calf which are at present being held on Margarima station. If the calf proves to be suitable it will later be used for breeding purposes within the area.

57. About two acres of the block will be used as a forestry nursery. This land has already been cleared and the Tabala people are preparing to build tubing and germination sheds for the block. It is hoped that the forestry labourer now at Margarima will later be able to live and work at Tabala.

58. More land in the block has been cleared and will soon be drained to allow the planting of vegetables. Potatoes will probably be the main crop as these grow particularly well at Margarima. There is a market for these vegetables within the District.

59. Another section will be used initially to grow kau-kau for workers on the Tari road. This is at present supplied by the people of Margarima who sell it to the Council. However the supply sometimes fails and the gardens on the Council block will be used to supplement the supply.

60. The remaining land will be cleared and used for projects as it becomes necessary. The entire block can be used for demonstration purposes and Agriculture staff at Margarima will be using it to show the people better gardening methods.

Pyrethrum.

61. Mr. Jones, R.D.O. Nipa conducted a patrol in March and April to carry out the planting of new pyrethrum nurseries. Agriculture staff from Margarima are continuing the work. The nurseries set up by them will be used to test the worth of fertilizer used with the pyrethrum. Should the experiment prove successful and the people in the area recognize the success of the fertilizer, some new interest in the crop may develop.

XX Timber.

62. The United Church at Margarima has established a forest mill in the area. Though set up in about August last year it has only recently begun to produce any volume of timber. The mill was originally set up at a site past Tabala but because of difficulty in getting the timber to the mill it was moved to a site about half a mile off the station.

63. The mission has recently agreed to cut timber for Administration and Council building projects. The agreement is that the Administration or Council buys all the logs and the mission cuts them. One third of the cut

timber will go to whoever purchased the logs and the remaining two thirds goes to the mission. This means that one hundred super feet of timber costs about \$6 or less.

64. The lack of sawn timber at Margarima has always been a problem. With the mission now beginning to work full-time and with their willingness to cut timber for sale, some of the problems previously experienced will be overcome.

SOCIAL:

Health.

65. The only Aid-Post visited during the patrol is that at Tingo. This post has recently been re-built by the local people and a new native materials ward built. The people of Tingo and the surrounding area who use the post seem to be willing to assist the orderly and to help him with food and labour around the post.

66. The Local Government Council has allocated money in 1971/72 for the construction of four semi-permanent Aid-Posts within the Margarima area. One of these will be at Tingo.

67. Apart from the usual cold, no illness was noticed among the people visited. Injections for Hooping Cough were given during the patrol and no cases have yet been reported.

Education.

68. No schools were visited during the patrol but talks were held with the Catholic mission concerning the establishment of a Pidgin English school at Ugu. This school will be conducted by the native pastor who has been educated to standard six. The school was requested by the people of Ugu and the building will be built by them. Materials such as books and paper will be supplied by the mission.

Law and Order.

69. Most of the courts heard during the time of the patrol were heard at Margarima during breaks in the patrol. Most of the courts heard at Tingo and Tabala were of a minor nature and involved marital squabbles or thefts.

70. Fourteen men were convicted of playing cards at Tingo during the course of Margarima Patrol No. 5. Two of these were policemen and their case was heard in the court at Nipa. An interpreter, Mondoro Kepaidia of Komo was also convicted. Because of his previous record at Komo and Tari he has since been dismissed following advice from the District Commissioner.

Conclusion.

71. The patrol was useful in beginning work on projects which will be of future benefit to the Margarima area. The work on the Margarima - Tari road is being continued, as is the work on the Councils Agriculture block.



B. Munn.

Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number 7 of 1970/71

Subdistrict Nipa

District Southern Highlands

Type of Patrol Special

Patrol Conducted by B. Munn. A.D.O.

Area Patrolled Part Margarima Census Division

(Council and/or Margarima Local Government Council

Census Division/s.)

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

Interpreter Mogora

Const. 1/C Sawei 1492

Duration of Patrol—from 24 / 5 / 1971 to 27 / 5 / 71

No. of Days 4

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: October - December 1970. broken period

Date 18 - 10 - 70 to 3 - 12 - 70 Duration 12

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) 1. Mark section of Mavera - Sebiba road.

2. General Administration.

Total Population of Area Patrolled 754

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

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District Commissioner.



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9th August, 1971

The Secretary,
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REPORT: MARGARIMA PATROL NO. 7 OF 1970/71

Please find attached two copies of a report on the above patrol submitted by Mr. B. Munn, A.D.O.

Visual aids for Political Education are available in the form of printed material supplied from Headquarters. Individual officers should be able to prepare suitable aids for particular talks given by them to supplement these formal aids.

No further comments are offered on this brief report.

D.J. Clancy

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DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

- c.c. O.I.C. Margarima
- c.c. Mr. B. Munn, Margarima
- c.c. ~~Mr.~~ A.D.C. Nipa

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Sub District Office,
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Southern Highlands District.

26th July, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI

Margarina Patrol No.7 of 1970/71

Mr. B. Murr, Assistant District Officer.

Attached herewith find three copies of the above report.
The only comment I wish to make on this brief report is that
there is a great need for much more visual material to be made available
for political education, photographs, films etc, to ensure that the interest
of the people is maintained.



Assistant District Commissioner

c.c. Officer-in-Charge,
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2nd July, 1971.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Nipa Sub-district,
Southern Highlands District.

Margarima Patrol No. 7 of 1970/71.

Part Margarima Census Division.

1. The purpose of this patrol was to re-grade a section of the Maberā - Sebiba road at a point where it climbs out of the Wage River gorge. This section is difficult to construct and it is necessary that the grades be as uniform as possible.
2. The Maberā - Sebiba road, when completed will provide a link between the Wage Census Division and the rest of the Margarima area and the sub-district. The road was first marked about two years ago but the grades were too steep. In May 1970 I re-marked the section from Maberā to the Wage River. Construction of this section was completed in October when I marked the section from the Wage River to Solapem. In recent months construction of this section has been speeded up.
3. Because of the terrain and the fact that the road has to climb several hundred feet in a short section of the ridge beside the Wage, it was necessary to zig-zag the road. There are two corners in the road and it was one of these which required re-grading.
4. An abney level was used to set levels for about one hundred feet each side of the corner. An inspection of the work about two weeks after the patrol revealed that these levels have been followed by the people and that ~~reasonable~~ reasonable grades have been obtained.
5. When the road has been completed to Solapem the Catholic mission has plans to construct a Primary 'T' school at Solapem.
6. The bridge site on the Wage River will present some difficulties to the construction of the bridge. The river has previously been checked for alternative bridge sites but none has been found. The present site is between 90 and 100 feet wide. One abutment is of stone and as it is part of the river bank, is quite strong. The other abutment is being constructed out of stone but because of the strength of the river in flood, this may require further strengthening.
7. Public Works has promised a visit from one of its road-supervisors to inspect this and another bridge site, and to offer advice on the construction of both.

However as Public Works have since departed from Mendi it will be necessary to approach the Army for assistance.

8. Whilst the patrol was at Mabera payment was made to all groups involved in the construction of this road. Payment was also made for work on the Margarima - Nipa road.

POLITICAL.

Political Education.

9. The patrol spent three nights at Mabera. On Wednesday and Thursday when payments were being made for roadwork, discussions were also held on political education subjects. During the three days of the patrol, Councillors and other interested people were invited to see me after work so that matters within the Margarima area and the Territory could be discussed.

10. Though some discussion of local matters took place during work on all three days, no-one came forward of an evening for discussions. On all previous occasions at other rest houses some people have come forward.

11. The apparent dis-interest at Mabera could be a local characteristic. Both the Councillor and the people as a group, are particularly unwilling to involve themselves in matters outside their group. Where-as other groups show some signs of interest in these discussions, this group showed none.

12. This attitude must eventually change but for the present the only way in which any kind of discussion can be held is to insist on attendance for talks.

13. The reaction to the talks held on Wednesday and Thursday was one of limited interest. Some questions were asked but the majority of the people merely sat out the talk patiently waiting for it to finish.

14. I do not think that my method in these talks is so boring that it discourages interest. Every opportunity is taken to demonstrate points with examples and to involve the people in these demonstrations. Subject matter is kept to a very basic level and questions continually encouraged.

ECONOMIC.

Agriculture.

15. The economy of the area is reliant on pyrethrum and to a limited degree, cattle. The Agriculture staff from Margarima buys pyrethrum at least once per fortnight in this area. The Margarima Council also buys sweet potato once a week in this area. This sweet potato is for workers on the Tari road.

16. Two cattle projects have been established in the area. One at Henep and one at Ombal. During the patrol one of the cattle at Henep was taken ill. The matter was reported to the R.D.O. at Nipa and he arranged the slaughter and butchering of the beast. The meat was then sold to the people in the area and on Margarima station for 50 cents per pound. The beast died because it had swallowed a six inch nail which had lodged in its throat.

SOCIAL.

Law and Order.

17. No local courts were heard during the patrol however several disputes were settled.

B. Mann

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Assistant District Officer.

PATROL DIARY.

24th May, 1971.

Departed for Maberu 1000 hours.

Set up camp and spent remainder of day inspecting Nipa and Sebiba roads.

Slept Maberu.

25th May, 1971.

Spent day marking section of Maberu - Sebiba road.

Slept Maberu.

26th May, 1971.

Worked on Sebiba road setting levels and grades for corners. Paid for work on Sebiba road in afternoon.

Slept Maberu.

27th May, 1971.

Paid Woia, Solapm, Songura and Maberu groups for work on Nipa road.

Returned by car to station. Patrol stood down.

END OF DIARY.

Scale : Fourmile

Sub District Boundaries: ———

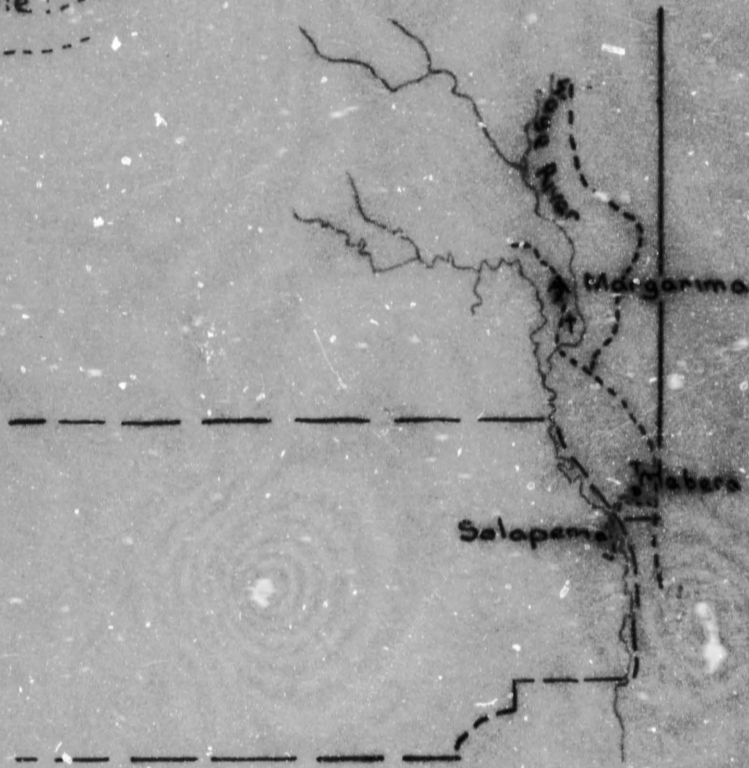
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... 8 of 1970/71

Subdistrict..... Nipa

District..... Southern Highlands

Type of Patrol..... Special

Patrol Conducted by..... B. Murru. A.D.O.

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Duration of Patrol—from 15/ 6 /1971..... to 17/ 6 / 71

No. of Days..... 3

Last D.D.A. Patrol to A. M. December 1970

Date 17 - 12 - 70 to 22 - 12 - 70..... Duration 6 days

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) 1. Mark section of the Tundaka - Ariaka road. 2. Payment for road-work. 3. General Administration.

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 258

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

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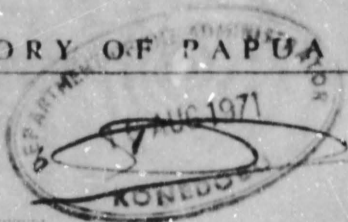
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9th August, 1971

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REPORT MARGARIMA PATROL NO. 8 OF 1970/71

Please find enclosed two copies of the report on the above patrol submitted by Mr. B. Munn, A.D.O.

The report is brief but self-explanatory.

Mr. Munn's change in subject on his Political Education talk to one which the people expressed an interest in i.e. Parties, is good. Group participation obviously helped the audience to appreciate it even more.

D.J. CLANCY
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

- c.c. O.I.C. Margarima
- c.c. Mr. B. Munn, Margarima
- c.c. A.D.C. Nipa

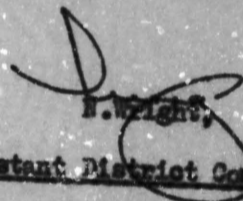
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Sub District Office,
NIPA
Southern Highlands District,
26th July, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
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Margarina Patrol No. 8 of 1970/71
Mr. B. Munn, Assistant District Officer

Attached please find three copies of the above report.
The report is self explanatory and requires no comment.


J. Wright,
Assistant District Commissioner

c.c. Officer-in-Charge,
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Margarima Patrol Post,
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14th July, 1971.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Nipa Sub-district,
Southern Highlands District.

Margarima Patrol No. 8 of 1970/71.
Part Margarima Census Division.

1. This patrol was mounted to survey a section of the Tundaka - Ariaka road. A section was marked in August 1970 and this has been cleared of all timber and bush.
2. The section marked during this patrol lies between Tundaka and the Kandep road and presents no problems to construction. Because of the dense bush and the brevity of the patrol, only about one quarter of a mile was marked. Clearing of this section will occupy the people of the area until August when a census/tax patrol will visit the area and also mark the road.
3. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ About two miles of this road has already been constructed between Tauanda and Panduaka and Panduaka and Ariaka. There remains another five miles of road to be constructed.
4. Because of the shortage of labour in this area the people will experience difficulty in finishing the road within the next three years. This lack of man-power has already had an effect on the people in that they are unwilling to make any real effort to work on the road. Previous patrol have attempted to encourage them and mission staff in the area have pointed out that without a road the mission school and hospital at Panduaka will suffer. The people obviously realize this as it was at the instigation of the Councillors that the road was first inspected and marked.
5. During the Patrol the people were paid for the work already done on this road. As only \$100 was allocated, each group received about \$25 for their years work.

POLITICAL EDUCATION.

6. One political education discussion was held during the stay at Tundaka. It was held when people from Tauanda, Panduaka, Ariaka, Liuliu

and Tundaka were present.

7. I began the talk by attempting to explain about the House of Assembly Elections in 1972. Some questions were asked about political parties and the rest of the talk was taken up with an explanation of parties and how and why they are formed and how they work.

8. The people present were used in a demonstration of how people of common interest align themselves to form the parties and several of the people were designated the parts of Members of the House of Assembly known to them. This inspired a degree of active participation and interest which helped to make the talk a success.

ECONOMIC.

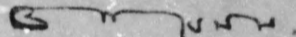
9. Pyrethrum is grown in very small quantities in this area. Because there is no road in to the area the economy has suffered. Pyrethrum is only just surviving as an economic crop and no other ventures have been started.

10. The Upper Wage Valley in which lies Ariaka, Panduaka and Tauanda, is an open grassed valley of several thousand acres in area. Once the road is built into the valley this land will be opened for development.

SOCIAL.

Law and Order,

11. No local courts or disputes were brought forward during the patrol.



B. Munn.

Assistant District Officer.

PATROL DIARY.

15th June, 1971.

Departed Margarima for Tundaka 1020 hours. Arrived Tundaka 1500 hours.
Talks with Councillor and word sent for people to assemble for road-
work tomorrow. Slept Tundaka.

16th June, 1971.

Day spent marking section of Tundaka - Ariaka road.
Slept Tundaka.

17th June, 1971.

Political Education discussions and payment made for road-work.
Departed Tundaka and returned to station 1440 hours.
Patrol stood down.

END OF DIARY.

