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PATROL REPORT

Patrol Conducted by Peter Andrews Patrol Officer
Area Patrolled Middle Jimi and Kunoga Jensus Divisions
Patrol Accompanied by Europeans N11 5 Members R.P.A.G.C. Natives 1 Mative Medical Orderly
Duration—From .15./.8/19. 66.to 20/9/1966
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Objects of Patrol Gut and clear road survey track from Tabibuga Patrol Po
to Ruti Base Camp. Assess feasability of road from Tabibuga to Mangi
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Port Moresby, November 11, 1966.

JDO COUNCIL MAKES /SCADS.

In the middle Jimi and Eponga regions of the Western Highlands, Patrol Officer Peter Andrews recently out and cleared a roof survey track from Tabibuga patrol post to Ruti base comp.

The Jini Local Covernment Council asked the Administration for help in putting a road through the area.

The council seas ross development as a significant step towards future economic progress for the 20,000 people in the area.

Mestern Nighlands' District Commissioner, Mr. T.M. Ellis, said today on merial survey of the route revealed that the Jimi people had already cleared virgin jungle to a point a mile past the Genz River.

Mr. Ellis said the enthusiasm of the people warranted a further survey of the route from Monjim to complete a link to Kotna, in the Warri Valley.

An officer would soon be posted to the Fini River Pauron Post to undertake this work.



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Department of District Administration

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3rd November, 1966.

The Director, Department of District Administration, NORTHORN.

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It is thought that a more complete survey of the roate from Menjim to join up with a road out of Kotse in the Wahgi Valley is marranted. Mr. Andrew had insufficent time, because of pending leave, to do this.

Patrol Post area when officers return from LS.D.P.A. this Patrol,

For your information, please.

District Commissioner

c.c. The Assistant District Commissioner,

The Officer-in-Charge, Fatrol Post, Tabibuga.

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Department of District Administration Sub-District Office, Hount Hogen

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4th Cotober, 1966

The District Commissioner, Western Highlands District, MOUNT HAGEN

PATROL REPORT - JIMI RIVER NO. 3 - 66/67

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G. S. STRAIN G. S. STRAIN MAINTAIN DISTRICT COMMESSIONS

Sub-district Office, Mount Hagen. Western Highlands District 26th September, 1966.

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The Assistant District Commissioner, Hagen Sub-district. Mount Hagen. A TOPPOSITE AND A STATE OF THE STATE OF THE

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PARTITURA PARROL Nº 3 - 1966/67

Herewith please the abovementioned patrol report covering my activities from the 15th August to 10th September.

I was unable to reach Ruti Hase Camp before the 20th Septe due to my leave. I have estimated that to complete the marking of this road ; cutting and clearing under the supervision of a Buropean Offic would take no more than two weeks. However, I would suggest that an officer patrol around each centre in the area and organise th people into working groups, particularly if construction is to s in the near future.

Claim for camping out allowance submitted herewith

P.H.Andrews.

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Enbiluga Patrol Post Hagen Sub-district Vestern Highlands District

TAPITUGA PATROL Nº 3 - 1966/67

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Personnel Accompanyary the patrol

Durwtion of Patrol

East Patrol to the Area

Objects of the Patrol

Map Reference

Peter Andress Batrol Officer

Middle Jist and Euroga Commun Divisions along the east bank of the Jist River from Rabibuga Patrol towards Buti Base Comp.

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15th August 1966 to 20th September 1966 27 days on patrol

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Post towards but the war elements
all timber in preparation he road
construction. To assess the production
of a road link along the Gamp black
to Mala in the Wangi Valley.

Pourmil of Rama Patrol map attached Dairy of Patrol

Monday 15th August

Departed Sabibugo Patrol Post and walked down to Sau River and set up camp. Approximate walking time five hours. Discussed with police the sime and objects of patrol. Camped east bank of Sau River.

Tuesday 16th August

Departed comp 0700 hours and proceeded up banks of San River to locate bridge site. Bust and west banks generally steep and wide. Said Solid rock formation either side. Approximately a like will upstream located place where river forced between large boulders. Distance would allow bridge but no approaches either side. Comped San River.

Wednesday 17th August

Inspected possible bridge site one hundred parts from our Measured distance - 135 feet. Noted... On cast bank exceptionally and approach but subutments poor. On west bank solid rook discort, dance. On disgnal possibility of surpension bridge. Salked upstream as noted river widens countdenably with large gravel deposits. Possibility of floring in Mr. sesson. No places to construct bridge. Salked approaches.

Churciay 16th August

Departed comp with people from Nathur and proceeded to mark and plear timber for road back towards finithngs. Progress slow due to steepness of land and heavy undergrowth.

Friday 19th August

Continued marking out of road and cutting of timber. Continuing uptill, cleared approximately a half mile.

Saturday 20th August

Proceeded down west bank of Sau haver to junction with Jimi River. No bridge sites located. Proceeded along west bank of Jimi to locate general road direction. Proceeded to came bridge on Jimi River and noted good camp site. Returned to camp on Sau River.

Sunday 2 st ingust

Observed on patrol

Monday 22nd August

Marked down west bank of Sau River for about threequarters of a mile and reached straight and level land some distance above the river. Work continued on east bank cutting and clearing back towards Kwibum . Camped at Sau River

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Tabibuga Patrol No3-66/6

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Dairy of Patrol (Cont.)

Tuesday 23rd August

Proceeded up east bank along survey track to roud head. A considerable distance covered back towards Tabiluga, Returned to con site on Sau River and patrol moved to new camp site down of the south bank of the Jind River

Wednesday 24th August

Proceeded down south bank of Jimi river marking out road. Decided to follow contour reached previous day instead of dropping down onto flat garden area. Buch stone in area which will slow road construction. Beturned camp.

Continued marking down south side of Jimi River reaching long flat-tretches in heavylly timbered area. THE RESERVE OF THE PERSON OF T

The Spirits server secretics with Injury to self necessitated remaining in comp.

der 27th August

Assembled all groups engaged on this work and spoke with all on importance of the project and requested a better response from the local people assist on this work. Councillors and other handness despitabled to census centres to bring greater numbers for ensuing work.

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THE RESERVE THE PARTY NAMED IN COLUMN TWO IS NOT Observed patrol.

fonday 29th August

Moved camp to new site approximately four miles further down the Jimi River on Yin Creek. Marking out and cutting of track contin Much better response from locals with large numbers turning up to assist in work.

Tuesday 30th August

Continued marking out and cutting track across Tin Greek. Good bridge site obtained approximately one hundred and fifty yards from junction of Jimi River and Yin Creek.

Wednesday jist August

Continued cutting and clearing heavy timber for survey path.

Thursday 1st September

Marking out - road route continued. Proceeded back towards Sau River inspecting clearing.

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Biary of Patrol (Cont.)

Pridag 2nd Sentember

Continued marking out of road towards the Ganz River. Reached flat straight area some distance above the Jimi River.

Saturday 3rd September

Departed camp at Yin Creek and proceeded to new camp at Rinump.

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Sunday 4th September

Observed on patrol.

day 5th September

Proceeded marking out of road route and clearing of timber. sceeded down to the Gans River and walked a short distance along to find suitable bridge sites. Returned camp

Continued marking out and cutting of timber down towards dans River. Inspected good bridge site approximately a half mile from the Jimi River. Returned comp. A server and by a specific to the server and the se

Vednesday 7th September

Continued marking out of road and cutting and clearing of timber. Afternoon moved camp to an area near Tambunki Rest House.

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Thursday 8th September

Continued marking and clearing of road route. Cleared approaches to Gans bridge.

Friday 9th September

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Proceeded past Timbunki Rest House area and proceeded marking out out parallel to Jimi River into the Tuendiap area. Revurned camp

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Saturday 10th September

Continued marking out of road . Moved camp to Tsendiap area.

unday 11th September

Observed patrol.

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Tabibuga Fatrol No 3 - 66/67

Diary of Patrol(Cont.)

Monday 12th September.

Continued marking out of road route into Tsendisp area.

Tuesday 13th September

Continued marking out of road route through Tsendisp area.

Wednesday 14th September

Continued marking out of road to Tsendiap area.

Thursday 15th September

Returned along survey track reviewing cutting and clearing of timber. Returned to camp.

Iriday 16th Saptember

Asturaed to Timbunki area and set up camp. Natrol gear inspected and a large amount sent back to Tabibuga patrol post. Local people advised that I would be proceeding to Mount Hagen and further marking of road would be carried out when another officer was posted to Tabibuga Foople requested to plant gardens for when work is resumed and to burn all felled timber in the next few weeks.

Saturday ath September

ratrol moved out from camp along the Ganz River to assess possible road route to Mala area. Set up camp at Sibwap.

Sunday 18th Sectember

Observed patrol

Monday 19th Saptember

Proceeded along Ganz on left bank up to Menjim Rest House. Set up camp.

Diary of Patrol(Cont.)

Tabibuga Patrol No 3 - 66/67

Tuceday 20th September

Departed Menjim Rest House and proceeded further up Ganz River . Followed track over to Mala in Wahgi Valley. Proceeded to Mount Hagen.

Tabibuga Patrol No 3 - 66/67

Introduction.

The main object of this patrol was to mark out a road route from Tabibuga Patrol Post down to a bridge site on the Sau River, then, following generally the left bank of the Jimi River to mark and clear a track to Ruti base Camp in the Lower Jimi.

rugged, affording very little option in the selection of road routes and in marking out this road, the patrol moved through heavily timbered areas causing slow progress most of the way. From Emibum to the Ganz River the area is made up of numerous gullies and small creeks, and to a large extent ocvered with large boulders and live flows. From the Mogulapin River to Ruti Rase Camp, the land is generally undulating and flat, covered mainly with Kunai grass land through which a road would present little problem.

possibility of a road link from Tabibuga to the Wahgi Valley along the Ganz River linking up near Mala in the Dei Council area. On the Jimi side of the divide the layout of the land is as described above but near the head waters of the Ganz River the terrain is extremely rugged and stone and lava flows much more prevalent. Again the area is extensively covered with heavy timber.

Roads and Bridges.

A road has already been cut from Tabibuga to Kwibum, and the object was to continue this road down to the Sau River after a bridge site had been located. The Sau River is generally wide with numerous gravel deposits, and generally where it marrows the sides are made up of lava flows prohibiting a road to be worked into the bridge site. After inspecting three sites one was selected approximatel a half mile from the junction of the Sau and Jimi Rivers and the distance between banks is 135 feet. Having selected this site the road was marked back towards Kwibun and all timber fifty feet either side of the mark was felled and all undergrowth cleared. Working back from this river, it was necessary to maintain a steep grade to climb out of the valley, but it was managed to keep the grade below 12 percent. The road route is very winding, but due to the terrain no alternatives could be marked out.

the road route moved through rough uneven land with numerous dry gullies. From here the land levels out to a certain extent, and it was possible to mark out and cut long straight stretches for a number of miles. Bridges necessary have been listed on appendix attached to

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Roads and Bridges (cont)

this report. Yin creek is the only major creek between the Sau sud the Ganz rivers and the crossing is located in a very wide gully, and on each side, the road has to be routed down steeply. At the Ganz river a suitable site was soon found for a bridge - a span of 60 feet. As with some parts of the Sau River the, the Ganz generally rises steeply on both sides up to more level land, but at the bridge site cele of it was possible to obtain a fairly even grade out. Once again a straight long stretches were followed and cut generally parallel to the Jimi River. The road route was marked and cut to a point approximately midway between the Ganz and the Mogulapin Rivers. The land in this area has few running creeks but there are a number of dry gullies and the land to some extent is uneven. However, a road route presented no problem. Further down the land levels out to the flat grassland area before Rufi Base Camp.

Gravel deposits are found in almost every creek and heavy stone filling is available the entire length of the road route. Exceptionally good gravel deposits are found in the Sau and Ganz rivers and to a lesser extent in the Jimi River. Good sand deposits are found in the Jimi River which would be useful for any cement mixing required for bridge embuttments. Timber for bridges is located nearby in most cases and only the bridge site on the Sau will necessitate the use of heavy construction materials.

The second objective of this patrol was to find a detour from the main road to follow up the Ganz River to Menjim in the Jimi Valley, then over to Mala in the Dei Council area, to provide a chort road link between the Jimi Valley and the Wahgi valley.

The track followed was exceptionally flat, on which an excellent road could be made to a point approximately half way between fimbunki and Menjim. From this point the terrain once again becomes extremely rugged rising up to Menjim. It would be possible to construct a fairly good road to Menjim from Timbunki crossing the Sanz River from time to time to maintain an even grade, and to use long straight strethes parallel to the Ganz. However, from Menjim to Mala the layout of the land becomes very broken with numerous gullies and ridges on both sides of the Ganz River. Tracks in the area are over very rocky areas which would make road construction very difficult and to a large extent explosives would have to be used. It may be possible to avoid Menjim entirely and grade the road round ridges from the top of the divide down to the river some distance below Menjim - four or five miles. I woul suggest that if a road was made it would be suitable for landrovers only.

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Conclusion

Considering the Sabibuga Ruti road, five weeks were spent marking out and cutting heavy timber, the wast majority of which has been cleared, leaving mainly flat grasslands right to Buti Base Camp, and I would consider that this last stretch sould be marked out and olegred within two weeks.

Charles the course that there was proposed The local people, particularly those from Timbunki Assisted as much as they could, and the project was favourably received by meet, all being prepared to begin construction as soon as the necessary spades, picks and crowbars can be sade available. Lotteel constructi will be tedious in some places, particularly near Esteum due mainly to the large amount of rock in the area, but a road to Ruti from mid be completed within eighteen months.

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Appendix A

Measurements and recommendations for bridges

From the San River out towards Ruti the following creeks were noted to the Timbunki area, east of the Mogulapin River.

Sau River

Distance directly across 135 feet .On east side approach excellent - on west bank directly excess approach poor. This river will require a suspension bridge, Heavy stone foundation on west bank will allow build up of sement for embattments.

Roi Greek

Distance 35 feet, substantial amount of stone which will have to be dug away to position bridge. A normal log bridge necessary, Approaches fair.

Gambai Greek

Distance 70 fact. A large gally but very small flow of water. Bridge will have to be consistened approximately 20 feet above water level. Approaches will have to be dug book considerably. Hornal log bridge required.

Amena Creek

Mater flow almost mil but actual orest is within wide gully approximately 100 feet across. Recommend that a six foot culvers be used .A large amount of filling will be necessary to maintain road level.

Dang Creek

Log bridge of 50 feet necessary. Creek located within shallow gully. Approach from west good. Bastern approach has slight rise which will have to be cut back. Water flow very small, but heavy rain increases this considerably.

Yin Creek

Distance 70 feet. Pairly good approaches either side. Log bridge suitable. This creek is largest between Sau and Gans Rivery.

Savenk Creek

Distance 30 feet. Logs would have to be 40 feet. No water when inspected and there is the possibility of using a large culvert (5 feet). In this case a large amount of fill would be necessary.

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Appendix & (cont.)

Measurements and recommendations for bridges.

Sambanemai Craek

Practically no flow of water. With 12 feet. Banks very low and reasonable use of small culvert.

Kwiben Creek

a small creek located within a mide gully. Steep approached and would recommend the use of a six foot culvert. A considerable amount of fill would be necessary

Gulamaei Oreek

Small creek within gully 24 feet wide. Apr raches reasonably good and suggest the use of a small culvert (3 feet).

Mongombount Greek

Small creek 8 feet wide . Suggest andil culvert () feet).

Repapagauwa Creek

Kumbanigema Creek

Small creek 12 feet across . Very small flow of water. Suggest 3 foot culvert.

Gaze River

Large wide river. Bridge site located approximately six hundred pards from junction with Jimi River. Bridge site incorporates the use of an extremely large rock on east bank jutting out some thirty feet. On west bank lave flow allowing the build up of cement embuttment. Distance 60 feet. A normal log bridge required.

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Appendix A (cont)

Kangie Creek

Distance 28 feet . Suggest normal log bridge. Both approaches fair.

Apenge Greek

Distance 20 feet . Recommend use of six foot culvert. Approach good

Kongo Jreek

Distance 31 feet. Normal log bridge require approaches ressonable.

Remakai Creek

Distance 21 feet. Suggest large culvert.

Kanuku Creek

Distance 42 feet. Noveal log bridge required.

Kamiku Gurai Creek

Distance 23 feet. Mormal log bridge required. Approaches good.

Kuipamp Greek

Mistance 25 feet . Normal log bridge required

Sungunak Grock

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Distance 18 foot. Small log bridge required

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Distance 40 feet. Hornal Log bridge

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Appendix B

Although no road was marked out from fishunki up the Genz Miwer, the following were measured and recorded.

1 Kandangai Greek	30 feet wide west bank of Masis River
2 Pagemp Greek	34 feet wide
3 Mineage Greek	30 feet wide
4 Bitipai Creek	28 feet wide
5 Kora Greek	26 feet wide
6 Koro Creek	17 feet wide oust bank of Gare River
7 Kulmap Creek	20 feet wide
8 Bekin Greek	26 feet wife
9 Pukpai Creek	30 feet wide
10 Pitik Greek	34 feet wide
	40 Enet wide went best of Genn Mives
11 Bitim Greek	
12 Ben Greek	37 fee's wide
13 SINE River	84 fest wide
Ditinti Creek	30 feet vide east book of Gens Biven
15 Moubl Greek	34 feet wide
16 Ken Greek	34 feet mide
17 Abopine Greek	22 fect mide
16 SARE River	44 feet wide west Bank of Gans Piver
19 Warara Greek	19 feet wide
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The remainder are on the Wangi valley side of the divide down to the main road near Mala.

20 Tan Greek 26 feet wide 21 Kaboro Creek 26 feet wide 22 Kusrom Greek 20 feet wide 23 Waninga Creek 23 feet wide

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