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KOMO.

1964 - 1965

Report Nos 1, 3, & 4



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. I/64-65 KOMO Patrol Post - S.H.D.

Patrol Conducted by B.J. CREEDY, PATROL OFFICER Gr. 2.

Area Patrolled KOMO Patrol Post - Administrative Area.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

4 R.P.&N.G.C.

Natives 1 Trainee Interpreter.

1 Aid Post Orderly.

Duration—From 7/21/64 to 7/19/64
29 7 64 12 8 64 AND 26.8.64 to 15.9.64
Number of Days 49 days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NIL

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Feb./19..64

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

Map Reference Southern Highlands District Map.

Objects of Patrol Census Revision : Road Survey and Construction : Routine Administration : For last section only - Area Study.

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

(21)

67-15-11


15th February, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
HEIDI

PATROL REPORT NO. 1 - 1964/65 - KOME

Receipt of the above mentioned report together
with covering memoranda is acknowledged with thanks.

Please inform Mr. Greedy that to express
dissatisfaction as he has done so by writing a valueless
report, only reflects adversely upon him.


(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

67-15-11

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.



Ref. No. 67-3-11.

District Office,
Mandi.
Southern Highlands District.

28th October, 1964.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office.
TARI.

KOMO PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 1964/65.

Thank you for the above mentioned Report which was received on the 19th October, 1964.

This is a most disappointing document and reflects adversely on the patrolling officer.

Mr. Greedy should study the Departmental Standing Instructions, Volume I and give particular attention to Chapter IV. I am aware that Mr. Greedy considers that Reports are not necessary for the Komo Area. His reasons are that the area has been de-restricted; this is not entirely correct, the area has been recommended for de-restriction but to date has not been Gasetted as such. However, apart from this consideration there are two other salient points. (i) Reports are still required if a Patrol has been conducted in a markedly under-developed area - Komo in my opinion falls into this category (page 19, Vol. I Departmental Standing Instructions, supra.) (ii) One of the prime objects of writing a Report is to afford the writer an opportunity to marshal his thoughts and reduce them to a succinct and logical, formed statement. This aspect Mr. Greedy fails to do and he obviously requires more practice in this field if his career is not to suffer.

Your remarks concerning the proposed medical patrol have been noted.

(Signature)
(A. C. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

c.c.
Officer-in-Charge,
KOMO.

Minute to:
Director,
Department of Native Affairs.
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For your information please - a most meagre Report.

(Signature)
(A. C. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

(14)

INTRODUCTION.

1. A full report is being submitted for this patrol as uncertainty exists as to whether this area is restricted.

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

2. The delay in submitting this report is unavoidable due to the illness of the patrol officer who was unable to take over his duties.

25th September, 1964.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
TARI.

KOMO PATROL REPORT No. I of 1964/1965.

Patrol Conducted By : B.J. Creedy - Patrol Officer Gr.2

Area Patrolled : Complete KOMO Patrol Post Administrative Area - RESTRICTED ???

Accompanied By

Europeans : NIL.

Natives : All KOMO R.P.&N.G.C. Detachment on a rotational basis of 4.
: I Trainee Interpreter.
: I Aid Post Orderly.

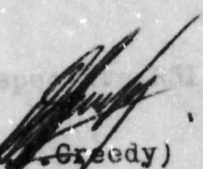
PERIOD OF PATROL.

Duration : 49 days.
7.7.64 to 18.7.64
21.7.64
29.7.64 to 12.8.64
26.8.64 to 15.9.64

Last Patrol To Area : February, 1964.

Map Reference : Southern Highlands District Map.

Objects of Patrol : Census Revision.
Road Survey and Construction.
Routine Administration
For last section only- Area Study.


(B.J. Creedy)
PATROL OFFICER.

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INTRODUCTION.

1. A full report is being submitted for this patrol as uncertainty exists as to whether this area is still classified restricted.

2. The delay in submitting this report is regretted but unavoidable due :-

- (a) the middle of the patrol saw the suspension of the D.N.A. clerk and no one available to take over his duties;
- (b) consequently on the patrol's return correspondence had to be filed, rations issued and re-ordered, wages and numerous other matters attended to all apart from numerous disputes accumulated at the station.

3. As a result and in conjunction with (b) above and the following :-

: This report is now my eight for the area :

: An Area Study has been commenced and a further patrol will be mounted to complete same immediately this respective report is completed;

much needless repetition and wasted time will result from a comprehensive report here, thus the following is basic.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

4. Peoples reception of patrol and overall attitude towards the Administration was excellent.

VILLAGE CONSTABLES.

5. One dismissal and four appointment recommendations are being forwarded per separate memo.

CENSUS.

6. In majority of cases this was the revision of the initial and revealed a population of 4,496 which I estimate as being only 95 percent of actual.

7. An overall natural decrease of 1.57 was forthcoming : however working on the one sixth of the population to the stations immediate South-East this natural decrease is 3.7 per 100.

8. As of this writing the TARI Medical Assistant is preparing to patrol this particular area and a full report will be forthcoming in the area study.

R.P.&N.G.C.

9. Record of Services entered and respective RSI Forms forwarded.

~~(J. Creedy)~~
PATROL OFFICER.

29th September, 1964.

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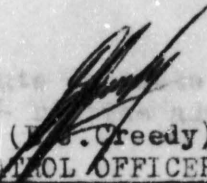
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 (P. S. Creedy)
 PATROL OFFICER.

29th September, 1964.

B. DIARY.

1964.

Tuesday ..7th July.

Departed KOMO after various station matters for MIGILI early afternoon - track well cleaned - preliminary talks - fresh foods for trade - routine administration. Slept MIGILI R/H.

Wednesday, 8th July.

Revised initial census of this group - slight confusion only over names remainder day general talks, various minor disputes/enquiries etc.etc. Slept MIGILI R/H.

Thursday, 9th July.

Departed MIGILI FOR EMBETALI - fresh foods for trade - talks by self and Agric. Field Assistant followed by revision of census - minor disputes and enquiries only. Slept EMBETALI R/H.

Friday, 10th July.

Depart EMBETALI for IANDA - rest house marked by previous patrol well built except for walls which are sufficient for two stories. Talks - fresh foods for trade - revised census - 2 C.N.Ms and various minor disputes. Slept IANDA R/H.

Saturday, 11th July.

Depart IANDA for TIUNTE- track poor - talks - fresh foods for trade - revised census - minor disputes - routine administration. Slept TIUNTE R/H.

Sunday, 12th July.

Depart TIUNTE for ATARE - preliminary talks- fresh foods - slight rain so remainder of day observed counting books. Slept ATARE R/H.

Monday, 13th July.

Rest house catches fire as breakfast being served - all equipment except for kitchen gear and shower bucket saved - runners dispatched KOMO for tents etc. - talks - revised census - afternoon spent commencing framework of new rest house - 2 disputes settled - arrival tents 1800 hours erection same etc. Slept ATARE.

Tuesday, 14th July.

Depart ATARE for AIJAGAIBA - fresh foods for trade - talks - revised census - disputes/enquiries etc. - routine administration etc.etc. Slept AIJAGAIBA R/H.

Wednesday 15th July.

Depart AIJAGAIBA for TANI surveying road route en route - fresh foods- talks - revised census -disputes/enquiries - routine administration. Slept TANI R/H.

Thursday 16th July.

Depart TANI for EGAUWI - carriers via normal track - self with V/C's etc inspecting terrain for road route etc. - fresh foods -talks - revised census - disputes/enquiries -routine administration. Slept EGAUWI R/H.

Friday 17th July.

Equipment to PADUA rest house - self road surveying arriving back at PADUA late afternoon - fresh foods etc. Slept PADUA R/H.

Saturday 18th July.

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1954.

Saturday 18th July.

D.A.S.F. and self talks - revised census - one dispute - departed for KOMO surveying unsuccessfully road route across hill - arrived KOMO 1820 hours.

19th & 20th July.

At KOMO

Tuesday 21st July.

Depart KOMO early morning for PADUA - successful survey of road route - returning KOMO late afternoon.

22nd July to 28th July.

At KOMO.

29th July, Wednesday.

Departed KOMO for YANDALE in light rain - decided not to proceed further - fresh foods etc - general enquiries - one C.N.M. adjourned. Slept YANDALE R/H.

30th July, Thursday.

Continuation C.N.M. at YANDALE. Departed for POROYANDALE carriers via main track - self following ridge surveying and cutting road route eventually to TARI - arrived POROYANDALE late afternoon - fresh foods for trade - routine administration etc. Slept POROYANDALE R/H.

Friday 31st July.

Census revised at POROYANDALE - numerous minor disputes/enquiries - fresh foods - routine administration - road works. Slept POROYANDALE R/H.

Saturday 1st August.

Depart POROYANDALE for TEREJAGA - carriers via main track, self road surveying arriving TEREJAGA late afternoon in heavy rain. Road route along ridge from KOMO excellent but unfortunately mid way leaves main population and proceeds through bush - consequently a new route which stays with the population will be found. Slept TEREJAGA R/H.

Sunday 2nd August.

Survey of two bridge sites - three disputes including one axe wounding - fresh foods for trade - routine administration. Slept TEREJAGA R/H.

Monday 3rd August.

Census revised at TEREJAGA - remainder of day on numerous disputes two only requiring jail sentences - routine administration etc. Slept TEREJAGA R/H.

Tuesday 4th August.

Depart TEREJAGA after hearing one further dispute for TURUBI - fresh foods etc - rest house walls of old 'pit-pit' with now numerous gaps. Strong talks given assembled people and remainder day same repairing rest house - One C.N.M. Slept TURUBI R/H.

Wednesday 5th August.

Census revised at TURUBI - election held for Village Constable of this group - two candidates both tying - no decision made for present. Various disputes - 3 males IHL sentences - routine administration etc. Slept TURUBI R/H.

DIARY Cont.

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1964.

Thursday 6th August.

Depart TURUBI for EKAIBA - road general survey en route particularly bridge sites - fresh foods for trade - talks - census revised - disputes - routine administration etc.
Slept EKAIBA R/H.

Friday 7th August.

Depart EKAIBA for KUNGU Rest House - fresh foods for trade - imminent rain so females and children returned houses - afternoon on various disputes/enquiries etc - routine administration.
Slept KUNGU R/H.

Saturday 8th August.

Talks - census revised at KUNGU - two disputes - investigated absence of aged female and three sons - attended females house - delapidated - supervision construction of new house - departed for PAMI - fresh foods - preliminary talks - routine administration etc.
Slept PAMI R/H.

Sunday 9th August.

Semi observed at PAMI - all census books counted etc. etc.
Slept PAMI R/H.

Monday 10th August.

Census revised at PAMI - three disputes heard and settled, 2 further adjourned to MINDIETE - depart PAMI for MINDIETE - fresh foods - routine talks - visited U.F.M. Mission - investigation suicide late afternoon.
Slept MINDIETE R/H.

Tuesday 11th August.

Census revised at MINDIETE - 2 disputes - depart for YANDALE - fresh foods for trade - talks - disputes/enquiries etc. etc. Inspection immediate road works - routine administration etc. Carriers house fires late afternoon.
Slept YANDALE R/H.

Wednesday 12th August.

Talks and census revised at YANDALE - arrival at rest house of M.H.A. HANDABE of TARI electorate for talks etc, informs A.D.O. at KOMO on completion of census revision depart for KOMO.

13th August to 25th August.

Varicus station matters at KOMO.

Wednesday 26th August.

Departed KOMO for KURUKUMBUTEI in light rain - carriers having been sent ahead earlier - fresh foods for trade - routine talks etc.
Slept KURUKUMBUTEI R/H.

Thursday 27th August.

Talks - census revised - all afternoon on essentially two ony disputes against Village Constable of this rest house namely adultery, alleged intercourse with female child and a third of pig stealing brought forward. 2 dismissed due to time limitation - third of intercourse with female child to be brought before Supreme Court.
Slept KURUKUMBUTEI R/H.

Friday 28th August.

Depart KURUKUMBUTEI via new track to IDANI - KURUKUMBUTEI rest house definately not central to this group and new rest house site will be selected next patrol - approx. 4 hours to IDANI - fresh foods - 4 disputes - routine administration etc. etc.
Slept IDANI R/H.

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DIARY Cont.

1964.

Saturday 29th August.

Talks re census, roads, area survey - revised census of IANGALI and TUGUBA 2 groups at IDANI - 5 C.N.M.'s heard and settled - arranged for clearing of tent sites at ANGORE for survey of this area for a new rest house central to these groups - IDANI having been initially constructed as a half way house for the carrying of supplies from TARI to KOMO prior to the airstrip opening.
Slept IDANI R/H.

Sunday 30th August.

Departed IDANI for ANGORE garden areas - tents erected - fresh foods for trade - inspection area and rest house site selected - commenced constructing framework of same - routine administration etc.etc.
Slept ANGORE gardens.

Monday 31st August.

Depart ANGORE for TAGITE rest house - fresh foods for trade - talks - area study survey matter - census revised - 2 disputes - routine admin.
Slept TAGITE R/H.

Tuesday 1st September.

Total of four disputes delt with - one further with witnesses Police Constable etc. forwarded TARI for medical examination and possibly Supreme Court - investigation and inspection of vine bridge across TAGARI River believed cut down by these people - constructed by previous patrol to allow easy access to TARI. Depart TAGITE for LAITE - fresh foods for trade - prelim. talks etc - routine administration.
Slept LAITE R/H.

Wednesday 2nd September.

Talks and revision of census at LAITE - various numerous disputes of a minor nature brought forward - fresh foods etc. - books counted - arrival mail late afternoon.
Slept LAITE R/H.

Thursday 3rd September.

1 C.N.M. heard - 5 IHL detainees, police constable and interpreter forwarded KOMO - departed for LAIJAUKO thence HANDAMANDA - fresh foods for trade - prelim. talks - enquiries - nil disputes.
Slept HANDAMANDA R/H.

Friday 4th September.

Talks on various matters - revised census - area study survey - road/bridge survey for KOMO/TARI road.
Slept HANDAMANDA R/H.

Saturday 5th September.

Depart HANDAMANDA for new rest house marked out last patrol - JAGWA - track excellent - rest house well constructed - talks - fresh foods for trade - revised census - supervision minor amendments to rest house - election held for village constable - one dispute - routine admin.
Slept JAGWA R/H.

Sunday 6th September.

Depart JAGWA for KURU - inspected JULUBARI garden area for one wanted male, unsuccessful - continued on to KURU via another track arriving KURU late afternoon in heavy rain - this now makes five different tracks walked to reach this rest house and all atrocious. Fresh foods.
Slept KURU R/H.

Monday 7th September.

Typed letters and dispatched KOMO for posting. Talks - census revised minor disputes - 1 CNM - fresh foods - routine administration - books counted - three new toilets constructed for rest house barracks et
Slept KURU R/H.

DIARY Cont.

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1964.

Tuesday 8th September.

Depart KURU for JULUBARU garden area thence via track following TAGARI River flats - this track giving access to wild game to the extent of 1 duck, 1 pidgeon, 2 large and three small pigs shot, without having to actually leave the track. Arrived HANDAMANDA late afternoon in heavy rain - decided not to continue on to LAIJAUKO. Slept HANDAMANDA R/H.

Wednesday 9th September.

Depart HANDAMANDA for LAIJAUKO - various talks - fresh foods for trade - revised census - area survey - number of minor disputes none requiring C.N.M. action - routine administration. Slept LAIJAUKO R/H.

Thursday 10th September.

One dispute heard - departed for LAITE thence PARA - track excellent except for PARA section - fresh foods for trade - strong talks given assembled people - remainder of day all PARA's cleaning all tracks etc.etc. - routine administration - books counted. Slept PARA R/H.

Friday 11th September.

Census revised at PARA - talks - area survey - fresh foods - various disputes 3 only requiring C.N.M. - routine admin. etc etc. Slept PARA R/H.

Saturday 12th September.

Depart PARA for AIJAGATE R/H. - talks - census revised of both PELA and WARABIA2 groups - fresh foods for trade - further talks - area survey - minor disputes - routine administration. Slept AIJAGATE R/H.

Sunday 13th September.

Semi observed - books counted - two assault cases requiring medical treatment brought in - investigated and adjourned - fresh foods for trade - routine administration. Slept AIJAGATE R/H.

Monday 14th September.

2 C.N.M.'s at AIJAGATE - depart for TAWANDA - rest house repairs carried out - fresh foods for trade - talks - revised census - area survey - numerous minor disputes/enquiries - routine administration. Slept TAWANDA R/H.

Tuesday 15th September.

Depart TAWANDA after 1 CNM for KOMO via TEREJAGA : POROYANDALE and YANDALE - total 6 hours.

END OF PATROL / DIARY.

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

(Folio No. 1.)

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Birth Rate = 3.13 per 100

Death Rate = 4.50 per 100

Year 1964 Month JULY: AUG: SEPT.

Natural Increase = 1.37 per 100

VILLAGE	Day of Month	DEATHS										MIGRATIONS							
		Under 1 Year		1-5 Years		6-10 Years		11-15 Years		16-45 Years		46 and over		BIRTHS		IN		OUT	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1 AIJABAIBA	14.7.64													1	1	7	14	1	6
2 AIJABATE	12.9.64	1			2			1		1	4	1	1	4	6	10	20	15	12
3 ANBORE	29.8.64	2								1	2		1	3	2	9	12	6	7
4 ATARE	13.7.64	1	7		1			1		2	3	1	2	4	6	10	11	4	10
5 EBAUWI	16.7.64		1							1	1			3	3	6	8	4	9
6 EKAIABA	6.8.64		3										1	1	3	5	4	1	4
7 EMABETALI	4.7.64				1					1	2			1	1	1	1	1	5
8 HANDAMANDA	4.9.64				1					2	2	1	2		6	13	6	6	
9 IANDA	10.7.64					1				1	2	2			8	8		4	
10 JALWA	5.9.64									1	1	2		2	4	10	14	4	6
11 KUNBU	8.8.64			1						2	4		2	1	2	8	16	4	9
12 KURU	7.9.64					1				2	1			1	1	6	10	4	3
13 KURUKUMBUTEI	6.8.64	1	1							2	2	1		2	2	3	2	9	13
14 LAJAURO	9.4.64		1							2	2	1	3	1	2	13	16	9	11
15 LAITE	2.7.64		3	1						3	2		1	1	6	5	7	9	11
TOTALS		5	16	2	5	2		2		18	26	14	11	27	38	107	155	77	116

VILLAGE	Day of Month	ABSENT WORKERS				ABSENT STUDENTS													
		Inside District		Outside District		Inside the District				Outside the District									
		Government		Mission		Government		Mission		Government		Mission							
		Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult						
1 AIJABAIBA	14.7																		
2 AIJABATE	12.9						5												
3 ANBORE	29.8																		
4 ATARE	13.7		1																
5 EBAUWI	16.7		1			1													
6 EKAIABA	6.8																		
7 EMABETALI	9.7						2												
8 HANDAMANDA	4.9																		
9 IANDA	10.7		1				2												
10 JALWA	5.9						1												
11 KUNBU	8.8						5												
12 KURU	7.9																		
13 KURUKUMBUTEI	27.8																		
14 LAJAURO	9.9																		
15 LAITE	2.9		1																
TOTALS			4				16												

VILLAGE	Day of Month	POPULATION IN VILLAGE AT TIME OF CENSUS										TOTALS, inc. ABSENTEES		GRAND TOTAL	Average size of Family				
		Under 1 Year		1-5 Years		6-10 Years		11-15 Years		16-45 Years		46 and over				Child	Adult		
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			M	F		
1 AIJABAIBA	14.7	1	1	8	20	9	9	4	5	41	48	3	6	22	35	144	54	155	2.3
2 AIJABATE	12.9	3	5	24	27	17	25	21	9	76	73	14	28	65	66	95	101	327	1.7
3 ANBORE	29.8	1	2	5	12	21	11	7	14	42	40	7	7	34	39	49	47	169	1.6
4 ATARE	13.7	1		17	17	18	13	15	3	48	53	3	7	21	32	52	60	196	2.4
5 EBAUWI	16.7	3	1	13	23	11	10	8	4	33	41	4	9	35	38	39	50	162	
6 EKAIABA	6.8	1	2	6	8	2	1	1	4	19	20	3	1	10	15	22	21	68	
7 EMABETALI	9.7	1		11	5	15	10	6	4	25	25	2	2	33	19	24	27	109	
8 HANDAMANDA	4.9	2		7	6	9	5	3	4	23	25	9	12	21	15	31	37	104	
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10 JALWA	5.9	1	2	5	12	5	12	1	2	28	28	4	7	15	28	53	35	111	
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12 KURU	7.9		1	8	12	6	6	5	4	25	44	2	2	19	23	27	26	95	
13 KURUKUMBUTEI	27.8	1	1	8	9	9	8	2	3	22	21	5	7	20	21	27	28	96	
14 LAJAURO	9.9	1	2	14	12	12	11	5	7	56	54	6	6	32	32	62	60	186	
15 LAITE	2.9	1	2	8	10	16	16	10	5	42	41	11	13	35	33	54	54	176	
TOTALS		18	21	157	195	155	151	97	74	541	552	79	131	457	447	636	683	2230	

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

(Folio No. 2)

Birth Rate — 3.13 per 100

Death Rate — 4.50 per 100

Year 1964 Month JULY · AUG · SEPT

Natural Increase — 1.37 per 100

VILLAGE	Day of Month	DEATHS										BIRTHS		MIGRATIONS						
		Under 1 Year		1-5 Years		6-10 Years		11-15 Years		16-45 Years		46 and over		M	F	IN		OUT		
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			M	F	M	F	
16	MIBILI	8.7.64	3	1	1	1					1	2	2	5	5	8	15	9	19	
17	MINDIETE	11.8.64	1	1							2	1	3	3	4	2	9	2	8	
18	PADUA	18.7.64	4	1	3	1					1	2	2	4	6	14	30	2	7	
19	PAMI	10.8.64		1		2	1	1		1		2	1	1	4	4	14	15	2	7
20	PARA	11.9.64	1	1		1					1	2	1	1	4	3	6	10	7	6
21	POROYANDALE	31.7.64	1										2	1			5	11	1	1
22	TABITE	31.8.64		1			1				1	1	3	2	1		6	7		3
23	TANI	15.7.64									1	1		1	1	4	4	6	12	
24	JAWANDA	14.9.64									1				1	7	8	5	6	
25	TEREJAGA	3.8.64				1						1			2	2	10	12	6	4
26	TIUNTE	11.7.64		1							2	5	1	1	1	1	8	5	3	6
27	TURUBI	5.8.64	1	1										1	5	3	6	6	2	1
28	YANDALE	12.8.64	2	2							3	2	5	1	8	4	15	16	14	28
29	TOTAL		13	10	4	5	1	2		1	13	19	14	14	39	34	174	148	58	106
30	TOTAL P.		5	16	2	5	2		2		18	26	14	11	27	38	107	155	77	116
GRAND TOTALS			18	26	6	11	3	2	2	1	31	45	28	25	66	72	211	309	135	222

VILLAGE	Day of Month	ABSENT WORKERS				ABSENT STUDENTS														
		Inside District		Outside District		Inside the District				Outside the District										
		Government		Mission		Government		Mission		Government		Mission								
		Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult							
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				
16	MIBILI	8.7					3													
17	MINDIETE	11.8			1		3													
18	PADUA	14.7					1													
19	PAMI	10.8					2													
20	PARA	11.9					6													
21	POROYANDALE	31.7																		
22	TABITE	31.8																		
23	TANI	15.7						3												
24	JAWANDA	14.9																		
25	TEREJAGA	3.8																		
26	TIUNTE	11.7																		
27	TURUBI	5.8																		
28	YANDALE	12.8			2			5												
29	TOTAL				3			23												
30	TOTAL P.				4			16												
GRAND TOTALS					7			39												

VILLAGE	Day of Month	POPULATION IN VILLAGE AT TIME OF CENSUS										TOTALS, inc. ABSENTEES		GRAND TOTAL	Average size of Family					
		Under 1 Year		1-5 Years		6-10 Years		11-15 Years		16-45 Years		46 and over				Child	Adult			
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F							
			M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M			F	M	F		
16	MIBILI	8.7	2	2	17	13	27	22	3	4	49	57	2	4	50	41	52	61	206	
17	MINDIETE	11.8	2	4	8	7	13	20	10	1	46	53	12	20	33	37	62	73	205	
18	PADUA	14.7	3	6	35	34	30	28	7	10	58	90	7	5	75	72	66	95	314	
19	PAMI	10.8	4	4	21	15	17	10	6	6	33	37	7	7	42	35	42	44	163	
20	PARA	11.9	3	2	10	19	18	11	7	10	50	45	15	24	38	42	71	67	220	
21	POROYANDALE	31.7			8	8	16	11	3	4	18	25	6	7	27	23	24	32	106	
22	TABITE	31.8	1		3	3	5	6	3	4	22	16	2	2	12	13	24	18	67	
23	TANI	15.7	1	1	14	11	9	8	4	3	34	31	4	7	31	23	41	38	133	
24	JAWANDA	14.9			1	7	3	4	5		12	10	5	7	11	7	17	17	54	
25	TEREJAGA	3.8	2	2	13	16	6	7	2	3	31	38	10	11	23	28	41	49	141	
26	TIUNTE	11.7			13	4	11	7	3	2	20	34	2	1	27	24	28	36	114	
27	TURUBI	5.8	2	2	13	6	8	17	5	2	39	37	8	13	30	27	47	50	154	
28	YANDALE	12.8	6	2	19	24	17	45	24	13	55	103	17	17	96	54	89	120	389	
29	TOTAL THIS PAGE		29	27	161	173	171	171	67	67	183	176	97	125	195	144	267	301	2266	
30	TOTAL PAGE 1.		18	21	157	195	185	157	97	74	514	552	79	131	457	417	436	583	2230	
GRAND TOTALS			46	48	338	388	358	328	141	107	1128	1198	176	256	1652	1521	1249	1384	4496	



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. KOMO No 2-64/65

Patrol Conducted by N.C.M. QUIRKY, CAPT PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled COMPLETE KOMO ADMINISTRATION AREA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans MR. J. HARVEY EMA TARI
2 R.N.G.C., 1 APO

Natives 1 INTERPRETER, 48 CARRIERS

Duration—From 23/2/1965 to 19/3/1965 (BROKEN PERIOD)

Number of Days 22

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? YES

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services OCT/NOV/1965

Medical NIL /19

Map Reference S.H.D. MAP, MAP FOR KOMO PATROL No 2-64/65, MAP ATTACHED.

Objects of Patrol I ESCORT EMA TARI FAMILIARISE SELF WITH KOMO TARI ROAD ROUTE. I FAMILIARISE SELF WITH KOMO P.O. N. 1 & I GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

29/4/1965

District Commissioner

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

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

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

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June 4th, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District
MEMPHIS.

MEMO PATROL REPORT No. 1/64-65:

Receipt of the above report forwarded by
your memorandum 67-3-6 of 29th April, 1965, is acknowledged.

2. This is quite a good report of a fairly routine
patrol. Mr. McQuilty continues to show commendable interest
in his work.

T.G. Atchison
(T.G. ATCHISON)
A/Director

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

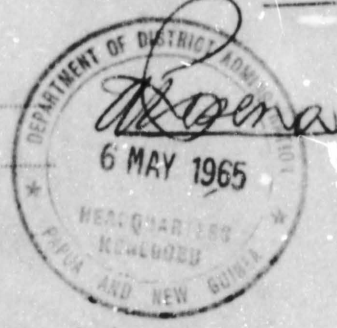
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Mr.



Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District
BLINDI

29th April 1965

The Director
Department of District
Administration

KOROBURU

SUBJECT: Komo Patrol 3 of 1964/65.

Attached please find one copy of a report on the above patrol conducted by Mr. M.C. McQuilty Cadet Patrol Officer together with copy of covering memorandum, P.R. 13/64-65 of 21st April, 1965, from Assistant District Commissioner TARI.

2. Some comments follow:

- (i) At this juncture I do not intend recommending the establishment of a Local Government Council for the Komo Administrative Area. At the present time District efforts are being concentrated in those areas which offer the greatest economic potential and in which Councils could be established with reasonable chances of becoming financially independent units in the not too distant future. These prerequisites do not exist in the Komo Administrative Area which will be a marginal area even when fully developed.
- (ii) The Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries Field Day held to demonstrate selection and planting of sweet potato and preparation of gardens together with the anti yaws campaign indicate the area is not being neglected. Additionally the TARI road network is being extended to the Komo area.
- (iii) The District Inspector advises that present Education policy is to consolidate and expand existing schools not to establish new schools. Until this policy is changed there appears little possibility of a school for Komo.

3. Mr. McQuilty conducted a useful patrol and has submitted a good report.

(D. R. Marsh)
A/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

*acc. a good report of a patrol
route held. Mr. McQuilty
continues to show considerable
interest*

P. B. 3/64-65
Kono

Sub-District Office,
Fari,
21st April, 1965.

District Commissioner,
Department of District Administration,
Harari.

Kono Patrol Report No. 1 of 1964/65.

Forwarded herewith is a report of a patrol conducted by Mr. H. G. McQuilty, Guest Patrol Officer, which covered the whole of the area administered from Kono Patrol Post.

There were two main objects of the patrol - firstly to accompany the Medical Assistant Mr. J. Harvey who conducted a health survey and anti-gum campaign in the area, and secondly to enable Mr. McQuilty to become familiar with the area administered from Kono.

As a result of reports by the previous O.I.G. Mr. B.J. Greedy of an abnormally high death rate and poor methods of cultivation of subsistence crops - this latter confirmed by an Agricultural Officer, the Department of Health were requested to patrol the area and ascertain whether the high death rate was allied with nutritional disease. I have read the report of the patrol by the Medical Assistant who states that nutritional disease is present. I understand that Health have posted a more capable and experienced medical orderly to Kono and propose to visit the station at regular intervals. The long range plan is for the establishment of a Rural Health Centre.

The patrol was of a routine nature with the emphasis on medical work and calls for little comment. The following is submitted for your consideration.

Political Situation. Little can be said about this. I feel that the people would accept area administration. They have seen a little of the neighbouring Fari Council. The cash income in the area is so small that they could afford to pay only a very small tax and such a council would have to be subsidised. In addition it would be necessary to post a more experienced officer to Kono before introducing area administration. (Refer also my comments on Kono Patrol Report No. 2 of 1964/65).

Agriculture. Since the completion of this patrol, the District Agricultural Officer visited the area and conducted a field day which was attended by nearly all Village Constables in the area and a few other people. Sweet potato was planted in a specially prepared garden and methods of selecting runners and planting were carefully explained to the assembly.

The people commented that their own sweet potato runners were not good and that the imported runners, if they bore well, would prove little. For this reason Mr. McQuilty was instructed to plant several mounds with selected runners from local gardens. The District Agricultural Officer expressed the opinion that if the runners were properly selected and planted, the quality and yield should be satisfactory, but probably not as good as the imported planted material.

There is no doubt that good quality sweet potato can be produced in the area. This is done by the members of the Foliolo Detachment, who trade sweet potato for pigs with the locals.

There is virtually no cash cropping in the area. I favour the establishment of a trial coffee plot near the station, preferably on land belonging to a man of some influence in the area.

Education. There are no schools in the whole of the area. I should like to see a school established at the station in 1960. There are sufficient people living within a short distance of the station to ensure that pupils of the right age would be available. Perhaps this matter could be taken up with the District Inspector, Department of Education.

Roads and Bridges.

It appears from Mr. McQuilty's investigations that quite a good route exists for the construction of a road from the Tani side to link up with the road from Komo. This is confirmed by my own discussions with various people in the Talohe area. These people seem quite keen on the road too, and I understand that it will open up a lot of good garden land.

Mr. McQuilty has conducted quite a useful patrol and submitted a good report. He has settled down at Komo quite well, and at my last visit informed me that he would like to return there after leave. He is due to proceed on leave on 30th May, 1960.

Claim for Camping Allowance is forwarded herewith.

(A.J. Shack)
Assistant District Commissioner

c.c. O.I.C. Komo.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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

23rd March, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
TARI.

KOMO PATROL REPORT NO. 3-64/65.

Patrol Conducted by : N.C. McQuilty, Cadet Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled : Complete KOMO Administration Area.
Patrol Accompanied by : Europeans;
Mr. J. Harvey, E.M.A., TARI.
Natives;
2 R.P. & N.G.C.,
1 Interpreter,
1 A.P.O.,
48 Carriers.
Duration of patrol : 23.2.65 to 19.3.65 (Broken period).
22 patrol days.
Did Medical Assistant
Accompany? : Yes.
Last Patrol to area : D.D.A. - Oct/Nov. 1964.
P.E.D. - Nil.
D.A.S.F. - Nov. 1964.
Map reference : Southern Highlands District Map,
Map accompanying KOMO Patrol Report No.
2-64/65 and map attached.
Objects of patrol : I. Escort E.M.A.,
II. Familiarize self with the KOMO -
TARI road route,
III. Familiarize self with the KOMO
Administration Area, and
IV. General Administration.

N.C. McQuilty
(N.C. McQuilty)
Cadet Patrol Officer.

PATROL DIARY:Tuesday 23rd. February, 1965:

Called rolls for R.P.N.G.C., labourers and detainees.
 Rainfall and airstrip reports to Port Moresby.
 R.T.C. Mount Hagen.
 Final preparations for patrol.
 Mr. J. Harvey E.M.A. arrived from TARI with patrol gear plus station cargo.
 All official mail opened.
 Lunch KOMO P/P.
 Patrol departed KOMO and walked through bush to MIGILI R/H. - 65 minutes.
 Mr. J. Harvey E.M.A. immediately started work on examining women and children - self assisted with Penicillin injections for anti-Yaws campaign.
 Patrol slept MIGILI R/H.

Wednesday 24th February, 1965:

Male adults of MIGILI examined and blood slides taken by the E.M.A. - self assisted by giving Penicillin injections.
 Patrol departed MIGILI R/H and walked to IANDA R/H - walking track through bush for most part - 1 hour 20 minutes.
 EMBITALI group examined by E.M.A. and blood slides taken - self assisting with injections.
 Lunch.
 IANDA group examined by the E.M.A. and blood slides taken - again self assisted with the injections.
 Talk to EMBITALI V.C. concerning the KOMO experimental sweet potato plot. Bought fresh foods.
 Patrol slept IANDA R/H.

Thursday 25th February, 1965:

Patrol left IANDA R/H and walked to TIUNTE R/H - walking through bush and several gardens - 1 hour 20 minutes.
 TIUNTE group waiting - examined by E.M.A. and blood slides taken. Self assisted with injections (anti-Yaws campaign).
 Lunch.
 Patrol departed TIUNTE R/H and after 2½ hours walking through bush arrived at ATARE R/H.
 Fresh foods bought for the carriers and the V.C. told to bring his group to the R/H the next day to be examined.
 Patrol slept ATARE R/H.

II.

Friday 26th February, 1965:

ATARE group examined and blood slides taken by the E.M.A..
Again self assisted with the injections.
Spoke to V.C. concerning the KOMO experimental plot.
Lunch.
Patrol departed ATARE R/H and after 2½ hours walking through bush
arrived at AIJAGAIBA R/H.
Fresh foods bought for the carriers.
Listened to the District Sked.
Patrol slept AIJAGAIBA R/H.

Saturday 27th February, 1965:

AIJAGAIBA group examined and blood slides taken by the E.M.A..
Self assisted with the Penicillin injections.
Lunch.
Patrol departed AIJAGAIBA R/H and walked to TANI R/H through
gardens and small patches of bush - 35 minutes.
TANI group examined and blood slides taken by the E.M.A..
Again self assisted with the injections.
Bought native fresh foods for carriers.
Patrol slept TANI R/H.

Sunday 28th February, 1965:

Patrol departed TANI R/H and after 1½ hours walking arrived at
EGAUWI R/H.
EGAUWI R/H group examined and blood slides taken by the E.M.A..
Self assisted with the Penicillin injections.
Inspected work on the road from the EGAUWI R/H towards the TIUNTE
R/H.
Patrol slept EGAUWI R/H.

Monday 1st March, 1965:

Self departed EGAUWI R/H and walked to KOMO P/P along vehicular
road - 1 hour.
R.T.C. Mount Hagen.
Calculated the D.D.A. funds for the fourth quarter.
All official mail filed.
Rations for the Patrol readied.
Also personal supplies.
Counted and checked reimbursement No. 7..
Donations for Churchill Memorial fund collected.
Leave papers for Constable I/C KAINAGARE compiled - also paid.
District Sked.
Self rejoined patrol at PADUA R/H.
Patrol slept PADUA R/H.

III.

Tuesday 2nd March, 1965:

Patrol departed PADUA R/H and walked to PAMI R/H along south side of the MANANDA Basin. - 1 hour 5 mins.

PAMI group examined, blood slides taken and given Penicillin injections.

Patrol departed PAMI R/H and walked to KUNGU R/H. This group also examined, blood slides taken and given Penicillin injections.

Bought fresh foods for carriers.

Several minor complaints.

Patrol slept KUNGU R/H.

Wednesday 3rd March, 1965:

Patrol departed KUNGU R/H and after 35 mins walking across the MANANDA Swamp arrived at MINDIETE R/H.

Patrol gear and cargo continued on to YANDALE R/H.

EMA examined MINDIETE group and took blood slides. Self and APO gave Penicillin injections.

Rest of patrol departed MINDIETE R/H and walked to YANDALE R/H. - 30 mins walking.

Bought fresh foods for carriers.

Patrol slept YANDALE R/H.

Thursday 4th March, 1965:

Self departed YANDALE R/H and walked along vehicular road to KOMO station - 20 mins.

R.T.C. Mount Hagen.

All files dealt with - wrote necessary correspondence. - entered in Outwards Correspondence book.

Financial, R.F.N.G.C. Roll, Vulcanological monthly reports compiled

Inspected work allocated for General labourers and detainees.

District sked.

Rejoined patrol at POROYANDALE R/H - 55 mins walking from KOMO station.

Patrol slept POROYANDALE R/H.

Friday 5th March, 1965:

Men from POROYANDALE and KURUKUMBUTEI groups examined by EMA and blood slides taken.

Patrol departed and arrived at EKAIBA R/H after 1½ hours walking.

Fresh foods bought for carriers.

Gave advise concerning the route and work on the TARI - KOMO road.

Patrol slept EKAIBA R/H.

Saturday 6th March, 1965:

Patrol remained EKAIBA R/H waiting for further supplies of Penicillin. A good chance for the patrol to rest, wash clothes etc.

Patrol slept EKAIBA R/H.

Sunday 7th March, 1965:

Again patrol remained EKAIBA R/H waiting for Penicillin. A carrier sent to KOMO to check and see if Penicillin had arrived.

Patrol slept EKAIBA R/H.

Monday 8th March, 1965:

Gave Penicillin injections to the EKAIBA and TURUBI groups. The patrol then departed EKAIBA R/H and after walking for 1 hour along wet track arrived at TEREJAGA R/H. TEREJAGA group examined and blood slides taken by the EMA. Self assisted with the Penicillin injections. Native foods bought for the carriers. Patrol slept TEREJAGA R/H.

Tuesday 9th March, 1965:

Patrol departed TEREJAGA R/H and proceeded to AIJAGATE R/H through the TIMARIA River gorge. Self inspected road route. 1½ hours walking on steep descent and ascent. AIJAGATE and TAWANDA groups examined and blood slides taken by the EMA. Self assisted with the Penicillin injections. Finished work and bought fresh foods in light shower of rain. Patrol slept AIJAGATE R/H.

Wednesday 10th March, 1965:

Patrol departed AIJAGATE R/H and after 25 mins walking arrived at PARA R/H. PARA group examined, blood slides taken and given Penicillin injections - self assisting. Patrol then departed PARA R/H and walked to LAITE R/H.- again along easy track - 40 mins. Laite group examined, blood slides taken and given Penicillin injections.- self assisting. A complaint - not settled, to be settled at LAIJAUKO. Bought fresh foods for carriers. Patrol slept LAITE R/H.

Thursday 11th March, 1965:

ANDGORE and TAGITE groups examined, blood slides taken and Penicillin injections given.- self assisting. Patrol departed LAITE R/H and proceeded to LAIJAUKO R/H - 40 mins. LAIJAUKO group examined, blood slides taken and Penicillin injections given by EMA and APO with self assisting. Fresh foods bought for carriers. Two complaints settled - no charges necessary. Patrol slept LAIJAUKO R/H.

Friday 12th March, 1965:

Patrol departed LAIJAUKO R/H and walked for 55 mins to HANDAMANDA R/H. HANDAMANDA, JAGWA and KURU groups examined by EMA.. Blood slides and Penicillin injections given - self assisted for part. Self investigated, with police, V.C's, and locals the best route to TARI, the time, etc.. V.C. from LUGUNI left guide with patrol. Plenty of fresh foods bought for carriers - both for night and for the next day. Patrol slept HANDAMANDA R/H.

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Saturday 13th March, 1965:

Patrol departed HANDAMANDA R/H, crossed the TAGARI River into the TARI Admin. area and proceeded to TARI via LUGUNI, HIWANDA, HALIMBU, and WOLOLO R/H's. A long hard walk - 10½ hours carrying time. Suggest future officers take two days for this walk.

Patrol slept TARI.

Sunday 14th and Monday 15th March, 1965:

Spent TARI.

Tuesday 16th March, 1965:

Carriers with Police escort departed TARI and slept TELABO R/H. Self remained TARI.

Wednesday 17th March, 1965:

Departed TARI in Land Rover with Assistant District Commissioner and proceeded to TELABO R/H - A.D.C. returned to TARI.

Some patrol gear not needed for the rest of the patrol sent direct to KOMO P/P.

Self marked road from the TARI - AGAU road to ridge next to the TAGARI River, then returned to TELABO R/H.

Bought fresh foods for the carriers.

Patrol slept TELABO R/H.

Thursday 18th March, 1965:

Patrol departed TELABO R/H and walked to LUGUNI R/H. Self remained behind and continued to mark road along ridge towards TAGARI River (TARI-KOMO border). Unable to mark road to river because of thick bush. Councillors from TELABO and HIWANDA seemed to know where the road is to go so told them to cut a path through the bush where they think best and it can be confirmed or otherwise by an officer later on. While waiting they can start cutting the road that is marked.

Self returned to LUGUNI R/H.

Bought fresh foods for the carriers.

Patrol slept LUGUNI R/H.

Friday 19th March, 1965:

Patrol departed LUGUNI R/H crossed TAGARI River on rope bridge near TAGITE R/H and walked direct to KOMO P/P. A long hard wet walk - 9½ hours.

Carriers given food for the night.

Patrol stood down.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

KOMO Patrol Report No. 3-64/65:

INTRODUCTION:

The main objects of this patrol were to escort the TARI European Medical Assistant, Mr. J. Harvey, on a Health Patrol, familiarise self with the road work in the KOMO Administration Area, especially the TARI-KOMO road and to familiarise self with the KOMO people and Administration area. General administration was also carried out.

For further comments concerning the above objects please refer to the relevant sub-headings in the text of this report.

For comments on climate, topography, vegetation and other geographical aspects of the KOMO Administration area please refer to KOMO Patrol Report No. 2-64/65 and the area study therein. These aspects are well covered in the area study so it would be of no further value to cover them again in this report.

RECEPTION OF PATROL:

The Patrol was well received at all Rest Houses. There were no hostile or unliked incidents during the patrol. The people of the KOMO area have come to realise fully the objects of the Administration. This can be seen in the way the people are prepared to leave their old methods of planting sweet potato and take on a new and better method (please refer to MEMBI D.A.S.F. Patrol No. 6-64/65), bring their complaints, disputes and differences to the Government Officer at KOMO Patrol Post, etc..

VILLAGES:

Housing in the KOMO area is the usual Highlands type of low, squat house. with separate houses for men and women. These houses are usually of good standard because of the necessity to keep the rain out and any warmth in.

The houses are not combined in villages but in hamlets scattered amongst their gardens and bush.

Water supply is no problem.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

There are no recommendation for appointments or terminations of any of the Village Constables.

The Village Constables are of good quality, on the average, considering that KOMO has no very influential leaders.

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POLITICAL SITUATION:

There are no movements, organisations or cults in the KOMO area.

There are very few mission establishments in the KOMO area but what there are seem to have very little influence on the people except maybe the odd one or two living immediately adjacent to the establishments. All mission establishments at the moment are only staffed with local natives (TARI Huria).

AGRICULTURE:

There is no cash cropping in the KOMO area although the groups nearest to KOMO station do sell sweet potatoes to the Administration for station police and labourers.

The native foods grown in the area are sweet potato, edible pit pit, bananas, with some taro and Pandanus Nuts.

The introduced vegetables are pumpkins, the most widely grown, corn, tomatoes, spring onions, and even one or two lots of peanuts close to KOMO station.

In conjunction with the following remarks please refer to the relevant section in KOMO Patrol Report No. 5-62/63 and to HEMDI D.A.S.F. Patrol No. 6-64/65.

The sweet potato bought on patrol for the carriers was from fair to poor quality but on only one occasion was the quantity insufficient.

From my own observation of the methods used and from discussions with the highlands police on KOMO I have come to the conclusion that the following are the faults in the methods used:

- i: Drainage: The people do not build drains around their gardens therefore not lowering the watertable and not allowing the excess water to drain away. The few who do do not maintain the drains and therefore the drains are soon in such a condition that they might as well not been built in the first place. The result of this being water logged gardens.

- ii: Mounds: All mounds are very poorly constructed. Some are built by simply turning over the topsoil. This gives a mound of about 2-3" in height of very poorly worked soil. In other areas the soil is dug deeper with the result of a higher mound of about 6" and here again the soil is not worked well. These two types of mounds allow for water logging.

- iii: Methods of Planting: There is no system or method of planting. When the sweet potato has been dug the old runners are used again for planting. They are not planted but stuck into the ground in any way at all.

- iv: Planting Materials: As stated in the above para., planting material is not selected but the same old runners are used year after year.

- v: Fallowing and Rotation: There is no system of fallowing or rotation practised. A garden is dug on a piece of land and after a varying period the garden is just left and forgotten about until it may be used again in the unknown future.

AGRICULTURE: (continued)

To rectify these faults it needs an extensive agricultural extension program to teach the people how to drain their gardens, build higher mounds, out of well worked soil, how to select choice sweet potato planting material, how to plant this material correctly, how long to leave a garden lie fallow and how to plant casuarina trees on the fallowing gardens.

This program has been started by building a sweet potato plot on KOMO station. It is expected that within the next few weeks an agricultural officer will visit KOMO, give a talk to the assembled Village Constables and show them the correct method of planting using introduced sweet potato probably from the Eastern or Western Highlands Districts.

It is then proposed that all Village Constables build along the same lines. When the Village Constables' gardens are well on the way to being established it is hoped that the other people in the groups will follow suit and will use the Village Constable's garden as a pro-forma and build their own gardens in the same way.

The program cannot stop here but must be followed up by future officers because it is going to take years for the people to get the right technique for fallowing land.

The introduction of cash crops are not recommended at the present although an experimental coffee plot will be started in the near future to see how it will grow in this area. After the people have grasped the correct method of growing sweet potato then it will be the time to introduce cash crops.

As can be seen from the comments in para's. 2 and 3 under this heading there is not a great variety of vegetables grown. It is hoped in the very near future to introduce more European vegetables plus such things as pineapples and paw paw.

LIVESTOCK:

The only livestock in the KOMO area is the native pig. These are highly valued because it is their only source of protein and is also of great wealth used for Bride Price, etc..

When the agricultural officer next visits KOMO he will be approached on the subject of introducing poultry in this area.

FORESTS:

Approximately two thirds of the KOMO Administration area is covered with virgin forest. To my inexperienced eye most of the trees are softwood with maybe one or two varieties of semi hardwoods. One species that stands out from the others is Hoop Pine. This can be found over most of the area but a fairly substantial stand was seen straddling the TAGARI River along the proposed TARI-KOMO road route. This could be cut into fitches and when the road is finished taken to TARI for ripping and cutting into timber.

At the present there are no sawmills or pitsaws operating in this area.

COMPLAINTS AND COURTS:

There were very few complaints made to the patrol. All that were brought forward were settled with what seemed satisfaction to all parties concerned.

There were no Court for Native Matters necessary during the patrol and therefore none were sent to TARI for hearing.

REST HOUSES:

Please refer to the map accompanying KOMO Patrol Report No. 2-64/65 for a list of KOMO Rest Houses.

All Rest Houses were in a good state of repair but some were very small. The necessary instructions were given to the Village Constables to build bigger ones next time the Rest Houses need renewing.

For walking times between Rest Houses please refer to the attached diary.

CARRIERS:

A permanent line of 48 carriers accompanied the patrol for the entire period. These carriers were recruited from the groups bordering onto the station. There was no difficulty in recruiting.

During the patrol there were two long walks, one of 9 1/2 hours and the other 10 1/2 hours. During these walks there were no complaints. These carriers will carry for as long as it is physically possible if the necessity ever arises.

HEALTH:

Mr. J. Harvey, the TARI European Medical Assistant, and an Aid Post Orderly accompanied the patrol. A general health patrol was carried out. The men, women and children were examined by Mr. J. Harvey. Blood slides were also taken for examination after the patrol. Everyone also received a Penicillin injection in an Anti Yaws campaign. All persons for hospitalisation were sent to KOMO to be evacuation to the TARI General Hospital or the Hansende Colony at HOIEBIA near TARI.

There is little value if I make comments on the health in this area as this will be covered well in the patrol report by Mr. J. Harvey E.M.A. therefore for a professional view on the health of the people of the KOMO area please refer to the relevant P.H.D. TARI Patrol Report (the number not known).

EDUCATION:

There are no Government or mission schools in the KOMO Administration area.

During the patrol I was approached by the Village Constables from PADUA and YANDALE asking for a Primary 'T' school to be established at KOMO station. This request is strongly recommended. The PADUA Rest House.....

EDUCATION: (continued)

.....is 45 minutes and the YANDALE Rest House is 20 minutes walk from the KOMO station. At the 1964 census revision PADUA had 37 males and 38 females in the 6-15 years age group. At the same census revision YANDALE had 71 males and 58 females in the same age group. With the full support of the Village Constables concerned and the cooperation of the parents there would be an attendance of 50% or more giving an attendance of 100 or more.

This is a genuine desire to have a school. This has probably been brought on by KOMO people visiting TARI and hearing of the TARI people who have been to school and are now employed as Aid Post Orderlies, Native Medical Orderlies, Policemen and also in the Pacific Islands Regiment.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

At the present moment there are two roads under construction. The TARI-KOMO road and a loop road from KOMO going through PADUA, EGAUWI and TIUNTE Rest Houses. This road will be continued and will eventually come back to KOMO via IANDA, ERITALI and NIGILI Rest Houses.

The most important road is the TARI-KOMO link road. For details of the route of this road please refer to the map attached to KOMO patrol report No. 2-64/65. This road has been pegged to the TAGARI River below the HANDAMANDA Rest House. Bridging the TAGARI River will be no problem. At the bridge sight the river runs through a gorge leaving a bridge span of 30-35 feet. This can be quite easily bridged with tizers.

As per verbal instructions from the Assistant District Commissioner, TARI, an attempt was to peg the road from the bridge sight to join up with the road in the TARI area. Approximately 2 miles of this still remains unpegged because most of this is covered with thick bush and would have taken 4 to 5 days to do, the patrol rations would not allow this. However the Local Government Councillors from TELABO and NIWANDA (TARI area) seemed confident that they know where the best route could go so they were told to cut a path along this route and an officer at a later date can confirm, or otherwise this route. While they are waiting for the confirmation they can be working on the section of the road that is pegged.

MISSIONS:

There are three denominations of missions in the KOMO area; Roman Catholic, Unavangelised Field Mission and Seventh Day Adventist. At the moment all of these missions are staffed with local natives. The U.F.M. station at MINDIETE is usually staffed with a European and his wife but is now on extended leave in Australia. None of these establishments run a school.

CONCLUSION:

At the conclusion of the patrol all the objectives had been fulfilled except one (see comments under Roads and Bridges).

This patrol has familiarised myself with the area and people and will give me something to work on in the future.

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Appendix: 'A'.

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MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL PAPUAN AND NEW GUINEA
CONSTABULARY ACCOMPANYING
KONO PATROL NO. 3 - 64/65.

Constable Reg.No. 8200 OPEHENA:

Conduct very good. R.C.O. material. Very reliable.

Constable Reg.No. 8704 NUGAI:

Conduct good. Quiet and reliable.

I certify that the above comments have been entered
in the relevant Records of Service and that Forms R.S.I have
been forwarded to the Commissioner of Police.

N.C. McQuilty
(N.C. McQuilty)
O/R.P. & N.G.C.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. KONO 4/64-5

Patrol Conducted by H. WRIGHT, PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled COMPLETE KONO ADMINISTRATIVE AREA.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Natives 4 R.F.N.G.C., 1 HOSPITAL ORDERLY, 1 INTERPRETER.

Duration—From 7/6/1965 to 13/7/1965

Number of Days 35

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services FEB. MAR./1965

Medical FEB. MAR./1965

Map Reference MAP ATTACHED - SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT MAP.

Objects of Patrol 1. VENSUS REVISION 2. CHECK ON PROGRESS ON TARI-KONO ROAD LINK. 3. INSPECT EXISTING ROADS 4. FAMILIARIZE SELF WITH KONO AREA. 4. VISIT TARI HERT A.D.C. 5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

219/1965

District Commissioner

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

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

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

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Department of District
Administration
Southern Highlands District
MENDI

2nd September 1965

Director
Department of District
Administration

KOMODOBI

KOMO PATROL REPORT NO 4 OF 1964/65

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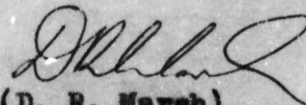
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(D. R. Marsh)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

67. 15. 433 (B)

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

See file 33-215
SI/87.15.0

13th October, 1965.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

FORESTRY SURVEY - KOND PATROL POST AREA
SI/87.15.0 OF 29 OCTOBER, 1964. REFERS.

I have studied the Patrol Report with interest and am returning it with this memorandum.

The information re the timber stand in the Tagari River has been noted. The Department has no present large scale reforestation programmes under consideration in the Southern Highlands. However, we are interested in the establishment of species trials throughout a wide range of altitudes and soil types in the Southern Highlands so that action can be taken at any time to ensure future timber needs.

Approximately 13 sites have been selected and in co-operation with officers of your Department, the Departments of Agriculture and Education, and various Missions, plots of species considered suitable are being established.

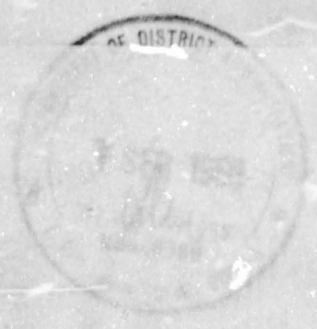
As you will be aware, one of the main problems of commercial forest plantations is their access to a suitable market. At the moment, I cannot forecast any appreciable plantings being undertaken by this Department in the Southern Highlands.

W. R. Suttie
(W. R. SUTTIE)
DIRECTOR
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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67-15-53

27th September, 1965.

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MEKIDI.

KOMO PATROL REPORT NO. 4/1964-65:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a Patrol Report by Mr. Wright, covered by your memorandum 67-3-6 of 2nd September 1965.

2. Your comments and those of Mr. Haywood have been noted. I agree entirely with your remarks found in the last paragraph.

3. It would be an advantage to the Sub-District if all its rest houses could be linked together by a road to Tari. The proposal put forward by Mr. Wright of spending some time supervising the work on the road connecting the Komo Patrol Post is a good one indeed. Roads are most valuable to the District or Sub-District in particular and to the country in general.

4. The Department of Forests and the Soil Survey Division of the Department of Agriculture will be contacted and discussions held in respect of reforestation of the Tagari river valley with various types of pine.

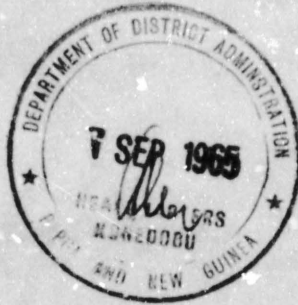
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A/DIRECTOR.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of District
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(D. R. Marsh)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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

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

ICMO PATROL REPORT No 4/64-65.

Please find enclosed:

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

One (1) claim for camping allowance.

Two (2) Patrol maps.

COMMENTS ON PATROL.

At this stage, having just arrived back from leave I am not able to make full comments on all the points raised in this report. However I shall be discussing the matters relating to this area with Mr. Wright, when he visits YARI on the 19th August. I will then be in a better position to take any necessary action.


.....
H.R. Haywood
Assistant District Commissioner

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

KONG Patrol Post,
TARI Sub District,
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS.

1st July, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
TARI.

KONG PATROL REPORT NO. 4/64-5.

Patrol Conducted by : N. Wright, Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled : Complete KONG Administrative Area.
Patrol Accompanied by : 4 R.P.E.G.C.
1 Hospital Orderly.
1 Interpreter.
Duration of Patrol : 7.6.65 - 13.7.65 (Broken Period)
35 Patrol Days.
Last Patrol to Area : D.D.A. - Feb./March. 1965.
D.A.S.D. - Nov. 1964.
P.E.D. - Feb./March. 1965.
Objects of Patrol : 1. Census Revision.
2. Check on progress of KONG - TARI road link.
3. Inspect existing roads in KONG Area.
4. Familiarise self with the KONG Admin. Area.
5. Visit TARI to meet A.D.C. and discuss matters pertaining to KONG, and
6. General Administration.


N. Wright,
Patrol Officer.

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DIARY: KONO PATROL NO. 4/64-5.

7th June.

Departed KONO - walked 50 mins. to NIGILIR/H. Hold up whilst rest house completed. Purchased fresh foods. Revised Census. Slept NIGILIR R/H.

8th June.

2 1/2 hours walk to IANDA R/H via old EMBETALI R/H site. Revised census of HAIYA Group. 1 C.N.E. case. 1 1/2 hrs walk to KONO and return for District Sched. Slept IANDA R/H.

9th June.

URABI Group census revised. 1 1/2 hrs walk to TIUNTE R/H. Census Revised. Slept TIUNTE R/H.

10th June.

3 hrs walk to ATARE R/H. H.O. NEKA joined patrol. Census revised. Complaints heard. Slept ATARE R/H.

11th June.

2 1/2 hrs walk to ALJAGAIRA R/H. Census revised. Health talks. Complaints heard. Slept ALJAGAIRA R/H.

12th June.

50 mins walk to TANI R/H - Census revised - Health Talks - Slept TANI R/H.

13th June.

Observed - Slept TANI R/H.

14th June.

1 1/2 hrs walk to EGAUWI R/H - Census revised - Health talks - Slept EGAUWI R/H.

15th June.

1 1/2 hr walk to PADUA R/H - Census revised - Health talks - Inspected road between PADUA and WAGUBA River - Slept PADUA R/H.

16th June.

1 1/2 hrs walk to PANI R/H - Census revised - Health talks - Discussions re roadwork. - Slept PANI R/H.

17th June.

25 mins walk to KUNGU R/H - Census revised - Health talks + Discussions re roadwork - Slept KUNGU R/H.

18th June.

40 mins walk to MINDIETE R/H - Census Revised - Health talks - Slept MINDIETE R/H.

19th June.

1 1/2 hr walk to YANDALE R/H - Census Revised - Health talks - Slept YANDALE R/H.

20th June

1 1/2 hr walk to KONO - Collected remainder of patrol stores - 1 C.N.E. case - 1/2 hr walk to YANDALE R/H - Slept YANDALE R/H.

21st June.

1 1/2 hrs walk to KAIWA R/H - Census revised - Health talks -
Slept KAIWA R/H.

22nd June.

1 1/2 hrs walk to TEREJAGA R/H - Census Revised - Health talks -
Slept TEREJAGA R/H.

23rd June.

1 1/2 hrs walk to TURUNI R/H - Census Revised - Health talks -
Slept TURUNI R/H.

24th June.

1 1/2 hrs walk to TAWANDA R/H - Census Revised - Health talks -
Slept TAWANDA R/H.

25th June.

1 1/2 hrs walk to ALJAGATE R/H - Census Revised - Health talks -
Slept ALJAGATE R/H.

26th June.

1 1/2 hr walk to PARA R/H - Census revised - Health talks -
Slept PARA R/H.

27th June.

Observed - Slept PARA R/H.

28th June.

50 mins walk to LAITE R/H - Census Revised - Health Talks -
Slept LAITE R/H.

29th June.

50 mins walk to TAGITE R/H - Census Revised - Health talks -
Slept TAGITE R/H.

30th June.

1 hr walk to LALJAUNO R/H - Census Revised - Slept LALJAUNO R/H.

1st July.

1 1/2 hr walk to NANDANANDA R/H - Census Revised - Health Talks -
Slept NANDANANDA R/H.

2nd July.

1 1/2 hr walk to JAGWA R/H - Census Revised Health Talks -
Slept JAGWA R/H.

3rd July.

1 1/2 hr walk to KURU R/H - Census Revised - Health talks -
Slept KURU R/H.

4th July.

8 1/2 hrs walk to TARI via LUGUNI R/H, NIWANDA R/H, RAMBUANI R/H. -
Slept TARI.

5th July.

Day spent TARI. Discussions with A.D.C. re roadwork and other business
pertaining to KONO. - Discussions with DR. TAURIKA re proposed Aid
Post KONO - Slept TARI.

6th July.

1 1/2 hrs by tractor plus 5 hrs walk to IDANI (ANGORE) R/H. - Slept
IDANI R/H.

7th July.

Census revised - Health talks - Slept IDANI (ANGORE) R/H.

8th July.

6 hours walk to KONO - Slept KONO.

9th & 10th July

At KONO for visit of Director of District Administration and District Commissioner.

11th July.

2 hrs walk to KURUKUPUTAI R/R - Slept KURUKUPUTAI R/R.

12th July.

Classes Revised - Health Talks - 1 1/2 hrs walk to POROYANBALE R/R - Lunch - 1 hrs walk to KONO for District Sched - Returned POROYANBALE R/R - Slept POROYANBALE R/R.

13th July.

Classes Revised - Health talks - 1 hrs walk to KONO.

END OF PATROL.

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KOMO Patrol Report No. 4/64-5.

INTRODUCTION:

This patrol covered the whole area administered from KOMO Patrol Post. The boundaries of the area are formed by the HANINU and TAGARI Rivers and KARIUS Range. The KARIUS Range and HANINU River diverge in the N.W., the HANINU River then runs into the TAGARI River which converges with the KARIUS Range in the S.E. The N.W. and S.E. corners of the KOMO Area are for all practical purposes uninhabited.

The majority of the population lives in the central section, with the larger proportion of these living in the vicinity of the HANANDA BASIN.

The population is located between 3500'ASL and 5500'ASL. The Patrol Post is 4800'ASL.

The area is still in the initial stages of development, the Patrol Post being established in 1961. Since this date extensive patrolling has been done throughout the area. The people have now accepted the Administration and realize fully its objects.

DIARY:

A diary is attached. Field Officers Journal folios nos. 17-20, 1-2. paras. 105-120, 1-13 also refer.

NATIVE SITUATION:

The patrol was received cordially throughout. No difficulties were experienced in buying plus the food required to feed the patrol carrier line, large quantities being made readily available.

The population throughout the area at the moment is in a state of flux. Because of the fighting which took place throughout the area prior to the establishment of administration control many groups ~~unhindered~~ broke and became scattered. Now with the Administration firmly established and fighting eliminated, these people are now moving back to their areas of domicile. The migration figures which are high at the moment will probably remain on this level until the people are resettled. This I feel shows complete confidence in the Administration's ability to maintain law and order.

REST HOUSES:

Rest houses throughout the area are of reasonable quality. Instructions were given for several of these to be repaired or rebuilt in the near future. Several of the 28 rest houses in the area will probably be eliminated as some large groups are contemplating moving (See Native Situation). This will allow several groups to be administered from the one rest house.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

One recommendation for dismissal is being forwarded under separate cover.

Except for several cases the standard of Village Officials throughout the area is not particularly high.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

ROADS/ One of the purposes of this patrol was to inspect previously completed and those under construction at the moment. The most important of these being, the one under construction to complete a road link between KOMO and TARI. With only one OTTER aircraft

in service at the moment, air transport for items too large to be carried in CESSNA aircraft is almost impossible to obtain and entails a wait of as much as 6 months.

It can be seen therefore, that the completion of the road is imperative if any permanent buildings are to be constructed on KOMO Patrol Post. The road will also facilitate transfer of rations, ex MADANG, from TARI to KOMO.

The KOMO section of the TARI - KOMO road, from KOMO Patrol Post to the TAGARI River, is now nearing completion. Some 6 miles remain to be completed. This consists of a 5 mile section from the TAGARI River to LAITE R/H and a 1 mile section near TEREJAGA R/H, $\frac{1}{2}$ miles of this last named section descends and ascends to and from the TINARIA River between TEREJAGA and ALJAGATE R/H's.

The bridging of the TINARIA and TAGARI Rivers represents the only two major bridges on this section of the road.

I anticipate that I will spend at least one week per month on patrol supervising work on this road.

Work is in hand at the moment to mark the route of a proposed road linking PADUA - PANI - KUNGU R/Hs to the main road at a point between YANDALE and EKAIBA R/Hs. This will mean that the only Rest House in the immediate vicinity of the MANANDA BASIN not linked by road will be MINDLETE R/H.

A map of the existing and proposed roads within the area is included in the patrol map appended.

LAW AND ORDER:

During the patrol many minor complaints, mainly dealing with pig payments in relation to bride price, were heard and settled.

Three C.N.M. cases, arising out of complaints laid during the patrol, were heard. These were two under Reg. 71(1), one under Reg. 101(a).

In general the people throughout the area are law abiding. The average prison at KOMO is rarely above 6 persons.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE:

The people of this area are staunch individualists. This individualism is highlighted in their gardening methods. Men, women and children (over the age of about 8) have their own gardens and neither takes food from the/o/ the other without prior permission. This applies to families also.

The main staple of the area is KAU KAU. The people use the Highland method of mound gardening, though they do it poorly.

The gardening mounds consist mainly of just the top soil with no real effort to work the soil. The mounds are in general no higher than about 6" with little or no effort made towards drainage. When a mound is harvested earth is usually just heaped on top of the old mound which is then replanted. The resultant crop of KAU KAU is of very poor quality with tubers averaging about 6" in length and 2" in diameter.

A trial KAU KAU plot has been established on the station using both local and imported runners. When these are ready for harvesting it will be done publicly so that the locals can see what kind of KAU KAU can be grown using improved methods.

Advantage to have roads connecting R/Hs to Hqs. St. Taini. good idea.

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A couple of months prior to this patrol an Agriculture Assistant toured the area to show the people how to plant KAU KAU using the improved mounds. During this patrol enquiries were made to ascertain what had been achieved by this visit.

My findings were;

1. In most groups several young men have made gardens using the new method.

2. The older men appear to be waiting to see the results. From discussions with them the impression was that if results were good they would try the new method.

3. The women show no interest and wish to stick to the traditional method whatever the results.

Apart from KAU KAU the most important staple is PIT PIT. TOMATOES, CORN and PUMPKIN are also grown in fair quantities throughout the area.

COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURE:

There appears, for the moment at least, little opportunity for any commercial development in the area. Work is underway at the present to establish a trial coffee plot.

Good idea

During this patrol many good pine trees, KLINNY and HOOP, were noted in the TAGARI RIVER Valley, near the junction of the TAGARI and HANINE Rivers. The trees though not in sufficient quantities to make it a commercial proposition to mill them. Many of the trees growing here are over 100' high with 6-8' girths. As these trees grow so well reafforestation of the area with pine, as a future commercial venture, would appear practicable.

A survey by both Forestry and the Soil Survey Division of D.A.S.F. would be required to confirm this before anything concrete was done.

I don't think that any difficulty would be experienced in getting the people to agree to this as this area is a breeding ground for malarial mosquitoes. Very few locals live or garden in the area, most of them living on the slopes above the river.

Once again the main obstacle to development is communications. Until the TARI - KOMO road is completed no commercial development can be considered economic.

HEALTH:

Though the death rate is still fairly high the people in general are amazingly healthy. Except for a couple of cases of leprosy, which had been detected by the recent P.H.D. patrol and which accompanied this patrol to TARI for treatment, no other cases of sickness which could not be treated by the patrol were encountered.

The main sicknesses treated by the patrol were TROPICAL ULCERS, MALARIA and SCABIES in that order.

The Hospital Orderly NEYA who accompanied the patrol showed himself to be both a conscientious and willing worker.

The only health facilities in the area are those provided by the Aid Post on KOMO Patrol Post. Any serious cases are sent to TARI by aircraft.

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The staff of the Aid Post at the present is one Hospital Orderly namely MEYA who accompanied the patrol. This means that when the Orderly is on patrol the Aid Post has to be left unattended. During my visit to TARI DR. TAURIKA promised an extra orderly to alleviate this unsatisfactory situation. Money is also being sought to rebuild the Aid Post as the present one is in a bad state of disrepair.

It is hoped also to establish an Aid Post near LAITE R/H this would serve all groups west of the TINARIA River approx. 1500 people. This would help to lower the high death rate of the groups along the TAGARI River, stretching from TAGITE R/H to KURU R/H.

The population is now on the increase instead of decrease, the main reason for this being the peoples acceptance of the work of P.H.D. The people come quite willingly to the station aid post for treatment.

EDUCATION:

There are no education facilities what so ever within the area and even though several letters have been written on this subject, progress has been anything but encouraging.

From the census figures it can be seen that only 5 people are attending schools outside the area.

The people who I feel are suffering most from this lack of education facilities are the children of station personnel. As schools in the TARI Area are overcrowded these children have no prospects of gaining any type of education.

MISSIONS:

There are three missions represented in the area CAPUCIN (CATHOLIC), SEVEN DAY ADVENTISTS, UNEVANGELISED FIELDS MISSION. The influence of these missions is only superficial. Apart from the U.F.M. which is staffed by European with a wife and two children the missions are staffed by natives. The CAPUCIN and S.D.A. missions get irregular visits from Europeans from the TARI and KOROBA Sub Districts.

None of these missions have made any effort to provide schools.

AIRFIELDS:

The Patrol Post has the only airstrip in the area, this is a "c" class strip 2,600' long by 200' wide. Very little trouble would be required to extend the runway another 4-600' to bring this strip up to a "b" standard strip. The strip is a one way strip only.

Because of the tail wind for takeoff which blows constantly here and the 1:35 climb required, to get over rising ground off the end of the strip, a weight restriction for takeoff would be required. This would not matter greatly as very little cargo comes out of KOMO, most of it comes in.

As it will be at least 12 months before traffic will be able to use the KOMO - TARI Road and the airstrip extension would take 6 months at the most to complete, this I feel is a practical and economic proposition.

This extension would allow Piaggio aircraft to use the new strip enabling bulky items, too large for Cessnas, to be flown

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in. At present these materials can only be brought in by planes which, with only one working in the Territory, requires waiting 6 - 9 months for use of same.

I have discussed this matter with several pilots and they agree that this is a feasible proposition on the condition that a takeoff weight restriction is imposed.

CENSUS:

The most significant thing brought out by this census is the fact that instead of a population decrease of 1.37% the population is now increasing by 0.356%. Both the death rate and birth rate have dropped by 2.587% and 0.861% respectively.

Number of persons working inside and outside the District has increased by 28%.

POLICE:

Record of Services entered and respective R.S.1 forms forwarded.

CONCLUSION:

All the objects of the patrol were achieved.

Unfortunately this area is cut off from the outside world and prospects for development are all but non-existent for the present.


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