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[] KARIMUI					
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[12] 2 OF 1963/64	139-146	E. J. MITCHELL PO	PIO AND TURA		25.3.64 - 27.3.64
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[14] 5 OF 1963/64	152-160	E. J. MITCHELL PO	BOMAI		8.6.64 - 17.6.64
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EASTERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT 1963/64

HENGANOFI

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KARIMUI

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled.</u>
<u>HENGANOFI</u>		
2-63/64	P.Kerr	Dunantina Census Division
4-63/64	F.Anglin	Fayantina Census Division
5-63/64	P.Kerr	Fayantina Census Division
7-63/64	J.R.Bartlett	Kafe and Fayantina Cens Divisions
8-63/64	J.R.Bartlett	Dunantina Census Division
9-63/64	T.O'Donnell	Kesavaga Rd sect. of Dunantina C.D.
11-63/64	C.A.Boreham	Fayantina Census Division
<u>LUFA</u>		
1-63/64	K.W.Cleary	Labogai Census Division
2-63/64	K.W.Cleary	Yagarua Census Division
3-63/64	C.T.Campbell	Yagarua Census Division
<u>KARIMUI</u>		
2-63/64	E.J.Mitchell	Pio and Tura Census Divisions
2B-63/64	E.J.Mitchell	Pio and Tura Census Divisions
3-63/64	E.J.Mitchell	Parts of Karimui and Daribi C.Ds
5-63/64	E.J.Mitchell	Bomai Census Division



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of EASTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 2 of Karimui 1963/64

Patrol Conducted by E.J. Mitchell P.O.

Area Patrolled PIO and TURA census divisions

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Natives 5

Duration—From 8/8/1963 to 23/8/1963

Number of Days 16 (15 campnig days)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / / 1963

Medical / / 19

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol Routine administration; Preliminary electoral talks

Familiarization with area.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

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

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January 23rd, 1964.

The District Officer,
Goreka Division,
Eastern Highlands District,
GOROKA.

PATROL REPORT No. 2 - 1963/64 -- KARIMUI

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report
and covering comments is acknowledged with thanks.

There is no reason why for administrative
convenience, the Patrol Officer at Tura Census Divisions
should not be administered from Karimui. It should not
be expected that the people would have much comprehension
in the matter of House of Assembly Elections. However, we
can only do our best with such undeveloped people.



(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Sub-District Headquarters,
GOROKA.
Eastern Highlands District.

19th November, 1963.

District Officer,
GOROKA.

PATROL REPORT - KARIMUI NO. 2 of 1963/64

The above report, in duplicate, submitted by Mr. Mitchell, P.O., is forwarded for your information, please.

2. The following comments are made:-

(a) No claim for Camping Allowance was submitted, why, I do not know.

(b) The patrol was completed on 23/8/64 and the report received at this office on 15/11/63 - no explanation has been given for this delay.

(c) The report reveals a satisfactory position in this isolated area, but I do consider that a medical patrol should cover this area. Previous correspondence on this matter resulted in a decision to carry out a combined D.N.A., Agricultural and Medical patrol in this area. Has this patrol now been deferred until after the House of Assembly elections are completed!

67-13-2

Minute to:

The Director of Native Affairs,
KCNEDOBU.

Forwarded for your information, please. The combined D.N.A., D.A.S.F.

R.W. BORN

(R.W. BORN)
Assistant District Officer

cc: P.O.I.C., KARIMUI.

and P.H.D. patrol cannot be carried out until after the House of Assembly Elections.

O.J. Mathieson
DISTRICT OFFICER. 6.12.63

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.


Patrol Post
Karimui **E.H.D.**

23rd October 1963

The Assistant District Officer
Goroka.

PATROL REPORT No 2 KARIMUI PROGRAM 1963-64

Patrol Conducted by	E.J.Mitchell P.O.
Area patrolled	Pio and Tura census divisions .
Accompanied by	Natives: Consts. DAMAGE MAITO KOMBOK 2 D.N.A. interpreters 2 trainee N.M.O.s
	Europeans: NIL
Duration of Patrol	8/8/63 to 23/8/63
No. of Days	16 (15 camping days)
Object of Patrol	i. Routine Administration ii. Familiarization with area. iii. Preliminary election talks.


E.J.Mitchell P.O.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Patrol Diary-Karimui Patrol No2, 63-64

8th September

Departed station 0900 for Soliyabedo. made camp 1430hrs, in steady rain. Slept under canvas.

9th September

Broke camp 0900hrs. Walked until 1300hrs. Carriers arrived 1400hrs. Set up camp in old sago clump.

10th September

Broke camp 0900 hrs. Walked until 1230hrs. Plagued by leeches. Forded river WI successfully. Slept Soliyabedo

11th September

Day Observed. Settled one dispute by arbitration. Slept Soliyabedo

12th September

Day spent discussing matters with headmen and people. See It is apparent that basic ideas must be as simple as possible. Slept Soliyabedo

13th September

Departed Soliyabedo for Eropone. Made camp approx 1530hrs. River Ye forded on the way. This river found to be very swift and deep. Slept under canvas.

14th September

Arrived Eropone 1300hrs. Cargo arrived 1400hrs. Good reception at this rest house. Villages very clean. Slept Eropone.

15th September

Discussed various matters with headmen and villagers. More response here than at Soliyabedo. Slept Eropone.

16th September

Departed for Hala. Arrived approx 0945hrs. New rest house completed this day. Discussions here drew more response here than at either previous villages. Slept Hala

17th September

Departed Hala for Hwallia, 0900-1000 hrs. Slept Hwallia

18th September

Sunday observed. Spoke with people concerning elections and electoral procedure. Slept Hwallia

19th September

Departed Hwallia for Wid. Arrived early afternoon. No rest house here. Slept Wid.

20th September

Spent at Wid. Spoke with the headmen and villagers. Requested that latrines be constructed. Electoral matters discussed. Slept Wid.

21st September

Departed Wid and walked through Hwallia to Haia. Purchased food for carriers for walk back.

Slept Haia.

22nd September

Departed Haia 0730 hrs. Walked until 1600hrs. Set up camp.

~~Cargo arrived 1830 hrs.~~

Slept under canvas

23rd September

Broke camp 0800hrs. Arrived at Karimai 1600hrs. Cargo arrived 1830hrs. Patrol ends.

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Introduction This patrol was mounted to the Pio and Tura census divisions. These two census divisions are treated as one, and are administered from Karimui simultaneously. The Pio is situated in Papua, and the Tura in New Guinea. Population of both census divisions does not exceed six hundred persons. Due to this lack of population, and the acute isolation of the area, that it has changed little in the time it has known Administration influence.

2. The region visited generally lies to the east of the Karimui patrol post, two days walk from that station. The terrain was found to be very broken, and covered by a thick carpet of growth. At no stage, could any view be had of the surrounding country. At times, directions of North and south became very vague and inaccurate. Without a compass, and competent guides, one would become lost very quickly.

3. Rainfall in the area appeared heavy, more than the annual one hundred and fifty inches received at Karimui. This rain flowed eventually into the large Pio river, which in turn flows into the Purari and thence to Papua. The streams flowing into the Pio were often difficult to negotiate, and indeed, at times, dangerous.

4. The language of the area was Tundau'we, or dialects of that language.

Native Affairs The people of the area had been last visited by a patrol earlier in 1963, for census and common roll. Objects of this patrol were;

- 1 Familiarization of the area
- ii Routine Administration
- iii Preliminary electoral talks with people.

6. Routine administration in the area proved almost nil. Several minor disputes were brought forward for settlement, without recourse to court hearings. Whether the area is extremely law abiding, or whether evil doers are punished inside the community, I could not learn.

7. Electoral talks proved difficult. Due to the inaccessibility of the region, the concept of outside life, held by the average villager, is restricted to whatever information he has been able to gain from the few coastal workers, who have returned to their villages. This information is not complete or true. It was realized that any electoral education would have to be very basic. The people were interested in what was said, but I doubt if the significance of the whole business was absorbed. When asked for their ideas, the people invariably replied that they had heard what had been said, but all this was very strange and new. Obviously, secret ballot in the forthcoming elections, will be nearly impossible.

8. The Administration has had little or no effect on the lives of the average villager in the Pio and Tura. Their lives are in no way changed. There are no; aid posts, hospitals, roads, ~~businesses~~, schools, mission activity of any kind, agricultural activity. The one benefit of Administration influence, is that the people are no longer attacked from their south and south west borders. These enemies came from across the Pio River, to the south, and from the south west at Masi in the Daribi census division. These last were considered very poor sportsmen. They killed anyone unfortunate enough to be caught by them. This included women and children. As far as I could determine, these Masis were the only group in the Karimui area who did include women in their victims. They are, numerically, the strongest group in the Karimui area.

9. The people of the both census divisions speak the "Tundau'we" language, and seem to be related to the Iudo people, found to the east of the Karimui station, some nine miles away. Trading is carried out down the Pio and

Purari rivers, and it was by this route that the first steel axe made its way into the area. The few men who have found work on the coast have gone and come by the route down the Purari to Kikori.

10. A request for medical facilities for the area was made at several places. It was explained that there was not even an aid post on the Karimui patrol post, and that their request would be made known. They were told that it would probably be some time before anything could be done for them.

Health. The patrol was accompanied by two medical orderlies, on loan from Goroka. However, the general health of the people was good. Skin complaints were common, of course, but no major illnesses were reported.

12. Leprosy was common. Unfortunately.

13. As far as is known, there has never been a medical patrol, or visit by a doctor, to the region. The people have never had expert medical attention in their own area. Due to the great distance to be travelled, the sick are not brought to Karimui. The people cannot be blamed for this. The nearest place to Karimui is two day's walk away, the furthest is eight.

Agriculture. No cash crops are grown in the area, as cash crops.

15. The main item of the diet appeared to be sago. Sago trees were plentiful. However, there was a supply of sweet potato to be had at all rest houses. Sweet potato was a supplement to the diet. Bananas, both cooking and eating varieties were eaten, also taro. At Eropone and Wid, Pinapples were seen growing. At Haia and Hwalia, these fruit are doing well. It was told that they had been brought back from the coast and planted. At the altitude of the area, anything should grow well. Coffee and cacao should both produce good crops in the area. Unfortunately, export from the area would be the problem.

16. No agricultural officer has ever visited the region.

Missions. There is no mission activity or personnel at all in the entire area. The Anglican mission has expressed a desire to extend their mission into the region, but have made no move in this direction.

Roads&Bridges. No roads exist in the Pio or Tura census divisions. At times, it is difficult following the native foot tracks.

19. Bridges, too, are non-existent.

Rest Houses Rest Houses on the whole, were poor, being a native house, from which the occupants had been evicted prior to the arrival of the patrol. The roofs usually leaked, but, they did keep the rain off and provided a wind break.

21. At Wid, no rest house was found, and the two census units were requested to build one. At this village, no latrines were found. These were to be constructed also. H.L.S. Volunteers. Although the patrol asked for volunteers, at each village, no men came forward. The patrol was told that, upon the return of those already working out on the coast, more volunteers would become available. Even when it was pointed out that only names would be taken at this stage, the response was the same.

General. The walking on this patrol was about the hardest done. The people in the area were very pleased to see the patrol, and welcomed it accordingly. I do not feel that the aim of acquainting the people with the forthcoming election has been successful. But it may give them something to think about.

24. This area, with its very small population, appears doomed to minimum advancement. Terrain and its isolated position make access very difficult. I feel that the people of the two census divisions can see this. Yet they are not disgruntled and seem always pleased to see any European.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

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District of EASTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 1. Karimui program, 1962-64

Patrol Conducted by E.J. Mitchell P.O.

Area Patrolled Pio and Tura Census Divisions.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans No

Natives 2

Duration—From 25/3/1964 to 27/3/1964

Number of Days 3

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? no

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 3/1964

Medical / / 19

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol Census Revision.

Director of Native Affairs, D.A.,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

5/11/1964

L.J. Worsman
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

Amount paid from P.D.P. Trust Fund

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67-13-94

24th November, 1964.


District Commissioner,
Eastern Highlands District,
GOROKA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2-63/64 - KARIMUI.

Receipt of the abovementioned report and covering comment is acknowledged with thanks.

A copy of your remarks have been placed on Mr. Mitchell's file.

The report itself is merely a record of a helicopter ride and of little practical value.


J. K. McCarthy,
DIRECTOR.

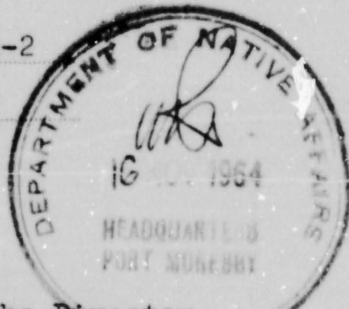


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Telegrams
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Our Reference 67-13-2
If calling ask for
Mr.



Department of District Administration,
GOROKA,
Eastern Highlands District.

6th November, 1964.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Subject: Patrol Report - KARIMUI
2/63-64.

... Please find enclosed a patrol report submitted by Patrol Officer Mitchell, together with comments on this submission by Assistant District Commissioner, Goroka. I fully agree with the Assistant District Commissioner's comments.

2. I personally discussed this report and its delayed submission with Mr. Mitchell during his recent visit to Goroka, and he could not give me any reason whatsoever for the delay. My conclusion is, therefore, that Mr. Mitchell appears not to be interested in his work with the Administration as a Patrol Officer.

... Attach.

L. J. Doqlan

(L.J. DOQLAN)
a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

cc: ~~A.D.C.~~
~~GOROKA.~~

cc: ~~P.O.I.C.~~
~~KARIMUI.~~

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Sub-District Headquarters,
GOROKA. Eastern Highlands.

30th October, 1964.

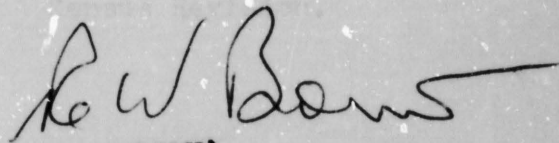
District Officer,
GOROKA Division,
Eastern Highlands District.

PATROL REPORT - KARIMUI 1/63-64

The above Report, for what it is worth, submitted seven months after the completion of the visit by Mr. E.J.R. Mitchell, P.O.I, is forwarded. No Camping Allowance Claim was submitted.

2. The Patrol was extremely rushed and I find it difficult to credit, even by using a helicopter that a total of 423 people in widely scattered areas could be properly patrolled in the time spent on this visit, i.e. depart Karimui 0900 hours on 25th March, 1964 and return Karimui at 1115 hours on 27th March, 1964, a total of 50 1/2 hours, including two night camps.

3. No explanation for the extreme delay in submission is given.



(R.W.BORN)
Assistant District Officer.

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Patrol Post
Karimui
E.H.D.

22nd October 1964.

The Assistant District Officer,
Sub District Office,
Goroka.

Patrol No.3, 1963/64 Program.

Region Patrolled:	Pio and Tura Census Divisions.
Patrol Conducted By:	E.J.mitchell P.O.
Duration of Patrol:	Three Days.
Mode of Travel:	Per Helicopter.
Accompanied By:	Nil
Europeans:	One Member, R.P.M.G.C.
Natives:	One D.N.A. Interpreter.
Last patrol to area:	March 1964 - Election Patrol.
Objectsof Patrol:	Census Revision.

E.J. Mitchell
E.J.Mitchell P.O.

Patrol Diary - Pio and Tura.

Wednesday 25th March.

Departed Karimui per helicopter for Haia, 0900 - 0915 hrs.
Haia, ro, Dyne censused etc. One bad case of Yaws marked to go to Karimui for treatment.
1300 - 1305 hrs, patrol moved Haia to Hwaliya. Hwaliya censused. Patrol moved to Wiid, 1500 - 1510 hrs. Wiid not assembled. Patrol Spent night at Wiid.

Thursday 26th.

Wiid and Yale censused. Patrol moved You 1100 - 1120 hrs.
You censused and patrol spent night at You.

Friday 27th.

Moved You - Soliabedo, 0930 - 1000 hrs.
Soliabedo censused. 1100 - 1115, patrol moved to Karimui. Patrol Ends.

Introduction.

The Pio and Pura census divisions have been administered jointly for some years, and the census patrol mounted in March 1964 was also a joint one to the two areas.

2. Movement of the patrol was by helicopter, which was assisting a leprosy research team elsewhere in the Karimui area. Instead of three weeks of hard walking as was the case in 1963, the patrol took three days. It was surprising to see the lack of surprise of the population. It appears that many of the young men had worked with A.P.C. and had experience with helicopters there.

3. Patrols to the area in August 1963 and March 1964 were felt to have covered any point that may have been missed by the census patrol, due to the short stay at all rest houses.

4. Lying to the east of Karimui, the area of the two census divisions is hard even to estimate. Only a very small part of the area is populated. In this very large area, 423 people live.

5. The terrain is very difficult, limestone outcrops occurring in many places, the ground always wet. I estimate that the annual rainfall of the area would be of the nature of 250 - 270 inches. This estimate is a conservative one. The country is very heavily wooded, and is true rain forest country.

6. Altitude varies from 1350 to about 2500 feet. The village at You is the highest occupied place. Strangely enough, it was here that coconuts, introduced from the coast, were found.

Native Affairs.

Numbering 423, the population exists - nothing more. Their way of life and living have changed but little since being contacted during the mid 'fifties. Original census was made by patrols from Lufa.

8. There is no local industry, and no likelihood of one starting. This lack is due mainly to the isolation of the area. A hard three days' walk is involved before the first village of twenty seven people is reached. A road to the area, considering territory finances, is impossible. Few places in either census division are suitable for airfields, and then, only suitable to light aircraft of the cessna and Otter type. In any case, the population could scarcely warrant the expense.

9. The language spoken is Tudahwe, which is spoken elsewhere in the Karimui area. However the two separated Tudahwe speakers have little in common.

10. The diet is made up of, mainly, Sago and sweet potato. Pawpaws, pinapples and cucumbers are grown, but are not common. Obviously malnutrition is common, and the general health poor.

11. Even though the helicopter used to transport the patrol was not strange to some of the inhabitants, the whole population were intrigued by the machine. After their initial fear had worn off, a thorough inspection was made of it. Their fear was not too strong, as was proved by the man brought back to Karimui for medical attention. He was most enthusiastic.

Health.

The general health of the people was bad. The numerous skin diseases and infections were the obvious features. Malaria was rife, infant mortality high. Strangely enough, not a single case of leprosy was seen. This seems to bear out the theory held that the leprosy present elsewhere in the Karimul area, in very large numbers, has been introduced from Gumine, to the north-west.

13. No medical personnel or facilities exist in the area.

Agriculture.

Due to the scarcity of axes, the small population and the heavily wooded nature of the country, gardens are small and primitive. The "Bush Fallow System" is practiced. Sweet potato, taro and other tubers, and cucumbers were the main crops. However the people eat sago, and spend much of their time at their sago clumps, which, although wild, are replanted and cultivated by the population.

15. No cash crops are grown in the area, although coconuts will grow, as is seen at You, where coconuts introduced by returning H.L.S. workers, have grown well, at an altitude of about 2500 feet.

Rest Houses.

It was found that the people are tending to congregate, in several villages around the rest houses. At Hala, the villages of Po and Dyne have been moved and houses are being built at this new site. The old villages have been abandoned. Hala is one of the few sites for an airstrip in the area. At Wiid, Yale and Wiid have combined to build a single village. What is behind these moves, I could not discover. The people at Hala declare that as they have land near the village, they are using it.

17. There is no mission activity, no schools, no roads, no trade stores, no airfields, in either census division.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District EASTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 3 of Karimui 63/64

Patrol Conducted by E.J. Mitchell

Area Patrolled Patrs of Karimui and Darib census divisions

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans two

Natives three

Duration—From 14 / 9 / 19 63 to 19 / 9 / 19 63

Number of Days 7 (5 camping days)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? yes

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

Medical / / 19

Reference

Objects of Patrol i Routine Administration

ii Assist medical survey team

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

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

67-13-24

10th March, 1964.

District Officer,
Goroka Division,
Eastern Highlands District,
GOROKA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 3-1963/64 - KARIMUI

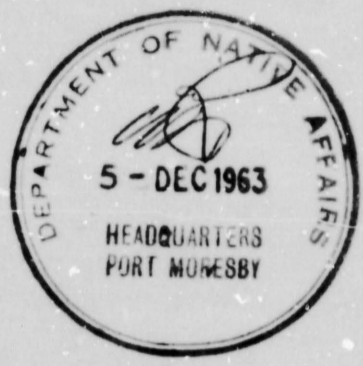
Receipt of the abovementioned patrol report is acknowledged with thanks.

2. This report should have been presented in the proper form. Please so instruct the officer concerned.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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Sub-District Headquarters,
GOROKA,
Eastern Highlands District.

19th November, 1963.

District Officer,
GOROKA.

PATROL REPORT - KARIMUI NO. 3 of 1963/64

The above report, in duplicate, submitted by Mr. Mitchell, P.O., is forwarded for your information, please.

2. The following comments are made:-
- (a) No claim for Camping Allowance was submitted, Mr. Mitchell is being requested to advise the reason for the omission;
 - (b) The patrol finished on 19/9/63, the report received at this office on 15/11/63. No reasons for this late submission are given.
 - (c) The report, if such it can be called, is so brief that it has no value as a report at all. Mr. Mitchell will be instructed to submit future reports in the proper manner as laid down by instructions.

R.W. Born
(R.W. BORN)
Assistant District Officer

67-13-2
Minute to:

cc: P.O.I.C. KARIMUI.

The Director,
Dept. of Native Affairs,
KONEDORU. Forwarded for your information, please. Further comment is not warranted.

R. W. Born
DISTRICT OFFICER. 29/11/63.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA


Patrol Post
KARIMUI
E.H.D.

16th October 1963

Assistant District Officer
Goroka

KARIMUI PATROL No. 3/63-64.

Patrol Conducted by	E.J. Mitchell P.O
Accompanied by Europeans	Mr. A. Masman Dr. S. Wigley
Natives	Consts'. DAMAGE HOPO KAKAT One DNA Interpreter
Area Patrolled	Parts of Daribi Karimui census divisions
No. of Days	7 (5 camping days).
Duration of Patrol	14/10/63 to 19/10/63
Objects of Patrol	i. Routine Administration ii Assisting Tuberculosis team.


E.J. Mitchell P.O

This patrol was carried out into parts of the Daribi and Karimui census divisions, accompanying the Tuberculosis team of Dr. S. Wigley and Mr. M. Masman. The objects of the patrol were;

- i. To render assistance to the Medical team in organising the people of the area,
- ii. Routine Administration.

The patrol was very well received by the people of both census divisions. But the response was poor in several of the rest houses visited. I feel that this was due to the hurried nature of the patrol. If more time could be spared, the attendance may increase also.

Routine administration proved to be almost nil. No disputes were brought forward for settlement, and only one case for hearing under C.N.M. was found.

14th OCTOBER

Departed station 1030hrs. Walked to Iogoramalu, where TB team saw the people. Slept Iogoramalu

15th OCTOBER

Moved to Dibe, where people of the place were seen. Self moved on to Wai and organised local people. Slept Wai.

16th OCTOBER

Moved from Wai to Bope, and then to Tiligi. Very poor response at Tiligi. Slept Tiligi.

17th October

Moved from Tiligi to Hobe. Here, patrol split. Medical team moved on to Noru, where the people had been grouped. Self moved to Maina. People at Masi advised of visit of Medical team on following day. Slept Maina.

18th OCTOBER

Moved from Maina to Negabo. Medical team moved from Noru to Masi to Maina. Very poor response at Masi. Self slept Negabo

19th OCTOBER

Departed Negabo 0640 hrs for Karimui, arriving Karimui 1230hrs. Medical team moved Maina to Negabo.

20th October

Medical team arrived at Karimui 1700hrs.

Patrol Ends

Amount Returned to Store



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of EASTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 5, KARIMUI 63-64 Program

Patrol Conducted by E.J. Mitchell, P.O.

Area Patrolled Bomai Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans -

Natives 3

Duration—From 8/6/1964 to 17/6/1964

Number of Days 10

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? no

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / / 1963

Medical / / 19

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol Census Revision, Routine Administration

Director of Native Affairs, PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

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

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23rd November, 1964.

District Commissioner,
Eastern Highlands District,
GOROKA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 5-63/6 - KARIMUI.

Receipt of the abovementioned report is acknowledged with thanks.

The report covers a patrol of short duration on purely routine matters and does not call for comment other than 10 from 17 does not leave 10. I hope patrol allowance was not claimed for 10 days.


J. K. McCarthy,
DIRECTOR.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Our Reference 67-13-2
If calling ask for
Mr.



District Office,
Goroka Division,
Eastern Highlands District,
GOROKA.

29th October, 1964.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

Subject: Patrol Report Karimui 5/63-64.

... Please find enclosed a patrol report submitted by Patrol Officer Mitchell together with comments on it from the Assistant District Officer, Goroka.

2. I consider the delay in the submission of this report by the Patrol Officer, and the non submission of his Report No. 4, as indicative of a lack of reasonable efficiency. I propose taking this matter up with you in other correspondence in due course.

... Encl.

C. J. Normoyle
(C.J. Normoyle)
a DISTRICT OFFICER.

cc: ~~A.D.O.~~
~~GOROKA.~~

cc: ~~P.O.I.C.~~
~~KARIMUI.~~

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Sub-District Headquarters
G O R O K A.
Eastern Highlands District.

20th October, 1964.

District Officer,
GOROKA Division,
Eastern Highlands District.

PATROL REPORT - KARIMUI 5/63-64.

The abovementioned Report together with Claims for Camping Allowance is forwarded for your information and further action, please.

2. No explanation has been given for the late submission of this Report and it is noted that Patrol Report Karimui 4/63-64 is still not to hand. Mr. Mitchell will be instructed to submit his reasons, in writing, for these delays.

3. The Report is brief and does not contain any new information. The Health situation and the position in regard to settlement either by Native or European, are well known but I cannot agree with the comment contained in the last sentence of paragraph 28 of the Report. The two aspects of poor communication and lack of local labour are powerful deterrents to European development.

R.W. Born
(R.W.BORN)
Assistant District Officer.

cc:
P.O.I.C.
KARIMUI.

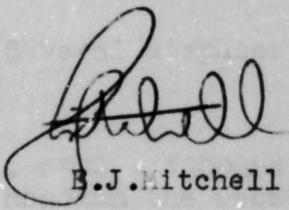
Patrol Post
Karimui
E.H.D.

15th October 1964.

Assistant District Officer,
Goroka Sub District,
Goroka.

Patrol No5. 1963-64 Program.

Conducted by: E.J.Mitchell P.O.
Region Patrolled: Bomai Census Division.
Duration: 10/6/64 to 17/6/64
No. of Days: 10
Accompanied by: Const. Irafavi, No 8811.
Const. Kakat No 10873.
Native Interpreter.
Objects of Patrol: 1. Census Revision
2. Routine Administration.


E.J.Mitchell P.O.

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DIARY, Bomai Census Patrol.

Monday, 8th June.

Departed Karimui for Boisamalu. Slept Boisamalu

Tuesday 9th.

Departed Boisamalu 09300 hrs. for Boipo. Finally arrived Boipo 1500 hrs. Rest house in very poor condition. Slept Boipo.

Wednesday 10th.

Departed Boipo 0915 hrs for Talabakul. Arrived 1030 hrs. Inspected aid post and arranged for census following day. Few headmen displayed some interest in election talk, and fate of House of Assembly election. Slept Talabakul.

Thursday 11th.

Awiku, Bakane, Koiomkane censused etc. Ten cases of Lepromatous-type leprosy seen. Many deaths, from, apparently, meningitis were noted. Slept Talabakul.

Friday 12th.

Moved Talabakul - Siruka, 0855 - 1030 hrs. Marimegu and Wabiari were assembled and censused etc. Several disputes and one C.N.A. heard. Rest House in reasonable condition. Slept Siruka.

Saturday 13th.

Moved Siruka - Unani, 0930 - 1100 hrs. Inspected airstrip reconstruction with Mr. Durbridge who is effecting this work. Slept Unani.

Sunday 14th.

Auwihi censused etc. Again some interest in fate of recent elections. Slept Unani.

Monday 15th.

Oludabei seen this day. Several disputes settled out of court. Slept Unani.

Tuesday 16th.

Departed Unani for Boipo. 0930 - 1300hrs. Stopped at Talabakul to impress on headmen the necessity for them to assist Aid Post Orderly in the distribution of anti malarial drugs. Arrived Boipo and made camp. Slept Boipo.

Wednesday 17th.

Departed Boipo 0730 hrs for Karimui. Tua bridge reached 0930. Arrived Karimui 1300hrs. Patrol ends.

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Introduction.

Lying to the west of the Karimui patrol post, the Bomai census division has a population of 580 people, in an area of approximately 200 square miles.

2. The terrain is flat, broken by gorges as much as 600 feet deep. They are usually as wide as they are deep, with swiftly flowing creeks at the bottom. The country is heavily wooded and generally slopes from Mt. Au (8,700 ft) in the north, to the Tua river in the east and south. The altitude is about 3,200 feet, and the rainfall is slightly heavier than the 150 inches received annually at Karimui.

3. Generally speaking, the census division is an extension of the Karimui plateau.

4. The population is concentrated - more or less - in the centre of the division, near the eastern border, in four centres.

5. The aims of the patrol were revision of census and general routine administration. No tax was collected.

Native Affairs.

The patrol was always well received by the population. However food was short at the time, and the patrol was shortened at the request of the people. Census and any complaints were dealt with, but not as leisurely as usual.

7. 'Bomai' is the name given the language spoken in the area. However this language is a dialect of the main language of Karimui - Daribi. It is held that the Bomai people originally migrated from Gumine, in the North. Although marriage ties do exist with some of the Gumine groups, the people are more like the Daribi, from across the Tua river.

8. The census division had originally been administered from Gumine, from whence contact came, in the mid 'fifties. The small population welcomed the strong administration as protection against their enemies, numerically stronger, from across the Tua river.

9. It is believed that as recently as fifteen years ago, a population of some 3,000 people existed in the Bomai area. No one factor appears to account for their disappearance. Apparently malaria, pneumonia, meningitis and other like sicknesses have been responsible.

10. Several minor disputes were settled out of court; one case of indecent behaviour was heard in the court for Native Affairs.

Health.

The general physical health of the people was no worse than is found at Karimui. Scabies, Tropical Ulcers etc, were as usual present, but, as said, no worse than is found elsewhere in the area. Malnutrition was bad, particularly in the children.

12. Two aid posts in the census division, at Talabakul and Unani, provide limited medical care for the population. Supplies for these aid posts are carried in from Gumine, four days' walk to the north.

13. Malaria Control is conducting an eradication campaign, which already is meeting with a measure of success. Although enlarged spleens cannot be changed, and were very much in evidence, the two Aid Post Orderlies declared that the incidence of malaria had dropped radically. They both expressed difficulty in dispensing anti-malarial drugs, which must be taken by the entire population at weekly intervals.

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14. Twenty three cases of various forms of leprosy were seen by the patrol. Although four percent is not as high as that at Karimui, obviously the untrained eyes of the patrol probably missed many cases. No social stigma was attached to the disease.

Airstrips.

The airstrip at Unani - called Bomai - is the only one in the census division. At present it is being extended and improved to comply with D.C.A. regulations. At the present time it is usable subject to certain restrictions. When completed, the airstrip will be open to Cessna and Otter type of aircraft.

Roads & Bridges.

There are no vehicular roads in the census division.

17. Walking tracks in the area were well defined and kept in reasonable condition.

18. The swing bridge, across the Tua river is a most frightening structure. However this flimsy bridge is the only link with the census division. It is maintained by the villagers closest to it - at Boipo.

Missions.

At the moment there are no mission personnel at all in the census division, either native or European. However, reports have been received that the, 1. Methodist Mission from Pangia, 2. Swiss Evangelical Field Mission from Minj, 3. Lutheran Mission from Karimui, 4. Seventh Day Adventist Mission from Cumine, all intend establishing missions in the census divisions. The missionary from Pangia has declared that he intends setting up a hospital, whilst the others have mentioned stationing native members in the area; all this for a population of 580 souls.

Agriculture & Livestock.

No cash crops are grown in the census division. The soil is volcanic, and very rich. It seems ideal country for coffee.

21. Sweet potato and other tubers provide the people with adequate food for their own needs. However, no surplus is provided, and feeding the patrol and carriers proved to be a problem.

22. Sago is regarded as a luxury item. The trees are not as plentiful as elsewhere in the Karimui area.

23. Land is no problem, and if existing policy were to change, the scope for coffee production in the area is great.

24. Native pigs were of reasonable condition. No disease was evident.

European Population.

Mr. J.P. Durbridge resides at Unani, on his agricultural lease. He is also supervising work on the Bomai airstrip. Mr Durbridge has a trading licence, and operates the only trade store in the census division.

26. Adequate surplus land exists in the census division for extensive settling - either European or native. The soil is ideal for coffee, or vegetables, as a commercial venture.

Rest Houses.

Located at Talabaul, Siruka, Unani were in good condition. The rest house at Boipo was in a deplorable state, and the people were told to renew it and the other patrol buildings.

General.

The Census Division is under populated,

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and if adequate medical aid is not found for the area, there is every possibility of the region becoming even more underpopulated. The soil is excellent for coffee or other crops, and could support a population of 5,000 easily. Encouragement is not being given to European settlers in the area, in fact they are being discouraged from taking an interest in the potentially rich census division.

29. The people in the area are happy, because they want no more out of life. They are very pro administration.

Paul
P.O.