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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 1 of 1959-60.

Patrol Conducted by T.A. Steen, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Upper Mebilyer and Kaugel Valleys

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans 10.

Natives 3 members R.P. & N.G.C., 1 interpreter

Duration From 19/1/60 to 22/1/60
~~3/2/1960 to 23/2/1960~~

Number of Days 22

Did Medical Assistant Accompany NO

Last Patrol to Area by District Services 20/5/1960

Medical / /19

Map Reference Hagen Aerial Photomap

Objects of Patrol As per introduction

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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8th August, 1960.

The District Officer,
Western Highlands District,
HEMATI BARRI.

Subject : Patrol Report TAMBUL No. 1-59/60.

Land Boundaries are stabilized as from the establishment of effective control. This is the most satisfactory solution to the difficult tenure problems in new areas. Prior to the imposition of the Queen's Peace, the only means of establishing possession was by conquest. At that time we had to regard force as legitimate before we could impose law and order.

You will be aware of the contents of Circular Instructions Nos. 81 and 150, concerning the use of unsupervised police on Base Camps. However, there is no objection to them acting in a purely caretaking capacity as long as they are restricted from intrusion into local politics, a very difficult business to prevent, even on Patrol Posts.

The Territorial Border should not be allowed to interfere with effective liaison between Officers for the effective administration of the people who live between their stations. The positive difficulties of the arbitrary border can be exaggerated, and the use of common sense will prevent most of them.

(J. E. McCarthy)
ACTING DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply
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No. WHD230/2881



District Office,
Western Highlands District,
MT. HAGEN

22nd July, 1960

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU

TAMBUL PATROL REPORT NO. 1

Please find attached:

1. Copy of Patrol report.
2. Comments by the Assistant District Officer, Mr. Hagen
3. Comments by the District Agriculture Officer, Western Highlands District.

The patrol was a routine one.

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District Officer

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
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No. 30/1

Sub-district Office,
MOUNT HAGEN.

15 June 60

District Officer,
District Headquarters,
MOUNT HAGEN

PATROL REPORT TAMBUL No. 1/59-60

Attached in duplicate is the above mentioned report submitted by Mr. Steen at the beginning of this month. Also enclosed for distribution are copies of extracts from the report for departmental distribution. The claim for camping allowance has been passed to Treasury Representative for payment.

The patrol was completed in February. The report was not received from Mr. Steen until the 3rd June - an inordinately long time terminated only by Mr. Steen's transfer from this District.

The necessity to close the Patrol Post at Tambul - as far as European staff was concerned - shortly after the completion of the patrol was indeed unfortunate, but, as you know, plans are now well in hand for its re-opening in the near future. Such a move will permit close contact with the people again and restore effective control throughout the valley.

Mr. Steen's efforts to improve livestock and to sow the seeds of a re-afforestation scheme are commendable and should be pursued when the Post is re-opened. It is, however, a pity that Mr. Steen failed to include the results of his livestock census.

Intensive work will be required on the main roads in the Valley to enable the heavy equipment which it is proposed to fly into Tambul for assembly and delivery to Mendi. I imagine that all bridges will have to be replaced to take the heavy weight and additional funds in the coming financial year will be required.

The special report concerning the Local Government survey has not been received. I anticipate that, when it does come to hand, it will not support the introduction of Local Government into the area. The people are by no means ready for such development yet.

Asst. District Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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No. 30-2

Agricultural Extension Centre,
MIM.

15th. July, 1960

The District Officer,
MT. HAGEN.

COMMENTS ON - RANGEL PATROL REPORT NO.1 OF 1959/60.

Much of the comment made in my Memoranda 30-2 of 29th. June, 1960, regarding the Mundip, could be applied equally to the Tambul area, as both areas lie within, or have within them, areas subjected to frosts.

The introduction of goats into the way of life of these Agricultural People, will inevitably bring with it, its own special problems. However, it will be interesting to observe whether the goat will become a permanent and integral part of their agricultural system.

Speaking generally of the Western Highlands, and looking from a long-ranged viewpoint, it is feasible that a dairy industry could be established here to serve the Territory.

With this in mind, the introduction of goats at this stage of development, may well serve the purpose of familiarising the Indigenes with milking stock.

The proposed introduction of well-bred strains of pig, if conducted efficiently, should enhance the local pig breed considerably. This is not only so regarding the quality and quantity of meat produced, but also as regards the average size of litters produced, and more especially, the litter size at weaning.



P.R. Dillon
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(P.R. Dillon.)

a/District Agricultural Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Western Highlands District,
Patrol Post,
TAMBUL.

PATROL REPORT

Western Highlands District

Tambul Patrol No. 1 of 1959-60.

Patrol conducted by:

T.A. Steen, Patrol Officer I

Area Patrolled:

Kaugel & Upper Nebilyer Valleys

Accompanied by:

3 members R.P. & N.G. Constabulary
1 interpreter

Duration:

19/1/60 - 22/1/60
3/2/60 - 20/2/60

Objects of Patrol:

1. Investigation native disturbance lower Kaugel Valley
2. Local government survey
3. Census of native livestock
4. Inspection and repairing local roads and bridges
5. Routine administration.

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TAMBUL PATROL NO. 1 OF 1959-60

MEMO

PATROL DIARY

Tuesday, 19th. January, 1960

Departed Tambul Patrol Post on patrol 12-30 pm. Arrived MURMUR GAP resthouse 4-10 pm and camped. Inspection of road. Bridge timber purchased.

Wednesday, 20th. January

Departed MURMUR GAP 7-30 am along Tambul-Mount Hagen road and arrived TOMBA 9-15 am. Purchase of pitsawn house timber. Inspection of road and new buildings constructed on the TOMBA police post. Remained overnight TOMBA resthouse.

Thursday, 21st. January

Native complaints heard. Remained TOMBA.

Friday, 22nd. January

Returned to Tambul Patrol Post for scheduled visit of His Honour, The Administrator.

Wednesday, 3rd. February

Patrol resumed. Departed Tambul 12-45 pm. Arrived LAIAGAM, assembly point of IANU II group (SANGUMPAMBU sub-group -- T/T NAPA) 2-15 pm. Native complaints heard.

Thursday, 4th. February

Departed LAIAGAM 9-15 am. Arrived after 1 1/2 hours walk at MALGI resthouse and the census point of the IANU III group (TARALI sub-group -- L/L GALUWA). Hearing of native enquiries and complaints. House and bridge timber purchased. Remained MALGI.

Friday, 5th. February

Departed MALGI 8-25 am and arrived LAGOP 10-25 am. Assembly of GUGUMINJI, IAF, and KEBAGA groups. Disputes heard. Camped resthouse.

Saturday, 6th. February

Departed LAGOP 8-25 am and arrived KIRIPIA 9-35 am. Gathering of SIBAGA, KUMALGA and KONUGA groups and hearing of native complaints. Remained resthouse.

Sunday, 7th. February

Observed. At KIRIPIA.

Monday, 8th. February

Departed KIRIPIA 8-30 am. Arrived PALNIL the assembly point of the TAGABUGA and UBUGA groups at 9-25 am. Native complaints heard. Camped resthouse.

Tuesday, 9th. February

Departed PALNIL 8-15 am. Arrived GIA 9-20 am and PIAMBIL 11-10 am en route to MARABUG. Informed swinging bridge over the Kaugel River to MARABUG broken. Camp made PIAMBIL resthouse.

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Disputes between border area natives heard. Constable KEWA of the Tambul Police Detachment stationed at the BONGA police post reported with alleged participants in native disturbance in lower Kaugel area. Investigation of alleged fight made.

Wednesday, 10th, February

Following arrangement made with OIC Ialibu Patrol Post, portion of patrol departed PIAMBIL for Ialibu Patrol Post along Tambul-Ialibu road 7-30 am. Met approximately 12 miles from Ialibu by Landrover based at Ialibu. Arrived approximately 3-30 pm at Ialibu.

Thursday, 11th, February

At Ialibu. Discussion with OIC on matters of mutual concern. Disputes concerning border natives heard jointly as arbitrators.

Friday, 12th, February

Departed 2-15 pm from Ialibu Patrol Post with OIC by Landrover along Ialibu-Tambul road and arrived "10 Mile Hill" 3-35 pm. Departed by foot for PIAMBIL. Arrived PIAMBIL 5-50 pm. Camped PIAMBIL resthouse.

Saturday, 13th, February

Departed PIAMBIL 5-45 am. Arrived by repaired bridge over the Kaugel River at MARABUG 11-20 am. MARABUG group assembled and native complaints heard.

Sunday, 14th, February

Observed. At MARABUG.

Monday, 15th, February

Departed MARABUG 8-30 am. Arrived GOROKA 10-45 am. Gathering of GAIME people. Camped resthouse.

Tuesday, 16th, February

Departed GOROKA 8-30 am. Arrived BONGA 9-10 am. KAICUA, NGUOBA/ANIMAL, DAGUA, PARIMBE and WAGUMA groups assembled and complaints heard.

Wednesday, 17th, February

Departed BONGA for 1½ hours walk to KOPINYE where the P...A people were assembled and native enquiries and complaints heard. Camped KOPINYE.

Thursday, 18th, February

Departed KOPINYE 8-30 am for IABUGA where patrol arrived at 10-15 am. Gathering of SAUGUA and MURJIGA groups and hearing of disputes. Camped IABUGA resthouse.

Friday, 19th, February

Departed IABUGA 8-15 am and arrived ALKEMIA (FABERAGI) Lutheran Mission station 9 am. Discussion with Rev. Mr. Kless the officer-in-charge. Inspected with Mr. Kless possible routes of road to link mission station and the road along the north bank of the Kaugel River with the Tambul road.

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Arrived at nearby ALKINIA where ENGAWAGI, and KONLIGE / KUSIGE groups were gathered. Remained ALKINIA resthouse.

Saturday, 20th February.

Departed ALKINIA for nearby assembly point of EUROBA group. Native enquiries and complaints heard. Departed for 2½ hours walk to return to Tambul Patrol Post.

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A survey as to the possibility or feasibility of introducing local government was carried out in the terms of DNA Circular Instruction 301 as instructed by the relevant memo's with each of the groups resident in the Kaugel Census Division, as was a census of native livestock.

End of Patrol

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INTRODUCTION

This patrol was principally for the purpose of investigating reports of fighting in the lower Kaugel Valley area of the Western Highlands. The patrol also served the purpose of conducting routine administration in addition to a census of native livestock and a survey of the local government potentiality of the Kaugel Census Division as requested by the Assistant District Officer's memo 1/31 - 14/15 of 24/10/59 further to the District Commissioner's memo 1/31 - 14/15-926 of 12/10/59 and attached copy of Native Affairs Circular Instruction No. 301.

The reports of the native disturbances proved to be exaggerated. Only one participant could be regarded as having sustained any substantial injury, this one being caused when a spear was driven into his face causing a severe but not serious cut.

However as the last patrol of any length had not been conducted of the census division for approximately six months, the patrol was able to hear and adjust numerous other native enquiries and complaints with the exception of land disputes and carry out other routine administration.

A further purpose was served by the patrol inspecting the motor roads in the area and in some places supervising repairs to the roads and bridges where necessary.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

The native disturbance referred to above arose subsequently to a pig dispute when a male of the KAIGUA group accused another of the same group of stealing his pig and eating it. The other native hotly denied this and the argument then resulted in a general fracas involving about half of the male members of the group who mostly armed themselves with sharpened sticks.

The general native situation could however be described as "quiet" although the always contentious land matters continue to pre-occupy most of the groups resident in the Kaugel and Upper Nebilyer Valleys.

The Munjiga movement as described in the previous patrol report (Tambul 2 of 1958-59) which involves the migration in and "squatting" of people of the MUNJIGA group on ground the use of which was awarded after a week-long court case by Mr. G.P. Hardy, M.C.N.A., to the IANU people, appears to be continuing. Prior to the advent of the Administration or even prior to the entry of Mr. J. Taylor into the area the MUNJIGA people had been routed in battle by the IANU and other groups to leave the Kaugel Valley altogether and live in the neighbouring Nebilyer Valley. With the cessation of tribal warfare and the government imposing peace on the Kaugel Valley these people started to drift back only in the last few years to the land that they feel still belongs to them, although at the time portion of the land now in dispute was purchased and alienated to the Administration for the establishment of what is now the Tambul Patrol Post and for leasing to the adjoining mission lease, they were not resident on this land.

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It is submitted that this movement could be partly checked by refusing to record any further MUNJIGA migrants in the Kaugel Valley census books of this group.

It is intended to make the local government survey of the Kaugel Valley made during the patrol the subject of a separate report.

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NATIVE OFFICIALS

The following are the present government-appointed officials in the Kaugel Census Division:

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| 1. | Luluai GALUWA | IANU III |
| 2. | Tul-tul PORA | IANU II |
| 3. | " PENDEN | SIBAGA |
| 4. | " KOROBA | GUCUMINJI |
| 5. | " KEP | KEBAGA |
| 6. | " NAPA | IANU I |

It is recommended that the above officials are insufficient for the population which is in excess of 10 thousand. A request for further appointments and the reasons for this request have been submitted in separate correspondence as per my memo 14/6 of 11th. March, 1960.

LAW AND JUSTICE

Most disputes were settled by arbitration. It was necessary however to sentence 8 male adult natives who participated in the native disturbance mentioned above to 1-2 months imprisonment in the Court for Native Affairs for riotous behaviour.

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The presence of a police constable in the area of the disturbance may have restricted the fighting and the continued maintenance of the BONGA police post in this lower Kaugel area is strongly recommended.

AGRICULTURE

The overall agriculture picture in the Kaugel Valley has altered not materially as to that outlined in the previous patrol and quarterly station reports. One possibly significant new trend is the introduction of goats into the traditional native agricultural pattern.

A group-by-group census of native livestock, which in this case is made up only of pigs, fowls and goats, was made and will be reported on separately.

The recent move by the Assistant District Officer to supply the government station at Tambul with European introduced pigs for breeding purposes will be a welcome one.

FORESTRY

By arrangement with the local representative of the Forestry Department, Mr. J. Bastow, a quantity of several species of eucalypts are available at Mount Hagen for planting at Tambul to provide some cover on the station itself and to provide some sort of start for the re-forestation program necessary in the area.

HEALTH AND MEDICAL

Due to the shortage of native medical orderlies the patrol was not accompanied for the most part by any medical personnel. However the more obvious cases requiring medical treatment were forwarded to the aid post at the Tambul Patrol Post where N.M.O. KELUA continues to do an apparently competent job.

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MIGRATE

The two small buildings serving as the Tambul Aid Post are in urgent need of replacement. Apart from the funds allocated to the construction of the new European residence, and £100 allocated specifically for the replacement of bush material bridge decking with pitsawn timber the total funds allocated in the current financial year for station construction and maintenance were £20 which was exhausted by the requisitioning of 2½ cases of nails (inclusive of air freight) and door hinges. This obviously has not allowed any funds or materials for the construction of a good aid post even making allowance for the assistance of voluntary labour and it would be appreciated if specific funds could be allocated for the construction of better buildings.

8 native multiple birth allowances are currently operative in this area.

ROADS and BRIDGES.

The situation as to roads and bridges has not altered appreciably since my memo 1/2-79 of 11/60.

During the patrol all the trafficable or near-trafficable roads in the Tambul and Tomba area were traversed by the patrol. This includes the sections of the Mount Hagen-Mendi and Tambul-Ialibu roads that are maintained from the Tambul Patrol Post.

Portions of the Ialibu road will need to be re-located and one bridge on this road is sufficient for motor cycle traffic only.

Possible sites of a road to link the track on the northern side of the valley and the ALKENA mission station with the Tambul-Ialibu road which serves the other side of the valley were investigated with the Rev. Mr. Klemm of the Lutheran Mission. Mr. Klemm stated that the mission were willing to assist financially with the cost of a bridge over the Kaugel River to connect this road. The site he has suggested may be too low-banked and prone to flooding and washaways to be practical. However, it was intended to look for an alternative site further up towards the Tambul Post where there are higher banks, but which paradoxically poses further problems of road construction that are not present on the flatter areas.

BORDER RELATIONS AND LIASON

The visit to the Ialibu Patrol Post provided an opportunity for the OICs Ialibu and Tambul Patrol Posts of having discussions on matters mutually affecting both these stations each administering adjoining areas. This visit at the invitation of the OIC Ialibu reciprocated previous such visits made by officers stationed at Ialibu to Tambul.

Border matters which could prove delicate as involving natives of both Territories it was felt were best dealt with in this manner as well as discussions on other such matters as the common road link with Mount Hagen or Mendi.

Two such native affairs matters dealt with in this manner were the allegation made by a Luluai in the Tambul area that his son and daughter were abducted by a Village Constable of the Ialibu area, and the allegation of a Tambul woman that her daughter had been sexually interfered with by a PHD native medical orderly stationed at an aid post in the Ialibu area.

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Appendix 1 Taabul Patrol Report No. 1 of 1959-60.

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REPORT ON MEMBERS OF THE R.P. & N.G. CONSTABULARY WHO ACCOMPANIED
PATROL

- 1. Sergeant 3/c HANGO Reg. no. 1748 A good N.C.O.
- 2. Constable 5 yr. SAELAS 8020 Conduct good. Efficient.
- 3. Constable 4 yr. ANUSA 8630 Conduct good. Efficient.



(T. Steen)
Patrol Officer.

c.c. The Commissioner of Police,
Headquarters,
R.P. & N.G. Constabulary,
KORORU.